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of Stamp Clubs

## Southeastern Stamp Show

The largest stamp show in our area is coming up soon – September 28-29 in the north Atlanta suburb of Marietta. Southeastern Stamp Show is produced by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, of which KPS is a member. We benefit from having our club information posted at the Federation's web site not to mention the collaborative efforts of 15 local clubs in the southeast, one in the northeast, and five philatelic organizations that focus on different aspects of our hobby.

This year, the Southeastern Stamp Show will be a two-day show – Friday and Saturday. With more than 25 dealers and 100+ exhibit frames, any enthusiastic philatelist will have a busy time at the show. This year, you can add to that the meetings of the Auxiliary Markings Club, the Errors, Freaks & Oddities Society, and the Georgia Postal History Society.



Congratulations in advance go to Scott Mark, show chair, and John Coles, Federation President and webmaster. Learn more about the show and get the information for exhibiting at [www.stampclubs.com](http://www.stampclubs.com). I hope that you will attend and exhibit!

*Tom Broadhead*

## President's Column

Some time ago someone in our club asked, "What are the benefits of joining our stamp club?" Or one might look at it as what has the stamp club got for me? As I sat at my computer to write this column this question came to me. The Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS) has a lot to offer members. The club provides the opportunity for people with an interest in stamps and postal history to get together at least once a month to talk about their hobby among themselves. It gives members a forum in which they can share their knowledge with other members by presenting a program at the monthly KPS meetings. Four times a year members meet (Fifth Tuesday) to buy, sell and/or trade philatelic material. The American Philatelic Society Sales Circuit is available to KPS members at this same Fifth Tuesday meeting. The KPS newsletter provides space for members to try their hand at writing and sharing a special article with others.

Then there is the annual stamp show and bourse (Knoxpex) sponsored by the KPS. Local dealers as well as dealers from afar bring their stamps, covers, literature, and supplies to Knoxville. During Knoxpex members have the opportunity to display and compete for awards by exhibiting their special collections. And how do you learn to exhibit? The KPS has volunteer experts holding seminars to show you how.

Now, where do you fit in? You have plenty to offer KPS members so what's keeping you from contributing an article to the KPS News? An exhibit at Knoxpex? Your time for Knoxpex? A program at a meeting? Or just attending the monthly and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meetings and enjoying the hobby of presidents and kings?

I look forward to seeing you August 7<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend.

*Jim Pettway*

## Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 3, 2007

The July 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 16 members present.

An interesting program on Early Germany Rocket Mail presented by Russ Haese showed many examples of rocket mail covers and an original of the first rocket mail catalog. A handout with photos of rocket mail covers and the project history was given to the attending members. After the program, Stu Hanlein told of his attendance at the NAPEX show and the Capital Pre-cancel show, both held in the Washington D. C. area in June. Charlie Wade told of his experience of *trying* to buy postage stamps at a post office during his recent visit to Paris.

After these discussions, the business meeting was held. The minutes of the June meeting were approved. Pat Goebel's treasurer's report was approved, and Pat's request to destroy some old club financial records following the KPS guidelines was granted. Jim Pettway told of recruiting a new club member he met recently at K-Town Stamps.

Jim asked for volunteers to present programs at upcoming KPS meetings. Volunteers were Tom Broadhead (October) "Franco-German War Balloon Mail" and Charlie Wade (November) "Stamp Grading Criteria."

In old business, a discussion centered on the site of the December holiday party. After a discussion of four

**The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Annual dues are \$10.00.**

**KPS Officers:**

President	Jim Pettway
Past President	Mike Kauffman
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Treasurer	Pat Goebel
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Directors	Bruce Kinney, Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, Charlie Wade
APS Representative	Jim Pettway

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locations and a club vote, the party will be December 4 at the Mandarin House restaurant in west Knoxville. Thomas Lane has made reservations with a price per person of \$12.80 for the buffet and no charge for the meeting room.

In items of new business:

- 1) A discussion on the development of a special cachet for Stamp Collecting Month in October.
- 2) The Boy Scouts are preparing a speakers list of topics of interest to their members. Jim Pettway asked members to think about this as an opportunity to attract new members to the hobby and volunteer for this effort.
- 3) Southeastern Stamp Show will be held in Marietta, Georgia, September 28 – 29, 2007. The club voted to support this event by placing a full page ad in the program for \$50.00 and sponsor a table for Youth Exhibition, the Youth Table, or the Youth Grand Award for \$20.00. Tom Broadhead encouraged members to exhibit at this show and distributed the exhibit prospectus and application forms. Jim Pettway suggested that KPS have information on the front table at the show as in previous years.

Members were reminded of the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meeting on July 31 and the APS circuit books and general member stamp swap at 7:00 PM. There will be an executive board meeting that night at 6:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Charlie Wade, Secretary

## August Program change

Tom Broadhead will show examples and discuss the balloon mail of the Franco German war – 1870-1871 at this month's KPS meeting.

## Stamp of the Month

As Jim Pettway mentions in this month's president's column, stamps are the "hobby of kings." So it is that a lot of royalty are pictured on stamps – and here is the King of Rock & Roll. The Elvis Presley stamp (Scott 2721 – perforated 11 on four sides) was issued in 1993 as part of the American Music Series. It exists alone in a sheet of 40, and also with the inscription "Elvis Presley" se-tenant with 6 other artists in a sheet of 35, (Scott 2724) and perforated 11 horizontally in a booklet pane with the same 6 other musicians (Scott 2731).



These stamps were provided by former KPS president, Nicole Gamble.

# The Year Was 1949

by Jim Pettway

Harry Truman was President. "Buttons and Bows" sung by Dinah Shore was number 1 on the music charts. A soda was 5 cents. And the United States Postal Service was collecting 3 cents to mail a first class letter and double that to get your letter sent via air mail. The year was 1949.

In 1949 the Post Office introduced 6 new commemorative stamps and 6 air mail stamps to the public. The first commemorative stamp of the year was issued on March 3 and commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of the Minnesota Territory. This blue-green 6 cent stamp featured a pioneer walking along side his oxcart.



The following month, on April 12, the Post Office celebrated 200 years of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. Named for George Washington and Robert E. Lee, the University Building on the campus of Washington and Lee University is shown on this 3 cent ultramarine stamp in addition to portraits of the two men.

Just days later the United States recognized the first gubernatorial election in the Territory of Puerto Rico, held on Nov 2, 1948, when the Post Office issued a 3 cent stamp on April 27. This green stamp pictured a Puerto Rican farmer holding a cogwheel in one hand and a ballot box in the other.



The first air mail issue of 1949 came on May 11 when the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Alexandria, Virginia was commemorated. The 6 cent carmine stamp featured Gadsby's Tavern, the home of John Carlyle and in the center was the Alexandria Seal with eagle wings spread across the top.

Coming just 12 days later a 3 cent stamp commemorated the founding, 300 years earlier, of Annapolis, Maryland. The aquamarine stamp was issued on May 23 and featured a ship sailing on a 1718 map of regions around Annapolis.



On August 25 the 5 cent air mail stamp of 1947 was reissued for the new air mail rate of 6 cents. It was the only non-commemorative stamp issued in 1949.

The Grand Army of the Republic was honored with a stamp on August 29 noting their final encampment at Indianapolis, August 28 through September 1, 1949. The 3 cent stamp was issued in bright rose carmine and featured a Union soldier and a G.A.R. veteran.



The last regular commemorative stamp of 1949 was issued on October 7 and featured poet, story writer and editor, Edgar Allan Poe who died 100 years earlier. The 3 cent stamp is bright red violet.

A series of air mail stamps was issued in October and November of 1949 to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. A world globe with doves flying around it is illustrated on the 15 cent ultramarine stamp issued October 7. The violet 10 cent issue was released on November 18 and features a picture of the Postal Office Department Building. And on November 18 the rose carmine 25 cent issue was released. A Boeing Stratocruiser is shown flying around the globe.



And finally in 1949 the Post Office Department issued the Wright Brothers 6 cent air mail stamp. The magenta stamp celebrates the 46th anniversary of the first successful flight of what we know today as an airplane. The event took place at Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina on December 17, 1903. (Interestingly, the Post Office did not issue another air mail stamp until March of 1952.)

This was not a bad year for the issuance of postage stamps. Just six commemorative and six air mail stamps were issued. Compare that to what the United States Postal Service issues today.

And why did I choose the year 1949 to feature? Why of course, I was born in 1949. What a great year!

# This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 7

## Lidice, Czech Republic – by Jo Mynatt

If you are a world-wide stamp collector, a Czech Republic collector, or maybe a topical collector, you may have noticed stamps printed to remember the anniversary of the Lidice massacre.

Lidice was a small village in Bohemia, dating back to before 1318. Most of the adult residents worked in mines or factories located nearby and enjoyed the peaceful life of a small rural town. When Reinhard Heydrich, the Reichsprotektor of Bohemia and Moravia, was mortally wounded and subsequently died on June 4, 1942, the Nazis took retaliation by destroying this village, along with others. Lidice was chosen because Hitler suspected that they harbored resistance fighters.

The entire population of Lidice was rounded up on June 10, and approximately 340 men, women, and possibly children were shot on the spot. The town was razed, burned to the ground and bulldozed. The survivors were sent to concentration camps, where many of them perished. Approximately 82 children were sent to a concentration camp, and some were chosen to be sent to Germany to be adopted by German families. Many children died.



Heydrich memorial stamp issued by the Nazi puppet regime



Czechoslovakia memorialized this great human tragedy through a series of stamps (examples at left commemorate the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the massacre). On the site of the town stands a memorial dedicated on July 10, 1945. In May of 1947, the first stone of the foundation for the new village of Lidice was laid, and the population of the new town of Lidice has grown to 435 as of 2006.

## More on the U.S. Space Program – by Tom Broadhead

Although the U.S. had its first successful satellite launches in 1958, our first space stamp did not appear until 1960, following the launch of the communication satellite, Echo 1. In the 1960's and 1970's, stamps with space themes were a very popular topical area, and many small countries without space programs joined the philatelic celebration.



1968 stamp of Paraguay marking the re-entry of Echo 1 and a 2000 stamp of Kazakhstan showing the Echo satellite.

Stay tuned for articles about space philately in upcoming newsletters leading up to **Knoxplex 2008** celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. space program!



Photographically cropped first day cover for the Echo 1 stamp. Stamp images shown in this article are from [www1.cira.colostate.edu/ramm/hillger/Echo.htm](http://www1.cira.colostate.edu/ramm/hillger/Echo.htm)

**Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, September 4**