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of Stamp Clubs

KPS Fall Auction – October 7

At the July KPS meeting, Jim Pettway and others asked if there wasn't more we could do to get more stamps into members' hands, and Jo Mynatt asked what had happened to the long-running silent auction. Jim does a lot for us by coordinating the APS Circuit Sales at each 5th Tuesday meeting and the following regular monthly meeting.

Talk started about having a live auction at an upcoming club meeting, and before we knew it, it was decided to have it at the October regular meeting. How appropriate it will be, because October is "Stamp Collecting Month."

I wanted to share this exciting information so that each of you will have time to put together one or several lots of stamps or covers to sell to the highest bidder on October 7. All proceeds will go to the lot owners.



Bruce Roberts and I look forward to helping you sell your lots. Don't tell Bruce – I just volunteered him!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Early summer is travel time for me. I am out doing camps filled with teenagers who repair homes during the day and let out their extra energy in planned programs each evening. My job is to present the programming. I love it. It is a great joy being a part of a project where thousands of teens serve others and make a difference in this world. However, I miss my family. I miss my home, garden, and keeping up with things I enjoy, like my stamp collection.

When I started doing these camps years ago, mail call was a big part of the day. Packages and letters would pour in each day for the campers and staff and were disbursed with a flair. There were no letters delivered to my camp last week, and only one small package. Instead, we downloaded hundreds of emails, printed and posted them to be read by the campers. It is amazing how quickly our world has changed. Standard forms of communication are rapidly being replaced by text messaging, email, fax, and internet. Radio, television, and phone service have all radically changed. What is in store for the future concerning the postal delivery systems around the world? (That might well be a good topic for an evening program sometime in the future.)

I personally believe that whatever changes are ahead will only enhance our collecting. We have already lived through many changes and each has added another dimension to the choices available to us as collectors. Many of us will cling to preserving the past; some will enjoy choosing to represent the present and future. All of us represent an important link to recording and understanding the world around us through stamps.

Have fun this summer. I will see you all at the 5th Tuesday meeting on July 29th.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 1, 2008

The June meeting of the KPS was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by vice president Ralph Dinwiddie. Ralph reminded us that there will be a fifth Tuesday meeting this month, on July 29. There were 19 members and visitors in attendance. New member Jonathan Trent and visitors Doug Pyle and Jonathan Slack were welcomed.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Thomas Lane gave the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$6634.88.

Editor Tom Broadhead announced that our club newsletter, The KPS News, recently won a Gold Award for excellence from the American Philatelic Society. Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in our newsletter. Publisher Ralph Dinwiddie announced that he is preparing to publish a collection of articles from the newsletter in CD or Booklet format. These may be sold at a future date. Tom and Ralph were enthusiastically applauded for their hard work on the newsletter.

Ralph Dinwiddie announced that the club's printer/copier is not working properly and needs to be replaced. The Board will discuss this and decide on what steps to take to acquire a new printer.

It was brought to the attention of the membership that we need to get more STAMPS into the hands of members. Several suggestions were made -- from bringing stamps to trade and sell, to holding silent auctions, to holding a live auction. Tom Broadhead moved that the club hold a live auction at the October

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 5th Tuesdays of each month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Annual dues are \$15.00.

KPS Officers:

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| President | Roy Row |
| Past President | Jim Pettway |
| Vice President | Ralph Dinwiddie |
| Treasurer | Thomas Lane |
| Secretary | Jo Mynatt |
| Directors | Richard Ehrlich, Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, Bruce Roberts |
| APS Representative | Jim Pettway |

Requests for information and submissions of articles and short notes of philatelic interest for the newsletter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

meeting. Richard Ehrlich seconded the motion, and it was approved by the members present. Details will be worked out later, but members were encouraged to start preparing lots to be auctioned in October.

The program presented by Mike Kauffman was "A Little of This and a Little of That." He showed several ways to start a topical collection. First he showed his Kennedy Collection - very extensive and from many countries and added the pictures that first whetted his interest. Next, he showed his Rattlesnake Island Local Post collection. RI is located in the middle of Lake Erie, and the postmaster there devised stamps that were only briefly in use to pay passage to the mainland. Third, he entertained us with his adventure of trying to begin a Forever Stamp Rate-Change collection, and the "Tale of Two Cities' Post Offices." Mike encouraged anyone to do a program for the club, to share in whatever interests they have. All in all, everyone thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. Thanks, Mike!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Upcoming Events

For additional club listings and events, visit the calendar page of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

July 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – Executive Board at 6:00; swap, trade, and APS circuit sales at 7:00.

August 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: Tom Broadhead will talk about "The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris."

August 16-17 – Knoxville Summer Stamp Show at the Budget Inn, 323 Cedar Bluff Rd.

September 2 – KPS monthly meeting - Program

September 26-28 – **Southeastern Stamp Show**, in Marietta, Georgia – an APS World Series of Philately show

March 6-7 – **Knoxpex 2009** – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 32 cent Iowa Statehood 150th anniversary commemorative (Scott 3088) issued in 1996. The design is from a painting "Young Corn" by the famous Iowa artist, Grant Wood. Extensive summer rains and the resulting flooding this summer have damaged many crops in Iowa.



Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating these stamps.

US Patriotic Covers from World War II

by Ralph Dinwiddie

Patriotic covers are a subset of illustrated covers, defined as envelopes with a graphical or photographic design, usually located on the left side of the envelope. While illustrated covers include advertisements, special events, inaugural covers, first day covers, first flight covers, and political themes, patriotic covers are specifically related to a nation's war, and are intended to raise moral, rally support or remind citizens of the sacrifices being made by their soldiers.

There are many sub-categories of patriotic covers, including those commemorating an event or battle, honoring a hero, patriotic slogans, first-day covers of war related stamps, cartoons, hand-drawn, cancelled on ships or submarines, and anniversaries of important events of a past war. These covers will often claim a premium price if the cachet is related to an important event which occurred on the date of the cancellation. For example, a patriotic cover with a cachet showing the bombing of Pearl Harbor cancelled on December 7, 1941 is worth around \$150, while this same cachet cancelled a few days later would be worth around \$4.00. A list of nearly 150 important dates from World War II can be found on the back pages of "U.S. Scott First Day Cover Catalog & Checklist," by Michael A. Mellone, published by FDC Publishing Co., Stewardville, NJ.

In addition to important dates, collectors of Patriotic covers also seek out the work of specific cachet designers. These include W. G. Crosby, Fidelity, Fluegel, Dorothy Knapp, and Staehle. In fact, between 1939 and 1945, over 600 artists and painters published approximately 12,000 patriotic envelopes. Envelopes with patriotic cachets were a big business and printed by many different publishers. The most prolific patriotic cover publishers during World War II were George Linn and Jacques Minkus. These mass produced patriotic covers were available at local drug stores, department stores and by mail for as little as \$1 for 100 envelopes. Several examples of U.S. patriotic covers from World War II are shown below. As you can see, a couple of these covers are not politically correct by today's standards, but they are all truly patriotic!!!



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 5

Who has the most stamps?

By Tom Broadhead

Have you ever counted the number of stamps in your collection? Have you ever estimated how many stamps or covers you have? When I was a beginning collector, I would do that occasionally and even add up the "value" of my collection from the Scott catalog – the minimum catalog value was 2 cents.

Our long time and life member, Betty Anne Logan has not only pursued her interests in collecting Iceland and U.S. stamps, but she has for many years



accumulated, soaked, sorted, and sold modern U.S. stamps for a charity, Church World Services. She has sold stamps from her wonderfully organized and bulging sales books at KPS meetings and at Knoxpex shows. But, the thousands of stamps in the sales books are just the tip of a philatelic iceberg.

I had the enjoyable opportunity of recently helping Betty Anne do some organizing in her stamp room in preparation for a visit from a buyer from one of the large New York stamp companies. We carefully



displayed for him about 50 shoe boxes of carefully sorted off-paper stamps, about a dozen stock books, and some boxes of postal stationery. My guess is that she may have well over a million stamps! Unfortunately, the buyer was not interested, but we may be fortunate to see some of this great accumulation at the October auction or at Knoxpex.

Knoxville Summer Stamp Show

KPS dealer member Bill Muenzer has organized a



two-day show on August 16-17 at the Budget Inn, 323 N. Cedar Bluff Rd. Seven dealers will make up the bourse, and the show will be open 10 am – 5 pm on Saturday and 10 am – 4 pm on Sunday. It's been many months since Knoxpex 2008 – let's go to the show! For

more information, e-mail Bill at ktown@knology.net or give him a call at (865) 588-7797.

Southeastern Stamp Show 2008

In only two short months on September 26-28, the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs – of which KPS is a member – will hold its annual show. The theme is the 100th anniversary of Christmas Seals, and this will be the 9th year that Southeastern Stamp Show (formerly Peach State Stamp Show) has been an APS national show, with the grand award exhibit eligible to participate in the 2009 World Series of Philately. <http://stampclubs.com/sestampshow.htm>.

Don't forget, Bruce Roberts is coordinating the take-down of exhibits on Sunday afternoon, September 28. He needs volunteers to ride down early that day – and there will be plenty of time to shop the dealers before volunteers will begin helping exhibitors!

KPS News Wins Gold!

The 2007 KPS Newsletter earned a gold award from the American Philatelic Society's Chapter Activities Committee. The judges commented very favorably on the full color production, articles, coverage of members and their interests, and information provided. They noted that it didn't include the time of meetings – and this has been corrected beginning with this issue. A bonus point was won based on the full-color cachet used to mail the newsletter and on the *real* stamp included as stamp of the month.

5th Tuesday meeting – July 29 at 7:00 – trading and swapping, plus a new set of APS Circuit Sales books. KPS Board meeting at 6:00 – all members are invited.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 2