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A Really Big Show

Part of the fascination of philately is learning about and seeing what others collect. Nowhere is that opportunity more apparent than at a stamp show. This year's Knoxpex had great exhibits from many club members featuring topics ranging from Christmas Seals to space stamps and cachets.

The recently concluded Washington 2006 international philatelic exhibition included an enormous diversity of events, exhibits, and dealers from around the world. An intrepid "gang of four" from our club – Bruce Roberts, Gerald Schroedl, Charles Klinstiver, and I – made the drive up to Washington the day before the show and stayed for three and a half fun-filled days. During that time, we also met up with KPS members Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, and former KPS president Bob Toal, who now lives in the DC area.

We attended first day ceremonies for the Wonders of America stamps and for the Washington 2006 souvenir sheet. Both ceremonies were exciting – the Wonders ceremony featured a welcome from Postmaster General John E. Potter and APS president Janet Klug, among other dignitaries, and ceremonial music and dances by two Native Americans who truly are Wonders of America. At the conclusion of each program, attendees received a first day cover with one of the featured stamps. On Saturday, I bought two sheets of the Wonders stamps to mail the June newsletter with a first day cancel.

The highlight of the show, although we weren't there to see the presentation, was the large vermeil award given to Bruce's exhibit featuring the postal history of Arkansas from the territorial to post-civil war period. We all had a chance to see this great exhibit at Knoxpex. It's great to know that the international judges appreciated it. Congratulations Bruce!

Tom Broadhead

President's Letter

As the new president of our stamp club, I want to share with you some of my goals and aspirations for the coming year. It is my intention to follow rather than lead all the great minds belonging to our club. I will moderate all meetings and handle those chores set aside for the president, but I wish only to stay the very positive course that has already been laid down for us in years past. I consider myself to be your servant and caretaker over the next year.

I encourage our new members to become old members. The formula is easy. Show up at our meetings and help out where and when needed. It is very rewarding. I have been a member for one and a half years and consider myself to be one of the older members now. It has more to do with attitude than length of membership.

We are presently putting together a resource directory for members. Contributing to this project is entirely voluntary, and if you feel uncomfortable participating, don't give it a thought. It is a great initiative by Russ Haese and is for all of us to learn from those members wishing to share their philatelic knowledge and literary resources with us.

For those wishing to be part of this directory, please complete the form enclosed with this newsletter, sharing your collecting interests, contact information, and the resources of your personal philatelic library. Please send this information by e-mail to Tom Broadhead at tomwb50@aol.com, bring it to the July 11 meeting, or mail it to the club's address. In about two months the directory will be put together and will be mailed to all of our members.

Mike Kauffman

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 6, 2006

The June 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Fifteen (15) members were present. President Mike Kauffman brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting began with the program presentation by Bruce Roberts about his experiences at the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition. Bruce's slide show gave a great impression of the magnitude of this event, and also featured his award-winning exhibit. Photos and more of Bruce's impressions are featured in this newsletter.

Mike Kauffman opened the business meeting at 8:20 pm and thanked Bruce for his program presentation. Richard Ehrlich gave the treasurer's report. Mike brought up the need to get our theme for Knoxpex 2007 in March. He suggested that since it will be the 25th anniversary of the Knoxville World's Fair, the four stamps issues for the fair would provide material for a good cachet. Other suggestions included the anniversary of Sputnik, Robert E. Lee's birthday, and the first elevator (by Otis). Decision on a theme was tabled until the July meeting with a request for more ideas.

Tom Broadhead is working on a list of speakers for programs. It was suggested that topics might be coordinated with the stamp of the month in the newsletter. Members were reminded that the July meeting will be held on the 11th.

Tom received notice from the APS that the club newsletter has received a Gold Award. This is the second year in a row that our newsletter received the highest award in the Southeast Federation. Tom was also invited to join the APS Writers Unit and has been asked

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets 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 \$10.00 for individuals, \$12.50 for families, and \$2.00 for youth 17 years of age and under. Requests for information and submissions 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.

KPS Officers:

President	Mike Kauffman
Past President	Bruce Roberts
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Treasurer	Richard Ehrlich
Secretary	Pat Goebel
Directors	Norm Carlevato, Stu Hanlein, Jim Pettway, Charlie Wade

by the Chicagopex organizers to enter our newsletter in its annual literature competition.

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs is seeking nominations for the Roland Hill Award, presented each year by the Federation to a person who has contributed significantly to advancing philately in the southeast. Russ and Randy Haese were nominated for their work on the youth program at Knoxpex 2006. Other nominations should be sent to Tom Broadhead, and Mike Kauffman will prepare a nomination from the KPS.

Mike brought up the club information directory, and Russ Haese passed around a sample information page. Bruce Roberts spoke about the need for members to start planning now for exhibits at Knoxpex 2007. Tom Copas brought in the old banner and information about the cost of a replacement. Additional ideas were presented for signage to advertise Knoxpex, and the board will consider these at its August meeting.

Mike Kauffman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

July KPS Meeting – July 11

The July monthly KPS meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday – July 11 – in Room C at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church.

KPS Library

Enclosed with this month's newsletter is a list of holdings in the KPS library, currently housed at Tom Broadhead's home. Members may contact Tom if they wish to check out a copy of one of our holdings. At a future KPS meeting, the focus and goals of the library will be examined.

Stamp of the Month

Benjamin Franklin, whose 200th birthday is celebrated this year, has appeared on more US stamps than anyone, except George Washington. This month's stamp is the 1985 commemorative heralding the 1986 Ameripex international exhibition (Scott 2145). It is doubly interesting promoting a stamp show and also showing a



stamp – Scott 134 from the 1870 issue printed by the National Bank Note Company.

Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating this month's stamps!

Washington 2006

Every ten years, the United States hosts a major international philatelic exhibition, and the 2016 show is already scheduled for New York city. Here are a few photos of KPS members at Washington 2006, courtesy of Bruce Roberts.



The show floor in the Washington Convention Center had hundreds of dealers and thousands of pages of exhibits.



The Gang of Four – Charles, Tom, Bruce, and exhibit of Arkansas postal history.



Stu Hanlein was a volunteer at the Youth & at Bruce's Gerald at the Beginner's Center and at the Precancel Society booth.



Thomas Lane spent time at the American First Day Cover Society booth – one of many hosted by philatelic societies.



Charles and Tom looked over some purchases while waiting for the show to open.

Washington 2006 – What an event!!!

By Bruce Roberts

I am a stamp show junkie, I admit it. I have probably attended nearly 400 shows, big and small, as a stamp dealer, collector, and exhibitor. I have attended several APS national shows, many of the World Series national shows, and AMERIPEX, the international show in 1986. Washington 2006 beat them all!

3500 frames of exhibits, over 250 dealers, many First Day of Issue ceremonies, and nearly \$500 million worth of stamps and covers were all in one place. This was the place to be between May 27 and June 3. And I was fortunate to be there, along with Tom Broadhead, Charlie Klintstiver, Gerald Schroedl. The four of us drove 8 hours on the Friday before the show and were on hand at 9:30 AM for the first day ceremony for the “Wonders of America” stamps. Tom brought the June KPS newsletter and applied the new stamps and got First Day cancels on all the specially printed envelopes for club members.

I focused on my postal history collection/exhibit by visiting the foreign dealers looking for Arkansas covers that might have traversed the Atlantic and found a home in their stock. There were many foreign dealers at Washington 2006, and except for the British dealers, I found prices at most booths to be reasonable. Although I found no Arkansas in the foreign dealer cover boxes, I did buy three covers from US dealers.

I was impressed with the number of stamp collecting society booths - nearly 50 different, many with displays. Stu Hanlein showed me around the Precancel Society display, and Thomas Lane was at the First Day Cover Society table. Joel Rind, Chattanooga Dealer, shared a booth with two other dealers, so he had about 2 chairs to sell to, which cost him more than \$3000, but he seemed happy! Actually, of the many dealers who I know, all were very happy with the show through Tuesday when we left. Crowds were large and were really spending money.

The exhibits were spectacular. From the non-competitive displays of stamps from Queen Elizabeth’s collection, the U.S. National Postal Museum, and vaults of private collectors, to the competitive exhibits, this was the best gathering of stamps and covers I have ever seen. I was humbled to have had my exhibit included, and really pleased when I was awarded a Large Vermeil medal and a Special Prize. If you had told me 5 years ago that I would have an exhibit in an International show, I would have laughed. Last year, my Arkansas exhibit had grown to 10 frames, but first time international exhibitors are limited to 5 frames! I had to shorten the period of the exhibit, from 1819-1870 to 1819-1865. Then I had to remove three more frames of lovely covers and postal history, choosing only the best and most important of the remaining covers. It cost me about \$500 just to enter and send my exhibit! But it was worth it!



Bruce’s exhibit, “Arkansas Postal History – Territory Through Union Occupation” earned a large Vermeil award in the United States, Possessions & Territories division of the Postal History Class and also a special award from the jury – a replica of Mark Twain’s home.

Four days was not long enough, I could have happily spent 40 days trying to see everything. The next International in the US will be in New York in 2016. Start saving your money. I plan to be there and I hope you will be too.

The National Postal Museum

By Charlie Wade

One of the advantages of traveling on business is the ability to do some “personal fun” things. This spring I was invited to speak in our nation’s capital during the peak of the Cherry Blossom Festival. I’m fortunate to get to Washington about twice a year, and always try to visit The National Postal Museum.

Opened in 1993, the museum is part of the Smithsonian Institution. It is located on the lower level of the historic City Post Office Building, which served as the Washington, D.C., post office from 1914 - 1986. It is located on Capital Hill across the street from the Union Station train terminal and METRO stop.



Main entrance of the National Postal Museum

The museum is home to the National Philatelic Collection, established at the Smithsonian in 1886. With gifts from individuals and foreign governments, transfers from government agencies and occasional purchases the collection today totals more than 13 million items. The collection was housed in the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building on the National Mall (1908-1963) and then was moved to the National Museum of American History (1964), before arriving at its present location.

On this visit to the museum, I had the misfortune of being there during a transition period between two major exhibits. The display “John Lennon: The Lost Album” had closed the week before. Opening the following month was the exhibit of the fabled Benjamin K. Miller collection of The New York Public Library. Donated to the library in 1925, the Miller collection was the first complete collection of U.S. stamps ever assembled. It has been called the "crown jewels" of U.S. stamp collecting for its variety, depth, and rare holdings.

A most interesting exhibit was “War Letters: Lost and Found” which featured letters and covers from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The exhibit highlights the importance of letter writing to soldiers in war. In addition to collections and displays, the museum has vehicles used to transport the mail, mailboxes mailbags, postal uniforms and equipment.

If your travels take you to Washington, plan a trip to the museum. I think you will enjoy the experience.

KPS Joins the APS Sales Circuit

By Jim Pettway



I would first like to thank all members who attended the KPS Fifth Tuesday Meeting in May. I appreciate your support of the American Philatelic Society Sales Circuit that I am coordinating. Most of the 13 members attending made purchases from the circuit books for a total sale of almost \$200.00. Based on comments, I have asked the APS to send us areas that were not covered in the 19 circuit books this time. We had a very nice variety of material to view, from United States to British Colonies, Brazil, Canada, and Germany. Many stamps were priced between 5 cents and one dollar, as well as more expensive material. I know that most were pleased and maybe even surprised with the books received for viewing.

Members were again able to view and purchase from the APS Sales Circuit at the June 6 meeting. Circuit books will be available every 5th Tuesday meeting and the regular KPS meeting the next week. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the August 29 meeting to see what’s new in the APS Sales Circuit. You won’t be disappointed.

Knoxville Philatelic Society – Library Holdings

Catalogs:

Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue – 2002

- v. 1 – US, UN, A-B
- v. 2 – C-F
- v. 3 – G-I
- v. 5 – P-SI
- v. 6 – So-Z

Higgins & Gage World Postal Stationery Catalog

- 1 – Abu Dhabi-Azores
- 2 – Baden-Bushire
- 3 – Cameroun-Czechoslovakia
- 4 – Dahomey-Dutch New Guinea
- 5 – East Africa & Uganda-Ethiopia
- 6 – Falkland Islands-Funchal
- 7 – Gabon-Guyana
- 8 – Haiti-Hungary
- 9 – Iceland-Ivory Coast
- 10 – Jamaica-Kuwait
- 11 – Lagos-Luxembourg
- 12 – Macau-Muscat
- 13 – Natal-Orange Free State
- 14 – Pakistan-Queensland
- 15 – Reunion-Ryukyu Islands
- 16 – Saar-Syria
- 17 – Tahiti-Turks & Caicos
- 18 – Ubangi-Uruguay
- 19 – Vatican City-Zululand

United States Postal Card Catalog - 1985

American Air Mail Catalogue – 5th Edition – 1974

- v. 1 – 1974 – p. 1-490 – US, foreign
(includes Zepps)
- v. 2 – 1977 – p. 491-999 – US
- v. 3 – 1978 – p. 1011-1519 – US
- v. 4 – 1981 – p. 1535-2132 – US, foreign
- v. 5 – 1985 – p. 2151-2705 – US, UN,
foreign

Pricing Supplement to v. 1-5 – 1990 – 218 p.

American Illustrated Cover Catalog – 1981 – 259 p

Auction catalog with prices realized

Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog (US) –
1997-1998

A Description of United States Postage Stamps –
1847-1936

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The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps – 2000

U.S. Cancellations 1890-1900 (by Sol Salkind)

Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps – 1993

Deutschland-Spezial (Michel) – 1997

Cancellations of the Third Reich, 1933-1945 (by
J.H. Nolt)

Guides & References:

The Stamp Atlas (Wellsted, Rossiter, Flower), 1986

Linn's World Stamp Almanac, 4th ed., 1982

APS Stamp Identifier, 1992

This is Philately (by K.A. Wood)

v. 1 – A-F, v. 2 – G-P, v. 3 – R-Z

The Care and Preservation of Philatelic Materials
(by Collings & Schooley-West), 1989

*How to Detect Damaged, Altered, and Repaired
Stamps* (by P.W. Schmid), 1979

*The Speedy – A History of United States Special
Delivery Service* (by H.M. Gobie), 1976

*Via Airmail – An Aerophilatelic Survey of Events,
Routes, and Rates*, AAMS, 1992

The Pioneer Airplane Mails of the United States (by
T.J. O'Sullivan), 1985

Air Mail – an Illustrated History, 1793-1981 (by
D.B. Holmes), 1981

Pictorial Treasury of U.S. Stamps (Collectors
Institute, Ltd.), 1974

*The Congress Book – American Philatelic
Congress*,
2001

Who's Who on U.S. Stamps (by R.L. Thomas), 1991

More Who's Who on U.S. Stamps (by R.L.
Thomas), 1993

*The D. Scott Gallagher Collection of Tennessee
Postal History during the Civil War* –

Xerox

of Christie's auction, 1987.

*Counterfeit Kansas-Nebraska Overprints on 1922-
34*

Issue (by R.H. Schoen & J.T. DeVoss) and

*First Day Covers of the Kansas-Nebraska
Overprints* (by J.V. Harvey), 1973

*Prisoners of War, Internees and Refugees in the
European Theatre of World War II – Postal
History* (by H.F. Stich & W. Stich), 1990

Collecting:

Stamp Collecting: The Complete, Easy Guide (by
C.F. Adams), 1992

Beginning Stamp Collecting (by B. Olcheski), 1976

Color Treasury of Stamp Collecting (by U. Tosco),
1973

The Video Guide to Stamp Collecting (VHS), 1988

Story Books:

The Inverted Jenny: Money, Mystery, Mania (by G.
Amick), 1986

Airmail Antics (by F. Boughner), 1988

Stories to Collect Stamps by (by H. Herst), 1963

Fabulous Stamps (by J.W. Nicklin), 1943

Linn's Philatelic Gems (by D. O'Keefe)

v. 2 – 1985, v. 3 – 1989, v. 4 – 1989

*The Cumberland Collector – 85th Anniversary
Commemorative Edition*, 1971

Knoxville Philatelic Society – Member Collecting and Library Information

KPS is soliciting information about your collecting interests and reference materials that you have in your philatelic library. Providing information for this project is entirely optional, and the summarized directory produced from these listings will be mailed to members only, and will not be posted on the internet.

If you wish to participate, please send the following information by to Tom Broadhead by e-mail (tomwb50@aol.com), by mail to KPS, PO Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422, or bring it to the July or August KPS monthly meetings.

KPS Member Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Collecting Interests:

Country/Countries _____

Topic/Theme _____

Stamps: Mint _____ Used _____

Covers: Postal History _____ First Days _____ Events _____

Other _____

Material You Have for Trade or Sale: _____

Philatelic Reference Materials in Your Library (note: these will not be available for loan, but may be brought to KPS meetings for members to read)

Countries/Themes covered by your references: _____

Specific Reference Books (especially pricing guides and foreign catalogs): _____

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What philatelic references do you think the KPS should purchase for its library?

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 11

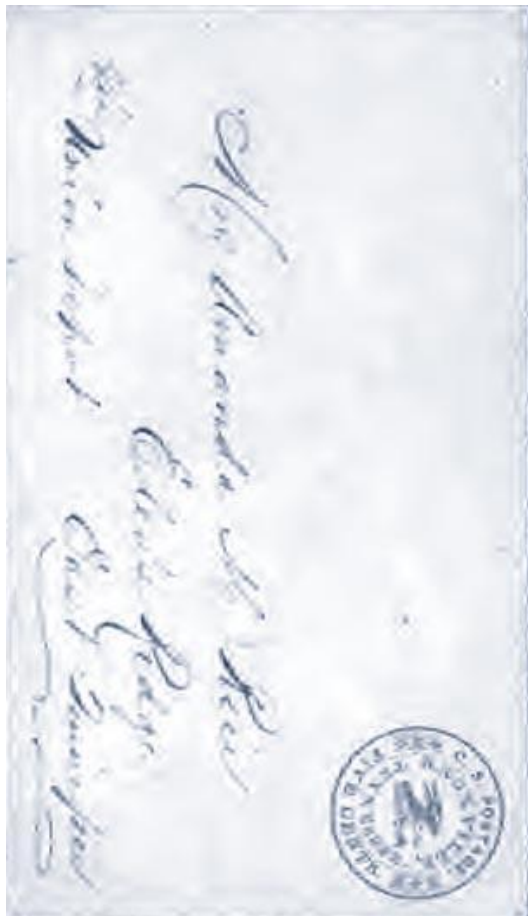
A Little Knoxville Postal History

by Tom Broadhead

This article continues my series on the Confederate provisional issues produced in mid 1861 by Knoxville Confederate postmaster, C.H. Charlton. In addition to the handstamped paid envelopes, Charlton had a five cent printed envelope prepared. It was printed in blue (5 cent) on both white and orange paper (Scott 47XU1, 2) and in red (10 cent) also on both white and orange (Scott 47XU3, 4).



The example below sold for \$900 in the Siegel 2002 auction of the Dr. Karl Agre Collection of Confederate States. It is addressed to Eden's Ridge, Tennessee, and although there is no cancellation, it is considered to be used. This and other Confederate provisional postal history at <http://www.siegelauctions.com/2002/850/y85063.htm>.



E-Bay Treasures

This month's treasure was discovered by Ralph Dinwiddie. It requires a bit more space than is usually available on page 1, and it's not exactly a stamp. It is a United States Postal Note bearing serial number "1" used in Knoxville on the first day of issue, September 3, 1883.



U.S. Postal Note, with serial number 1 from Knoxville. Size – 81 mm by 155 mm.

Wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org>, the online encyclopedia describes postal notes as low denomination money orders with values up to \$5. It furthermore indicates that low value notes post-marked on the first day of issue were created as souvenirs. This one was originally purchased in the amount of 2 cents, plus the 3 cent fee for the note.

Of the nearly 71 million postal notes issued between the years 1883-1894, only about 1,500 are believed to exist. This very nice example, with only a small piece of the lower right corner missing, was listed for sale on March 14, with an opening bid requirement of \$9.95. The seller decided to list it for 10 days, rather than the usual 7, and it sold on March 24. After 35 bids, with 4 of those in the last minute, it sold for a very respectable \$6,027.17. Contrived or not, I think that it is a spectacular souvenir of Knoxville postal history!

Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, August 1