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Stamps on Broadway

You never know where references to stamps will show up, and I just found one in a Broadway musical! My older son, Evan, was cast as "Sid" the male lead of the Oak Ridge Playhouse's summer production of "The Pajama Game." One night he asked me about a line in the show.

"Pop" is the father of "Babe," Sid's romantic interest. In Act 1, Scene 8, Sid is visiting at their home when the stage directions indicate, "Pop enters from bedroom. He has his stamp album with him." Then the dialogue begins!

Pop: "Say, Sid. You like stamps?"

Babe: "Pop!"

Pop: "Well if he don't, this is something that should be interesting to anybody." (He hands the album to Sid)

"Two sets of Mint Columbians. Plate blocks on every issue since 1919."



What a thrill! Has there ever been a more sparkling dialogue than that?

Then, Evan asked me what it meant. A few minutes later, with help

From the Scott Catalog, I was able to show him in "great detail" what Pop's excitement was about.

For me, this was another philatelic discovery. Thanks to Jim Pettway for the photo. You can hear this live the first two weeks of July at the Oak Ridge Playhouse.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

As I mentioned in my column last month, we have a lot of talent and expertise in our club, much more than many stamp clubs in the country. We have two members, Tom Broadhead and Bruce Roberts, who have received national stamp exhibition awards in the past year. These two are encouraging to others in our club, and Bruce Roberts has extended his expertise in this area to instruct other club members in exhibiting. Bruce will be continuing stamp exhibition instructions in the months ahead. Be looking for the announcement in your KPS News and email. Take the next step in stamp collecting and learn to show off – exhibit your collection!

Tom Broadhead continues to exhibit his talent in writing by editing our KPS News each month. Tom writes wonderful stamp articles for you to enjoy, but there is room for you to write for the KPS News. I know that many of you are unable to attend the KPS meetings each month because of travel distance or late hours. I do understand, but you can be a very active part of the club by contributing a stamp article to the KPS News. Start today! Write an article and add a few pictures! Send your article to Tom at the KPS mailing address or send a MSWord file to his e-mail on page 2 of this newsletter. Allow Tom to edit, and your article will appear in a future KPS News. A couple of ideas for subjects to write about might be "How I got Started in Stamp Collecting," "Why I Collect Stamps From X," "Guess What I Found on eBay?" or "Look at What I Found at Knoxpex. So, what are you waiting for? Get started this week and make a literary contribution to the KPS.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 5, 2007

The June 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Prior to the start of the meeting, KPS members were able to view the APS Sales Circuit books and make final purchases before the books are returned to APS. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. There were 16 members present.

The membership confirmed that Knoxpex 2008 will be held as planned on March 1-2. The fact that the APS winter show, AmeriStamp Expo was the following week was considered not to be a hindrance to the success of our annual show. In further Knoxpex business, it was decided to have the theme of “50 Years of U.S. Space Exploration.” Tom Broadhead pointed out that the first successful U.S. satellite launch and the congressional authorization for NASA both occurred in 1958.

Jim Pettway announced that KPS had received a \$5 check from APS as a “finder’s fee” for sponsoring a new member. In further APS-related news, the membership voted to confirm the vote for APS officers on behalf of the club. It was announced that KPS now has 51 individual and family unit members. Several members volunteered to check locations for the annual holiday party, which will be December 4.

There was no formal program. Pat Goebel showed two commemorative cards from the Vatican City, one of which was a maximum card. Elaine Evans showed several early 20th century postcards from Egypt depicting local scenes along with stamps showing the sphinx and pyramids.

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.

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

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.

The program at the KPS July meeting will be Rocket Mail by Russ Haese.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Tom Broadhead, Acting Secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting May 29, 2007

President Jim Pettway brought the board meeting to order at 6:15 pm. There were 9 members present. In old business, it was confirmed that KPS would send a check for \$100 to the APS for its general fund. In further APS news, the results of the e-mail poll resulted in a majority of KPS members recommending a vote for APS officers: Carter (president), Rod, Saadi, Strait (vice-presidents), Zwillinger (secretary), Walker (treasurer), Martin, Odenweiler, Stotts, Lenz (directors), Haesler (APRL trustee).

The board concluded that Knoxpex 2008 will be held on March 1-2. Gerald Schroedl will be show chair, Bill Muenzer – bourse chair, Bruce Roberts – exhibits chair, Russ and Randy Haese – beginner activities, Tom Copas – site coordinator, Pat Goebel – finances, and Gerald Schroedl – auction.

There was discussion concerning opportunities for KPS to develop commemorative cancels for stamp collecting month in October, Dogwood Arts Festival in the spring, and the Harley Davidson gathering in the fall. Tom Broadhead proposed that Nicole Gamble be considered as an Honorary Life Member.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by:

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Stamp of the Month

This month’s stamp (Scott 2747) commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail, one of the major overland routes for white settler migration across western North America. Traveling across the Great Plains from Missouri, wagon trains and riders on horseback had to traverse several mountain ranges in Wyoming before reaching the volcanic plains of southern Idaho and Oregon on their way to the Columbia River.

This stamp is phosphor-tagged, and an untagged variety catalogs for about 25 times the cost of a mint unhinged single.



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

The Revolutionary Issues of Indonesia

By Adrieen Mayor

On 17 August 1945, following the defeat of the Japanese in World War II, a group of more than 17,500 islands straddling the equator from the Indian to the Pacific Oceans declared independence. What followed was a protracted and bloody struggle with the Dutch colonial rulers, and sovereignty of the United States of Indonesia was not recognized until 27 December 1949.

Most stamp catalogs list the stamp issues of Indonesia beginning with the year 1950. Recently, I discovered a fascinating area of stamp collecting, the revolutionary issues of Indonesia. Surprisingly, part of the story of these stamps can be found in a front page article published in the 7 February 1949 issue of *Linn's Weekly Stamp News* (figure 1). The article points out that during its conflict with the Dutch, republican forces of Indonesia issued stamps used both within the country and on international mail. The main thrust of the article is a plea by the government of Indonesia for other nations and collectors to recognize stamps issued by its postal authority during the conflict. Stocks of these issues were even offered to the stamp collecting public.



figure 1 – Part of front page article from *Linn's* on 7 February, 1949.

Fast forward 58 years to the July 2007 issue of the *Scott Stamp Monthly*. Details of Indonesia's revolution and the stamps issued during the conflict are told in a wonderful article by William A. Jones titled "Indonesia Revolutionary issues"! According to Jones, among the first stamps used by the republican forces were stamps captured from the Japanese and Dutch. As early as 1945 stamps of the Netherlands Indies and Japanese occupation were overprinted "Repeoblik Indonesia" in varying formats (figure 2). The

first locally printed stamps were released on December 1, 1945 for use in Java. On the large island of Sumatra "a bewildering variety of pre-World War II and wartime Dutch and Japanese issues, many already overprinted by local authorities, were used, first without additional overprint (figure 3), but soon with locally applied "Repeoblik Indonesia" overprints." In 1946, additional machine-struck overprints were created for general use.



figure 2 – 1945 overprint on Netherlands Indies stamp.



figure 3 – provisional issue for Sumatra – 1946-1948

In 1948 a series of "propaganda issues" were produced that included air mail and postage due stamps. Most of these were printed by the Austrian State Printing Office and are commonly referred to as the "Vienna Issues" (figure 4, 5).



figure 4 – an airmail stamp, part of the Vienna issue



figure 5 – postage due stamp from the Vienna issue.

Jones indicates that "all of the stamps of the Indonesian Revolution have either been ignored or listed incompletely...or inconsistently by the general stamp catalogs" all of which were put off by the blatant propaganda nature of some of the issues. Finally, 62 years after the first of these fascinating "Revolutionary Issues" appeared, they are being organized and listed in Volume 3 of the 2008 Scott catalog, opening an area of stamp and postal history collecting to those of us who were completely unaware of these fascinating stamps (figure 6). If you are interested in reading more about Indonesia and the revolutionary issues, I have both the *Linn's* article and the article from *Scott's Stamp Monthly*.



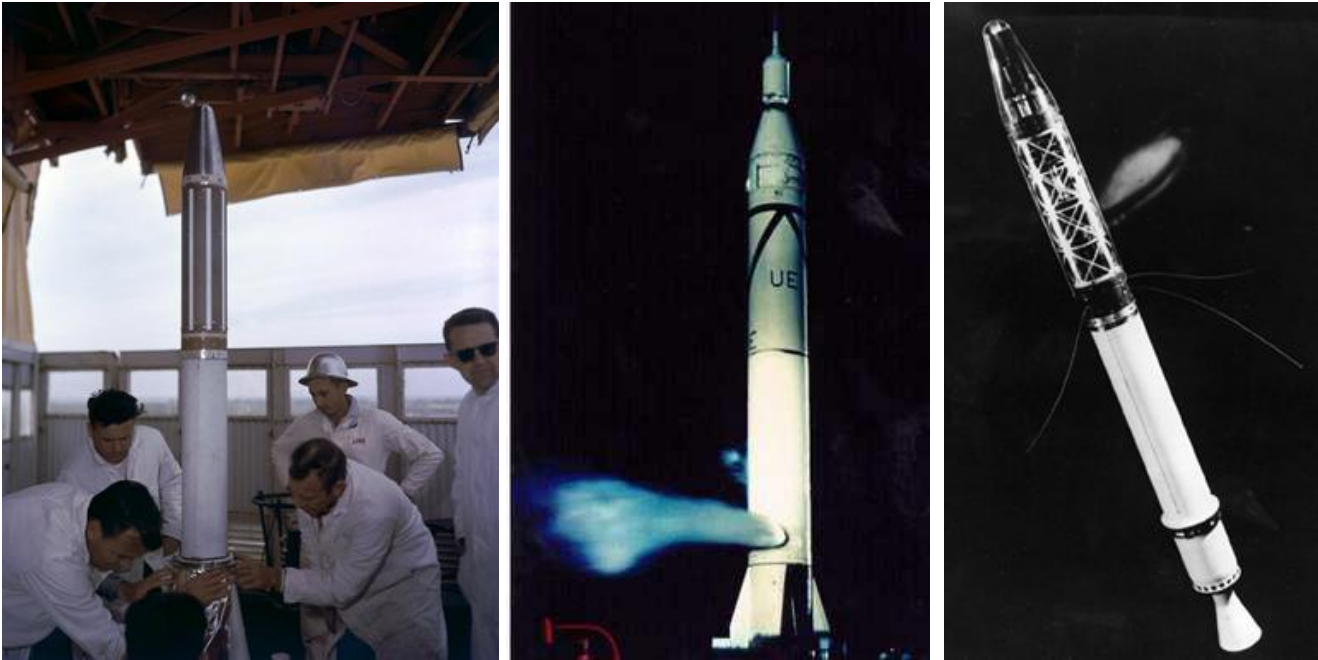
figure 6 – provisional stamp showing President Sukarno

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 3

5th Tuesday Meeting – July 31 – Shop the latest circuit sales from the APS!

Think “Space” for Knoxpex 2008 – by Tom Broadhead

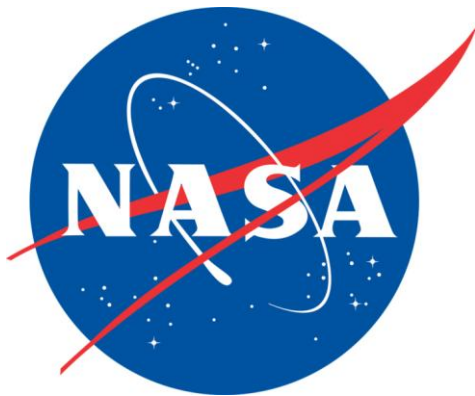
The year 1958 was one of the most important for the United States space program, and we will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next March 1-2 at Knoxpex 2008. Following the launch of Sputnik I by the Soviet Union on October 4, 1957, U.S. scientists shifted into high gear as the “space race” began. On January 31, 1958, an Army Redstone rocket launched Explorer 1 (officially known as Satellite 1958 Alpha) into orbit. This 20-pound, rocket-shaped object discovered the Van Allen radiation belts and continued to orbit the Earth until its burn-up in the atmosphere on March 30, 1970.



Photos of Explorer I being attached to the Redstone rocket, the rocket during launch, and Explorer I in orbit. These photos and additional information can be viewed online at <http://inventors.about.com/od/sstartinventions/ss/Satellite>.

During 1958, five more attempts were made to launch orbiting satellites. Of these, Explorer III (March 5) and Explorer IV (July 26) were the only successful ones.

On July 29, 1958, congress passed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Later that year, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) was transferred from the Army to NASA. The NASA insignia – popularly known as the “meatball” – was adopted in 1959 and is shown at left. According to Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NASA_logo), the outer circle represents a planet, the blue interior with white stars represents space, the red chevron represents aeronautics, and the elliptical orbit represents a spacecraft.



Stay tuned for articles about space exploration and space philately (but not “space fillers”) in upcoming newsletters leading up to Knoxpex 2008!

Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, August 7