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## New Rates Bring New Stamps

The USPS is rolling out some great new stamp designs for the rates that took effect in May. In addition to the “forever” stamp featured last month, there is a (41¢) nondenominated flag stamp and a 26¢ postcard stamp showing a Florida panther.



Last month, I mistakenly reported that the 26¢ stamp would also pay the second ounce on a first class letter. Thanks go to KPS member and USPS employee Phil Ford, who pointed out that in fact the additional ounce rate *decreased!* It is now only 17¢ - reduced from 24¢, and a new stamp showing a rocky mountain sheep will be an attractive add-on to heavier first class letters.



Enjoy these and many other new issues that will be appearing this year.

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Tom Broadhead

## President's Column

I would like to begin the first of my President's columns by extending congratulations and a thank you to Mike Kauffman for the wonderful job serving as our KPS President the past 12 months. Thanks to Mike's leadership and his committee appointments your society had a very successful Knoppex 2007, grew in membership and stepped forward as an outstanding stamp club in the southeast. Thank you, Mike, for your contributions to the KPS. I look forward to what you will bring to our organization in the future.

And now you have elected me to serve as your President for the coming year. I thank you. During the next months I will be calling on many of you to contribute your time and energy to help our society grow and be a standout in the philatelic world. I continue to be awed by the talent and expertise within our society and those that are taking their time to volunteer to guide others. Be prepared this year to step forward and get involved, or more involved with the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Committee leaders and I will be calling on your help with different projects and I hope that you will step up and be an active part of the KPS.

During the next year I ask that you volunteer some time to your stamp club. Attend meetings. Present a program at the monthly meetings. Write an article for the KPS News. Help at the registration table during Knoppex. I will do all I can to lead us, and working together we can make the KPS a stamp club after which other stamp clubs will want to pattern their organizations.

Jim Pettway

## **Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 1, 2007**

The May 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on May 1, 2007. Mike Kauffman, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 18 members present including Jo and Ron Mynatt. The Mynatts attended the meeting after a period of absence and both are charter members of the KPS.

An excellent program on “German States Stamp Forgeries” was presented by Randy Haese, who was ably assisted by Russ Haese and Tony Torres. Randy showed excellent reference literature and enlarged examples of stamp forgeries. He also shared some of the reference material he uses in his own collection.

After the program presentation, the business meeting was held. The first order of business was the election of KPS officers for the coming year. The following were elected by unanimous vote:

President	Jim Pettway
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Treasurer	Pat Goebel
Director	Thomas Lane
Director	Bruce Kenney

As is the club custom, the new club president, Jim Pettway, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

In old business, a discussion centered on the KPS club vote for the APS upcoming election. It was voted that individual members would email their preferences for APS officers to Jim Pettway. At the May 29 KPS board

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**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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meeting the preferences of the majority submitting emails will be certified as the KPS chapter vote, and the ballot will be submitted to APS.

A discussion was held on the March 1-2, 2008 Knoxpex date. This is the week before the APS winter show, AmeriStamp Expo in Charlotte, NC and conflicts may exist. It was decided for this issue to be discussed and resolved at the May 29 KPS board meeting.

After much discussion, a unanimous vote approved a contribution of \$100.00 to the APS general fund from the KPS. During the discussion, point was made earmarking an annual donation for future years would require a change in the by-laws. Therefore, it was suggested that a motion be made annually to contribute based on the club’s current financial status.

In new business, Tom Broadhead asked members to be thinking of a theme for Knoxpex 2008 and suggested the board discuss this at the next meeting. In other new business, the membership discussed any special promotional efforts for the Harley Davidson Round-Up to be held in Knoxville in August. Jim Pettway was asked to investigate this idea.

In general announcements members were reminded of the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meeting on May 29 and the APS circuit books. Stu Hanlein reported on a favorable write-up in the Precancel Society newsletter on activities at Knoxpex and formation of a chapter. Bruce Roberts mentioned a case currently before the Alaskan Supreme Court on the admissibility of stamp certifications as evidence.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by:  
Charlie Wade, Secretary

## **Stamp of the Month**

This month’s stamp (Scott 2630) commemorates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New York Stock Exchange. Issued in 1992, it has the general appearance of an engraved stock certificate.

A spectacular error exists of this stamp, known from a single sheet. Some of the stamps lack the black portion of the design, which shows the façade of the exchange and



the busy trading floor. In the other error variety from the same sheet, the black portions are inverted.

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

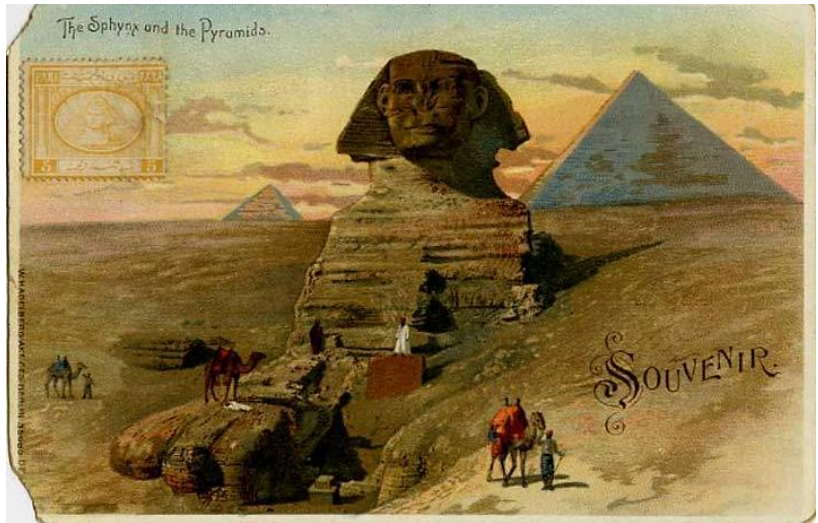
## Illustrated Mail – Maximaphily

By Tom Broadhead

Last month, I wrote about illustrated envelopes, a popular collecting area around the world that includes the popular cachet first day covers. One area of collecting that has yet to be fully commercialized in the U.S. and does not yet have the appeal here that it does among European collectors is “maximaphily” – the collecting of maximum cards. These are illustrated post cards in which the pictorial image is similar to that of the stamp. The closeness of similarity appears to be a matter of personal taste or convenience. Sometimes a maximum card will show the exact same image as the stamp, but sometimes it only shows similar subject matter.

The example at right is a maximum card in the most general sense. An 1867 stamp of Egypt showing the Sphinx and Great Pyramid was added, but not tied by a postal cancel to a card produced in the 1890's showing those monuments.

In contrast, the example below is a maximum card in every way. The one franc stamp of Monaco shows the exact image of George Washington as the post card, which was probably created exactly for this purpose. Moreover, the stamp is tied to the card by a first day cancel. This and most other maximum cards are favor cancelled and did not pass through the mail.



Shown below is an interesting use of the 1946 Tennessee 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood on a postcard showing the state capitol – postmarked in New York at the International Philatelic Exhibition in 1947. The image of the state capitol is the same and qualifies this as a maximum card, but the late use of the stamp would not be desirable to purists!



If you are looking for a new direction in your collecting and find the thematic nature of stamp images appealing, consider adding some illustrated mail to your collection or exhibit. Illustrated envelopes and first day covers are an easy start for U.S. collectors. I predict that maximum cards will become increasingly popular with U.S. collectors and both the USPS and cachet makers will want to explore this exciting area of collecting.

# This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 5

## APS Circuit Sales Books Are Here! – by Jim Pettway

We have 18 different philatelic topic areas covered in the new shipment of circuit sales books from the APS. These have already been shopped once at last week's 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meeting. Take a look at some of the great material at right.

This time, we have 5 “first viewing books” that have not been picked by other clubs or buyers: U.S. bargains, U.S. 19<sup>th</sup> century covers from Virginia, Brazil, Spanish Andorra + Cape Juby, and MNH birds. Other areas featured in these sales are: U.S. precancels, U.S. unused bargains, U.S. 19<sup>th</sup> century covers, Germany, Great Britain, Scandinavia, Jamaica, Dominica + British Guiana, Costa Rica, and Canada.

Remember that we will have circuit sales books each time there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meeting. For the rest of 2007, those dates will be July 31 + August 7 and October 30 + November 6. Come and shop, and let me know your interests for future circuit sales.



## Something New in My Mail from Tom Broadhead

The new rate changes have made for some abundant and inexpensive postal history items – and you may have received some of these in your daily mail. The 41 cent stamps were issued a few weeks before the May 14 increase, and I have seen a few envelopes that had the “Forever” stamp and also (shown below at the top) the new “First Class” flag stamp – both of which pay the new 41 cent rate. I heard from postal clerks that some customers thought that they had to begin using the higher value stamps before the required date.

More interesting to me are the covers used properly and improperly on the first date of the new rate and also those used improperly after that date. The abundance of both will guarantee that they will never achieve the rarity status of rate-change covers of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The envelope shown in the middle at right has the proper 41 cents postage, and was mailed on the first day of the new rate. The envelope below at right, however, was mailed on the second day of the new rate and managed to make it through the mail with only 39 cents postage! Keep your eyes open for later covers with postage due markings.



**Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, July 3**