

# Knoxville Philatelic Society News

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## October is Stamp Collecting Month!

Think of ways that you can advance our hobby this month – and ways that you can enjoy stamps and philately in October. If you like pictorial cancels, here is something to look forward to on October 26. The USPS has made it possible for the American Philatelic Society to coordinate customized, Stamp Collecting Month cancels. Jim Pettway suggested that we do this, and Tom Fortunato of the APS Chapter Activities Committee took our information and coordinated our cancel with USPS.



### Stamp Collecting Month Station

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This year's cancel promotes a new set of US stamps that show constellations. Our cancel will be available only on our selected day, October 26, so if you want it on your mail, be sure to take your letters and cards to Richard at the philatelic window at the Weisgarber post office. Ralph and I have planned to use it on mailing the November newsletter!

Enjoy our hobby, and happy collecting in October

**Tom Broadhead**

## Welcome New KPS Members

Thanks largely to the efforts of Bruce Roberts, twelve new KPS members joined during their visit to Bill Muenzer's bourse on August 20. We welcome new members David Collins, Bill Dohm, Donal Galyean, Byron Harmon, Henry T. Hodges, David J. Icové, Joseph Jones, Adriean J. Mayor, Walter Tackett, David C. Tower, Charles Wade, and Jim Wright. We look forward to meeting them at upcoming KPS meetings.

## Southeastern Stamp Show Awards

Tom Broadhead and Bruce Roberts both brought home awards from the September Southeastern Stamp Show. Tom's exhibits – "France: The 1925 Decorative Arts Exposition" and Balloon Post Cards of the Franco-German War both won gold awards. Bruce's exhibit "Arkansas Postal History, Territory to Post Reconstruction earned a gold and the Reserve Grand Award!"

## E-Bay Treasures

Here is an interesting item I saw on e-Bay. Sold on September 4 for only 1¢ plus \$1.50 shipping! It is a set of stamps issued in 1957 from the former Spanish colony of Ifni on the African west coast.

Scott #  
81, B29,  
B30.



## Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2005

The September 2005 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville. President Bruce Roberts presided. Eleven (18) members attended.

Informal discussion and swapping took place from 7:00-7:30. At 7:30, president-elect Ken Korp presented the program, concerning buying stamps and covers on E-Bay. Ken shared with us stories – some good, some not so good – about his experiences, especially buying beer revenue stamps – one of his special interests. He also shared with us an important online reference – “Stamp Collectors against Dodgy Sellers” – SCADS, which has an excellent set of recommendations for buying – [www.scads.org/Ebay/bidtips.htm](http://www.scads.org/Ebay/bidtips.htm).

The business meeting began at 8:00, and Richard Ehrlich’s treasurer’s report included the mention of our 12 new members and costs related to meeting room rent, purchasing the new printer for the newsletter, and our support for the Southeastern Stamp Show. Bruce thanked Richard for his work that has helped ensure the continued financial health of KPS.

Final plans for the KPS 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in October were presented, and efforts will be made to invite all original members. A special supplement to this newsletter highlights some of the history of our club.

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 for individuals, \$12.00 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](mailto:tomwb50@aol.com).

KPS Officers:

President	Bruce Roberts
President-Elect	Ken Korp
Treasurer	Richard Ehrlich
Assistant Treasurer	Phil Ford
Secretary	Tom Broadhead
Directors	Norm Carlevato, Ralph Dinwiddie, Charles Klinstiver, Jim Pettway

Ken Korp asked for volunteers for programs in the coming months of November and January. The October meeting will be our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, and December will be our holiday party. Randy and Russ Haese are tentatively on for a program concerning genuine and counterfeit German cancels in November. Tom Broadhead volunteered to give a talk in January on the “World’s Ugliest Stamp.” We hope that all program presenters will also write a one-page article for an upcoming edition of this newsletter.

New business proposed for November will be a discussion of youth activities at Knoxpex 2006 with ideas presented by Randy and Russ Haese.

Bruce Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

## Board Meeting – August 30

President Bruce Roberts convened the KPS Board of Directors at 6:00. Discussion focused on plans for the October 4 anniversary celebration, including decisions concerning refreshments, publicity, and to the inclusion of archival material in the October newsletter.

Richard Ehrlich distributed copies of proposed changes in the KPS bylaws related to terms of offices and the composition of the Board of Directors. Suggestions will be submitted to Richard so that a complete recommendation can be brought to the membership early next year.

A great group of old and new members was present for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday swap.

Submitted by  
Tom Broadhead, Secretary

## Stamp of the Month

Here is an example of Israel Scott #304 a 2 agorot value issued December 15, 1965. It is part of a set featuring local butterflies and moths and shows the species *Charaxes jasius*. Inscriptions are in Hebrew, except the country name at left, as is required by the UPU.

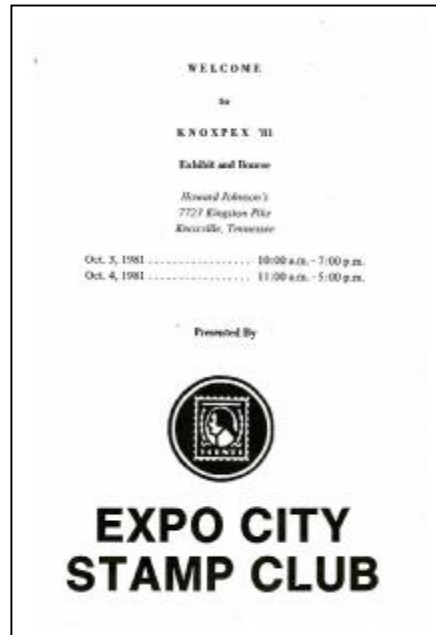
Thanks go to one of our members, who donated these stamps.



## Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday KPS!!

This special supplement to the monthly Knoxville Philatelic Society newsletter highlights some of the themes and programs that KPS and its predecessor names have produced over the years. Special thanks go to Richard Ehrlich and Bruce Roberts for contributing information and material for this page.

Expo City Stamp Club  
Founded – September 1980  
Original meeting place:  
Brookshiers Stamp Shop  
Founding Members:  
Jim Bowles  
Wilma & Stan Brookshier  
Ralph Kramer  
Les Lebo  
Chester Massey  
D. Todd McDougall  
Robert Miller  
Jo & Ron Mynatt  
Ray Ritter  
Bruce Roberts  
Greg Ziebell



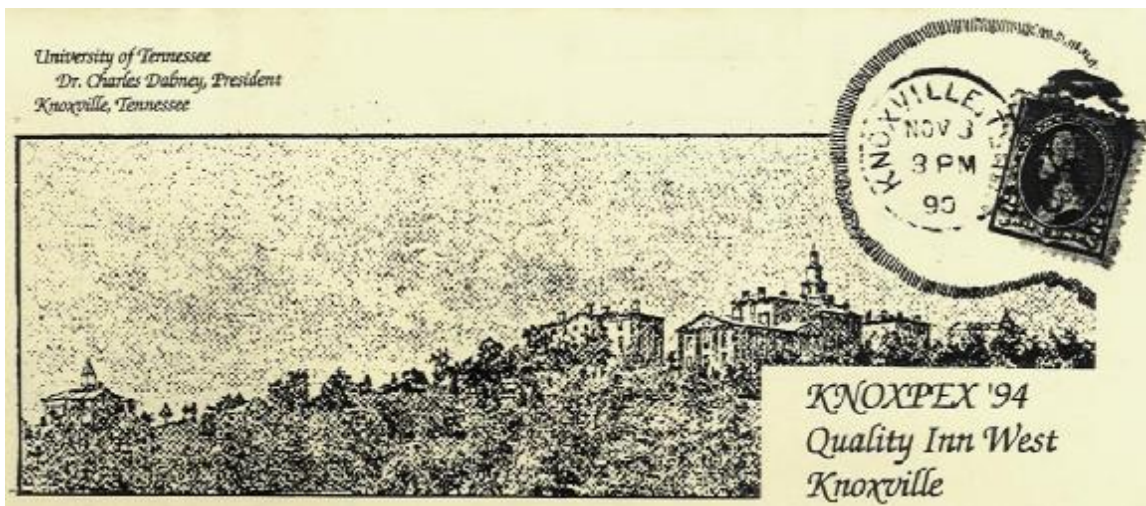
The club's first show was *Knoxpex '81* (show program cover shown at left). Show chair was Stan Brookshier, Bourse chairs were Bruce Roberts and Don Gray, and the cover and cachet were designed by Ray Ritter. Fifteen dealers made up the bourse that year.

Guests were invited to attend meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in the community room of the United American Bank, Western Plaza Branch.

Officers were president Robert Miller, vice president Jim Bowles, secretary Wilma Brookshier, and treasurer Greg Ziebell.

In 1982, the Expo City Stamp Club produced its first newsletter in May, with Todd McDougall serving as editor. Beginning in February 1983, Jo Mynatt took over as newsletter editor. Jo invested many hard hours on the newsletter, and many remember assembling it for mailing at the beginning of club meetings – if you were there, you got to take the newsletter home, and save the club a little postage!

In 1983, the big news was a change in the club name to the **Knoxville Stamp Club** – beginning in April. That year, we also co-sponsored a show in October with the Atomic City Stamp Club in Oak Ridge. Not much is known about show themes until the May 1984 – *Knoxpex '84*, which celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Other show themes from the 1980's included "Stamp Collecting" (1985), "Tennessee Homecoming" (1986), and "Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution" (1987). Also, in its first decade, club membership peaked at 110. For many of those years, the club sponsored two shows – a bourse in the fall and *Knoxpex* in the spring. Around 1991, the fall show was dropped.

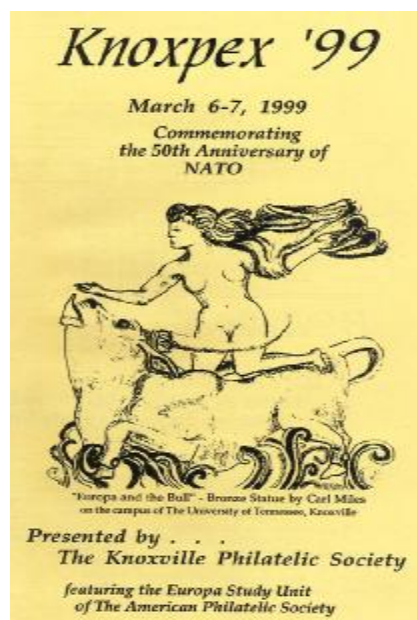
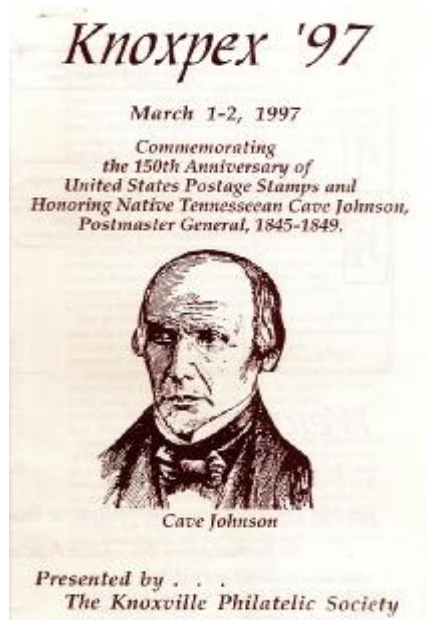
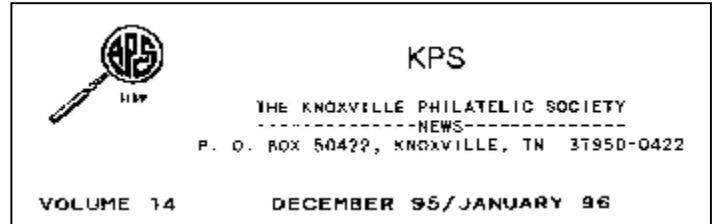


The 1994 show program featured an antique image of the University of Tennessee in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The show theme was the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the university's founding.

Club records do not record the exact date, but by spring of 1994, we had again changed our name, this time to the **Knoxville Philatelic Society**. Evidence for this is in the *Knoxpex '94* program shown on the front side of this page. Since that time, the club has thrived with a small but active membership representing many areas of our hobby from the truly worldwide collectors to country specialists, and from those focused on stamps to those preferring to collect postal history.

Show themes have frequently focused on historical events related to Tennessee, but have occasionally branched out to broader topics related to new issues of stamps. The newsletter also has grown to encompass many topics of philatelic interest, and 2005 witnessed the advent of color to our pages.

At right is one of the early mastheads for our newsletter. During this time, Richard Ehrlich was newsletter editor, and continued the tradition of getting the news to our members. KPS is American Philatelic Society chapter number 1189 and in 2003 became a member of the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs.



Recent Knoxpex themes include the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of US postage stamps, which were developed during the administration of Tennessean, President James K. Polk and his fellow Tennessean, Postmaster General Cave Johnson. In 1999, KPS teamed up with the APS Europa Study Group for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NATO.

### KNOXPEX 2004

Annual Stamp Show

Celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday of



Albert Einstein

Our most famous philatelic event, was Knoxpex 2004, commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of Albert Einstein. The humorous card to promote the show, created by Ralph Dinwiddie drew criticism in *Linn's Stamp News* – 9 months after the event, but resulted in many requests for the card and positive feedback from Einstein collectors!

- KPS takes this opportunity to recognize its deceased members and to thank them for their contributions to our club and to our hobby.
- 1982 – Clarence “Monty” Montague
  - 1984 – Lucy Harmon
  - 1986 – Ralph Kramer  
Robert Miller
  - 1990 – Bill Boegly
  - 1991 – Bill Quinlan
  - 1992 – Ernest Zurcher
  - 1993 – Ted Newman  
Esther Katz  
Herbert DeArmond  
Francis Painter
  - 1994 – Harry Sanders  
Dwayne Jolley  
Glenn Abbott
  - 1995 – Estelene Moon
  - 1997 – Donald Gorman
  - 1998 – Kent Fearey
  - 1999 – Les Lebo  
Bill Rule  
Frank Doyle  
Tom Robusto  
Harry Baldwin
  - 2000 – Bill Walbert
  - 2001 – Ralph Vola  
Bob Erickson
  - 2002 – Ray Ritter
  - 2005 – Frances Nall  
Jean Giesler  
John Kerr

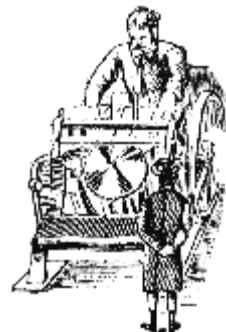
# Happy Birthday KPS – and many more like it!

## Stamp Shows Have Many Facets

by Tom Broadhead

My father took me to my first stamp show in Kansas City in 1964. As a young collector I was completely overwhelmed by all the dealers and exhibits – but I still have the Cape of Good Hope 4p triangle that I purchased for \$6.00! Our club show, *Knoxpex*, has always been an enjoyable event for me, and I look forward to seeing our dealers, fellow members, and guests. *Knoxpex* is categorized as a local show, but there are larger regional shows, APS Champion of Champions qualifying shows, national level shows – like the APS *Stamp Show* – in many countries, and at the top of the list for collectors are the international shows.

According to internet sources, the earliest international stamp show was the 1890 Vienna Exposition, held from April 20-May 4, 1890. It commemorated three philatelic anniversaries: 50 years of the first postage stamp, 40 years of the first Austrian postage stamp, and 10 years of the leading Austrian philatelic organization. Six different postal administrations participated, and facsimile prints of the first Austrian stamps were printed on a hand press (shown at right) at the Exposition.



Stamp shows often have first day stamp ceremonies, and usually have commemorative cachets and cancels to honor the event. One of the earliest commemorative cancels is the one produced for the Exposition du Timbre-Poste Français, held in Paris on June 5-12, 1907. Today's show cancels are a lot more elaborate than the simple 1907 cancel shown at left. Our *Knoxpex* cancels have proven to be popular with the public.

Host countries for international stamp exhibitions usually issue stamps commemorating those shows. The first such issues were souvenir sheets showing definitive stamps issued by Belgium (1921, 1924), Luxemburg (1923), and France (1925). The international show hosted by the United States in 1926 followed suit, with the beautiful sheet of "Battle of White Plains" stamps that had show-related inscriptions in the selva. The exhibition was held in New York City – White Plains, the site of an important Revolutionary War battle, is a northern suburb. When issued, these sheets had a face value of 50 cents, and my 1929 Scott Catalog offers it for sale at \$1.00. Today, high quality copies without perforation separations sell for up to \$600. Most exhibition issues and souvenir sheets since then remain more affordable to collectors.



Next spring, the U.S. will host a major international philatelic exhibition, which it usually does every ten years. That show, *Washington 2006*, promises to be exciting with many first day ceremonies, dealers, excellent exhibits, seminars and lectures, and much more. Registration and attendance are free, and details about this great opportunity are available at the web site - <http://www.washington-2006.org>. Dates for Washington 2006 are May 27-June 3, 2006. Look for the souvenir sheet showing the 1922 high value stamps!

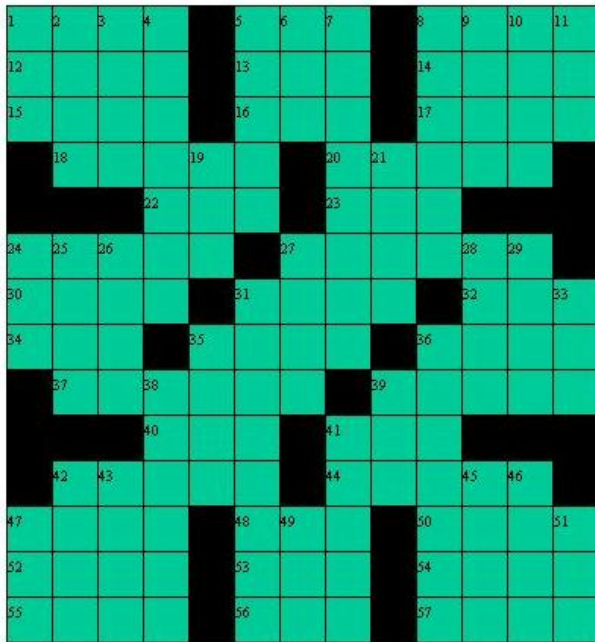


Don't forget *Knoxpex 2006* – March 4-5, 2006, commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rock & Roll.



# This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 4

## U.S. Stamp Crossword By Nick Stone



### A quick hint.

Numeral clues give you both a year of issue and a denomination.

Give it a try without your catalog!

Answers next month!

## How I got started.

What could be a better feature for this month's column than Bruce Roberts, one of the original club members 25 years ago!

In 1950, when Bruce lived in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, there were no television stations in the entire state. A friend's family put up a high antenna to receive shows from Memphis, and Bruce I watched at their house. A show one night had a stamp collection as part of the plot.

His friend's father had an old stamp collection and gave it to them.

Hooked, they got friends to start a club. Adults helped, and the hobby shop in town sold packets of stamps and hinges. Soon, the club discovered the joys of "approvals" and went into the stamp business, finding more

members and selling them stamps from the previously acquired approval sheets. This was Bruce's introduction to stamp dealing, and he was a KPS dealer-member until becoming solely a collector a few years ago.

Bruce was in the Army, 1968-70, and often was the only person from Arkansas who fellow soldiers had ever met. They asked questions about the state, especially the small towns with funny names. This sparked his interest in postal history, and Bruce started looking for "a few" covers from Arkansas towns with unusual names.

He joined the stamp club in Little Rock, and in 1973 helped organize its first stamp show. Bruce put together a hand drawn exhibit – his first. He first exhibited Arkansas Postal History in 1975 and since 2004 is a regular gold medal winner at APS shows, earning a grand award last year.

### Across

1. The end of a check
5. General 36-4, 54-30
8. Open mouthed stare
12. War of Independence hero 25-1/2
13. Small hole maker
14. Military Doctor 40-5
15. Passing fashion [two words]
16. Inst. Elec. Eng. [abbr]
17. River of Pisa
18. President 38-10
20. Senior churchman
22. Hansel \_\_\_ Gretel
23. Tom or Blue [bird]
24. President 38-2 [and 6!]
27. President 25-17
30. Asks piteously
31. Disorder – and lost its leading C!
32. After five
34. Early English Architecture [Abbr]
35. Mild expletive – or mend
36. Educator 40-1
37. Had an idea in one's sleep
39. President 38-19
40. Roman 10, 500, 1
41. Stack of bills
42. Outer part of a flower
44. Those who inherit
47. Island off north coast of Honshu Japan
48. Prefix for three
50. Not long now
52. US composer 97-32
53. Struck him \_\_\_.
54. Prefix for 'all'
55. French man's name
56. Maiden name [French]
57. Humorous American Poet 02-37

### Down

1. Persian Emperor [loses H]
2. President 30-4
3. Oil of \_\_\_ cosmetic brand
4. Madhouses
5. Scottish landowner
6. Sheep
7. What the Presidents won
8. Cary and Ulysses
9. Air [prefix]
10. State founder 32-3
11. Old Name for Tokyo
19. N, n, n
21. Is unwell
24. President 22-3 [abbr]
25. Action or document
26. Gelling agent
27. Small unsightly skin growth
28. \_\_\_ can you see .... [2 wds]
29. One over the eight
31. Politician 54 \$5
33. Christians [abbr]
35. Baby word or art movement
36. President 38-4
38. Reveal
39. Have [Scots or poetic]
41. \_\_\_ House 38-4 1/2
42. Word for 'to keep' stamps
43. Paradise garden
45. Capital Italia
46. 44 across are often these
47. Term of respect for men
49. Regret/French street
51. Nat. Inst. of Health [abbr]

**Next KPS meeting –  
November 1.  
Don't miss it!**

