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## Collecting the World

Many of us, including myself, started this hobby as worldwide collectors. During the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, it wasn't that difficult to collect stamps from all continents and countries. Remember that the Scott classics catalog – 1840-1940 – is still a single convenient volume. Now being truly a worldwide collector, especially a collector of new issues is not only logistically challenging, but extremely expensive!

In a July 31 article published in *Linn's*, Denise McCarty writes about a spring 2006 report in *Michel-Rundschau*, a German monthly stamp magazine. That article analyzed world stamp issues for the 21 year period of 1984-2004. During that time, the face values of all world stamp issues ranged from a "low" of \$4,430.87 in 1987 (only 8,496 different stamps plus 926 souvenir sheets) to a high in 2004 of \$9,968.06 (10,230 stamps plus 1,126 souvenir sheets). If you had tried to collect all stamps and souvenir sheets over that time period, your initial investment (not counting shipping or handling fees for your orders) would have been more than \$142,000.

Many stamp-issuing countries do so as an important source of revenue. The Gambia issued 302 stamps and 21 souvenir sheets with a face value of \$278, and Chad had 60 stamps and 72 souvenir sheets with a face value of \$290 in 2004. Even the U.S. occasionally comes under fire from collectors for too many stamp issues. In 2004, it was ranked 18<sup>th</sup> among the most prolific stamp producing countries, but a complete set of U.S. issues that year cost a relatively modest \$49.

The good news about all of this is that there is more to collect and many specialties possible. I hope the great variety inspires more new collectors!

Tom Broadhead

## SEFSC Announces 2006 Rowland Hill Award Winner

Dr. William "Bill" Waggoner is the second recipient of the Rowland Hill Award, given by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs in recognition of distinguished contributions to the advancement of philately in the southeast. Bill is a leading specialist in the U.S. revenue stamps. A contributor of articles to *American Philatelist* and *The American Revenuer*, Bill has won Grand Awards for both multiple frame and single frame exhibits. He is a founder of Peach State Stamp Show, the precursor to the current Southeastern Stamp Show, and is an active member of the Athens Philatelic Society. Congratulations, Bill.

## APS Circuit Books return at October 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday meeting

Mark your calendars for the next round of APS circuit books. Come ready to shop at the October 31<sup>st</sup> fifth Tuesday meeting and the November 7 regular meeting.

## Ebay Treasure

Last month, Hans Ahlstedt gave a great program on fresh water sport fishing. In recognition of that, here is a nice British first day cover showing the 1983 set of British river fish (Scott 1011-1014). It sold on August 6 with a single bid for 99 pence, plus 1.25 pound shipping.



## Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 1, 2006

The August 2006 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Sixteen (16) members were present. President Mike Kauffman brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Hans Ahlstedt gave the program, a presentation of his topical collection of fresh water game fish stamps from around the world. Being a flyfishing catch-and-release sportsman shows why he collected these topicals.

Mike Kauffman called the business meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Last month's minutes were approved, and Richard Ehrlich gave the treasurer's report. Under old business, it was announced that members who wish their collecting information to be included in the club directory should give the information to Tom Broadhead by next month's meeting. A recommendation was made to drop the \$12.50 "family" membership dues, and ideas for publicizing the club were discussed. The Knox County libraries will post our newsletter for two weeks. The board will take up several matters at its August 29 meeting.

Tom Broadhead reminded members that the entry form for exhibits at Southeastern Stamp Show is available on the Southeast Federations' web site – [www.stampclubs.com](http://www.stampclubs.com). Bruce Roberts announced that he would be unable to work with club members on exhibits at 6:30 p.m. prior to the September 5 meeting. Tom volunteered to help that night with a discussion of exhibit synopses.

Tony Torres will give the program at the September meeting, featuring fluorescence in stamps. He will bring a UV light and several color guides. Members were asked to bring stamps for identification.

Bill Munser's stamp bourse is on August 19-20 at the Quality Inn. The club will have a table with membership information.

Tom Broadhead mentioned that KPS will again have the opportunity to purchase an ad in the program for Southeastern Stamp Show and can also sponsor an activity. Information has not yet been received, and last year the ad cost \$45.

Tom also raised the question about the disposition of the KPS library and other materials. There was discussion about auctioning some volumes at Knoxpex. Old, unserved cachet envelopes were sold to members present. Tom is also looking for articles for the newsletter, including page-long and shorter contributions.

The board will decide several financial questions at its meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 29. Among those will be proposed changes in dues, banners and signage for Knoxpex, and sponsorship at Southeastern Stamp Show. All KPS members are welcome to attend the board meeting.

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

Submitted by  
Pat Goebel, Secretary

### Stamp of the Month – by Ralph Dinwiddie

This month's stamp is the Project Mercury commemorative, Scott #1193. The Post Office surprised collectors on February 20, 1962 when, for the first time, a stamp was issued simultaneously with the event it commemorated. It was announced on the afternoon of February 20th once it was certain the space flight of astronaut John Glenn was successful. A special postal station was set up at Cape Canaveral, and 304 other post offices were told to open the secret packages shipped to them. They had only from the time of the announcement (3:30 pm) until the close of business that day to service first day covers. Surprisingly, the stamps found their way to additional post offices, and unofficial first day covers are highly collectable. Stamps are courtesy of Nicole Gamble.



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, \$12.50 for families, and \$2.00 for youth 17 years of age and under.

#### KPS Officers:

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## Degrees of Separation

by Tom Broadhead

Today we take for granted the ease in separating stamps from each other. With the new die-cut roulettes typical of commemoratives and most definitives, stamps separate fairly easy from each other. This has not always been true, and even modern water-activated stamps can be challenging to separate without leaving short or pulled perforations.

The world's earliest stamps were issued imperforate, and postal clerks and the public had to use scissors to separate them. Unfortunately, cutting was frequently careless, and sometimes stamps were printed so close together that good



The pair of Bahamas #1 was cut into the design at the lower margin, but the Geneva Canton issue (2L3) has part of an adjacent stamp. The French Tour de France commemorative (693) was issued perforated, but imperforate copies were created for collectors.

quality, stamps with four margins are rare. Classic stamps with large margins, especially those with parts of adjacent stamps attached, sell for a premium. Today, imperforate stamps are more likely errors or special printings produced by postal authorities.

Early attempts to facilitate separation did not always succeed. As an alternative to to perforation, some countries rouletted their early stamps. The principal difference between perforation and rouletting is that perforating typically

removes part of the paper, whereas rouletting produces small cuts between stamps without removing any paper. Until the recent advent of self-adhesive stamps in the United States, rouletting was not common after the nineteenth century. The most common 19<sup>th</sup> century U.S. rouletted stamps are the battleship revenues issued in 1898.



China #5 is a roughly perforated stamp. Finland #11 shows spectacular serpentine roulette, but many single copies have missing teeth. US #368 is imperforate with "Schermack type III" perforations for coil vending.

Sometimes separation required cutting through a stamp in order to attempt to make a stamp of a smaller denomination. Typically, this was done with scissors, but some-

times bisecting was done by perforating large numbers of stamps. Most privately bisected stamps are worth considerably more than their intact counter-parts, but government bisected issues usually are much cheaper.



- Bisected French 10 centime stamp tied to a letter with a 20 centime stamp in 1871.



Paraguay #200a government perforated bisect of 75c used in 1912 with a postal value of 20c

When perforating machines malfunctioned or paper was incorrectly fed, perforation errors and freaks resulted. The U.S. revenue (R33b) is imperforate at top and bottom, the result of the absence of horizontal perforations. Chinese stamps (211) at far right were perforated in the middle of the design due to incorrect paper alignment.



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

## A Little Knoxville Postal History

by Tom Broadhead

This is the final chapter in my series on the Confederate provisional postal issues produced for use in Knoxville in 1861. Saving the most interesting for last, it features the unique 10 cent provisional adhesive postage stamp (47X3). The Scott Catalogue lists this stamp only on-cover.



In 1987, this beautiful stamp lightly cancelled on an envelope addressed to Ashland, Virginia, was sold as part of the "Scott Gallagher Collection of Tennessee Postal History During the Civil War" by Christies Robson Lowe, and fetched a nice \$29,700 price.

It is one of those storied stamps, which after its discovery in 1886 passed through the collections of some of the world's most famous collectors, including Ferrari, Caspary, and Lilly. But its fascination goes beyond its provenance. For many years, it was considered to be a fake.

In 1987, following the Christie's sale, The Philatelic Foundation issued a certificate (#0172356) indicating that the stamp was "bogus." Subsequent research published in the *Confederate Philatelist* (1989-1991) and summarized in *Tennessee Posts*, v. 6, p. 6.4-6.19 provided additional information about the stamp and cover, which led to a new certificate (#0241540) issued by The Philatelic Foundation on February 17, 1993 stating that the stamp is "the genuine Scott 47X3, used on cover."

The new research demonstrated that (1) the paper type of the 10c was consistent with some certified copies of the 5c Knoxville provisional, (2) that the size of the indistinct circular date stamp was consistent with other Knoxville cancellations, and (3) that the addressee, Mrs. Jane M. Tiller was a person at that address documented by other correspondence.

During the Civil War, Knoxville's postmaster, C.H. Charlton, through provisional handstamps, envelopes, and stamps, enriched both the history and postal history of our city, creating many philatelic gems. Thanks go to Gerald Schroedl for providing references.

## Southeastern Stamp Show – September 22-24

Plan to attend this month's Southeastern Stamp Show at the Cobb County Civic Center. KPS will again sponsor youth activities at the show. The show theme is the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of contract mail service to Atlanta (CAM 10). Details appeared in the August KPS newsletter.

## Auction of Tennessee Postal History

On September 8, Shreves Philatelic Galleries, Inc. will auction the Jeanette C. Rudy Collection of "Tennessee" Postal History. I put Tennessee in quotes because the 48 spectacular and rare covers all have a Nashville connection, rather than more broadly representing the state. Shown below are two lots of Nashville Confederate provisional stamps. The pair of 5 cent (Scott 61X2) and the 10 cent on piece (Scott 61X6) mirror the Knoxville provisional stamps, and the stamps of both cities are believed to have been printed in Nashville.



The 10 cent is described as being mounted on a piece (photographically cropped here) "to which it does not belong which is merged with another piece that has a genuine blue Nashville cancel." There is no doubt that this 10 cent stamp is genuine, unlike previous doubts about the 10 cent Knoxville provisional stamp discussed in the accompanying article.

The auction includes a wide range of early covers, from free franks and stampless to Confederate general issues, which are rare because Nashville was occupied by Union troops in 1862. The catalog is online at <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/F/F82.cfm>. The web site also offers free catalogs on request from Shreves Philatelic Galleries, Inc. by phone at 800-556-7826 or by e-mail to [shreves@shreves.com](mailto:shreves@shreves.com).

**Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, October 3**