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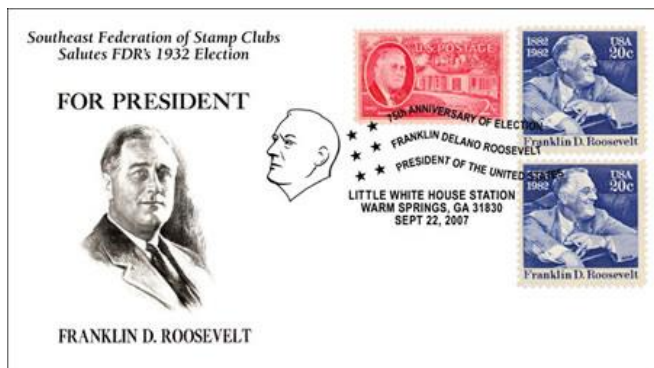
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## New Members, Organizations, Shows

KPS continues to attract new members, who bring a great variety of interests and experiences to our club. In the last two months, we have had five new members, Richard Baylor, Jr., Forrest Conklin, James Estes, Art McVeety, and Charles Stinnett. We look forward to seeing them at KPS monthly meetings.

There is a new chapter of a major philatelic organization in the making. KPS member Paul Chasteen is working to form a Tennessee chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society. This should attract some interest among other KPS members who have given recent programs on German states forgeries, paper varieties, and booklet panes of the German Democratic Republic. For more information about the GPS, visit its website – <http://www.gps.nu>, or e-mail Paul at [paul@chasteen.us](mailto:paul@chasteen.us).

Don't forget to attend **Southeastern Stamp Show** later this month, September 28-29. The theme is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's first election as president. Here is the cachet with stamps and cancel that will be available at the show.



Happy collecting. October is stamp collecting month!

*Tom Broadhead*

## President's Column

Wow, what a great turnout we had for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday July KPS Meeting. As you know during this meeting members buy, sell and swap stamps with each other as well as purchase from the APS Sales Circuit books. There were four satellite tables in the corners of the meeting room where selling/buying was taking place, and the sales books were seeing activity in the middle of the room. It was great seeing so many people scurrying from table to table buying, selling and trading stamps. I hope that you didn't miss it. October 30 is the next scheduled 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday KPS Meeting.

And then at the regular August meeting of the KPS we had another good group in attendance, and we signed up a new member. The Knoxville Philatelic Society continues to grow.

During the August meeting Paul Chasteen announced that he was organizing a Germany stamp club. With so many Germany stamp specialists in the KPS, I'm not surprised that they would want to have their own club. This comes just after Stu Hanlein organized the Tennessee Precancel Club. Will the KPS now have stamp club chapters?

We're growing folks, and not only am I and others in our club seeing this growth, but so are stamp collectors and stamp organizations beyond. Just this weekend, Stu Hanlein worked the registration table at Bill Muenzer's stamp bourse in Knoxville and signed up two new members.

I'm excited for the future of our club. Thanks to all volunteers who give their time and labor to make our club successful.

See you at the September meeting.

*Jim Pettway*

## **Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 7, 2007**

The August 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 21 members present.

An interesting program on the Balloon Mail of the Franco-German War: 1870 – 1871 was presented by Tom Broadhead.

After the program, the business meeting was held. Jim recognized a new member and a guest at the meeting. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Pat Goebel presented the treasurer's report which was approved.

In old business, the club discussed a cachet for Stamp Collecting Month, which is October. A special cancel will be requested from the USPS and will be available at the Weisgarber post office on October 23. Jim discussed working with the Boy Scouts who have an interest in stamp collecting. Also money has been sent for an ad and sponsorship of a table at Southeastern Stamp Show.

Bruce Roberts, exhibit chairman for Knoxpex began a workshop on exhibiting at 6:30, which will run through the September, October, November, and January meetings. Bruce encourages all members to prepare an exhibit.

New business and information:

- Ralph Dinwiddie had information on recent British stamps and showed stamps his son got while visiting Hungary.
- Barry Van Winkle had a set of 2002 Scott catalogues to give to anyone interested

**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.**

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](mailto:tomwb50@aol.com).

- Stu Hanlein spoke of his attendance at the Precancel society meeting in Madison, Wisconsin and discussed activities of the Tennessee Precancel Society
- The Christmas party will be held on December 4. Discussion was held concerning a program that night.
- Bill Muenzer's Summer Stamp Bourse will be held on August 18-19.
- Tom Broadhead discussed honorary memberships to our club and proposed Nicole Gamble as honorary member. Members approved this action.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Submitted by:  
Charlie Wade, Secretary

## **Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting July 31, 2007**

The July "Fifth Tuesday" board meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on July 31, 2007. Seven members were present, and Jim Pettway presided.

Business included:

- Honorary KPS memberships for individuals. It was proposed that Nicole Gamble be recognized as such. This will be presented for a vote at the next club meeting.
- The club received a thank you note from the APS for our \$100 contribution
- We have sent \$50.00 for an ad in the program and \$20.00 to sponsor a youth table at the upcoming Southeastern Stamp Show.
- The board reviewed the cost of having the APS circuit books for the club. Since the inception in May 2006, the club has sold \$1,042.11 with expenses of \$ 1,098.92 showing a loss of \$ 56.81. The board agreed this was well worth it as a benefit for our members.
- The board discussed a cachet for Stamp Collecting Month in October. A special cancel from the APS will be provided through the club at the Weisgarber post office on October 23.

Submitted by:  
Charlie Wade, Secretary

## **Stamp of the Month**



Think about some cool weather. This month's stamp (Scott 2635) was issued in 1992 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska Highway. A high-priced variety is known with the black engraved inscription and value missing. These stamps are a gift from Nicole Gamble.

## Greetings from the Suez Canal – 1904

By Elaine Evans

Egypt never fails to fascinate. No less so in being the first known country to form an organized postal system under the ancient pharaohs. The first modern Egyptian governmental postal service was established in 1821 by Mohammed Ali Pasha, ruler of Egypt (1805-1848). Thirty-five years later was another first for Egypt, with the issue of its first stamps. Printed postal cards appeared in 1879, and picture post cards showing many important archeological sites followed in the 1890's.

A handsome stamped, Suez Canal commemorative postcard, recently purchased in Paris, France, bears an engraved image of a bronze statue, erected November 17, 1899, of French diplomat Ferdinand de Lesseps.



A tireless promoter of the canal, de Lesseps (1805-1894) negotiated the agreement with Egyptian ruler, Said Pasha, and engaged two French engineers. A triumphantly posed statue was installed at its entrance in Port Said, thirty years to the day after the Canal's official opening. Not apparent is the enormous cost to Egypt, numerous, un-bearable difficulties and untold tragedies, which almost crippled the clearing of a pathway to the Red Sea. Debts

mounted for the Suez Canal Company. Nevertheless in 1869 the Canal opened with great, grandiose fanfare. But in 1874, Egypt's 44 % share in the Suez Canal Company was sold to the British, resulting in Egypt's loss of financial independence. In 1956, though, the Canal was nationalized by the Egyptian government of Gamal Abdel Nasser, and as de Lesseps had envisioned the canal remains vital to Egypt's security and foreign exchange.

Reverse side of the card, with a single and pair of the one millieme stamp (Scott 43) issued in 1888, cancelled March 12, 1904 (12.III.04) at Zagazig, Lower Egypt, capital of the sixth province of Sharqiya. Received the same day at Ibrahimia, near Helia, also in the Sharqiya governate of the Delta.



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

## H.M.S. Lusitania Memorial Cinderellas – by Jo Mynatt

Many times I run across interesting items in my searches of "nickel mixes", give-away boxes, or vast mixtures of stamps. These items may catch my eye for many reasons, but one of these two "Cinderellas" stood out to me because of the engraving and use of colors. The other was "found" in the same mixture. I am sure there are many more of these around.



Both of these propaganda labels or "Cinderellas" show an image of the sinking ship and mourned the loss of the Lusitania and many on board the ill-fated British liner, which some thought carried munitions that drew fire and ire from Germany.



These labels piqued my interest and curiosity right away, and led me to learn something of the ship, the circumstances of its demise, and the consequences of the sinking. The Lusitania first set sail on June 7, 1907. Less than 8 years later, she was torpedoed by the Germans and sunk on May 7, 1915. One thousand, one hundred and nineteen people, including many Americans, died. This act and other events led the United States to enter World War I less than 2 years later.

**Don't forget the Southeastern Stamp Show – September 28-29, hosted by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. Get information on this APS Champion of Champions show at [www.stampclubs.com](http://www.stampclubs.com).**

## More on the U.S. Space Program – by Tom Broadhead

After many successful satellite launches and two, manned, sub-orbital launches, the U.S. finally achieved its first manned orbital launch on February 20, 1962. John Glenn, riding in the project Mercury capsule "Friendship 7," made three complete orbits of the Earth. Secretly, the post office had produced a project Mercury stamp, which was issued at 3:30pm on the day of the Glenn's successful mission.



The project Mercury commemorative stamp (Scott 1193) and an Artcraft cachet first day cover, postmarked at Cape Canaveral, 3:30 pm on February 20, 1962.



More brief notes about stamps commemorating space exploration by the United States will be forthcoming, leading up to **Knoxpex 2008** celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. space program!

**Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, October 2**