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Southeast Federation
of Stamp Clubs

Southeastern Stamp Show – Sept. 26-28

It's time to get ready for the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs annual show at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA. As a member of the Federation, KPS is fortunate to have our information on the Federation's web site, and we collectors are even more fortunate to have a large, national show, one of the American Philatelic Society's World Series of Philately shows, just a few hours away.

This year, the show's theme is the 100th anniversary of U.S. Christmas Seals. The world's first Christmas Seals originated in Denmark in 1904, and in 1907 Emily Bissel, a volunteer with the American Red Cross in Delaware, created the first charity label to raise funds to fight tuberculosis. In 1908, the American Red Cross issued the first nationwide Christmas Seal.



Southeastern Stamp Show is always exciting, with many dealers and interesting exhibits. This year, Bruce Roberts is chairing the group to mount exhibits at the beginning of the show and take them down at the end on Sunday, September 28. This important task requires several helpful and patient volunteers who can assist exhibit owners and help pack other exhibits to mail. If you can help as a member of "Team KPS" at the show, see Bruce at the September meeting or call him at 257-1670.

For more information about the show, visit the Federation web site – www.stampclubs.com.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I've been thinking about what ingredients go into making a good club or organization. One of the top things on my list is friendliness. I remember being warmly welcomed from the very first meeting I attended. People learned my name and remembered my interests in collecting. My silly questions were treated with respect and people went out of their way to help me get involved. There are many other things that go into making a good club. Organization, purpose, respect; it seems like all of these elements should fall into place if a group is to grow and represent their pastime. From what I can see, our society seems to have a hold on all of these.

After our last meeting I drove home asking myself the question, what is it that makes a really great club? I believe that it is a willingness to serve and get involved by a large majority of the members. I have been impressed from the beginning at the number of people who make themselves available to advance our interests and serve the needs of the club and one another. There are a few individuals who seem to continually pour themselves out to make sure things are done. Others are genuinely interested and jump in when they can be of service. We really do have all the elements of a great organization. I encourage everyone to find a place of interest and service and be a part of making a good club great.

One of the benefits of being a part of a group like ours is that we are challenged by one another to learn and reach out beyond our own collecting interests. By attending the regular meetings and taking part in the programs and training sessions offered, you might find a whole new dimension of the stamp world open up to you. Right now you can learn the basics of exhibiting by attending training sessions before each month's regular meeting. There are some wonderful things going on, I encourage each of you to be a part of them.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 5, 2008

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on August 5, 2008. There were 15 members present. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Roy Row.

Tom Broadhead presented an outstanding program entitled "The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris." His Digital Philatelic Study of the bridges of Paris over the Seine River focused on the Pont Alexandre III, and he showed items with stamps depicting many of the 37 bridges found there. Tom also showed many proofs and essays, along with letters, post cards, postal stationery, illustrated envelopes, and photographs. This Digital Program, and others included on the same disc, may be used as later programs and/or shown at Knoxpex.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6601.28, and was accepted as submitted.

President Roy Row read a card of condolences we sent to the TVUUC expressing our regret and sympathy at the recent tragic events.

Ralph Dinwiddie reported that the new printer approved by the board has been ordered, and should arrive before printing the next newsletter.

A discussion ways to publicize the club included:

1. Displays at public libraries - Roy Row has permission from Blount County Library. Ralph Dinwiddie volunteered to work on an exhibit frame we could display there, and possibly other libraries in the area.
2. Special Cancel - a copy of the USPS Cancel for Stamp Collecting month was shown.
3. An article in the Knoxville News-Sentinel - Jim Pettway has been contacted by a reporter who will be

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets at 7:00 pm on 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 \$15.00.

KPS Officers:

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| President | Roy Row |
| Past President | Jim Pettway |
| Vice President | Ralph Dinwiddie |
| Treasurer | Thomas Lane |
| Secretary | Jo Mynatt |
| Directors | Richard Ehrlich, Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, Bruce Roberts |
| APS Representative | Jim Pettway |

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doing an article about the club.

4. Community Bulletin Boards and papers - We are listed in Metro Pulse.

5. Display at the Historical Society - Forrest Conklin suggested we might be able to display in the temporary exhibit area, and there was discussion about a postal history of Knoxville.

6. Web Site, business cards, and flyers were also discussed.

KPS will have a table with information about the club and membership forms at Bill Muenzer's upcoming show.

The December KPS meeting will be the annual Christmas Party to be held at the Mandarin House on December 2. Roy will make the reservations. If we cannot book the Mandarin House, the second choice will be Ramsey's Restaurant.

Jim Pettway, our APS Representative presented to Editor Tom Broadhead the 2007 Gold Chapter Award for the KPS newsletter. Congratulations, Tom!

The members present approved \$50 for a full-page ad in the Southeastern Stamp Show Program, Also approved was a sponsorship of \$20 for one of the following: 1. Hospitality; 2. Youth Table; or 3. Ribbons.

Tom Broadhead passed around copies of the auction form for the October 7 meeting, when we will hold a live auction in celebration of Stamp Collecting Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Upcoming Events

For additional club listings and events, visit the calendar page of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

September 2 – KPS monthly meeting and Program, Bruce Roberts – exhibiting seminar at 6:30

September 26-28 – **Southeastern Stamp Show**, an APS World Series of Philately show

September 30 – **KPS 5th Tuesday board meeting, swap, and APS circuit sales**

October 7 – KPS monthly meeting. The program will be the live auction. Exhibiting seminar at 6:30

March 6-7 – **Knoxpex 2009** – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month



The 2008 Summer Olympics are over, and the weather here is hot. Here is a cool stamp (Scott 2369) commemorating the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. Keep cool, collect stamps!

Thanks to Betty Ann Logan for donating these stamps.

Watch Those Paper Creases and Folds!

by Tom Broadhead

Paper is a very delicate thing, and the value of stamps has a lot to do with supply and demand, and also with condition. Torn, thinned, and heavily cancelled stamps are worth almost nothing in comparison to those in very fine condition. Creases can also greatly diminish a stamp's value, and even a crease on a single perforation might cause a significant drop in price. But wait, some paper creases create valuable stamp varieties!

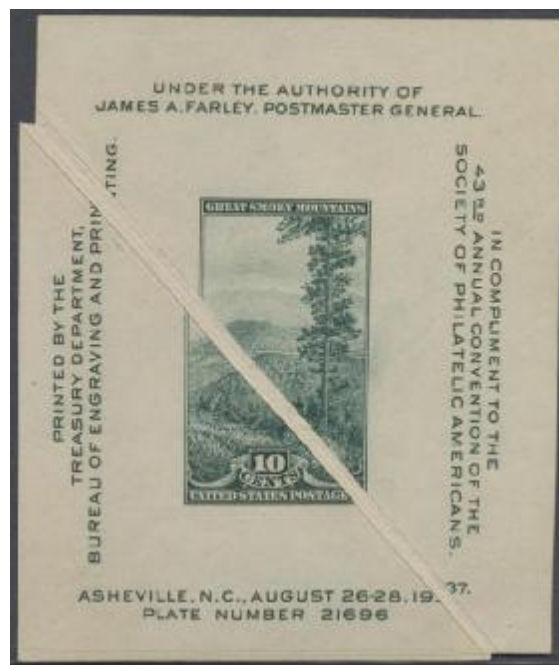


Over most of the history of stamps, the stamp-making process has required sheets of paper to be fed through at least one printing press, an adhesive-applying machine, and a perforator. The fragile nature of paper can result in creasing and folding as paper is being fed into these machines, and the results can be amazing. The two shilling stamp at right had a paper fold that, when opened, reveals an unprinted area that was protected by the fold.

It is amazing to think that these stamps actually make it to post offices and are sold to customers for their use. The "Whistler's Mother" stamps (Scott 754) shown below are an example of a more subtle, wrinkle-like fold, which left a very thin unlinked area that diminishes toward the right. In contrast to that, the Great Smoky Mountain souvenir sheet



(Scott 797) shown at right has a paper fold that not only affected printing, but also produced an oddly shaped sheet, which was cut before the paper fold was opened.



The Iranian stamps shown at left are a spectacular case of a



crease near the margin of the sheet producing one very abnormal stamp in what otherwise would have been a normal sheet. The folds in the paper are very evident, and the later perforating machine did its job – after the paper fold had been opened.

Now look at the stamp at Overrun Countries Stamp at right (Scott 920). The fold affected the background, but was "flattened" before the flag was printed!



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This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 2

Paper Creases and Folds (*continued* from p. 3)

The possibilities are almost endless, but let me share just two more examples with you, in which the paper was more than the accordion folds shown on the previous page. The two images at left show a block of eight stamps, in which the paper was folded before printing, then flattened prior to adding the gum on the back – note how the folded over part appears yellowish due to the presence of gum.



The two images at right show a block of four stamps, in which the paper was folded before printing, then flattened prior to adding the gum on the back – note how the folded over part appears yellowish due to the presence of gum.

The French stamps at right were revalued with a 1 franc red overprint, but this block had a crease and fold prior to overprinting.

Keep an eye out for folds and creases!



KPS Board Meeting - July 27, 2008

The Executive Board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met July 27, 2008 at the Karns Community Center on Oak Ridge Highway, with 16 members present. The meeting was called to order by President Roy Row at 6:10 p.m.

The first order of business was the purchase of a new printer for the club. After discussion, Jim Pettway moved, and Bruce Roberts seconded that Ralph Dinwiddie purchase a new printer. The motion was amended by Richard Ehrlich to include a dollar amount of "up to \$350." The motion passed unanimously, as amended.

Ralph Dinwiddie showed samples of possible cachets for Knoxpex 2009. A final decision will be made later in the fall. The kind of cancel and type of ink were discussed, and Tom Broadhead will contact the Post Office with a request for non-smearing ink. The discussion on what stamps to use for the cachets focused on the assumption that a Lincoln stamp will be issued in February. As soon as the 2009 new issues are announced by the USPS, a decision will be made. Much discussion was given to table sizes, arrangement of tables, security, publicity, and dealers for Knoxpex 2009. These details will be worked on by the Show Committee.

Roy Row volunteered to see if we could place a one-frame exhibit publicizing the club at the Blount County Library, and possibly other libraries on a rotating basis. Roy will also approach Bill Muenzer with a request for a club table at his upcoming show to publicize KPS, and possibly obtain new members. It was agreed that members joining at Bill's show would pay \$5.00 dues for the remainder of the year. Bruce Roberts announced that his workshops on "Exhibiting your Philatelic Collection" will begin soon, and reminded us also that he is still looking for exhibits for the Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta, September 26-28.

The December Christmas Party was mentioned, but will be brought up at the next meeting. Richard Ehrlich suggested that we send a card of sympathy to the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in light of the tragic events there on July 27. Roy Row will take care of that. We will have to find a temporary meeting place for the August KPS meeting. Members will be notified of the meeting site via e-mail, or phone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 7