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The end of May saw a successful Board meeting that kicked off the effort for Knoxpex 2006 and began to chart a course for the coming year. For the last two years, we have worked early to pick a theme for our annual show, and Ralph Dinwiddie prepared a list of more than 20 topics. After two rounds of selection, the Board narrowed the choices to three and left the final decision to the membership at the June meeting. *Curious about the outcome?* Check the minutes on page 2.

President Bruce Roberts initiated a discussion about ways to increase our membership and raise the awareness of the community through articles, notices, and advertisements in the local press, libraries, and post offices.

Time soon ran out, and we adjourned to the large meeting room for the 5th Tuesday get together of swapping stamps and stamp stories. Several guests were in attendance, and we welcome Thomas Lane as a new KPS member. Thomas moved recently to East Tennessee and among other things is a member of the American First Day Cover Society. We hope to have an interesting program some time soon about FDC's from Tom.

Oh, and yes – we ceremoniously opened the box of kiloware. Jim Pettway generously agreed to organize the many plastic bags into boxes based on country or continent. The boxes can be checked out, and stamps are only a nickel apiece. Happy picking to all.

Tom Broadhead

Congratulations!!

KPS recently received an announcement from the American Philatelic Society that the *Knoxville Philatelic Society News* and editor Jim Pettway have received a Vermeil Award for the 2004 edition of the newsletter. This is the highest award in any category won by a member club of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs and is a worthy and fitting recognition of Jim's outstanding efforts.

Congratulations also go to KPS President, Bruce Roberts for his continued success in exhibiting Arkansas postal history at APS shows. Bruce won a vermeil award for a 3-frame exhibit that highlighted the Civil War era posts into and out of Arkansas at NAPEX. The Confederate Stamp Alliance was meeting there, giving Bruce a great opportunity to show his material to a highly knowledgeable and interested audience. As a result, he also earned the CSA's President's Trophy for his exhibit.

E-Bay Treasures

Here is an interesting item I saw on e-Bay. It is Scott 1201, a basic commemorative issued in 1962. What caught my eye is that bidding opened at 10c and someone won it at 15c. The



seller paid a 25c list fee and 2c sales fee. The buyer paid a 40c shipping fee. Who came out ahead??

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2005

The June 2005 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville. President Bruce Roberts presided. Eleven (11) members attended.

Informal discussion and swapping took place from 7:00-7:30. There were no silent auction lots. The program was in two parts. At 7:30, President-Elect and Program Chair Ken Korp introduced Ralph Dinwiddie, who gave a beautifully illustrated power point presentation showing fractional postal currencies of the U.S. and other countries. The second part of the program followed the business meeting and gave members a first look and opportunity to buy stamps from the recently purchased kiloware. Jim Pettway has organized this, and members can check out boxes to take home and pick over, purchasing stamps for only 5 cents each.

President Bruce Roberts opened the business meeting at 8:00. New member Thomas Lane was introduced, and Jim Pettway was congratulated on his award in the APS Newsletter competition. Bruce announced that this September will be the 25th anniversary of our club, formerly the Expo City Stamp Club. Members are urged to look for memorabilia from the club's history and bring it to the next two meetings, so that we can have some interesting

by-gone content in the September newsletter. It was also suggested that we try to obtain an official USPS cancel to commemorate our anniversary.

New business focused on selecting a theme for Knospex 2006, and the members present voted to commemorate the **50th Anniversary of Rock & Roll** at our spring show. There are many Tennessee connections from 1955, especially Elvis Presley's first recordings.

Bruce Roberts stated that he wanted more members to be involved in exhibiting at Knospex 2006 and volunteered to be exhibits chair. Bruce is asking all of us to *"Go home, look what you have, make an outline of what you have in your collection that you want to show."* That is the first step to planning an exhibit – we will devote more attention to this at future meetings.

Treasurer Richard Ehrlich presented the financial report through May 2005 and the results of Knospex 2005, which showed a profit.

Tom Broadhead announced that the June issue of *American Philatelist* showed that former KPS member, Frances Nall, had passed away in Augusta, Georgia.

Richard Ehrlich asked that we review KPS constitution and bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, 4, 5 and 6, which deal with officers' terms.

Bruce Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by
Tom Broadhead, Secretary

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets 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 \$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.

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 Klintstiver, Jim Pettway

Stamp of the Month



The Kingdom of Württemberg became part of the German Empire in 1870, but maintained postal autonomy until 1902. Our stamp of the month, donated by K-Town Stamps proprietor and KPS member Bill Muenzer, is Scott #68, a 50 pfennig stamp issued in 1890.

K-Town Stamps will sponsor a stamp bourse August 20-21 at the Budget Inn on Cedar Bluff Road in west Knoxville (the usual location for Knospex).

These Stamps are worth *Real Money*!

By Tom Broadhead

Yes, I know that stamps have value to us as collectors, but here I mean stamps *used* as money. Pouring over the pages of the Scott U.S. specialized catalog, I have always been fascinated by the Postage Currency and Encased Postage Stamps, which were produced during the U.S. Civil War. Although U.S. Postage Currency may be unique in world history, showing single or multiple images of then-current stamps, it turns out that Encased Stamps have been used by other countries.

During the U.S. Civil War, citizens on both sides began to hoard silver and gold coins, and soon unused postage stamps substituted for small change on the Union side. The U.S. printed Postage Currency utilizing images of the new 5c and 10c stamps – and these small banknotes could be redeemed for stamps. In turn, large accumulations of stamps could be redeemed at some banks for coins!



Perforated example of a 5c note



Imperforate 50c note with 5 stamp impressions

At about the same time in 1862, a device to preserve individual stamps in brass holders with transparent mica tops was patented by John Gault – imagine how much more fun it would have been to carry these in your pocket or purse, instead of a bunch of loose stamps, which could easily become stuck to each other. Some of these encased stamps had advertising on the back. Other countries (including France and Spain) have done the same, and Germany used aluminum and celluloid holders.



1c U.S. stamp with advertisement – 1862



German 25 pf stamp from the post WWI period

One of the most unusual and recent encased stamps is the 1 øre stamp of Denmark, which was attached to a small piece of cardboard and then encased in celluloid in 1941 during a coin shortage of WWII. I think that all of these are fascinating uses of stamps or stamp images as substitutes for coins!



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This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 5. Program – bring something for show & tell.



New Stamps – by Ralph Dinwiddie



On May 4th, four American Scientists were honored with a se-tenant block of four postage stamps. **Barbara McClintock (1902-1992)**: In 1983, the renowned geneticist Barbara McClintock received the Nobel Prize in the category of “Physiology or Medicine” for discovering genetic transposition. **Josiah Willard Gibbs (1839-1903)**: Gibbs made important contributions in vector analysis, electromagnetic theory and statistical mechanics, but he is best known for developing the modern method of thermodynamic analysis. **John von**

Neumann (1903-1957): One of the preeminent mathematicians of the 20th century, von Neumann made numerous scientific contributions in both pure and applied mathematics. **Richard P. Feynman (1918-1988)**: Feynman won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1965 for fundamental work in quantum electrodynamics.

How I got started. *A new feature*

Lillard Harvey has collected stamps since the age of 10 and remembers how one winter day, he came across a Baptist Church missionary pamphlet that had pictures of foreign stamps. Bitten by the philatelic bug, he began his first collection – tearing stamps from envelopes at home and mounting them with mucilage glue in a little notebook. Living on a farm outside of Knoxville, he started collecting U.S. stamps. His mother sold butter and eggs, and one of her customers had a son who was a stamp collector. He gave Lillard some stamps and one of his old albums.

One weekend, Lillard's mother bought a packet of foreign stamps at Watson's, and later he bought some at Woolworth's. For Christmas 1939, his sister ordered the “Modern Stamp Album” (which he still has) from Sears Roebuck, and he walked to the post office the next day to pick up his first new album. College and work left little time for his hobby, and when he was stationed in Japan after WWII, he only picked up a few stamps.

In 1949, Lillard resumed his hobby and has collected US stamps since. Now his interests focus on covers and postcards, which he enjoys more than the new US issues.

What's your favorite stamp?

Tom Broadhead is working on a design for new nametags, personalized with a picture of your favorite stamp. Bring your requests to the monthly meeting or e-mail them to Tom.

Southeastern Stamp Show honors the 100th anniversary of Rotary International

This fall's Southeastern Stamp Show, an APS Champion of Champions qualifying show sponsored by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, will be held at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway in Marietta, Georgia on September 23-25. This year's theme is the centennial of the founding of Rotary International, one of the world's most active community and philanthropic organizations. KPS is a member of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs – please plan to attend the show. More information about the Federation and the show is available at www.stampclubs.com.

Oops! – the article on meters in the printed June newsletter described the Egyptian meter as having a denomination of 166 “millimeters” – the correct currency is “milliemes.” The web version is correct.

Next KPS monthly meeting – August 2. Don't miss it!