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October is Stamp Collecting Month! So how will you be celebrating? You could start into a new area of stamp collecting. How about starting a topical stamp collection. Collect all of the U. S. Greetings of America stamps in used condition. Now that's a challenge. Start a Great Britain Machin collection. You could begin to collect all 500+ varieties (actually the number is into the 1000s) of the Machin stamps as Jean Giesler is doing. Then there are post card collections with views of Knoxville in the early years or greeting cards from years gone by. Topics are fun and I find that there is such a thing as completing a topical collection. I discovered many years ago that I would never finish my worldwide stamp collection but that I could complete a used U. S. Christmas issues collection or a United Stamps Chinese New Year collection. And, watch out Bruce Roberts and Tom Broadhead, you can easily turn that topical collection into a single frame exhibit for entry into KNOXPEX 2005 in March. Now what do you think about this idea to celebrate Stamp Collecting Month?

It was surprising to see so many members turn out for the meeting last month. As you will recall, hurricane Frances had just hit Florida and the rain and wind were pounding down in Knoxville on this day. We had nearly 50% of our membership weather the storm to attend the September meeting. I hope that we can continue this kind of turnout. Richard Ehrlich gave a very good program, which stirred responses from meeting attendees.

This month the United States Postal Service will be issuing the new holiday stamps. During

October we will see the issuance of the Madonna and Child, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa stamps. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find sale dates for these stamps. You'll have to wait until November for the Holiday Ornaments stamps.

Well I'm off to do some more sorting of the 13,000+ used worldwide stamps that I picked up from Bill Muenser a month or so ago.

See you at the KPS meeting this month.

Have fun collecting . . .



Jim

New Meeting Format

In a decision made by the KPS Executive Board at their August meeting, the evening's stamp program will be at the head of the meeting instead of at the end. In the past, the President started the meeting with reports, old and new business. With discussions the business portion of the meeting took up too much time, leaving

the program presenter with little time to present a well prepared and interesting stamp program

before it got too late and members started to leave. Members spend a lot of time preparing their program and typically meeting attendees enjoy adding to the program. The August program, presented by Richard Ehrlich, was well received and enjoyed.

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And speaking of the KPS Executive Board meeting, the next one will be November 30. If anyone has anything that they would like the Board to discuss, please let an officer know. You will find officer contact information (email, phone) elsewhere in KPS News. You can always mail your thoughts to my attention at the KPS address located at the beginning of this newsletter.

Thanks Norm

Norm Carlevato entertained members last month with a box of picture post cards and greeting cards from the early 1900s. He inherited this box of cards from a relative, and since he doesn't collect this material, he brought it to the club meeting to share with KPS members. I picked up a few cards, as did quite a few others. I believe that the balance of the cards was donated by Norm to a group of young beginning stamp collectors.

September Meeting Report

Even with the rain coming down, 15 members turned out for the September meeting, presided over by President Tom Broadhead. Following about an hour of swapping stamp stories and stamps, Tom called the meeting to order.

Tom began the meeting by announcing that following the closing of the silent auction, the stamp program for the evening would be presented. Tom closed the auction which consisted of about four lots (the least that we've had of late) and introduced Richard Ehrlich with his program on Stamp Grading and Conditions.

Richard brought with him numerous examples of stamps to pass around as he made points about their condition and how he graded stamps for his collection. Richard's presentation drew a lot of comments, adding to the evening's program. In his final remarks, Richard emphasized the importance of stamp condition and its value, based on condition and grading.

Following the September program, Tom asked Jim Pettway to give a report from the August 31, 2004, KPS Executive Board Meeting. Treasurer Richard Ehrlich passed out KPS financial statements and the KPS budget for the fiscal year 2004/05, which he had revised since the Board meeting.

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After Jim's report and the reports, Gerald Schroedl posed the question as to why the KPS was viewing of the financial loosing money. Board members present at the meeting noted the loss of revenue from the last club stamp show/bourse was one reason, and Jim Pettway pointed out that the club dues didn't cover the cost of printing and mailing the month newsletter.

(dates are day stamp goes on sale to the public)

Gerald continued his questioning by asking why the Board had decided to not buy the current editions of the Scott catalogues for the club library. Board members answered that the club currently has no place for permanent storage or access to publications in the club library and that current Scott catalogues were available and more readily accessible from the public library.

Other subjects that were discussed during the September meeting were the bus trip to the American Philatelic Society show in Atlanta in February 2005 and KNOXPEX 2005. Ralph Dinwiddie was asked to hold for next meeting information he had about the KNOXPEX cachet covers.

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

**October 16-17
Memphis, TN
MEMPHEX '04**
Holiday Inn,
2490 Mt. Moriah Rd.
10-6 Sat, 10-4 Sun
Sponsored by Memphis
Stamp Collectors Society

**October 23-24
Augusta, GA
GAPEX**
The Guesthouse Inn,
3023 Washington Rd.
Sponsored by
Greater Augusta Stamp
Club

**October 30
Roanoke, VA
ROAPEX 2004**
Business Science Bldg.
VA Western Comm Coll
3095 Colonial Ave.
10-4:30 Saturday
Sponsored by Big Lick
Stamp Club of Roanoke
Valley

**November 5-7
Virginia Beach, VA
VAPEX**
VA Pavilion Conv. Ctr.
11-6 Fri, 10-6 Sat and
10-4 Sun

**October 2004
U.S. Stamp Issues**



**October 15
Madonna & Child**
37¢ commemorative single



**October 16
Hanukkah**
37¢ commemorative single



**October 17
Kwanzaa**
37¢ commemorative single

**October 25
Moss Hart**
37¢ commemorative single

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

**Tuesday, October 5
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley
Unitarian Universalist
Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

October Program

Bruce Roberts will present the October program. Keeping with the subject of stamp grading and condition from last month's program, Bruce will talk about centering during his program "Stamp Centering: why Scott is so wrong about this!" Now, I ask you, how can Scott be wrong? Join us and find out who is right and who is wrong.

Do you want to go to Atlanta?

There has been talk over the past few months of the KPS attending the American Philatelic Society, AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta, Georgia, in 2005, as a group. It has been suggested that the club rent a bus and take members and guests to the show and return in one day. The cost will depend on the number of people participating. The bus would leave early Friday (February 18) or Saturday (February 19) to arrive for the

opening of the show and then leave following the close of the show. Everyone would be on his/her own while at AmeriStamp Expo. Guests and spouses might like to take the trip and visit the Cobb Galleria (across from the show) while the stamp collectors attend the show.

If you would like to be counted in the trip please be at the October meeting or let an officer of the club or some member know that you are interested. I refer you to the club's officer list on page two for phone numbers and addresses.

Stock Book Circulating

Our fellow KPS members from England, Nicholas and Jirina Stone, left a stamp stock book with Dale Kangas to review and pass on to other members. The stock book contains off-paper, used stamps from around the world, including Europe and South America. The Stone's are asking 33% of Scott with proceeds going to charity. If you are interested in picking through this stock book, contact Dale at the next meeting or give him a call.

Thanks for contributing!

And a big "Thank you!" to those members whom have contributed stamp articles to the KPS News in recent months. In this month's newsletter you will find an article written by Stu Hanlein and his trip to the northeastern United States this past summer and Bruce Roberts report from AIRPEX. Keep the articles coming.

Calendar of Events October 2004

5	KPS Meeting
11	Columbus Day
16	National Boss Day
24	United Nations Day
31	Daylight Saving

Time ends

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