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Did you?

The United States Census was initiated in 1790 in order to document the population of our newly independent country. Since that time, the population of the US has been measured every ten years in the decennial census. If you are interested in your family's genealogy, census records may be a great resource for discovering where your forbearers lived. The web site – www.census.gov/history has some interesting information about our once-every-ten-year head count.

The US commemorated this important survey on its 175th anniversary in 1965 with a commemorative



postal card. This year, I was happy to see a special postal cancel intended to remind all of us to complete and return our census forms by the April 1 deadline.



It's a sprayed on cancel, so very fine copies are hard to fine. We sent our family's form in by the deadline. Did you?

President's Column

Back in 1980 a group of people got together and formed the Expo City Stamp Club. They had in common a passion for stamp collecting and a desire to share their interest with others. They realized that as a group they could accomplish things they could not do individually. Now, after 400 meetings and two name changes, The Knoxville Philatelic Society is about to celebrate its 30th anniversary. With the demise of many stamp clubs across the country, it's wonderful to see KPS still strong and growing. We currently have 80 members including members in 6 states and one foreign country. This is thanks to the large number of members who volunteer a small amount of their time and efforts to make the club a success. Although stamp collecting is typically a solitary activity, it is enjoyable and educational when we can take a couple hours out of our busy schedules and meet as a group.

If you have ideas about how we can celebrate our 30th anniversary, bring them to the next meeting or drop us an email. Another new way we have to communicate with each other is through the club's FaceBook page. Just login to FaceBook at www.FaceBook.com and type "Knoxville Philatelic Society" in the search box. You will find discussion boards, photos, listings of events, and much more. This is a great virtual meeting place. Another great opportunity to meet up in person will be at our next Saturday meeting, from noon until 3:00 on June 26 at the First Christian Church in Maryville. There will be plenty of stamps available for purchase and we'll have a program and discussion time. Finally, this is my last column as President of the KPS and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make this past year a huge success.

Tom Broadhead

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 6, 2010

The April meeting of KPS was called to order by Stu Hanlein at 7:20 PM with 21 members and visitors Den and Beverly from Germany attendance. Prior to the meeting, members had their first opportunity to purchase lots from the Regency Auction purchase. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented by treasurer Thomas Lane. The club showed a net gain of \$992.40 from Knoxpex 2010, and has a balance of \$7563.14.

Discussion centered on Knoxpex 2010, and a review of the dealers' comments was given by Jim Pettway. There were many positive comments from the dealers, and they enjoyed the presence and support of the club itself. Thomas Lane announced that the contract for the hotel for Knoxpex 2011 has been signed at the same price.

Roy Row gave a report from the nominating committee, stating that we have a full slate of officers and board members, with the exception of a candidate for secretary. Volunteers, please step forward! **The slate of nominated officers is as follows: President - Stu Hanlein; Vice-President - Tom Ringenbach; Treasurer - Thomas Lane; Secretary - still needed; Past-President - Ralph Dinwiddie; Board members - Jim Pettway, Tom Broadhead, Gary Rehberg, and Bruce Roberts. Elections are May 4.**

Stu Hanlein brought up the possibility of producing a polo shirt with club logo on it. Different ideas were

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:

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

Requests for information and submissions of articles and short notes of philatelic interest for the news-letter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

discussed, and the thought will be continued at a later date. Jim Pettway mentioned that we need to start looking for a place for our annual Christmas Party, on December 4. He asked that members check out the local restaurants for a suitable meeting place - private room, menu selection, cost - so that a decision can be made soon. The drawing for the Penny Black folder was conducted. One of our guests drew Forrest Conklin's name. Congratulation, Forrest!

Tom Broadhead reported that he needs examples for Stamp of the Month in the newsletter and that the next newsletter will have an updated list for the silent auction we are conducting each month from the lots purchased by the club at Regency Auctions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

May 4 – KPS monthly meeting – “A Philatelic Travelogue” by Charlie Wade. Silent auction of stamps from the Regency Auction – check the list of available lots included in the special insert in this month's newsletter.

May 8 – Holpex 2010 – A Stamp Odyssey, Holston Stamp Club, Best Western Johnson City Hotel, 2406 North Roan St., Johnson City. Contact Dennis Bowman dbo_4855@yahoo.com or 423-256-2794.

June 1 – KPS monthly meeting – Program to be announced. Silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

June 5-6 – Huntspex 2010, Huntsville Stamp Club, Tom Bevell Conference Center University of Alabama, 550 Sparkman Dr., Huntsville. Contact Heinrich Hahn, hhahn@bellsouth.net; www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html.

June 26 – KPS Saturday meeting – details in next month's newsletter

June 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, followed at 7:00 by swap, shop, buy and bid from the Regency auction lots – and a new group of APS Circuit Sales Books.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, courtesy of Ralph Dinwiddie, is the 1999 Love stamp (Scott 3274) issued as a die-cut, self-adhesive in booklets of 20. Unlike most of today's self-adhesive stamps, these were easy to soak – now that's Love!



Pony Express Sesquicentennial

by Tom Broadhead

Growing up in St. Joseph, Missouri, one of the first areas of historical interest I learned about was the Pony Express, the private mail relay service that began on April 3, 1860. At the age of 10, I went with my parents downtown to see a rider off on his way during the centennial celebration. I wore a swell cowboy outfit and a grey beard that my mom had made out of yarn.

Local landmarks in St. Joseph include a monumental bronze statue and the Pony Express Stables. Although it is



one of the most famous historical events in U.S. mail transport, the Pony Express was in use for only 19 months. The completion of the Pacific Telegraph severely cut demand, and the founders suffered bankruptcy. The 10-12 day transit

time by pony riders just could not compete with high speed electrons in the telegraph wires.



My first philatelic knowledge of the Pony Express was through the stamp and postal envelope issued for the 1960 centennial (shown at left). Later, I learned about and collected the 1940 stamp issued for the 80th anniversary (below).



Little did I know that there was a much earlier postal history, including stamps for the Pony Express. Five different stamps were issued in 1861 by the Wells, Fargo and Co. for use on Pony Express mail. A \$2 and \$4 stamp were used until July 1, when rates were reduced by 50% and new \$1, \$2, and \$4 stamps appeared. In 1862, a Pony Express service was revived to serve Sacramento, San Francisco, and Virginia City. A new set of stamps, 10c and two colors of 25c, was issued for this service that lasted until 1864.



Examples above are the early rate \$2, later reduced rate \$1 and \$2, the 1861 Wells Fargo used only on westbound mail, and the 1862 10c stamp used only in California and Nevada. (continued on p. 4)

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 4

The Pony Express (continued from p. 3)

Earlier this year, the Robert A. Siegel Auction Company sold the superb collection of Pony Express stamps and covers accumulated by legendary collector Thurston Twigg-Smith. His collection of Hawaiian stamps and covers (Hololulu Advertiser Collection – www.siegelauctions.com/dynamic/sales.php?sale_no=931) contained many of the greatest rarities of Hawaii philately. Twigg-Smith's Pony Express collection is no less spectacular, and can be viewed along with detailed historical accounts at (www.siegelauctions.com/dynamic/sales.php?sale_no=979).



One of the remarkable covers offered in the Siegel auction is shown at left. Addressed on the reverse to Senator Milton Latham in Washington, DC, it is one of three known Pony Express "first day covers." Departing San Francisco on April 3, 1860, it arrived in St. Joseph on April 13. The express fee was paid in addition to the 10 cents postage – the Pony Express stamps did not appear until April, 1861. In the Siegel Auction, it was Lot 1 with an estimate of \$300,000-400,000. In the auction, it made top dollar at exactly \$400,000.

APS Sales Circuit Books

By Jim Pettway

KPS members had the opportunity to view purchase from the American Philatelic Society Sales Division circuit books at the March 5th Tuesday meeting and again before the April KPS meeting. Six members made purchases totaling \$66.42. We had a very good selection of books this time with early (including Trans-Mississippi, Columbian, Pan-American, as well as earlier regular issues) and modern U.S. stamps, Ireland, Germany, Brazil, Latin America, Iceland, Argentina and U.S. Possession stamps.

I was disappointed with the small amount of sales this time and with the number of people making purchases. The club needs to purchase at least \$150 from each circuit. That gives you two opportunities to purchase from the books, 4 times a year.

Your next opportunity with APS circuit books begins with the June 26 Saturday KPS meeting Maryville, followed by a 5th Tuesday meeting June 29, and the regular KPS meeting on July 6. Mark your calendar and update your want list for one or all of these meetings, and be prepared to spend a little time shopping from the circuit books.

KPS Board Minutes – March 30

Jim Pettway reported on dealers' comments about Knospex 2010, most of which were very positive. Suggestions included: having volunteers to help dealers unload at the show; a change in show times and auction times to provide a break for the dealers; and availability of food for the dealers. Jim reported that we had 3 club members renew and 8 new members at the show. We now have a membership of 79, up from 68 a year ago.

Bruce Roberts reported on the Regency Auction lots, which will be shown at meetings, for silent bids, and sales. Tom Broadhead announced that upcoming newsletters will feature the lots available. The board decided to have the drawing for the Penny Black stamp at the April 6 meeting. The next Saturday meeting will be June 26 at First Christian Church in Maryville. More details will be announced in the newsletter. A short discussion ensued on boxes to be made or bought for the exhibit frames.

KPS elections will be held at the May meeting, and the slate of officers will be announced at the April 6 meeting. Bruce Roberts suggested the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Adjournment at 7:03 pm.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 1