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## Awesome Auction

Last month's highly successful live auction was a first for the KPS. For many years, we had a silent auction at the beginning of each monthly meeting, but that tradition has waned in the last few years. The idea of having a live auction, I think it was Jim Pettway's or Thomas Lane's, was met with great enthusiasm. With two months advance notice, members had time to gather there unwanted stamps and supplies and complete the auction lot form. What could be simpler?

As the night approached, my anxiety level rose rapidly. Bruce Roberts and I can auction lots pretty quickly, but there were only two hours to (1) bring in lots and make sure they were properly tagged, (2) have a suitable time for viewing, (3) auction them, (4) record results for both buyers and sellers, and (5) settle up with the treasury before straightening up the room and departing by 9:00 pm. And, we had no idea how many lots members would bring to auction! I sent Jim Pettway several panicky "What if!" e-mails, but he was calm. We both decided to bring cameras to memorialize the scene.

Once we started the auction, Jim Pettway, Stu Hanlein, and Pat Goebel handled lots while Jo Mynatt and Charlie Wade recorded results. More than 80% sold, from classic US stamps and modern se-tenant booklets to supplies, albums, and souvenir folders. Lots sold as high as \$47.00 and as low as 30 cents. I sold three lots, bought two, and went home with \$1 in my pocket. It was a great night and a lot of nice material found new homes. Thomas Lane settled with all buyers and sellers quickly, and we were out at 9:00.

Oh, and Jim and I walked up to each other laughing – it had been such a lively and enjoyable evening we had both forgotten to take pictures.

**Tom Broadhead**

## President's Column

It sounds as if I really missed a great time as I hear wonderful reports about the October meeting from many who attended. I understand that a lively, fun, and profitable time was had by all. Several people were tickled by the items they came away with, and some that said it was just a great time together as a club. Both things are important to our hobby.

As I listened to the excitement of people who attended, I found myself wondering about our members who don't attend regularly. I am sorry that they also missed out on the fun and camaraderie of the auction. We have members who live a long distance away and many who are unable to attend every meeting, but I know that being together is a big part of what we are and how we enjoy stamp collecting. For years I lived in an area without any contact with other collectors and know how disappointing that can be. Meeting together each month has helped me enjoy and improve my stamp collection.

There is another aspect of our meetings that is important. It is the support and encouragement and insight that we give to others in the club. I have learned so much this past year from the programs and conversations with other collectors in our club. I know that every member has something to share that is important to us all. The programs introduce me to information and aspects of the stamp world that I would have never researched on my own. I have been impressed by the expertise and care that have gone into each month's presentation. The programs alone are worth the drive!

We have some great programs in the next months. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Roy Row**

## Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 7, 2008

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on October 7, 2008. The brief business meeting, Ralph Dinwiddie presiding, was followed by the live auction. The auction began at 7:15 pm. KPS treasurer Thomas Lane reports 74 lots in the auction, of which 62 sold for a total of \$477.24.

## Knoxville Philatelic Society Executive Board Meeting – September 30, 2008.

The meeting of the KPS Board was called to order at 6:08 pm by vice president Ralph Dinwiddie. Richard Ehrlich read an announcement from the TVUUC that all meetings need to be concluded by 9:00 pm, and the building cleared as soon as possible, due to security measures.

Ralph led a discussion concerning the cancel and cachet for Knorpex 2009. It was determined the Zip Code for the cancel would be 37923 and that we would have only one cachet to use with the four new stamps. Jim Pettway announced that he has deposits from 7 dealers for the bourse and is expecting more to come soon. Gerald Schroedl will contact Lincoln Memorial University concerning exhibiting Lincoln memorabilia at the show. Ralph Dinwiddie is scanning all old newsletters onto a CD. These will be available to club members at a later date, price to be determined. Thomas Lane mentioned that our (monetary) CD is due to be renewed, and was advised to renew it at the best interest rate available.

There was an open discussion on the possibility of obtaining exhibit space and/or setting up a postal history display either at the East Tennessee Historical Society, the main post office on Weisgarber, or other locations. Bruce Roberts will contact the ETHC with a proposal.

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

### KPS Officers:

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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Bruce Roberts made a motion to purchase a copy of the APS exhibiting guide to be awarded for Most Popular Exhibit Award at Knorpex 2009, Ralph Dinwiddie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. There was a short discussion on when and where the awards ceremony would be held. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Minutes of both meetings respectfully submitted,  
Jo Mynatt, Secretary


## Knorpex 2009 Bourse – by Jim Pettway

As an update to the Knorpex 2009 bourse, I'm happy to let you know that we have received eight reservations for space so far. I sent out contracts and letters to all eleven dealers who participated in Knorpex 2008 and to date only three have not replied. I have also sent invitations to two postcard dealers giving them the opportunity to participate. This will be the first time that we have invited a postcard only dealer and there will be only one space open this year to see how it goes.

I am working to have 14 dealers at this year's bourse, so this will mean the possibility of more new dealers for attendees to visit. This also means more new and different stamps, covers and postcards from which to select.

## Upcoming Events

For additional club listings and events, visit the calendar page of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - [www.stampclubs.com/events](http://www.stampclubs.com/events).

**November 4** – KPS monthly meeting with program. Bruce's exhibiting seminar at 6:30. Don't  forget to vote before you come to the meeting!

**December 2** – KPS Holiday dinner and gift exchange, 6:00 pm at Mandarin House West, 8111 Gleason Dr.

**December 30** – 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meeting – Board meeting at 6:00, APS Circuit Sales and trade & swap at 7:00.

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

## Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp fits the article on the next page about Abraham Lincoln. It is the "Flag over Mt. Rushmore" 29 cent definitive (Scott 2523), coil perforated 10 vertically. This example is the engraved variety, in which the 29 and USA are surrounded by a white outline. The photogravure printing lacks the light outlines. Thanks to Betty Ann Logan for donating these stamps.



## Lincoln in Stone on Stamps

By Tom Broadhead

When KPS members select a theme for Knoxpex, my curiosity drives me to find out more about the subject and the stamps that commemorate it. Our 16<sup>th</sup> President, Abraham Lincoln has appeared on many U.S postage stamps, envelopes, and postal cards and also on many foreign stamps. In order to keep this article to just one page, I decided to look into sculptures of Lincoln that have appeared on U.S. issues.

Somehow I had come to believe that the Lincoln centennial stamp of 1909 (Scott 367) showed a side view of the head of the Lincoln sculpture in the Lincoln Memorial. Wrong! The memorial was not completed until 1922, and the beautiful sculpture (below) designed and supervised by Daniel Chester French (Famous Americans Series of 1940 - Scott 887) was not begun until 1915. Nonetheless, the 1959 Lincoln sesquicentennial commemoratives included the 4 cent blue image of the memorial sculpture (Scott 1116), and Lincoln's head from the memorial is featured on the 5 cent postal card issued in 1968 (Scott UX55).



The other two Lincoln sculptures on U.S. stamps are both by Gutzon Borglum, the American born son of a Danish immigrant. The earliest of these – predating the Lincoln Memorial – is a 40 inch tall bust that is on display in the U.S. Capitol. Borglum carved the bust directly from a block of marble without prior models or casts in 1908, and designed the pedestal, which was installed in 1911. Robert T. Lincoln, the President's son said, "I think it is the most extraordinarily good portrait of my father I have ever seen, and it impressed me deeply as a work of art which speaks for itself in the most wonderful manner." ([http://www.aoc.gov/cc/art/lincoln by borglum.cfm](http://www.aoc.gov/cc/art/lincoln_by_borglum.cfm)) This sculpture was featured in the Lincoln sesquicentennial stamp series of 1959 (Scott 1114).

Borglum will always be best known for his design and work on our nation's greatest monumental sculpture, Mt. Rushmore. Work began in 1927 and continued until Borglum's death in 1941, being finished that year by his son Lincoln Borglum. It was completed at a cost of approximately \$900,000. "Each president's face is as tall as the entire Great Sphinx of Egypt, measuring 60 feet from the chin to the top of the head. The president's noses are 20 feet long, each mouth 18 feet wide and the eyes are 11 feet across." (<http://www.mountrushmoreinfo.com>)

The first stamp showing Mt. Rushmore was the 3 cent of 1952 (Scott 1011) that commemorated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its dedication. After that, it appeared in 1991 (Scott 2523) in the "Flag over Mt. Rushmore – the stamp of the month in this newsletter.



Most recently, it was featured in the Greetings from South Dakota (Scott 3601, reissued as a 37 cent stamp, Scott 3736, in 2002) and in last year's new priority mail stamp and imprinted envelope (Scott 4268 and U664).

*Think Lincoln for Knoxpex 2009.*

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

## SE Stamp Show Awards

Congratulations to KPS members Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane for awards won for their exhibits in



Bruce receives the Reserve Grand award from head judge, Anne Trigg.

September's Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta. Bruce earned a gold medal and Reserve Grand award for his 10 frame exhibit of "Arkansas Postal History Territory to 1870."

Thomas received a silver medal for his single frame exhibit of "Airpost First Day Covers: Unofficial Ship Cancels." KPS was a sponsor for this year's Southeastern Stamp Show.

## East Tennessee History

KPS member Forest Conklin is a retired professor of communication studies, who since returning to East Tennessee, has pursued his interest in local history as a volunteer for the East Tennessee Historical Society (ETHS). Recently, he has developed two historical exhibits,

prepared an index of the Journal of East Tennessee History, and is working on several research articles.

He has been able to investigate further an early interest and subject of his dissertation, W.G.



Forest points out an envelope cachet with an image of "Parson" Brownlow, which he donated to the ETHS.

"Parson" Brownlow. An East Tennessean, Brownlow was a Methodist itinerant preacher turned political journalist and ultimately he became Governor of Tennessee following the Civil War. Forest has resumed stamp collecting recently, and, in addition to mint U.S., he collects worldwide stamps with images of orchids, which he also enjoys cultivating.

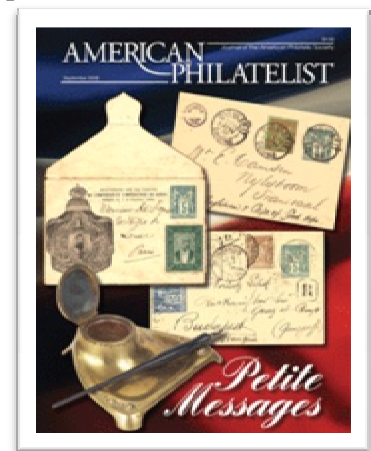
## Egyptomania!!

Elaine Evans is a new KPS member who enjoys a lifelong fascination with Egypt and collects post cards and stamps of that country. As curator at the Frank H. McClung Museum on the UT campus, Elaine has curated a major permanent exhibit and several temporary exhibits in her area of research. The

latest of those, which just opened last month is "Napoleon and Egyptomania in Tennessee," shows rare documents and artifacts from Napoleon's Nile campaign of the later 1700's and the influence of the Egyptian style on art and architecture in the U.S. and in Tennessee.

## American Philatelist

Tom Broadhead's article, "Petite Messages," was published in the September issue of American Philatelist and was the article featured on the cover. The article discusses special mail rates and stationery that were developed for visiting cards in 19<sup>th</sup> Century France. A special class of mail existed for these for more than 100 years in France.



**Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 2**