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Happy Stamp Collecting Month!

Think about ways to enjoy your collection and look for new collecting areas this month. Each October, we celebrate Stamp Collecting Month, and this month's KPS meeting will include information about the American Philatelic Society and a great offer that APS is making for new collectors. Bring your ideas to share about what you like most about our hobby. Better yet, bring a potential member!

Congratulations to Bill Munser on a successful bourse held in late August. Many KPS members were there, and we had some great opportunities to share want lists with dealers who will be back in town for Knospex 2007 in March. The great news for KPS is the two new members signed up by Richard Ehrlich. We welcome Harry Brooks and Robert Lancaster.

Many of us are tired of the smudgy, ugly, sprayed on cancels that make modern stamps and covers look uncollectable. If you are sending an envelope to a friend who collects or will save it for you, be sure to ask your postal clerk to hand cancel the stamps. This is a **free service**, although it has been reported that clerks in some cities have claimed that there is a charge for this service. The free nature of hand canceling is explained in the Postal Operations Manual, subparagraph 231.4a.

Can someone explain the rationale in the Scott catalog numbers? The 40 stamps in the Wonders of America pane each received a different catalog number, and the pane is 4072a. In contrast, the Washington 2006 souvenir has an individual number, but the different stamps are 4075a, b, and c.

Enjoy your collection and find new ways to collect this month.

Tom Broadhead

APS Membership Opportunity

Are you a member of the American Philatelic Society?

For the remainder of 2006, the APS is offering a special discounted membership rate for new members. This is a great opportunity to join one of the world's greatest philatelic organizations at a 50% discount over the regular cost. New members joining in 2006 will receive a current year's membership, plus membership through 2007 for only \$19.00. Top among member benefits are the monthly magazine, *American Philatelist*. In addition to that, members can shop online in the "Stamp Store" on the APS web site, can subscribe individually to the APS stamp circuit sales, can borrow references at a very low cost from the American Philatelic Research Library, and get special prices on expertising.

Learn more about APS at our recruitment program at the October 3 monthly meeting.

APS Circuit Books return at October 31st fifth Tuesday meeting

Mark your calendars for the next round of APS circuit books. Come ready to shop at the October 31st fifth Tuesday meeting and the November 7th regular meeting.

Ebay Treasure

In honor of the Knospex 2007 theme, this month's treasure is a complete, mint, unhinged set of the 1907 Jamestown commemoratives (Scott 328-330), which sold on September 6 with 7 bids leading to a winning price of \$56.00. The Scott catalog value is \$465.00.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 5, 2006

The September 2006 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Seventeen (17) members and two guests were present. President Mike Kauffman brought the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

The August minutes were approved, and Richard Ehrlich gave the treasurer's report. He reviewed local CD rates and was authorized to purchase a CD for the club this week.

The three choices for the Knoxpex theme were presented, and the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown was selected. Even though the Jamestown commemorative stamps will not be issued until May, members believed that appropriate stamps could be found for the cachet.

The club decided to purchase a new Knoxpex banner for \$180. Gerald Schroedl agreed to be Knoxpex 2007 chairman and will investigate the purchase of small yard signs to advertise the show.

The proposal, approved by the Board to change dues to a uniform amount of \$10 per individual or household was read. The proposal is printed on the next page of the newsletter and will be voted at the October 3 meeting. The payment of \$50 for a program ad and \$20 for youth exhibits at Southeastern Stamp Show was announced.

Mike Kauffman will arrange for newsletters to be sent to local libraries, and Hans Ahlstedt will arrange for listings in Metro Pulse and the News Sentinel. The new member resource directory will be out next month. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Tony Torres gave a superb program on color and fluorescence in stamps. In addition to showing several color guides, he demonstrated the use of ultra violet light to recognize tagging, and both ink and paper varieties.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.

KPS Board Meeting – August 29, 2006

Mike Kauffman called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm on Tuesday, August 29. There were nine (9) members present. Themes for Knoxpex 2007 were discussed, and three topics: 400th Anniversary of Jamestown Settlement, 200th Birthday of Robert E. Lee, and 100th Anniversary of Christmas Seals, will be voted upon at the September 5 meeting. Duties at Knoxpex included a discussion of show chair, plus Bruce Roberts – exhibits, Tom Copas – space and banners, Mike Kauffman – bourse, Russ and Randy Haese – youth activities.

A motion was approved to have a single, \$10 membership fee, and this will be published in the newsletter and voted at the October meeting. Richard Ehrlich was authorized to purchase a \$2500 certificate of deposit. To better publicize KPS, it was proposed that copies of the newsletter be sent to area libraries and that meetings be listed in local newspapers. Jim Pettway is the appointed APS representative. Stu Hanlein discussed a local precancel organization and suggested that KPS host the annual convention of the Pre-cancel Society in 2009. Tom Broadhead talked about the APS special recruiting membership fee and a recruitment program at the October KPS meeting. He also presented the invoice and information for the KPS advertisement in the Southeastern Stamp Show program and our sponsorship of youth exhibits. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

APS Circuit Report

Jim Pettway reports that nearly \$200 worth of stamps was purchased by KPS members at the August-September APS Circuit sales, which Jim coordinates.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a back of the book special from Belgium. It is a beautifully engraved 10 franc parcel post stamp (Scott Q320), issued in 1949 as part of an eighteen stamp set depicting early to modern locomotives. These



stamps typically show heavy, rectangular cancels applied on packages carried across the country by train. They come to us courtesy of Nicole Gamble.

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, \$12.50 for families, and \$2.00 for youth 17 years of age and under.

KPS Officers:

President	Mike Kauffman
Past President	Bruce Roberts
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Treasurer	Richard Ehrlich
Secretary	Pat Goebel
Directors	Norm Carlevato, Stu Hanlein, Jim Pettway, Charlie Wade
APS Representative	Jim Pettway

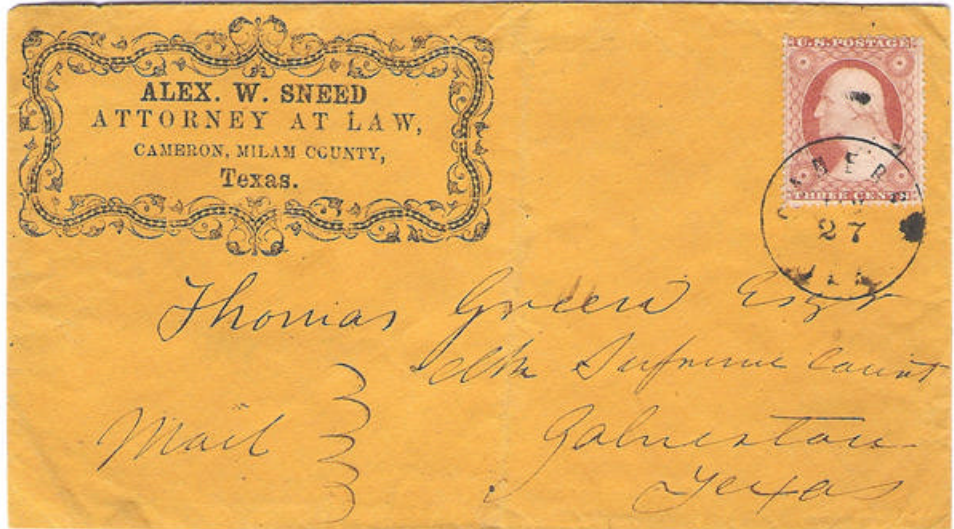
Requests for information and submissions of articles and short notes of philatelic interest for the newsletter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

Tales of Two Covers

by Barry Van Winkle and James Cate

(Editor's note: Barry and Jim have never met, but when KPS member Barry sent me the picture and story of the Thomas Green cover, I remembered that Chattanooga Stamp Club member and Knoxpex 2006 gold medal exhibitor, Jim Cate is an expert on the Banks Expedition. To understand the connection, read on.)

The addressee (clerk of Texas Supreme Court, in Galveston) is Thomas Green who left Tennessee to fight in the Texas Revolution. The cover has a Cameron Texas CDS Jan 27 and docketing on the back Feb 4 1861. The Texas Secession Convention was called to order in Austin on the 28th and the Ordinance of Secession was adopted February 1, 1861. The cover was either en route or arrived as Texas seceded. Green became famous as CSA Gen.



Tom Green fighting in the Red River Campaigns against General Banks. He was decapitated by an eleven-inch Federal cannon shot while leading his cavalry against the gunboat USS Black Hawk.

President Lincoln approved a plan to send Union forces up the Mississippi River from New Orleans. On November 9, 1862. He picked General Nathaniel P. Banks to head this effort and ordered him to New York to organize a campaign against Vicksburg planned for the spring of 1863. Banks and his troops arrived in New Orleans on December 13, 1862.



This cover was mailed at Adrian, New York on March 6, 1863 to Sergeant Dwight Warren, 2nd – Co. F – 161st New York Volunteers – Banks Expedition – New Orleans, Louisiana.

KPS Bylaws amendment proposed

The following proposed change was approved by the Executive Board, August 29, 2006.

Article III, Section 3, Third Sentence (existing):

Membership classifications and dues shall be:

- 1. Adult members, \$ 10.00 per year*
- 2. Family memberships, \$ 12.50 per year*
- 3. Youth, 17 years and younger, \$2.00 annually*

Motion: Replace the existing member class and dues structure with:

Dues shall be \$10.00 per year for each member/household.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 3

A Little Tennessee Postal History – the World's 1st Airmail Stamps

by Tom Broadhead

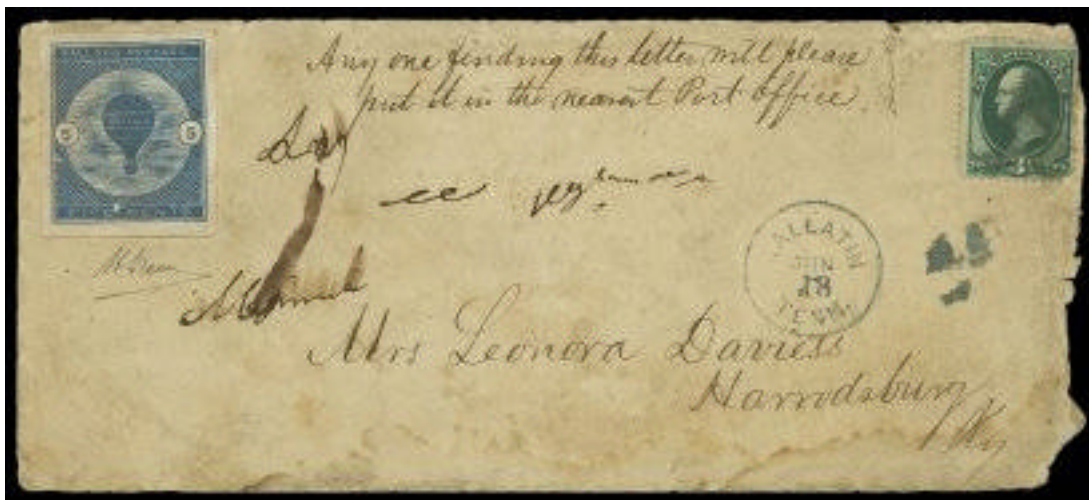
Last month I concluded a series of short articles about the Knoxville Confederate provisional issues, produced in 1861 during the time following demonetization of U.S. stamps and before the arrival of Confederate States general issues. Now I have become intrigued with the premier lot in the recent Shreves auction of the Jeanette C. Rudy Collection.

On June 18, 1877, Samuel Archer King and six others made a balloon flight from Nashville to Gallatin, Tennessee. With them in the basket was a mailbag containing letters each posted with the typical 3 cent stamp of the day, plus a 5 cent local stamp showing the balloon in flight under the heading "balloon postage."

The stamps were designed by John B. Lillard, and printed by his employer, Wheeler Brothers Printers & Publishers in Nashville. They were imperforate and printed in sheets of 20 (2 rows of 10), with the upper row printed upside down with respect to the lower row (also known as tete-beche).

The cover from the Rudy collection is regarded as the finest of the Buffalo Balloon covers and is the only one known with the proper postage and markings. The Gallatin June 18 date stamp is a transit mark applied at the end of the balloon flight. From there, the letter was posted to Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

The cover sold at the September 8, 7:00 pm auction for \$130,000, not including the 15% buyers fee – at the high end of the estimate – \$100,000 to \$150,000. In all, the 48 lots in the Rudy sale were hammered down in 45 minutes.



A Letter to KPS Members

As of August 21, total paid membership in KPS stood at 51. This is, I believe, the first time in nearly ten years that membership has been greater than 50 after dropping to a low of 24 in 2000. A significant amount of this increase has occurred in the last two-and-a-half years.

Much of the credit for this growth in membership belongs to Tom Broadhead and Ralph Dinwiddie for their efforts to make the Newsletter more interesting to members. In addition, credit also goes to the initiative of Bruce Roberts during his term last year as President to make monthly meetings more interesting. Current President Mike Kauffman continues this effort.

I also commend Randy and Russ Haese for their efforts to provide an interesting project for young stamp collectors at Knorpex 2006. A stagnant group would have replied to their suggestion, "We've never done that before; therefore, we can't do it." KPS responded, "We're not sure how to do it; but if you'll show us how, let's do it."

Similarly, when Jim Pettway suggested that the club try to schedule APS Circuit Books for 5th Tuesday meetings, the club's attitude was "let's try it." Even with the small cost to the club, all KPS members benefit from exposure to a lot more stamps for their collections.

Richard Ehrlich, Treasurer

Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, November 7