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Odds & Ends

Three things come to mind concerning goals and activities for KPS: (1) programs for monthly meetings, (2) the future of the KPS library, and (3) upcoming stamp shows. The first two are of immediate interest, and the third is no less important, because there are great local and regional shows on the horizon.

Programs presented by our members at KPS meetings are great reasons to be a KPS member. They give us the opportunity to learn more about the collecting interests of fellow members and allow us to learn about diverse aspects of our hobby. In the May 2006 newsletter, I listed the members and topics that had been offered for upcoming meetings. Now is the time to schedule these, and I hope that all will translate into articles for the newsletter.

The KPS library used to be located in a gray wooden box, which the librarian would lug to meetings, allowing members to check out volumes for a month. During years meeting at First Presbyterian and Calgary Baptist, we had storage at the churches and a metal cabinet to house it. We have not purchased books or catalogs since 2002, and now is a good time to reexamine our goals for this resource.

As we begin our plans for Knospex 2007, let's not forget the other stamp shows in the area, including "Knoxville Summer Stamp Show" on August 19-20 and the APS regional exhibition, "Southeastern Stamp Show," on September 22-24. See details on both elsewhere in this month's newsletter. They are great ways to build our existing collections or discover new areas of interest.

Get ready for a great fall!

Tom Broadhead

5th Tuesday meeting – August 29 – APS Circuit Books and Board Meeting

August's 5th Tuesday informal KPS meeting will be action-packed, with our second shipment of APS Circuit Books, available for viewing and purchases at 7:00pm. Second and last chance to view and buy from the books will be at the September 5 regular meeting. Prior to the 7:00 meet and swap, there will be a KPS Board Meeting at 6:00 – all members are welcome to attend.

Knoxville Summer Stamp Show

KPS dealer member Bill Muenzer has organized a 10 dealer bourse to be held on August 19-20. The location is the Budget Inn of America – our usual Knospex site – 323 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., off I-40/75 exit 378. Show hours are 10 am – 5 pm Saturday and 10 am – 4 pm Sunday. For more information, contact Bill at (865) 588-7797 or ktown@knology.net.

Ebay Treasure

Here (greatly reduced) is the joint U.S./Canada souvenir sheet commemorating the 400th anniversary of the voyage of Samuel de Champlain, issued at the Washington 2006 stamp show. It sold on Ebay June 20 for \$3.99 plus \$3.50



shipping. It is not available in post offices, but you can order one at www.usps.com for \$1.75 plus \$4.05 for priority mail shipping - \$1.69 less than the cost of the one on sale at Ebay!

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 11, 2006

The July 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Nineteen (19) members were present. President Mike Kauffman brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The program was Mike Kauffman's presentation of his collection of Rattlesnake Island stamps. He had spent his summers with his grandmother in nearby Lakeside, Ohio before Rattlesnake Island stamps existed.

The business meeting started at 8:00 pm with Richard Ehrlich giving the treasurer's report. The board will decide on purchasing a CD at the August board meeting. Mike asked for volunteers for program speakers at future meetings.

There were several themes suggested for Knoxpex 2007. Beside those listed in the June newsletter were: 150th anniversary US perforated stamps, 100th anniversary of American Christmas Seals, first capital of Tennessee, and 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts. The club is looking for more ideas. The board will pick three at the August meeting, and members will vote in September.

The August 5th Tuesday meeting will have APS circuit books. Tom Copas brought the contract for Knoxpex 2007 at the Budget Inn and described changes for our space. A headquarters room was suggested for dealers to congregate on Saturday night. Tom Broadhead and Bruce Roberts were nominated for the Southeast Stamp Show's Rowland Hill Award.

In new business, Bruce Roberts suggested making a larger gift to APS for recognition. The club also needs a target date for member circuit books. Prior to the meeting, Bruce held an exhibiting workshop and will continue to do at 6:30 in future months.

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. 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	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

There was discussion of placing the Newsletter in libraries and advertising club meetings. Stu Hanlein shared his experiences as a volunteer at the Washington Show and showed the customized UN stamps with his photo. He also wants to start a Precancel Club in Knoxville.

Tom Broadhead suggested abandoning the \$2.00 youth membership fee due to costs for the newsletter. Richard indicated that this would require a by-laws change, and the board will consider at the next meeting. Tom also showed the cachet and stamp for Southeast Stamp Show and suggested that members get the exhibiting prospectus at www.stampclubs.com.

Bill Muenzer will have a 10-dealer bourse August 19-20 at the Budget Inn. KPS can have a free info table.

Mike Kauffman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

KPS Web Update

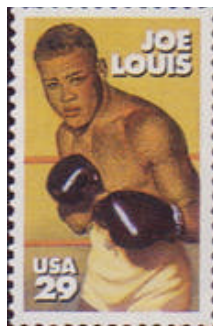
KPS has a new online look at the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs web site. Pages were compiled by Tom Broadhead and reviewed by KPS members over the last few months with many valuable suggestions. Our main page now features pictures of many stamps important to Knoxville and vicinity, including Confederate provisionals, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the 1992 World's Fair, and TVA.

Click on any of the links at our home page – www.stampclubs.com/knoxville/index.htm – to go to pages providing information, including our membership application, map to our meetings, newsletter and monthly cachet, Knoxpex and show cachets, and an e-mail link to Jim Pettway for additional information. The Knoxpex page, will be updated on a regular basis – stay tuned.

The Southeast Federation web site is maintained and updated by Southeast Federation president, John Coles. Thanks John for getting our new pages up for all to view!

Stamp of the Month

As a companion to this month's cachet and the new 39 cent commemorative honoring boxer Sugar Ray Robinson, this month's stamp features another boxing star. It



is the 1993 commemorative (Scott 2766) honoring Joe Louis (1914-1981). Louis became the World's Heavyweight boxing champion in 1937, and defended his title many times before retiring in 1949.

Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating this month's stamps!

Scott Catalogue Highlights (continued)

1922 - Scott Stamp & Coin Co. introduces the *United States Stamps Specialized Catalogue*

1940 – catalogue is renumbered, with addition of prefix letters for different categories of stamps (air mail, postage, due, revenue, etc.), rather than the former consecutive numbering.

1943 - Scott catalogues in two volume set, but still available in single large volume. Numbers of volumes in the set increase to 3 in 1972 and 4 in 1978 – plus the U.S. Specialized.

1951 - simplified volume - *Scott's Popular Stamp Catalogue* - meets with little success, discontinued after 1952.

1971 - last year of hardbound catalogues, except for special hardbound printed editions.

1994 - *Scott Classic Catalogue* introduced, listing stamps from 1840 to 1940. Number of volumes increases to 7 for 1995. In 1998 Classic, stamps issued through the reign of King George VI, who died in 1952, included.

1995 - Volume 1 in two parts: 1A includes the United States, United Nations and British Commonwealth, North and South America, and the Caribbean. 1B includes the balance of the British Commonwealth. Volumes increase to 8 (1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, U.S. Specialized, and Classic).

1996 - Scott Publishing Company wins legal battle over proposed use of its stamp numbering system by Krause Publications, publisher of the Minkus stamp catalogue.

1997 – 1998 volumes arrange countries alphabetically. British Commonwealth countries are dispersed throughout six catalogues rather than being grouped in 1A and 1B. United States and possessions remain in Volume 1.

1998 - Scott U.S. Stamp Collector's Database appears on CD-ROM for personal computers. The first CD-ROM included only United States stamps, taken from the 1998 catalogue. By 2002 CD-ROMs are available for the United States, United Nations, Canada and France and by 2006 all volumes of the Scott catalogues were available on CD-ROM.

2004 - 2005 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* introduces stamp pictures in color - about 80% of the stamp images.

2005 - the 2006 Scott catalogues contain color images of essentially all stamps in all volumes.

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Scott's Month Stamp Journal Volume 48, No. 7, October 1967

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Southeastern Stampshow 2006



Strap on your wings and get ready to fly to Atlanta this fall for *Southeastern Stamp Show*. This is our region's only American Philatelic Society "Champion of Champions" qualifying show, and it's only a few hours away (by car). Located on the north side in Marietta at the Cobb County Civic Center, 528 S. Marietta Parkway, the show is convenient to I-75 – parking and admission are free. Whether you want to make it a day trip or an overnight stay, add the show to your travel plans September 22-24. KPS is a member society of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, the show's sponsor.

The show theme is the 80th anniversary of the first airmail flight into Atlanta on Contract Air Mail (CAM) route 10, and the American Airmail Society will be featured at the show. The spectacular show cachet shown above features one of the new custom design stamps from *Stamps.com* and will be on sale at the show for only \$2.50.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 1

A Little Knoxville Postal History

by Tom Broadhead

This installment in my series on the Confederate provisional postal issues produced for use in Knoxville in 1861 features the most common artifact – the 5 cent provisional adhesive postage stamp. The Scott Catalogue lists two major colors, brick red (47X1) and carmine (47X2), priced singly and in multiples, on-cover and off-cover.



However, a little background research with an article by Peter W.W. Powell (2004) provided by Gerald Schroedl shows that there are many varieties based upon plate position and early and late printings. Powell also describes an important fake, the Petri fake,

printed from altered dies or printing plates.

The Knoxville provisional stamps very likely were printed in Nashville, engraved by Dan Adams and printed at the Nashville Gazette (Powell 2004, p. 50). Unlike provisional stamps from large cities, such as Memphis and New Orleans, the Knoxville stamps have higher catalog values used than mint.



Pairs of the 5 cent Knoxville stamp on cover are much rarer than singles on local mail. This letter was mailed in December 11, 1861 to New Orleans, and the stamps are cancelled with a pen stroke. It was part of the Siegel 2002 auction of the Dr. Karl Agre Collection and was described as one of only three known examples with a pair of stamps. It sold for \$5,750.

Powell, P.W.W., 2004. The Five-Cent Knoxville Postmaster Provisionals. *The Confederate Philatelist*, March-April 2004, p. 49-59.

<http://www.siegelauctions.com/2002/850/y85063.htm>

Washington 2006 Perspectives

by Stu Hanlein

I attended the 1976 international show in Philadelphia and knew what to expect, but this show outdid that one from the start. Registration was automated, and I went to the volunteer office and got a red volunteer shirt and a special badge to allow early entry into the exhibit hall. I met Nancy Clark, from the APS who was the chairperson for the youth activities. My job was to meet school groups and scouts and escort them through the exhibit hall to the youth activities area. Another group of volunteers helped them with stamp related games and activities where they got prizes and gifts from the USPS and APS. I showed all my groups the Inverted Jenny block at the Mystic Stamp booth.

All went well until Tuesday when I wasn't allowed early entrance, and my badge was rudely taken away from me. I learned that some people with volunteer badges had attempted to remove valuable exhibits from their frames. All volunteer badges were revoked! Fortunately, Nancy's husband Douglas had an official's badge and was able to get me on the floor so I could do my job. This was the way we operated for the rest of the show. On Thursday and Friday I took over the Precancel Stamp Society and enjoyed talking about precancels to newcomers and old timers alike.

I thoroughly enjoyed the show as I got to see some items that are very rare and got to call Bruce Roberts and tell him about his exhibit medal. When you go to a big show like this, you get an opportunity to meet dealers whom you have corresponded with over the years. You also become aware that this "hobby" is also a big business where dealers spend thousands of dollars for a booth and need to sell a lot of big ticket items to cover their costs. As a humble collector of "cheap" precancels and used worldwide stamps, I am afraid I didn't help too many dealers, but I did find a few items to put in my albums.

I have a greater respect for the dealers we have at *Knoxplex*, and especially Bill Muenzer, Bruce Roberts, and Pat & Mike. These people are involved because they love stamps and enjoy what they are doing (even though they won't admit it). We all need to support our dealers at home and be glad that they are here to help us with our collections so that our hobby can flourish. Go to the big show and be awed by what you see but come home and support your local dealers.

Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, September 5