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Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs

The Season of Giving

It's that time of the year when the giving of gifts to family, friends, and charities moves toward the forefront of our thinking. One hundred years ago, the first United States Christmas Seals appeared. One year before that, Emily Bissell, the cousin of a doctor at a tuberculosis sanatorium in Delaware developed a local Christmas seal, the sale of which raised \$3,000.



In 1908, the first seals authorized for nationwide distribution by the American Red Cross were issued. Two different types of this seal exist, and they were printed both in sheet format and as booklets. Here is a pane from a booklet of 9 stamps, and the booklet cover is shown below. Christmas seals have been issued every year since, and beginning in 1920 have been issued by the National Tuberculosis Association (now the American Lung Association).



More information is available about Christmas Seals, and donations may be made online at www.christmasseals.org.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

December is clearly one of the busiest months in the entire year and packs more events, social and otherwise, than any other. For members of KPS, it contains two meeting dates this year. On December 2nd, the regular monthly meeting will be our holiday dinner at the Mandarin House West, at 8111 Gleason Drive. All are invited to an evening of good food and a good time with friends and club members. After dinner, we will enjoy a gift exchange. (those who so desire are asked to bring a gift of around \$5.00 that may or may not be stamp oriented) There will be some special music and a time to share stories about club events and personal experiences over the past year. Bring a spouse, friend, or other guest. Reservations are not required, but a close count is needed for the restaurant. If you plan to attend and have not signed up, please call my home at 983-2856 and leave a message.

December 30 will be our 5th Tuesday swap and share meeting at the church. Bring something to sell, share, or trade during the meeting. We also will have other stamp offerings for your review and purchase. It should be a great way to close out the year. This is also the time of year when we renew our KPS memberships. Once again, Jim Pettway has agreed to serve as chairman of our membership drive. The renewal form should be filled out and sent to him along with your check for \$15.00. The price of membership is a bargain when you consider that it covers the monthly newsletter, all the extra goodies included, and the fees for room rental and operation of the club. Let's make Jim's job easy this year by getting our renewals in soon. I also want to thank all who have served us with time and involvement over this past year. And to each of you I wish a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 4, 2008

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on November 4, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Roy Row, President. Twenty members and visitors were present.

Bruce Roberts presented a wonderful program on 20th Century fancy cancels, showing their proper use on registered covers and examples of other uses. These cancels began about 1928, but were declared illegal in 1936.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$7358.92. Richard Ehrlich announced that the rent on the meeting room had increased to \$35. Roy Row stated that he would let the church know that we won't be using the room in December.

Ralph Dinwiddie explained that the post office had delayed cancelling and mailing the November newsletter, but it can be viewed on our web site. He also distributed a list of "no-soak" stamp issues that do not come off paper without damage.

Gerald Schroedl has contacted Lincoln Memorial University about a display of some of their museum materials at Knospex 2009. He will also see if someone from LMU may be able to attend. Jim Pettway announced that at this time we have 8 dealers that have paid for Knospex 2009, with several more planning to come.

Bruce Roberts announced that the Southeast Stamp Show in Atlanta for 2009 has been cancelled, and the next show will probably be in the spring of 2010.

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	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

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.

Roy Row reminded all that the December meeting will be at the Mandarin House at 6 PM December 2. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift of \$5 maximum value.

Congratulations were given to Roy Row, proud new granddad, and best wishes were extended to Betty Anne Logan in advance of her hip replacement surgery on Monday November 10, at Park West Hospital. Members voted to send her flowers.

There will be a Fifth Tuesday meeting on December 30 with a new group of APS Sales Circuit books, arranged by Jim Pettway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Dues are due

It is that time of the year when members need to renew their KPS memberships. Enclosed in this newsletter is the membership renewal form. Mail it to the KPS post office box or bring the form and your dues payment to the December or January monthly meetings.

Upcoming Events

For additional club listings and events, visit the calendar page of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

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

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

January 6 – KPS monthly meeting. Bruce Roberts will have an exhibiting seminar at 6:30.

March 7-8 – Knospex 2009 – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month – by Charlie Wade

On my early fall trip to Russia (Moscow & St. Petersburg - and a long train ride in between) I gave presentations using an interpreter at Russian Electronics Week to an audience where only about 20% spoke English. I was finally able to find a post office after a long search and purchased these 10 ruble self adhesive stamps (Scott 6805). They are part of a "sculptures & buildings" series issued in 2003 and show the Empress Catherine Palace outside



of St. Petersburg. It takes two of these to mail a postcard to the US.

INAUGURATION DAY COVERS

By Ralph Dinwiddie

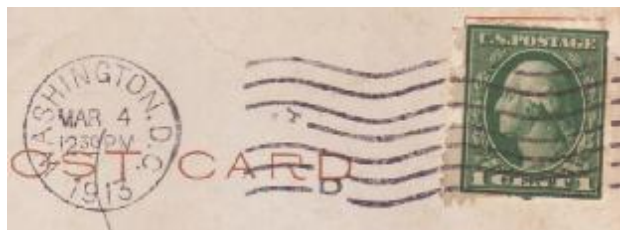


Figure 1 Uncached post card cancelled in Washington DC on Woodrow Wilson's first inauguration.

A cover cancelled on the day a president is sworn into office is known as an Inaugural cover. The first time the words "INAUGURATION DAY" were incorporated into the cancel was the 1957 inauguration of Dwight Eisenhower. The wording was changed slightly in the official 2001 cancel to "PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION." The site is usually Washington, DC, although other locations, like the President's city of birth, are now also being designated as official sites. In both 1957 and 1985 the inauguration date fell on

a Sunday. In both cases, covers from the January 20th private swearing in ceremony and the public ceremony held on January 21st are considered collectible. In 1937, the day of inauguration was changed by the Twentieth Amendment from March 4 to noon on January 20, beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term in 1937. George Washington's first inauguration was held in New York City on April 30, 1789. The next two swearing in ceremonies were held in Philadelphia, PA. The first time Washington,

DC became the site of the presidential inauguration was Thomas Jefferson's March 4, 1801 ceremony. After this date, only four presidents have been sworn-in in other cities, usually due to the untimely death of the President and the ascending to office of the Vice President. These include: Chester A. Arthur, September 20, 1881 in New York City; Theodore Roosevelt, September 14, 1901 in Buffalo, New York; Calvin Coolidge, August 3, 1923 in Plymouth, Vermont; and Lyndon B. Johnson, November 22, 1963 aboard Air Force One, at Love Field, Dallas, Texas. There are 41 known cachets for Franklin D. Roosevelt's first



Figure 2 Eisenhower's 1957 Inaugural cover was the first to include the phrase "Inauguration Day."



Figure 3 Franklin Roosevelt's first inaugural cover was among the first to be mass produced.

Inauguration in 1933. Commercial cachet makers began designing covers around the time of Dwight D. Eisenhower's second Inauguration in 1957, and by Ronald Reagan's second Inauguration, at least 228 different cachets were printed. For more information you may consult "Noble's Catalog of Cacheted Presidential Inaugural Covers – 1986" edited by Edward Krohn. Just as with First Day Covers, you can make your own Inauguration Day Cover and send it off to Washington, DC for the official cancel. Covers must be franked with the appropriate postage. Send your covers to Inaugural January 20 Cancellation, PO Box 92282, Washington, DC 20090-2282.



Figure 4 J. F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural cancel is located in a rectangular box.

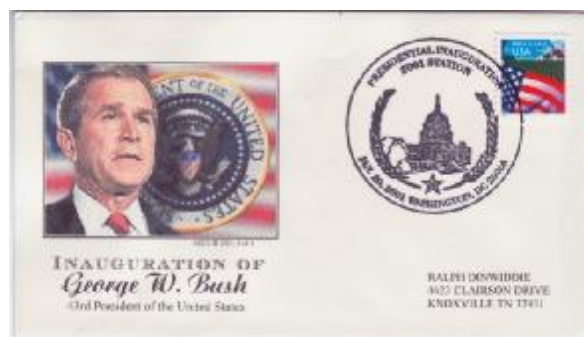


Figure 5 George W. Bush's 2002 Inauguration Day cancel uses the phrase "Presidential Inauguration"

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 2

Congratulations Harry

KPS member Harry Brooks was re-elected to represent District 19 in the Tennessee House of Representatives.



Harry's district includes parts of northeastern Knox County. He has been a member of the House Education Committee, Rules Committee, and was Assistant Minority Leader (Republican) in the last legislature. Good luck in your new term, Harry. If you

are wondering what stamp is shown on Harry's KPS nametag – of course, it's the Tennessee Bicentennial stamp showing a picture of the state capital in Nashville.

Logan Family News

At the November KPS meeting, we learned that Bettie Anne Logan would be having hip replacement surgery the following Monday. Her surgery was a success, and KPS president, Roy Row visited at the hospital that day and took her flowers on behalf of KPS. Bettie Anne is now undergoing rehabilitation therapy. Feel free to drop her a note or send a card to 5400 Dogwood Rd., Knoxville, TN 37918.

But wait, there's more! Bettie Anne's son, Randy, has been recognized as one of the nation's top shoe repair craftsmen. This fall, Randy received second place in the Shoe Service Institute of America's "2008 Silver Cup Competition." The award recognizes his expertise in shoe repairs and repeats his similar recognition in 2006. Randy Logan is the

owner of Logan Magic Shoe Care in Knoxville. In recognition of Randy Logan's talent, here is a recent customized stamp issued by zazzle.com.



Get Well Ken

KPS member Ken Korp had open heart surgery in late September and is recuperating nicely. We look forward to his return to KPS meetings.

Digital Philatelic Studies

At last year's Fall Mega Event, the show co-hosted by the APS and the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA), Tom Broadhead's digital exhibit, "The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris," won third place. Since then, Tom presented the PowerPoint of that digital study at the August KPS meeting, and his exhibit has been requested by two websites, where you can now view it. Digital Philatelic Workshop at <http://dpsworkshop.com> by Fran Adams provides examples and many "how to" resources related to digital philately. EXPONET at www.japhila.cz/hof/index02.htm (this is the English language site – the original is in Czech) by Milan Cernik is the leading international site for electronic philatelic exhibits.

2008 APS Sales Circuit Books

by Jim Pettway, APS Sales Circuit Book Chairman

In 2008 we had five months with five Tuesdays, giving KPS members the opportunity to view the APS Sales circuit books at least 5 times. From the four APS Sales circuits so far this year members have purchased \$508.78 in stamps and covers. The cost to the club was \$53.24 of which \$25.00 is the yearly cost of required insurance. On average about 10-12 members attend the Fifth Tuesday Meeting, and then many view the circuit books the next week at the regular KPS meeting. This event has been successful and a bargain for members.

If you haven't attended a Fifth Tuesday meeting, why not give it a try? Bring your want list, your tongs and some money and enjoy browsing through about 20 APS Sales circuit books. Your only cost is what you purchase from the books. I send out an email containing a list of the countries and subjects of stamps and covers prior to each meeting. And don't think that only expensive items will be in the circuit books. You will find a lot of stamps beginning at 5-10 cents each, as well as stamps and covers selling in the \$100 range. There is something for everyone.

So mark your calendar for 7:00 on December 30, the next Fifth Tuesday Meeting and plan to attend.

KPS Board Meeting – December 30

The KPS Board meeting is at 6:00 PM, and all KPS members are welcome to attend.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 6