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Countdown to May 11

Our current postal rates will remain in effect only a few more days from the time you receive this newsletter, and USPS is already issuing new stamps for the new rates.

The Richard Wright commemorative stamp issued on April 9 in the literary arts series already fulfills the new 1-2 ounce domestic rate of 61 cents that goes into effect on Monday, May 11.



If you don't like the new rates, your sympathies may be mirrored in two of the new stamps honoring the Simpsons cartoon series, to be issued May 7.



Both Homer and Marge look at least a bit dismayed with the rate increase.

President's Column

These past twelve months will be ones that I will always remember fondly. I was skeptical of taking the office of President last spring because I had just joined KPS only a few short months before. I was struggling to learn people's names, and certainly did not understand how the group operated. With the assurance of all present (thanks Mike!) I was convinced that all would work out fine. I remember driving home wondering what in the world had I agreed to do!

Over the next months I discovered that in spite of my lack of experience, KPS would thrive. That is due to the talent and willing membership of this organization. The monthly programs this year have been well researched and presented. The officers and directors carried out their responsibilities cheerfully and completely. Knoxpex 2009 was planned and staged with many volunteers and members offering their time and expertise.

Even more important, it all felt like fun. That is an important part of any organization. No matter how vital the cause, or how interesting the hobby, a group like ours has got to enjoy working and being together. KPS seems to have captured that quality and is a place where people from all walks and backgrounds can come together and enjoy themselves.

Looking back, I would like to say thank you to all of you for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this group. It has been a great learning experience and has added greatly to my life. I would encourage each of you to get involved in our meetings and programs as deeply as you can. It won't just add to your collecting skills, but will enrich and add to your life.

Tom Broadhead

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 7, 2009

The KPS April meeting was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Roy Row. There were 23 members and guests present, and we welcomed new members Yvonne Cato and Phillip DeArmond.

The program by Charlie Wade was an informative presentation on “Grading Postage Stamps.” The three main criteria for grading stamps are Centering, Soundness, and Eye Appeal. He gave each member a copy of the information, which will be a handy reference guide. The program was followed by a brief Q & A, in which Charlie answered several questions of interest to all. Thanks, Charlie!

In Knoxpex 2009 news, Bruce Roberts presented the award for the Most Popular Exhibit at Knoxpex 2009 to Paul Wennermark. Show Chair, Gerald Schroedl thanked everyone who helped in any capacity. Cachet designer Ralph Dinwiddie reported that sales of cachets were larger than anticipated, and he had to print 100 additional cachets to meet mail order requests. Bourse Chair, Jim Pettway reported on attendance, and effects of the excellent publicity. Dealers reported being pleased with the new show location and table sales.

Thomas Lane gave the monthly report, which shows a current total of \$7537.40 and stated that the show was profitable. A memorial for Bettie Anne Logan was approved in the amount of \$50 for Church Women United. Bruce Roberts moved, Ralph Dinwiddie seconded, and the motion passed that we pay our \$50 dues for the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs.

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.

Jim Pettway announced that Bill Muenzer’s Bourse will be August 15 and 16 2009, at the Holiday Inn on N. Cedar Bluff Rd.

Jim Pettway presented the slate of officers for the upcoming election as follows:

President: Ralph Dinwiddie

Past President: Roy Row

Vice President: Stu Hanlein

Secretary: Jo Mynatt

Treasurer: Thomas Lane

Directors: Tom Broadhead and Jim Pettway

The nominations of officers were accepted by voice vote. The election will take place at the May KPS meeting.

Final order of business was approval to have Thomas Lane secure the location for the Christmas Banquet at Mama Blue’s Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mynatt, Recording Secretary

Upcoming Events

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

May 5 – KPS monthly meeting. Program to be announced.

May 9 – HOLPEX 2009. Best Western Hotel, 2406 N. Roan St. Hrs: 9:30AM-4PM. Holston Stamp Club. Mike Chesman, 605 Rambling Rd., Kingsport, TN 37663. PH: 423-239-5016. Email: mike@starloremedia.com

May 30 – East Tennessee Postcard Club, 11 am – 3 pm, at McClung Museum on the UT campus. Bring a box lunch. Come to the meeting to learn about “deltiology,” the study of postcards.

June 2 – KPS monthly meeting. Program to be announced.

June 6-7 – HUNTSPEX, Tom Vevill Conference Center, University of Alabama, Huntsville, 550 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville. Contact Heinrich Hahn, hhahn@bellsouth.net

Articles are needed for future newsletters. Contact Tom Broadhead at tomwb50@aol.com for details!

Stamp of the Month



This month’s stamp (Scott 629) is a lithographed image of the monument to the U.S. landing under General Douglas MacArthur at Leyte. It was issued October 20, 1956 – twelve years after the landing.

The stamps were donated by Tom Broadhead.

The U.S. Recognizes Scouting

By Tom Broadhead

Last month, I discussed the origin of the Scouting Movement in Britain and its influence on the founding of the Boy Scouts of America by William D. Boyce in 1910 and the Girl Scouts of the USA by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. This month, I want to share with you the philatelic recognition that the United States has given to these important organizations.

It was not until 1950 that the first U.S. Boy Scout stamps appeared, commemorating the 2nd National Jamboree. I really like this design, because it shows a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout, and at the top what I believe to be an Eagle Scout.



I was a successful Cub Scout, but couldn't pass the knot tying part of the Tenderfoot requirement, so never made it to the point where I could earn a stamp collecting merit badge. Ten years later, in 1960, the U.S. issued the stamp shown at right to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. With the



approaching centennial celebration, sheets of both of these stamps are now selling at a high premium.

The first stamp to recognize Girl Scouts appeared in 1948 to honor their founder, Juliette Gordon Low, eighty-eight years after her birth and twenty-one years after her death. Since then, the Girl Scouts have been recognized in 1962 with a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of their founding.



It was five years later before another scouting postal issue appeared. That time it was a 6 cent domestic air mail postcard,



issued in 1967 for the World Jamboree. I bought the beautiful first day canceled example below at Knopxex 2009 for only \$1, and it shows a beautifully engraved Art Craft cachet. Properly postally used copies from the period of issue are worth much more.



Next, in 1985 came a Boy Scout stamp, which was part of the International Youth Year series.



This was followed in 1987 by a beautiful stamp (below left) showing achievement badges in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. – but I don't see the collecting badge.



The most recent was the 32 cent stamp in the 1998 Celebrate the Century pane of the 1910's and showed both a Boy Scout and a Girl Scout in period uniforms.

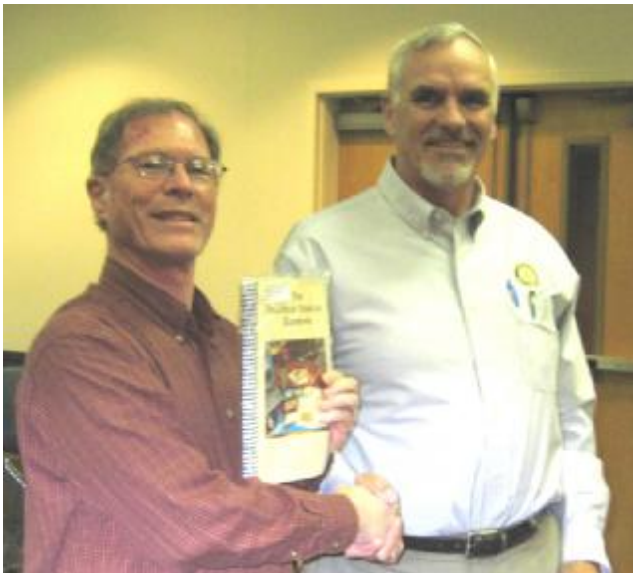
Take some time to learn more about this topic from Scouts on Stamps Society International - www.sossi.org.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 5

Knoxpex 2009 – Best Exhibit

By Bruce Roberts

Congratulations to KPS member Paul Wennermark, who received the Most Popular exhibit award at Knoxpex 2009 for “Celebrating United States History by USPS & Philatelic Exhibitions with Sheets & Panes.” A highlight of Knoxpex 2009 was the quality of exhibits entered by several KPS members. The award for most popular exhibit, determined by a vote of those viewing all the exhibits, was well contested, with each of the 9 exhibits receiving votes.



Paul, shown here with Knoxpex Exhibits Chair, Bruce Roberts, received the American Philatelic Society's “APS Manual of Philatelic Judging: How Exhibits are Judged, 5th edition, 2002” to encourage his further efforts in philatelic exhibiting.

Treasurer's Report - Knoxpex 2009

By Thomas Lane

At the April monthly meeting I reported that Knoxpex 2009 was a financial success for our club. We still have some bills and some income to report so the final figures are not yet available. The approximate net income for the club will be \$1,050.

This will be the third highest net income in the last 10 years, even though we had a new venue and higher expenses than in previous years. KPS has made a profit, sometimes very little, in nine of the last ten years. Only in 2002 was there a loss.

Miscellaneous expenses (guard, advertisement, auction, stamps for mailing) for the show were about the same as last year. Our income from the auction was down because last year we had over 40 lots that were donated for club support. Dealer fees, along with income from the sale of the Lincoln cachets helped to make up the some of difference.

We did have some learning experiences with our new venue, but management and the hotel staff were most cooperative in all areas. One expense that we had this year that we will not have next year is rental of extra. We were not sure that some of the hotel's tables put together would be sturdy enough for dealers stock. They were, and next year we will not have to rent tables. The club has signed a new contract for Knoxpex 2010 with the Holiday Inn for March 5-7, 2010 (Setup Mar 5th), with the same price for rental as this year.

Duck Stamp First Day in Nashville

By Tom Broadhead

An article by Jay Bigalke in the March 30 issue of Linn's Stamp News announced that the 2009 federal duck stamp would have its official first day of issue on June 26 at – the Bass Pro Shop, 323 Opry Mills Drive in Nashville. The \$15 stamp features artwork by Joshua Spies depicting a long-tailed duck with a decoy behind it. A special, artist signed souvenir pane with a single stamp can be ordered from www.fws.gov/duckstamps while supplies last. There is a limit of one pane per order.



Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 2