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October is Stamp Collecting Month!

KPS will be celebrating Stamp Collecting Month in many ways – be sure that you are part of the celebration. First, the October meeting will be our first live auction meeting. Don't forget to bring your auction form, which was in the last newsletter, along with the stamps, covers, or supplies that you would like to sell. There will also be a few "club lots," donations whose sale will benefit KPS. Come ready to buy and sell.

Second, don't forget to let me know what your favorite stamp is for the new KPS member name tags. Last month, members got to wear the new tags that will feature an image of each member's favorite stamp. We will use these at a future meeting for a program to share our collecting interests with each other. For more information see the article on page 4.

Third, be on the lookout for your November KPS newsletter, which will be mailed to you in late October with the official APS Stamp Collecting Month cancel shown here. It will be sent to you with one of the Great Lakes dunes "Nature of America" stamps. If you want to send special letters to your philatelic friends, you can take your envelopes to the Weisgarber general



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post office philatelic window and request this cancellation on October 29, and on that date only. The cancellation is only available *on request* at that post office.

Enjoy Stamp Collecting Month and find more ways to enjoy our hobby!

President's Column

I always take my vacation in the fall. I love traveling when the crowds are down. This fall will be a special treat. We are spending a week in the northern section of the Shenandoah Valley near New Market. The valley is filled with caverns, little shops, hiking trails, and peaceful views. I have a good friend who lives there, and he has already listed several places he knows I will want to visit. One of these is an old country post office connected to a residence. My aunt was a postmaster in a little community in Maryland. They had turned the living room of their house into a general store and post office for the area. Outside was a single gas pump of the old fashioned variety. I used to love going for a visit. It was fascinating to me that you could step through a doorway from the living area into a business anytime day or night.

Those days are gone. They are simply a part of my childhood memories and our nation's history. One of the reasons I enjoy collecting stamps is that I have a love for history. Another side trip I am planning for that week is a visit to Washington, D.C. to see the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. It is located in the old City Post Office downtown and is free to the public. September's *Scott Stamp Monthly* has a great article about it, and it refers you to a web site for the museum. Check it out at www.arago.si.edu. One of its great features is the ability to download digital images of your favorite stamps into your own personal files. There are other great exhibits on display online. I've wanted to go in person, and look forward to the opportunity.

There are many good things happening in our club right now. We have added several new members, and programs at monthly meetings have been tremendous. Reservations have been made for our December Holiday Dinner. If you have not made it to a meeting lately, this would be a wonderful time to come back and enjoy an evening with like-minded friends.

Tom Broadhead

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 2, 2008

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on September 2, 2008. Preceding the formal meeting, Jim Pettway led an informative workshop on "Stamp Collecting 101". It was well-attended, and we welcomed visitor Margaret Tucker to the group. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Roy Row. There were 20 present, including visitor Barbara DeArmond (Jo Mynatt's mother).

Tom Ringenbach presented a superior program on "Fancy Cancels", with a presentation of slides and information. Fancy Cancels were very popular around the 1860's, and Tom showed many different cancels, most of which were made by carved corks and created by the postmasters of various cities. There was a whole section on the artwork of John W. Hill the famous postmaster of Waterbury, Connecticut. The program was followed by a Q & A session.

Roy Row opened the business meeting with information about upcoming meetings. A program presenter is still needed for January 2009. The August Meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$6,099.21, was approved.

Ralph Dinwiddie gave a report on the new printer and limited continued use of the old printer. He reported that we got a rebate on the new printer, reducing its cost.

Jim Pettway reported that the Knoxpex 2009 dealers' applications have been sent. After their deadline, additional invitations may be sent as needed to fill the bourse. Jim also reported that we gained three new members from the club table at Bill Muenzer's mid-

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

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August show. Jim announced that the APS sent a check for \$5 to the club for having a new APS member. There was a motion to return the money to the APS, but it was decided to retain it, and possibly repay it as part of our annual club donation to the APS.

Forrest Conklin reported on the progress of obtaining exhibit space at the Knoxville Historical Society, libraries, and other spaces. There was a discussion, including the Post Office Museum at the Weisgarber Postal Facility, which might be able to be included in such a display. Roy Row suggested that the board of directors pursue this further, and members interested in forming a committee may meet at 6:00 before the November KPS meeting to make a final decision.

Everyone was reminded to bring lots to sell in the auction at the October meeting. If we all bring something, it will be a very successful and exciting evening!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary


Loss of a Friend

Hazel Large, a long-time member of the KPS many years ago, passed away on August 30. Hazel was very active in the club, helping with the club table at shows, working in the auctions, and she loved to work with the youth. She always came with her daughter, Jamie Large (now Rose). If you wish to send condolences, check with Jo Mynatt (Mynattknx@aol.com) for address information.

Upcoming Events

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

October 7 – KPS monthly meeting. The program will be the live auction. View and purchase from APS Circuit Books. Bruce Roberts will give an exhibiting seminar at 6:30.

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!

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

Stamp of the Month

The importance of organ and tissue donation was the topic of this month's stamp – Scott 3227 – issued August 5, 1998. The multicolored self adhesive (do you remember when you could soak these?) has a 11.7 serpentine die cut.

Thanks to Betty Ann Logan for donating these stamps.

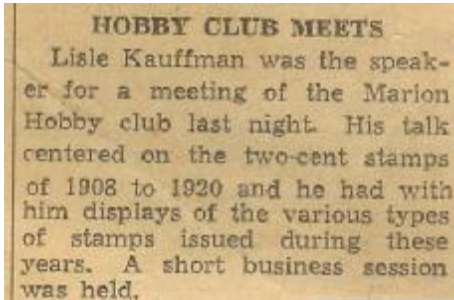


Kauffman & Sons Stamps for Collectors

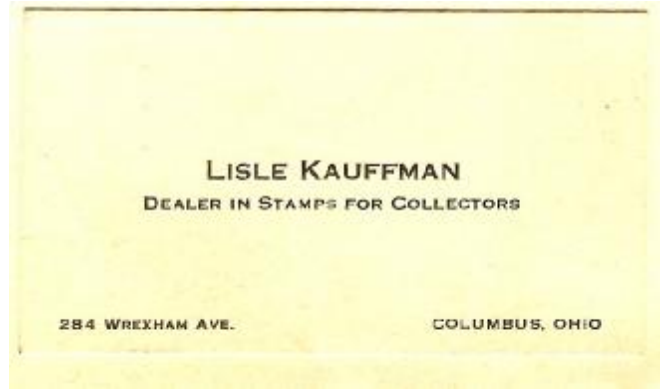
By Mike Kauffman

During hobby hours my fifth grade teacher introduced the class to stamps collecting. The thought of collecting stamps from around the world fascinated me, and I talked to Dad about it when I got home. It was decided that night my brother and I along with Dad would start collecting stamps from around the world. I tried to share as much information as I could remember from my teacher's talk, but Dad seemed to already know something about stamps. In fact the very next day he brought home three Scotts International stamp albums, tongs, hinges, and some packets of stamps. We were now collectors.

Dad was a district sales manager for the American News Co., and he helped us with our collections. He informed us that he too had collected stamps as a youngster, had

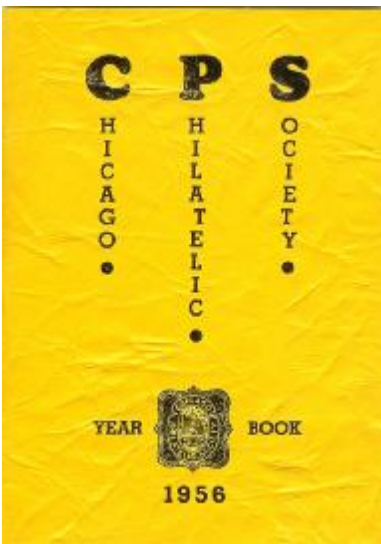


belonged to the Marion (Ohio) Hobby Club, and even became a stamp dealer at 18 years old. He had grown up with his teacher Mother, who also collected stamps.



Several of Dad's stories of his early stamp business ended with the added information he sold numerous sets of the Zeppelins, C13-15 for \$15 per set. I would hear this story every time we went to a bourse during his early years as a vest pocket dealer in the Chicago area. He had sold his first store when he got married, feeling a more dependable income was needed for a family man.

Within the first year of our collecting Dad bought a small dealers stock and came home with some stationery imprinted "Kauffman and Sons, Stamps for Collectors." He was a part time dealer from 1955 until 1962, and



1956 YEAR BOOK OF THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY
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610 Lynden Lane Arlington Heights, Illinois
United States Postage and Revenues; Mint Commemorative
Blocks — France and Colonies.

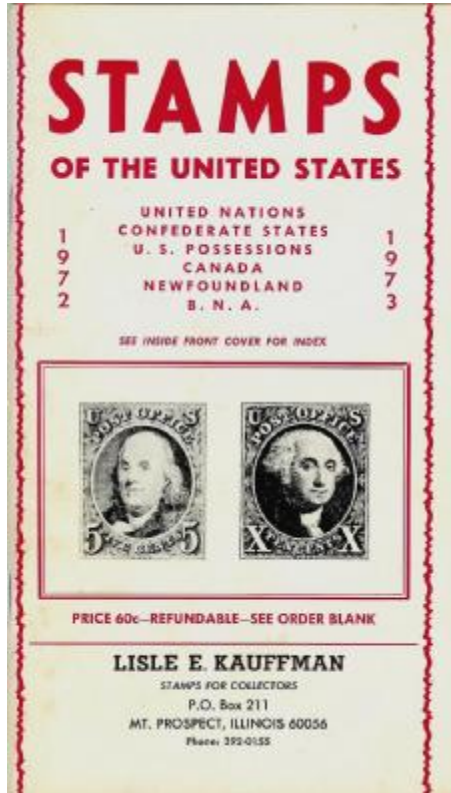
during that time he joined the Chicago Philatelic Society. Throughout my high school years I would

accompany him on his weekend bourse trips two or three times a month, mostly in the Chicago area. His highlight was a Chicago APS Show where tables sold for \$1500 each. That was a lot of money then. I was not told how he did that weekend. I do know that we were very busy at the show, and Dad was in a good mood for weeks after the show. I was always paid with stamps for my collection. After that weekend I was allowed to pick out a lot more stamps. In 1962, after my brother and I married, Dad rented a store front and went full time into the stamp business in Mt Prospect, Illinois as Lisle E. Kauffman, *Stamps for Collectors*. He called it retirement, but he was always busy. A large world-wide new issue business, an approval service, and many walk-in customers from his bourse contacts kept Dad busy and happy for many years.

Because it is not a perfect world, I will reluctantly mention only for the accuracy of this article one night professional thieves circumvented his alarm system and stole over \$100,000 of his best stock. At that time insurance was not a financial option. He and his stock never recovered. He closed his store and setup the remainder of his business at home where he worked another twenty years with a more limited clientele. He had sold his new issue business shortly after the robbery. Although he stayed continuously active with his stamps until he died, the joys he once experienced were gone forever.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 7

Kauffman & Sons (continued from p. 3)



Dad died in 1994. Ten years later Pat and I finally had time to start selling his remaining stock, which has proven to be quite substantial. We have done a few bourses, but mainly sell on E-bay and send the pricier items to an auction house. We joined the Knoxville Philatelic Society and presently are living happily ever after.



A 1972 Brookman catalog, offered to customers, with Lisle Kauffman's business information.

Lisle and Jeanne Kauffman at the stamp store in 1967. (Thanks go to Ralph Dinwiddie for color enhancement of the original photo.)

APS Circuit Sales

By Jim Pettway

We had a very good turn-out for the July KPS Fifth Tuesday meeting even after having to make a last minute meeting location change. Fifteen members enjoyed viewing the APS Sales circuit books and 9 people made purchases totaling \$152.00. In addition to the circuit books members purchased stamps and covers from other members. For a little more entertainment Randy Haese brought a huge box of club stamps for members to help sort. It was a fun evening for all.

The September 30 KPS Fifth Tuesday Meeting will be followed on October 7 by a second opportunity to view and purchase stamps from the APS Circuit Sales books. Great deals can be found in the APS Sales circuit books as many found at the July meeting. Believe me, many stamps can be purchased for less than \$1.00 with discounts aplenty.

KPS Nametag Project

By Tom Broadhead

If you haven't already told me what you collect or what your favorite stamp is, let me know soon. At the September meeting, all members had new nametags that either showed stamps in their collecting interest



or the general stamp collecting issue shown at right from the Ameripex '86 stamp show commemoratives.

The stamp you choose will be featured on your KPS nametag and will help members get to know you and your collecting interests. Tell me at the next meeting or e-mail me at tomwb50@aol.com with your selection. Then wear it proudly at the next KPS meeting!

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, November 4