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## I'll take Stamp Collecting for \$1000, Alex!

*Jeopardy* has been one of my favorite tv shows for decades, and I remember also visiting my grandparents during show time. Nothing was to be said, except at commercials, unless you wanted to be shushed. Most weeknights, my goal is to be home by 7:30 to watch, play along, and yell at contestants for missing obvious (to me) questions.

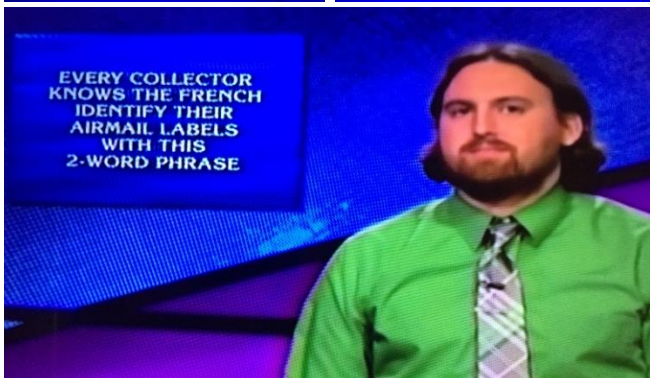
What a treat it is to have the occasional philatelic category, and mid-July offered a category in the regular part of the show. What? Stamp collecting isn't worth the big dollars in *Double Jeopardy*? The category remained untouched until the end of the round, and I was ready with my camera phone to capture every answer! Here they are. Questions are on page 4.

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TO SPELL  
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They dignified our hobby with a "Daily Double" question for \$800, but the contestant, alas, missed it.

*Tom Broadhead*

## President's Column

Recently I bought a lovely unused set of pictorial stamps from Newfoundland (Scott 145-159). As I was mounting the stamps in my album, I noticed that the 5c stamp had no gum. This stamp is slate green and features a steam locomotive pulling a passenger train. Its caption states EXPRESS CROSSING NEWFOUNDLAND.

Looking closely, I saw that the stamp had been cancelled in red at right, but was faded and barely visible. However,



the rest of the set is unused, so I decided to replace it. I asked my wife if she had an unused #149, and she thought she did, but no . . . hers also was gumless and gently cancelled. I purchased another on the inter-

net, but this one too had been used.

The stamp is not particularly scarce, but is of particular interest to me because of its back story. My friend Mary had been born in Newfoundland, and her father was the engineer of that very train. Mary referred to herself as a "goofy Newfie," and explained that Newfoundlanders are famous for their quirky sense of humor. According to Mary, the locals had wryly nicknamed the train "the Newfoundland Bullet" because it was not an express train at all, but rather a local train that took all day to rattle to and fro across the tiny country. Mary told me that she would ride in the caboose with her friends on rainy days, playing Monopoly, and the conductor would feed them lunch.

No doubt that we all have stamps in our collections that are precious to us, not because they're particularly valuable, but because of the stories they tell or the memories that they evoke. This stamp always makes me smile and reminds me of my old friend Mary.

*Bob Ceo*

## Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 11, 2017

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, for the regular monthly meeting. President **Bob Ceo** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Beyond that, it appears as though no minutes of the meeting were taken. Following the business meeting, members enjoyed shopping from the KPS stock. There was no program.

Adjournment at approximately 7:30.

## Saturday KPS Meeting

KPS members gathered at Peace Lutheran Church on June 24 for a Saturday swap and shop meeting. Photos below and at right show members doing what stamp collectors do best – buy and collect stamps! Thanks to **Jim Pettway** for the photos.



## KPS News Gets APS Award



The KPS Newsletter received its 10<sup>th</sup> gold award from the American Philatelic Society, and APS representative, **Jim Pettway** (right) presented the recognition certificate to KPS editor, **Tom Broadhead** at the

June KPS meeting.

## Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Dave Anderson**, know.

August 1 – KPS monthly meeting, Program TBA  
August 3-6 – APS StampShow in Richmond, VA.  
<http://stamps.org>

August 21 – Solar Eclipse celebration – plan to go to Athens, Spring City, or Sweetwater to see it and get a cachet.

August 29 – 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!  
September 5 – KPS monthly meeting, Program TBA  
September 23 – KPS Saturday meeting, swap and shop, place and time TBA

## Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a pictorial definitive of France showing the Mediterranean port of Nice (Scott 776).



The 10 franc denominated stamp, issued in 1955, is part of a set of seven stamps showing scenes of France. These are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

**The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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	Bob Ceo
Past President	Dave Anderson
Vice President	Dave Anderson
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# The Great American Eclipse

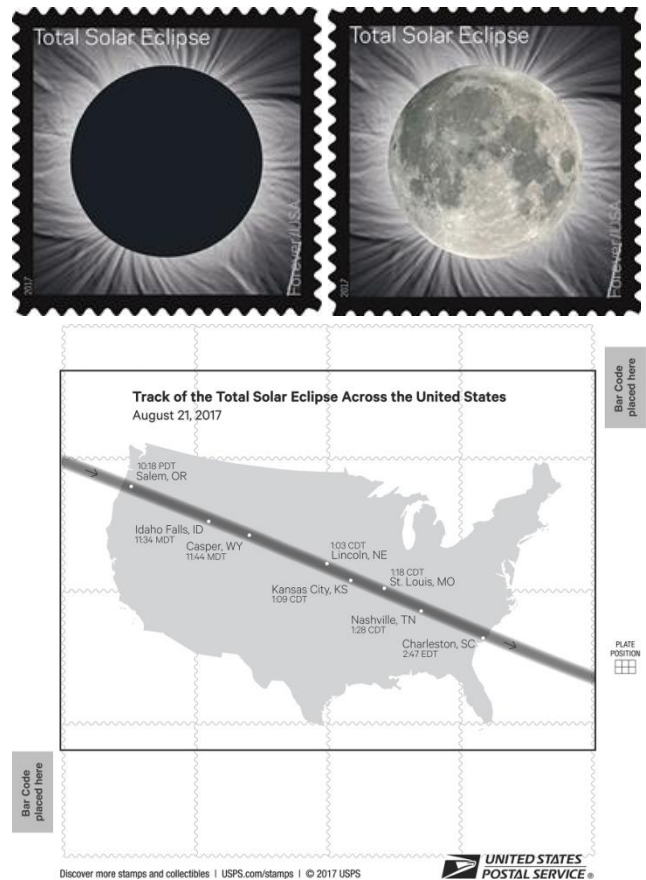
By Ralph Dinwiddie

On August 21st, the United States will be treated to a special astronomical event, a total eclipse of the sun. The path of totality will stretch from the Pacific coast of Oregon, across the nation, to the Atlantic coast of South Carolina. Fortunately, residents of Knoxville will only have to travel a short distance south to experience this phenomenon. Driving south down I-75 the 71-mile-wide swath of totality begins just north of Farragut and extends south of Cleveland, TN. On this stretch of highway between Sweetwater and Athens, totality will last for about two and a half minutes.

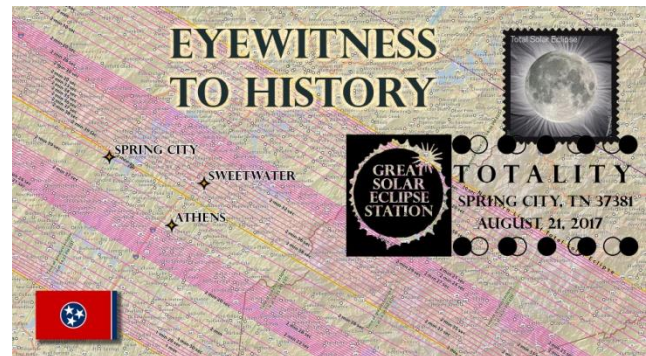
Downtown Knoxville is just outside the total eclipse path, but about 99.88% of the sun will be covered, resulting in a spectacular partial eclipse. Knox county schools have cancelled classes for the day so students can enjoy this event. In Knoxville, the eclipse will begin around 1:04 PM with the moon appearing to touch the upper right edge of the sun. The maximum coverage of the sun will occur at 2:34 PM and the partial eclipse ends at 3:58 PM with the moon separating just above the left edge of the sun. The back of the sheet of US stamps shows the path of the eclipse (at right). To see an interactive map showing the eclipse details for any address go to the website, <https://tinyurl.com/32b2vn> (Note: all times on this website are universal time, so subtract 4 hours for EDT).

On June 20th, the USPS released a special stamp (above right) to commemorate the eclipse. What makes this stamp extra special is its printed with thermochromic ink, which changes color when heated to approximately 84°F. At room temperature, the stamp shows a view of a total eclipse with a black moon covering the sun and surrounded by the corona. When the stamp is warmed, the surface of the moon becomes visible. While this is the first time the USPS has used this ink, other countries have issued stamps with the special thermochromic ink before (see <https://tinyurl.com/yclo2q82>).

A list of other countries which have issued solar eclipse stamps is too long to include in this article, but dozens of examples are shown on the website <http://www.fpsci.com/stamps.html>. In addition to the USPS, Guernsey Post also just issued series of 6 Alderney stamps celebrating the 2017 solar eclipse. Alderney is one of the Channel Islands, with an area of only 3 square miles. Coincidentally, these stamps are also printed using thermochromic ink (see *Linn's Stamp News*, July 24, 2017).



The Knoxville Philatelic Society is sponsoring a special cancel to be applied at post offices in Athens, Sweetwater and Spring City, TN, on the day of the Eclipse. In addition, KPS will be selling cachets franked with the new eclipse stamp and cancelled in each of these small Tennessee towns. There will be a very limited supply of these covers, so be sure to purchase yours before they're gone.



Please remember while viewing the eclipse, the ultraviolet light from the sun's surface is so intense it will cause irreversible damage to your eyes if appropriate viewing equipment is not used. Disposable eclipse sunglasses can be purchased online for less than \$2 each if purchased in quantities of 5 or more (see eBay, Amazon, etc.).

# This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 1

## KPS Members Help Out with Stamp Acquisitions

By Bruce Roberts

KPS members have been helping get more stamps into our inventory. Two work days were held at Bruce Roberts's house, attended by 7 KPS members on July 19 and 20.



Those helping get stamps organized and mounted included **Mike Downs**, **Nick Stone**, **John Smartt**, **Brent Marquand**, and **Dennis Traylor**. Also assisting was **Jirina Stone** (not pictured). The group worked on recent donations to KPS as well as remaining fragments from various purchases made this spring.

## Adieu, Stu!

By Tom Broadhead

It's always sad to see a KPS member leave town, and even more so for a person who has been a great friend and member for many years. **Stu Hanlein** and his wife are in the midst of a move to North Carolina, and we may no longer be seeing him at KPS meetings.



Stu has served KPS in many ways, including two years as president of our club. Recently, he has been an active participant in the Stamp Acquisition Committee, investing many hours sorting and cataloging stamps

(see article at left) for KPS members to buy. He was also as the coordinator of the "Nickel Books" part of the KPS inventory – lugging large albums to KPS meetings, along with his own. Stu has supported KPS as one of our most acquisitive worldwide collectors. He never is at a loss to find more stamps for his many country collections. The photo below at left is a scene that we will all miss – Stu camped out at his favorite table, pouring over our new acquisitions.

## It's a Small World

By Pat Goebel

Our club usually has a Show & Tell at the meeting following KnoxPEX. I wasn't able to attend, but have an exciting experience to "tell."

While sitting at the KnoxPEX youth table talking to **Randy Haese**, a man stopped by and stared at a bundle of envelopes. I turned them over to show the stamps in the envelopes. He said "no," turned them over, and said "that's my old stamp dealer." The envelope read L.E. Kauffman, Mount Prospect, IL. Dad (my father-in-law) was that dealer.

Our club member, **Steve Schmidt**, knew Dad and used to stop by to shop on his way from high school classes to work at a weekly newspaper in Mt. Prospect. Steve went into the service 1970-1973. During that time Dad's store was robbed and the store closed. The thieves went thru the roof of the store above him, through their floor, and dropped down into Dad's store, circumventing the alarms on his door and windows. Dad continued to work out of his house in Arlington Heights, IL, until his death in 1994, of which Steve was not aware. He just knew when he got out of the service and went looking, he had lost his dealer.

Dad had monitored the stamp trade magazines and had a pretty good idea who robbed him. He was told by the police they could do nothing as stamps do not have serial numbers. Dad protested that some of these were so rare only a few dealers in the country had them. But the police would do nothing. Case closed - move on. Dad never discussed the robbery after that. When I married his son, Mike in 1977, I never knew about the robbery until Dad's death in 1994. I had just assumed he always worked out of his house.

## Jeopardy Questions (from page 1)

\$200 – What is a "commemorative?"

\$400 – What is a "cancel?"

\$600 – What are "lighthouses?"

\$800 – What is "par avion?"

\$1000 – What is "first day of issue?"