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Make Your Plans for 2016!

Next year will be a banner one for stamp shows. Beginning in January, the APS winter show, AmeriStamp Expo will be held jointly with Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta on January 29-31. Whether you decide to go for the full show or make a day trip, don't miss this great opportunity.



Then, save your stamp dollars for our own club show, KnoxPEX 2016, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service on March 5-6. We have a great group of dealers and will have our usual live auction on Saturday evening.



The first half of the year ends with a blast! World Stamp Show NY2016 will take place for seven days from May 28-June 4. Last month's newsletter cachet promoted this event and was mailed with one of the advance commemorative stamps. Several KPS members are making plans to attend.

And, don't forget, there will be many more local shows and the APS fall Stamp Show in August. What a great year to be a philatelist!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

A few reminders while fresh on my mind. We make donations to APS yearly and have done so again this year, in addition to donations in memory of members **Tom Lowe**, **Jo Large**, and **Shari Bukowski**, who have passed on. We have added two more Saturday meetings to our 2016 calendar. These are not business meetings, but rather opportunities to purchase more stamps from the club stock.

We have a web page, and several members are working on updating it. Thanks to **Ralph Dinwiddie** for creating the original. It is important that we have long time members to keep track of what we have and are about. No one member can remember all the important aspects of this Society; all of us need to keep imparting our history to new members. I rely so heavily on many people to keep me informed. I am so proud to be a member of this organization; so many people (now friends) have stepped up and helped me these two years. It is getting to be that time of the year where we look to the future, and we will be looking for new officers in the next few months. Please consider taking on the mantle of an office.



What other organization can you pay dues of \$15, reduced to \$12 for early payment and receive a rebate of \$10 toward your Holiday Party? NONE!!!! THANK YOU to all who have helped so much that so many of us may benefit.

It's the Christmas season, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or whatever helps you find peace, and I wish you all the very best.

Barbara Steverson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 3, 2015

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 35 members in attendance. President **Barbara Steverson** brought the meeting to order at 7:00. Treasurer **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report showed cash assets of \$11,007.05 at the end of October. Receipts for the month were \$3,825.38 and expenses were \$3,028.08, which included transfer of \$2,500 to the savings account.

Members were reminded that there will be no 5th Tuesday meeting in December. The yearend Holiday Dinner will be at 6pm, at Miss Olivia's Table in Maryville (see calendar for location). Members attending will each receive \$10 toward the cost of dinner (\$18.50). Bring a gift to exchange – philatelic or non-philatelic – in our swap.

Tom Ringenbach asked for indications of planned exhibits for KnoxPEX 2016. **Tom Broadhead** asked for short notes about Stamp Collecting Month acquisitions for the December newsletter.

In New Business, nomination by the club of APS officers was approved. A 20% discount on annual dues for early payment was approved (renewal form included in this newsletter). The proposal to increase the number of Saturday meetings from four a year to six was approved (the 2016 KPS calendar is included in this newsletter).

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	Barbara Steverson
Past President	Tom Ringenbach
Vice President	Dave Anderson
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	John Smartt
Directors	Mike Downs, Randy Haese, Bob Smith, Dave Warfel

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Requests for information and submissions of articles and short notes of philatelic interest 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.

Jim Pettway proposed the following donations to philatelic organizations, and all were approved: \$175 American Philatelic Association, \$100 APS Stamps Teach program, \$100 American Topical Society. Proposed new By-Laws will be discussed at the January meeting. **Dave Anderson** has volunteered to help maintain the KPS web site – <http://knoxstamps.com>.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Czyzewski, interim secretary

Are You Getting Ready for KnoxPEX?

Publicity has begun, with listings in the American Philatelic Society web site and soon in *Linn's Stamp News*. Show Chair **Bob Smith** is looking for volunteers already to help guarantee a smooth-running show. Check with Bob at KPS meetings to see how you can help. And, don't forget the live auction on Saturday, March 5. Anyone can bid and buy, but only KPS members and KnoxPEX dealers can sell lots in the auction. Start getting your lots together!

Upcoming Events

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

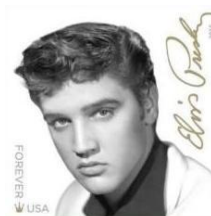
Jim Pettway's calendar for the year (enclosed) promises a philatelically-rich 2016, with 5th Tuesdays, Saturday meetings, and much more.

December 1 – KPS annual Holiday Dinner – 6:00 pm, at Miss Olivia's Table, 1108 W. Broadway, Maryville, TN 37801. Program – annual gift exchange.

January 5 – KPS monthly meeting – program – “Shopping for Stamps in Paris and London,” by **Tom Broadhead**.

January 29-31 – AmeriStamp/Southeastern Stamp Expo, Downtown Hilton Atlanta, 255 Courtland St.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is the 2015 Elvis Presley forever issue, imperforate (Scott 5009a). **Stu Hanlein** acquired uncut press sheets from the USPS and carefully cut the singles. KPS covered the cost. On the rouletted stamps, there is a narrow piece of paper separating stamps on all sides, which makes cutting out the imperforate examples easy!

What Did You Acquire During Stamp Collecting Month?

By KPS Members

I was very excited to acquire this Franklin 1c on



cover. I have been diving into the 1851-1857 Franklin design, drawn by the numerous nuances of variety and plating. It shows the complete lower ornaments that define Type I and a centerline on the left. I believe it is the Plate and Position 61 R12. **Luke Wilder**

In October I won a Delcampe auction for a 1960 USSR illustrated envelope depicting Latvian Folk Dancers. It is part of the 1960 series showing the folk dancers of 12 of the 15 republics (Muslim republics do not have men and women dancing together). It appears that about every three years, the USSR would issue a series of fifteen stationery items with a common theme pertaining to each republic, such as musical instruments, republic flags and anniversaries. I collect the envelopes in the series that are related to the Baltic States. **Dave Warfel**

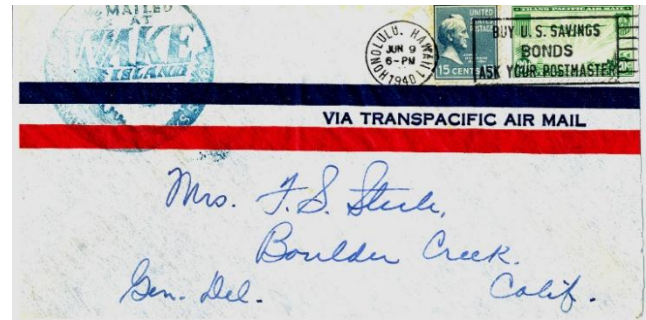


Stamps and covers cancelled at small Caribbean village post offices in the early 20th century are hard to find, and may be worth several times the catalog value of the stamp. Pictured here is a common 1/2 pence stamp (Scott 52) cancelled in 1923 at Cayon as shown by the distinctive CA in



the circular date stamp. Cayon is a town on the island of St. Kitts and had about 1000 people in the 1920's. Its post office opened in 1887 and is still in operation, but this cancel was only used between 1900 and 1930. I was fortunate to find this stamp at the Indypex stamp show. **Gerald Schroedl**

A few months ago I started a new collection of 1938 Prexie series postal history, in other words, on cover. This is a cover franked with the 15c Buchanan and 20c Clipper airmail stamp. It was mailed from Wake Island and was transported on Pan American's Trans-Pacific Clipper Service. The cachet was applied by PAA. This may be the best item in my young collection. **Tom Ringenbach**



An item brought to my attention by Bruce Roberts was a group of several sheets of a US BUREAU Print Catalog listed error. This error is in the lower right side of the 1 1/2 cent Martha Washington Prexy (Scott 805b) panes, precancelled by a standard Bureau print Saint Louis, MO. The perforations are missing between the first and second columns of stamps from the right side of the panes (photographically cropped here to show the lower right corner pair). A block of 4 and pair are reported in the Precancel Stamp Society BUREAU Catalog. I don't know how many sheets exist, and they are not listed as such in the catalog, but I will submit this find to the keepers of the catalog. **Stu Hanlein**



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 1

KPS – 100 Members and Growing

By Jim Pettway

Recently the Knoxville Philatelic Society membership reached 100! That's something to celebrate folks!! **Bruce Roberts** noted that the last time the KPS membership was 100 or more was in 1988 when the rolls topped out at 110. I commented earlier in the year that we could see 100 members by the end of 2015 and here we are at 100 – 23 of them new this year. Now we must at least maintain this number, but better yet let's make it grow.

Your first opportunity in maintaining 100 members in 2016 comes this month when you renew your membership in the KPS. Enclosed is a 2016 KPS Membership Early Renewal Form. Fill in all blanks on the form, stick a check in the envelope and return to the KPS - NOT LATER THAN December 31 to save a few bucks and continue your membership. And surely, use a U.S. postage stamp if mailing.

Second, talk up the KPS when you go to stamp shows or in day-to-day conversation with prospective members. Sign up a collector. Tell of the many benefits of the KPS including the huge club stamp inventory that ONLY members can purchase, at just a small percentage of Scott catalogue value. How about the APS Sales circuit books and the Nickel Stamps? Stamp related programs throughout the year give members the floor to show off their collecting interests. Then there is KnoxPEX each year sponsored by the KPS. Here you can purchase stamps, covers and supplies for your hobby, exhibit your collection, and participate in the always exciting live auction. And the list goes on and on. Talk it up out there!

This past meeting we had more than 30 attending. The club must be doing something right to draw such a group together for a couple of hours. One person asked me, "When do we *have* to leave?" He was so involved hunting for stamps that he didn't want to go. I love it!! With about 20 meetings scheduled on the calendar where you can "play" with philatelic material in the coming year, you can surely find a few dates to fit your schedule in 2016.

So fill out that renewal membership form right now, write the \$12.00 check, and mail it tomorrow. Let's see the KPS top its best in 2016 with more than 110 members. Support the KPS and stamp collecting. Stamp Collecting is FUN.

Stamp Acquisition Committee 2015!

By Bruce Roberts

In 2009 the KPS spent some of its funds to purchase stamps in bulk and resell them to members at low cost relative to the market. At the time the club had about 40 members and \$5,000 in the bank. Now, after nearly 6 years, the results have been pretty remarkable. We now have 100 members and stamps, stamps, stamps!

We started 2015 at Southeast Stamp Expo in Atlanta, purchasing collections from a dealer at absurdly low prices. We spent \$340 and got close to \$5,000 catalog in foreign. In February **Tom Broadhead** and I travelled to Morristown to handle the estate of former club member **Tom Lowe**. The club purchased a portion and Tom's postal history collection was auctioned. In March we spent nearly \$10,000 at the Regency Auction in St. Louis. **Mike Downs** and I drove to Dandridge and purchased \$1,500 from the estate of former club member, **Shari Bukowski**.

In June **Mike Downs**, **Bob Smith**, and I spent 14 hours going through the disorganized accumulation of an estate and purchased the foreign. We are a long way from getting all of it into inventory and have already mounted over \$40,000 catalog from this purchase. In August, **Bob Smith** and I went to Chicago to purchase lots made from a 60-year retail stamp business. We were not very successful but got a good education about what it is like to face live internet bidding. The next week **Bob**, **Thomas Lane** and I travelled to the APS show in Grand Rapids, Michigan and had the most successful bidding foray I have had since the middle 1990's. We are still working through all the stamps and have already mounted our purchase price 4 times over. Recently we purchased a small \$100 estate here in town.

Thomas Lane estimated that we sold about \$26,000 worth of stamps through October and spent close to the same amount. As of November 16 we had the following stamps in our red and white boxes and souvenir sheet albums, not including thousands of stamps still to be mounted for sale and \$13,000 in the bank!

US: Scott Catalog value \$72,290; KPS net prices: \$16,410

Foreign: Scott Catalog value \$119,864; KPS net prices: \$21,070

The committee has expanded and a big thanks goes to **Bob Smith**, **Thomas Lane**, **Mike** and **Carolyn Downs**, **Bob Ceo**, **Lori Williams**, **John Smartt**, **Stu Hanlein**, **Dick Odum**, **Steve Stowe**, **Ray Simko**, **Tom Ringenbach**, and **Tom Broadhead**.