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of Stamp Clubs

Stamps on Facebook

How do collectors find a club? Traditionally, they have seen show listings in philatelic publications or lists of member clubs on organizational web sites like the APS - <http://stamps.org/Local-Clubs> - which has a convenient search by geographic locale or club name. The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs has links to its member clubs - www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html. Maybe our hobby hasn't kept up with the latest promotions available in "social media," and I confess that I use *Facebook*, but not *Twitter*, *Instagram*, *SnapChat* or others.

Facebook is a way that interested folks can search for a person or organization and make a simple request to "Friend" (i.e., join the group). **Jim Pettway** is working on a *Facebook* page for KPS, where we can all post comments and pictures. Our neighbor club - Holston Stamp Club is on *Facebook*. For another great example of what can be done, check out the Huntsville Philatelic Club's *Facebook* page - search the club name at www.facebook.com. KPS member, **Art Cole**, maintains the page, which is a must for those interested in US space philately. It's a public group, so all can join (I did). The masthead of the HPC page is shown below.



And, then, there is always word-of-mouth. Many of our recent members have come to KPS through their philatelic friends in Crossville, Maryville, and the Tri-Cities areas of Tennessee. What a great way to share our hobby - and an approach that always works!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

This will be my last column as your President. It has been a very pleasant two years and we have accomplished quite a bit of "good stuff." From updating the constitution and by-laws, to increasing our value and our stock of stamps that members can acquire. We are in the process of moving our December Dinner Meeting to a Saturday Lunch, which will make it more attractive to spousal attendance, not to mention that it might make it easier to get to if the weather is nasty, to say the least.

Congratulations to **Dave Icove** on his winning the White Plains Souvenir sheet at the drawing which took place at the April meeting.

I cannot express how great so many people have been in expanding our membership. The Communication Committee has been an integral part of this growth, under the leadership of **Jim Pettway** and the many, many hours he has spent sending e-mails to members. I also would like to thank the members of the executive board both years for their leadership and help in getting from there to here.



The Stamp Acquisition committee has been outstanding in their work of acquiring and sorting all the stamps. There is no way to thank you enough for all the hours they have spent for the benefit of this club.

I also thank the spouses of several members who have become active and to our new female members who have become active. I was leery at first to come to meetings where I was the only woman present. **Pat Goebel** was there several times, which helped ease my trepidation, so I brought my backup, **Bryan**, whom I need to thank so much for supporting my hobby. He has even found a way to integrate his passion (baseball) with mine.

Barbara Steverson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 5, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 22 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 \$14,207 at the end of March 2016. The KnoxPEX reported presented preliminary figures showing a more than \$1,000 profit, but not all receipts had been received for reimbursement. Receipts for February were \$13,883 and expenses were \$18,029. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Meeting minutes for March were approved as published in the newsletter.

Jim Pettway conducted the drawing for the 1926 White Plains sheet, and **Dave Icové** was the lucky winner.

Other announcements: A draft of the revised by-laws has been circulated to officers and directors for review before sending to the membership. A vote is scheduled for the May meeting. **Jim Pettway** is maintaining our page on the Southeast Federation web site, and **Dave Anderson's** revision of our single web site has been delayed due to unavailability of an assistant. **Bob Smith** reported that KnoxPEX 2017 planning is underway to determine a place. Members who are aware of alternatives that have 2,400 square feet or more should notify Bob about the place so a visit can be made.

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

APS Representative Jim Pettway
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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.

In new business, a motion was passed to move the annual Holiday Meal and Celebration to the first Saturday afternoon following the first Tuesday in December. A motion was passed to have a regular KPS meeting on the first Tuesday in December.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:25. Following adjournment, several members talked about finds and experiences they had at KnoxPEX 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

KPS Board Elections in May

By Tom Ringenbach, Elections Chair

It's time to elect a new set of officers and executive board members, and the following have agreed to run for office in the May 2016 election. Additional nominees are welcome at the May KPS meeting.

President – **Dave Anderson**

Vice President – **Bob Ceo**

Treasurer – **Thomas Lane**

Secretary – **John Smartt**

Board Members (2) – **Mike Downs, Ray Simko**

KPS By-Laws Vote in May

By Tom Broadhead

Randy Haese, Jim Pettway, and I have completed a full draft of KPS By-Laws, which will be emailed to members following review by officers and directors. A vote will be held at the May meeting.

Upcoming Events

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

May 3 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA; election of new officers; KPS Board meeting at 6:00.

May 21 – KPS Saturday meeting – place and time TBA

May 31 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

June 7 – KPS monthly meeting – program TBA

Stamp of the Month

Denmark celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Post Office Bank service in 1970 and commemorated it with this 60 øre stamp (Scott 465). These are a gift from **Pat Goebel.**



Remembering Ellsworth

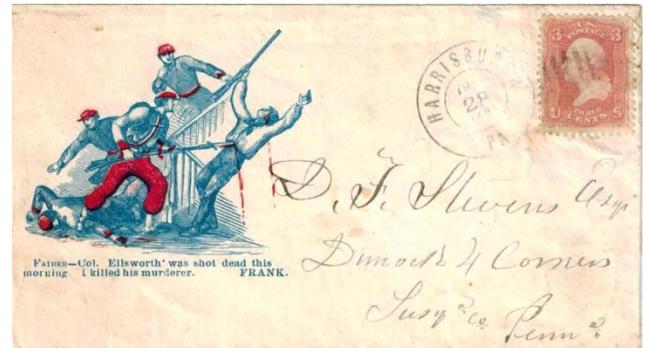
By Richard Jackson *

On May 24, 1861, the day after Virginia seceded from the Union, the 11th New York Volunteer Infantry (the "Fire Zouaves") in their flashy Zouave uniforms occupied Alexandria during the first invasion of the Confederacy. Led by its dashing and cavalier commander, Col. Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth, the occupation should have been routine and uneventful. Prior notice was given. The Virginia Militia offered only token resistance. The rebellion had not yet blossomed into open warfare. But things did not happen as expected.

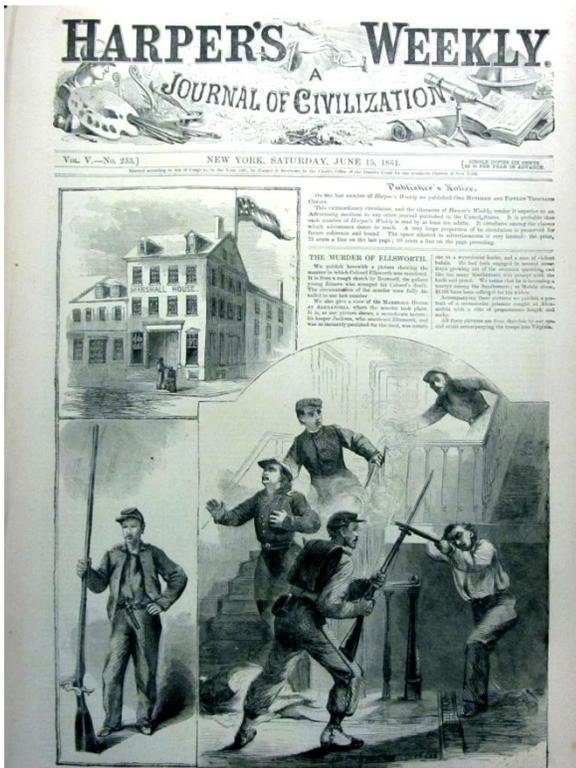
James Jackson, the proprietor of the Marshall House, a prominent hotel in Alexandria, was a committed secessionist. For weeks he had flown a huge Confederate flag on the roof of his hotel. The flag was clearly visible from the Potomac River, a short distance away, and an irritant to the Washington citizenry barely 20 miles away. Ellsworth, determined to remove the flag, charged into the hotel, climbed the stairs to the roof, and appropriated the flag. On his return he was met by Jackson, still wearing his nightgown and brandishing a shotgun. With little or no warning, Jackson shot Ellsworth and was in turn bayoneted by Pvt. Francis Brownell. Within seconds two belligerents became martyrs to their respective causes and Ellsworth became the first combat casualty of the Civil War.

"Occupation of Alexandria by the Fire Zouaves. Col. Ellsworth Assassinated by a Rebel. HIS MURDERER INSTANTLY PUT TO DEATH."

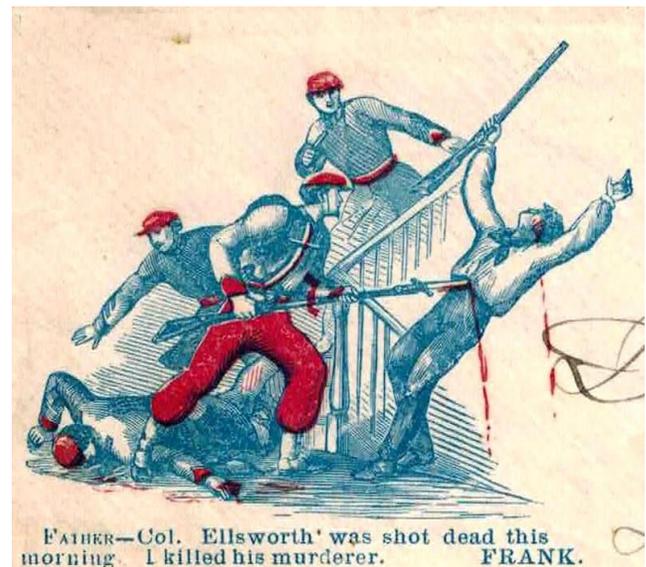
were the headlines in the *New York Times* on May 25th. Ellsworth was popular and prominent. He was a personal friend of President Lincoln and dined frequently at the White House. The North was shocked and the event had a lasting effect on the political envelopes that were being produced. Prior to June 1861, political envelopes were general expressions of political sentiment. The flags, banners, and slogans of April and May were distant and impersonal. Ellsworth's death was a sensational event. His "murder" opened the door to a much broader expression. Graphic scenes, mourning covers, heroic poses, and personal quotations began to appear on political envelopes.



October 28, 1861 Union patriotic cover showing the death of Ellsworth.



The June 15 issue of Harper's depicted the event.



Enlargement of cachet design, with quote from letter addressed to his father by Francis "Frank" Brownell.

In the immediate aftermath of the incident, a renewed sense of anger and urgency swept the North at a time when the reaction to Fort Sumter had begun to wane. Ellsworth's death was a boon to recruiting when

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This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 3

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Lincoln needed it most. It was an important event and Ellsworth should be remembered.

The exhibit highlights 22 of the 101 Ellsworth covers listed in *The Catalog of Union Civil War Patriotic Covers* by William H. Weiss, Jr. Preparing the exhibit was a most educational and rewarding experience.

* Richard's exhibit won the "Most Popular" award at KnoxPEX 2016.

Welcome New Members

By Jim Pettway

Following the January meeting, two of our visitors joined the KPS.

Franc Conner lives in Crossville. Franc is a long-time stamp and "everything" collector. His collecting interests are in the Great Britain Machin stamps and United States precancels. He should fit in nicely with our other precancel and Machin collectors.

Raymond Kusmierski also comes to the KPS from Crossville. Raymond collects worldwide stamps and United States coil stamps. I'm sure that Raymond will be able to fill a bunch of spaces in his worldwide collection with stamps from the KPS stamp stock as well as the APS Sales circuit books.

KPS member **Art Meharg**, formerly from Crossville now residing in Ohio, reports that these two were instrumental in forming the Crossville Philatelic Society. I'm sure they will have a lot to add to our club here in Knoxville.

Recent Donations

By Jim Pettway

I received in the KPS post office box recently a shoebox FULL of classic U.S. covers and a few more modern covers (next column at top). You will see these soon (if you haven't already) in the KPS inventory of stamps and covers. Thank you for the nice donation, **Art Cole**. Art is one of our newest KPS members. He lives in Huntsville, AL.

I also received a donation of stamps and covers from Linda Wright of Friendsville, TN. You will find these covers in with the club's stock. There is

also an Aristocrat World Stamp Album with a few common stamps that and will likely turn up in the club's Nickel stamps.



Upcoming Nearby Shows

By Tom Broadhead

Two great neighboring stamp clubs are having shows this month and next. Both are within easy driving distance and have great ties with KPS.

The Holston Stamp Club will hold its annual show, Holpex 2016 on May 6-7 at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, 2406 Roan Street, Johnson City, TN 37601. Several HSC members are also members of KPS, and it's worth the short drive to their great annual show. In addition to exhibits, six stamp/cover dealers are scheduled at the bourse. Holpex 2016 hours are 10:00-5:00, both May 6 and 7. Admission and parking are free. Club and show information is at the club's SEFSC web page, www.sefsc.org/holpex.html.

The Huntsville Stamp Club has its annual show, Huntspex 2016 on June 4-5 at the Conference Training Center, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 1410 Ben Graves Dr., Huntsville, AL 35899. The show features 19 dealers, exhibits, a commemorative cachet and cancel, post office station, and annual meeting of the Tennessee Postal History Society. Heinrich Hahn, a HSC member is a regular dealer at KnoxPEX, and **Art Cole** is a KPS member. More information is available at the club's SEFSC web page, www.sefsc.org/huntspex.html.