

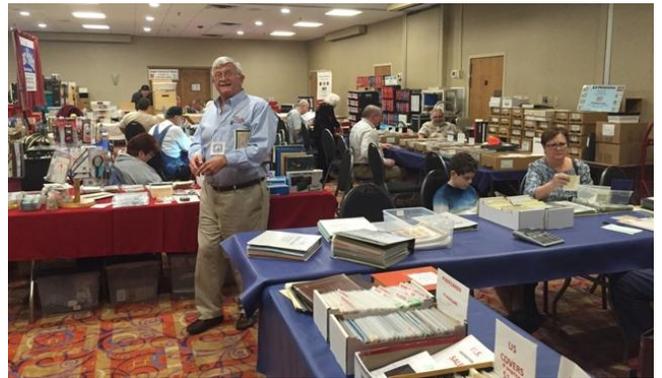
KnoxPEX 2016 – It Was a Really Big Show!

By Tom Broadhead; photos from Tom Broadhead and Jim Pettway

We've put a wrap on a very successful KnoxPEX 2016 show, all except paying the final bills. Attendance was strong, and **Jim Pettway** reports 148 registrants (113 Saturday, 35 Sunday), an increase of 12 over last year. We had 5 youth attending, and one parent plans to pass our information on to local Boy Scouts for possible merit badge workshops. Spectacularly, we had 12 new members and 3 renewals at the show, pushing us back above 100 for membership!



KPS President **Barbara Steverson** and KnoxPEX exhibits chair, **Tom Ringenbach**, welcomed APS Executive Director **Scott English** to the show and signed him up as a new KPS member (left). **Jim Pettway** helped at the information and free literature table, while **Bob Ceo** and **Barbara Steverson** recruited another new member (right).



Vera Felts, Executive Director of ATA had a table packed with information for topical collectors (left). KnoxPEX Chair, **Bob Smith**, made the rounds to be sure that everything was moving ahead according to plan (right).



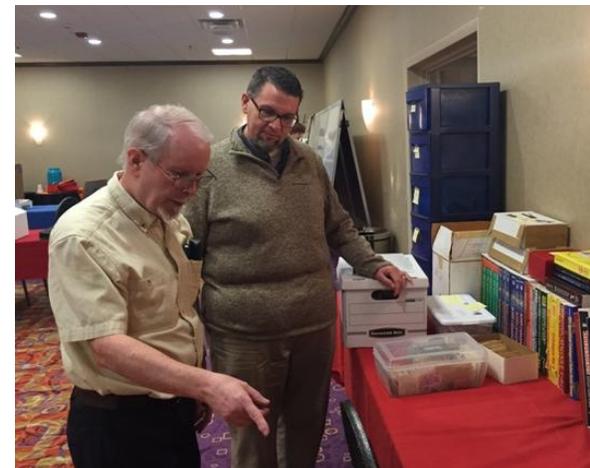
The bourse was busy both days, and Fred Brafford (left) and Heinrich Hahn (right), two traditional and popular dealers were kept busy. The bourse included KPS dealer members **Len Curtis**, **Warren Manning**, and **Don Richter**.



We were delighted to have visits from leaders of the two largest philatelic organizations in the U.S. (left) Shown at the exhibits with **Jim Pettway** (APS representative), **Vera Felts** (ATA Executive Director), **Bob Smith** (KnoxPEX Show Chair), **Scott English** (APS Executive Director), **Tom Broadhead** (KPS newsletter editor). **Tom Ringenbach**, KnoxPEX exhibits chair presented the most popular exhibit award to Richard Jackson, for his single frame exhibit, "Remember Ellsworth," showing patriotic covers honoring a Union Civil War hero.



An eager group of more than 35 bidders attended the Saturday night auction (left), which **Thomas Lane** reports netted KPS \$1058, including \$594 in donated club lots. **Tom Broadhead** (left) and **Bruce Roberts** (right) hammered down 231 lots, of which 177 sold for a total of \$4985.



Some lucky bidder won a lot of lots (left). Beginners Coordinator, **Randy Haese**, discussed the free stamp stock with **Scott English**, and gave Scott some materials to take back to APS or other local shows (right).