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The Knoxville Philatelic Society holds its regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 219 on the second floor of Calvary Baptist Church, 3200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville (about 0.6 miles west of the Concord/Neyland Drive intersection with Kingston Pike and about 0.3 miles east of Cherokee Blvd.), except as otherwise notified. Regular monthly meetings and Fifth Tuesday (swap meet; no business or silent auction) meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Guests are always welcome.

## **Current KPS Officers**

President: Bruce Kenney

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President-elect: Dale Kangas

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Secretary: Scott Robertson

[Scott\\_Robertson@kaplan.com](mailto:Scott_Robertson@kaplan.com)

Treasurer: Richard D. Ehrlich

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Ass't Treasurer: Lillard Harvey

## **May 6th Meeting Minutes**

In the absence of President Bruce Kenney, President-elect Dale Kangas presided over a brief business meeting for the ten members present. The following slate of nominees was accepted:

President: Dale Kangas

President-elect: Tom Broadhead

Secretary:

Treasurer: Richard Ehrlich

Assistant Treasurer: Lillard Harvey

Director: Jean Giesler

Gerald Schroedl

(2 directors will be elected)

(Notes: 1. Bruce Kenney automatically becomes Past President and retains a director's vote.

2. Although the President-elect normally succeeds to the office of President, the nomination of someone else is not excluded.)

The treasurer then presented the monthly report for April (see copy attached). The business meeting then adjourned for a presentation by Tom Broadhead.

Tom's presentation concerned his 16-page exhibit on materials related to the 1925 International Philatelic Exhibition held in one wing of the Louvre in Paris. This exhibition occurred during a two-week period in May of the 1925 World's Fair. Tom's exhibit featured several large souvenir sheets, including a plate proof, a copy cancelled at the 1925 exhibition, and a more recent fake. These were the first large souvenir sheets issued by any country. Tom's exhibit won a Gold Medal at the March American Philatelic Society (APS) Show in Biloxi, Mississippi, and almost won a Platinum Medal. His article about his exhibit and the research required will be published in the APS magazine *The American Philatelist* in November or December.

Richard Ehrlich, Newsletter Editor Pro-Tem

## **Needed**

Someone willing to serve as Secretary. The job consists primarily of taking a record copy of the meeting minutes and forwarding it to the Newsletter Editor. ALSO, a Newsletter Editor.

### **Urgent Announcement No. 1**

When I made up the new Member Data forms on the afternoon of the May meeting, I was somewhat hurried - and forgot to include a question concerning APS membership. I have added the question to the forms. For those members whom I have not personally contacted and asked about APS membership, I will have the forms with me at the June meeting. Please either (a) see me at the meeting and complete your Member Data form, (b) E-mail me the answer as to whether you are an APS member at: [rdehrlich@earthlink.net](mailto:rdehrlich@earthlink.net) if you are connected to the Internet, (c) drop me a note at my home address: 1016 Misty Springs Road

Knoxville, TN 37932 , or (d) call me at home in the evening at (865) 966-4467 (my least preferred choice). The club needs to know what percentage of its members are APS members. We do not need your APS number.

Richard Ehrlich, KPS Treasurer

### **June Meeting**

Our next meeting will be our regular meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The business meeting this month will primarily be the election of officers for the next term. Please note; you must be present to vote. (Our constitution and bylaws make no provision for absentee ballots.) In addition, it is not too early to start thinking about the theme for Knoxpex 2004; please bring any suggestions you might have to the meeting. Also, please bring ideas for presentations you might be willing to share with us or presentation subjects you would like to hear. We also need to check to determine what is available from APS. Bring any material you wish to put in the silent auction. The program for the June meeting will be "Show and Tell." Bring any new item or any part of your collection you'd like to show the rest of us. President-elect Dale Kangas has mentioned to me that he'd like to return to the practice of having volunteers bring light refreshments to each future regular meeting. (This need not be anything substantial; two different 2-liter bottles of soft drinks and something such as crackers, cookies, etc. to munch on would be adequate.)

### **Urgent Announcement No. 2**

I have the materials and will try to find the time before the June meeting to make name tags for those members who do not have them or who have told me that they can not find theirs. I have also renumbered all the members' tags that were at the church and have stick-on labels to put on the other name tags.

Richard Ehrlich, KPS Treasurer

### **Needed: Newsletter Editor**

A volunteer is needed who would be willing to be appointed Newsletter Editor. Although a computer is helpful, a fancy publishing program is not necessary. Between January 1990 and June 1995, I did the newsletter each time, using WordPerfect 5.1 in DOS. Pages 1 and 2 of this issue I am doing in Word from my Microsoft Office 2000 package, just to prove that I can. (If you want to know my thoughts on the how they compare, ask me at the June meeting.) But I have also seen club newsletters done with a typewriter and cut-and-tape technique that looked very nice. The method is not as important as the desire to put out a nice product and making the effort to do so.

Richard Ehrlich, Newsletter Editor Pro-tem

### **Editor's Opinion**

*The following statement is the opinion of the editor pro-tem only and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of any other KPS member or the official position of KPS.*

It was noticed that several dealers (We will not name names.) normally present for every Knoxpex were not present for Knoxpex 2003 on March 1 & 2, 2003. Unfortunately for KPS, APS decided to schedule their Biloxi, MS, show for the same weekend; these dealers made a business decision to go to the APS Biloxi show bourse rather than our Knoxpex bourse. I will not ill-wish anybody; I hope these dealers were happy with the choice they made.

However, if these dealers contact our bourse chairman, wanting to return for Knoxpex 2004 (to be held March 6-7, 2004), I feel our bourse chairman should reply that we are happy to add them to the end of our alternates list.

Richard Ehrlich, Newsletter Editor Pro-tem

KNOXVILLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS, 2003

MARCH, 2003

	<u>Bal. 02/28/03</u>	<u>Bal. 03/31/03</u>
Checking Account	\$ 2,950.07	\$ 3,588.43
Cash	\$ <u>124.28</u>	\$ <u>140.68</u>
Totals	\$ 3,074.35	\$ 3,729.11
Certificate of Deposit <sup>1</sup>	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>
Totals (inc. C.D.)	\$ 5,574.35	\$ 6,229.11
Balance 02/28/03	\$ 3,074.35	
Inflows	\$ 3,870.15	
Outflows	( <u>\$ 3,215.39</u> )	
Balance 03/31/03	\$ 3,729.11	\$ 3,729.11

APRIL, 2003

	<u>Bal. 03/31/03</u>	<u>Bal. 05/02/03</u>
Checking Account	\$ 3,588.43	\$ 3,068.43
Cash	\$ <u>140.68</u>	\$ <u>142.38</u>
Totals	\$ 3,729.11	\$ 3,210.81
Certificate of Deposit <sup>1</sup>	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>
Totals (inc. C.D.)	\$ 6,229.11	\$ 5,710.81
Balance 03/31/03	\$ 3,729.11	
Inflows	\$ 33.70	
Outflows	( <u>\$ 552.00</u> )	
Balance 05/02/03	\$ 3,210.81	\$ 3,210.81

<sup>1</sup> New C.D. valued at purchase price on 09/05/02.

Submitted by  
Richard D. Ehrlich *RDE*  
Treasurer 05/02/03

# Knoxville Philatelic Society Preliminary Financial Report Knoxpex 2003

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
<u>Receipts</u>	
Dealer Table Fees . . . . .	\$3,370.00
Live Auction Receipts . . . . .	\$1,802.25 <sup>1</sup>
String Pull . . . . .	\$ 18.50
Cachet Sales . . . . .	\$ <u>115.05</u>
Total . . . . .	\$5,305.80
 <u>Inventory</u>	
Cachets, etc. . . . .	\$ ?.00
 <u>Disbursements</u>	
Knoxpex 2003 Facilities . . . . .	\$2,160.00
Live Auction Payments to Owners . . . . .	\$1,563.17
Liability Insurance . . . . .	\$ 250.00
Table/Chairs Rental . . . . .	\$ 500.00
Publicity . . . . .	\$ 77.00
Cachet Expense . . . . .	\$ --.
Other Auction Expense . . . . .	\$ 27.72
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ <u>00.00</u>
Total . . . . .	\$4,577.89
Preliminary Net . . . . .	\$ 727.91

### LIVE AUCTION SUMMARY

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$1,802.25 <sup>1</sup>
Total Payments to Owners . . . . .	(1,563.17)
Other Auction Expense . . . . .	( <u>27.72</u> )
Gain . . . . .	\$ 211.36 <sup>1</sup>

### COMPARISON to PREVIOUS YEARS

	Preliminary	Final
2003 . . . . .	\$ 727.91	\$ ---
2002 . . . . .	(\$ 139.62)	\$ ---
2001 . . . . .	\$ 125.41	\$ ---
2000 . . . . .	\$ 915.23	\$ ---
1999 . . . . .	\$ 171.79	\$ ---
1998 . . . . .	\$1,088.33	\$ ---
1997 . . . . .	\$1,476.09	\$ ---

Submitted by  
Richard D. Ehrlich *RDE*  
Treasurer 03/04/03

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$ 70.00 for lots donated to or owned by KPS.

# Knoxville Philatelic Society Newsletter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
America

July 2003

Jim Pettway, Editor

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## Words From the Editor

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Here I am in a new city; a new job and a new stamp club! It's a pleasure to meet you. I'm Jim Pettway, your newly selected Society Secretary and Newsletter Editor. I hail from Clinton, Mississippi, a city in central Mississippi, just west of Jackson, the state capitol. I've been collecting stamps since I was about 14 years old, and like so many of you, was in and out of stamp collecting for many years before settling down. After college, marriage, military service and child rearing I got serious about stamp collecting and in 1984 picked up my stamp albums and have been "hanging paper" since. Goodness, that's nearly 20 years! How time flies when you are having fun.

I've been a member of the American Philatelic Society since 1991 and am currently an APS Estate Advisor. I'm a member of the Jackson (Mississippi) Philatelic Society where I've served as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. I am currently the JPS webmaster.

Now that you know about me, I would like to get to know each of you. Many of you I have met but there are those that I have not. Please step up and introduce yourselves to me at the next stamp meeting. Drop me an email or letter. I would love to hear about your collection and your collecting interests. And now on with this month's newsletter.

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## Our President Speaks

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It's like Christmas in July! For several months now, many of us have had getting a newsletter editor and Secretary on the top of our wish list (for Christmas or any other time of the year). And now we have both, plus a webmaster! On behalf of the Knoxville Philatelic Society, I want to thank Jim Pettway for accepting the positions of newsletter editor, Secretary and webmaster. I am certain that his work will increase the interest in our organization and help it grow, both in meeting attendance and in number of members. Wow! And to think that he is also planning to build a website for our organization! All of a sudden we are going to be part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Please take time to personally thank Jim and think about ways in which we can contribute to the newsletter and assist Jim in his work.

We all owe Treasurer Richard Erlich a big "thank you" for compiling an address list and other member information, for getting out last month's newsletter, and for coordinating our meeting schedule with Calvary Baptist. As you can see, Richard has been busy in a number of ways in addition to his normal duties of Treasurer. He has provided Jim with an address label file and other information.

Outgoing President Bruce Kenney and I were delighted that Tom Broadhead volunteered to be nominated President-elect. Seems like Bruce and I have been taking turns at President forever. Thanks, Tom. And thank you Bruce for all of your

contributions to the organization, especially this year around Knoxpex time! We also thank Gerald Schroedl and Jean Giesler for stepping up to be Board Directors, and Lillard Harvey for remaining as Assistant Treasurer. Now the only item remaining on our wish list is a program manager to coordinate programs for our monthly meetings. Any volunteers?

Dale Kangas  
KPS President

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### KPS Election Results

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During the June KPS meeting all of those nominated for KPS offices were elected. Your new KPS officers for 2003-2004, taking their new post at the close of the June meeting are:

President	Dale Kangas
President-elect	Tom Broadhead
Treasurer	Richard Ehrlich
Assist. Treasurer	Lillard Harvey

And the new KPS Directors are Jean Giesler, Gerald Schroedl and Bruce Kenney (Past President).

As you notice, there was no Society Secretary elected because there was no one nominated! Many months ago I told Bruce Kenney and Scott Robertson that once I got settled in Knoxville I would like to service the KPS in any way that I could. Well, I was contacted in the past month and asked if I would like to service as Secretary and I accepted, with pleasure. During the July meeting my name will be brought up for nominating to the office of KPS Secretary and I would appreciate your vote of confidence.

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### Membership Dues

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I was talking to Treasurer Richard Ehrlich the other day and he informed me that there are still a few people that have not mailed their dues. According to our constitution, membership dues "shall be paid in January of each year". If you have not mailed your dues to Richard then please do so. I will be updating our mailing list in July and if dues have not been received then I am afraid that your name will be dropped! Please support the Knoxville

Philatelic Society with your time (attend meetings) and your money (membership dues). Contact Richard Ehrlich via email [rdehrlich@earthlink.net](mailto:rdehrlich@earthlink.net) with any questions concerning membership or just drop your dues in the mail to the KPS post office box. Richard will be glad to take your money at the July meeting too!

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### New U.S. Issues in July

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July 3 - 37¢ Arctic Tundra Nature of America Series featuring 10 designs - pane of 10

July 27 - 37¢ Korean War Veterans Memorial



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### Stamp Auction this month

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Those interested in placing philatelic material in the silent auction should contact Lillard Harvey prior to the beginning of the July meeting. Lillard will have forms available and necessary for submissions of material for auction. There is a 10¢ lot fee, which goes into our society bank account. Lillard will be glad to fill you in on the details of both entering items in the auction and actually bidding on the items presented. So get those duplicate stamps together into lots and bring them to the July meeting. Foreign material is always welcomed, as well as United States items.

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### Present a Stamp Program

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Have you thought about presenting a stamp-related program to our members? What do you collect? What got you interested in collecting? How do you present your collection? Share with other members by making a short 15-20 minute presentation. Nothing really formal is necessary. You don't have to be a great speaker. Just share with us your hobby. Get in touch with Dale Kangas ([dkangas443@aol.com](mailto:dkangas443@aol.com)) so that he can put you on the calendar for a program.

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## Upcoming Stamp Bourses/Shows

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July 19-20 \* **Blue Ridge Summer 2003 Stamp Show** \* Comfort Suites Hotel, Brevard Road, Asheville, NC Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4. Info: Richard's Stamp Shop \* 828-274-3804.

July 26-27 \* **Charpex 2003 Stamp Show** \* Senior Center, Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4.

August 1 \* **One Day Stamp Show** \* Ramada Inn, Nashville, TN, I-40, Exit 213. Approx. 9 dealers.

August 7-10 \* **StampShow, American Philatelic Society** \* Greater Columbus Convention Ctr, High Street, Columbus, Ohio. More info in the latest American Philatelist.

If you would like more info about any of these shows, contact Bruce Roberts via email at [BRoberts@KCDC.org](mailto:BRoberts@KCDC.org)

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## Treasurer Report

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Copied on the back page of our newsletter is the Knoxville Philatelic Society Monthly Financial Report for May 2003. If you have any questions or comments about this report direct them to Richard Ehrlich prior to the July meeting.

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## How About Them Stamps?

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The other day my wife, Pat, returned from the Cedar Bluff Post Office with a book of stamps. She was all excited with her find. I have always encouraged her to get commemorative stamps for our mailings and she is really good about selecting the newest items the post office has to offer. On this newsletter envelope you will see her latest find, the Old Glory 37¢ issue which went on sale back in April. Though June might have been a more appropriate month for this stamp (Flag Day), I thought that this stamp would fit just fine with Independence Day just days away. You might want to check out this book of 20 stamps. It contains MORE than just stamps. I discovered that Old Glory postal cards are also available.

**Knoxville Philatelic Society  
Meeting  
Tuesday, July 1, 2003  
7:00 P.M.  
Calvary Baptist Church  
3200 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville**

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## This is YOUR Newsletter

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This is your newsletter. If you would like to contribute a short article, please send it to me via USPS or email. We would like to hear about your collection or something that you discovered that might help us in our collecting. I like to learn new tricks.

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## KPS July Meeting

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A year or so ago, Tom Broadhead had asked that KPS members write something brief about how they became involved in stamp collecting. The response to his request was not well accepted - no one responded. For this month's program Tom said to forget the writing and just show up and tell us how you got started in stamp collecting, including interesting anecdotes. It's for fun so come join. No preparation necessary. Prior to this program, we will have our usual informal get together until 7:30. At 7:30 the business session of the KPS meeting will begin. Following this, Lillard Harvey will announce the results of the silent auction.

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Address your comments, suggestions, and/or news items for the KPS Newsletter to Jim Pettway, 704 Coventry Rd., Knoxville, TN 37923, by phone to 470-9967 or e-mail [jbpettway@aol.com](mailto:jbpettway@aol.com).

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MAY, 2003

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Checking Account	\$ 3,068.43	\$ 3,067.63
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Totals	\$ 3,210.81	\$ 3,207.41
 Certificate of Deposit <sup>1</sup>	 \$ <u>2,500.00</u>	 \$ <u>2,500.00</u>
Totals (inc. C.D.)	\$ 5,710.81	\$ 5,707.41
 Balance 05/02/03	 \$ 3,210.81	
Inflows	\$ 11.40	
Outflows	(\$ <u>14.80</u> )	
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Submitted by  
Richard D. Ehrlich *RDE*  
Treasurer 06/01/03



# Knoxville Philatelic Society

## Newsletter

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August 2003

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Jim Pettway, Editor

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### Words From the Editor

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This past month found me extremely busy with my day job but I did find a few minutes (okay, a few hours) during July for some stamp collecting. I guess what took up a lot of my time was sorting through over 4000 (yes, four thousand) Great Britain Machin Head stamps on paper. A business associate, stamp collector and Linn's columnist sent me this box of stamps to browse through. I'm glad that I'm not a "fly specker" or I'd still be going through the box. I collect only the used major Scott numbers for a specialty collection that I started some years ago. I did find a few Machin Heads to add to my collection and a few for upgrading what I had.

Also during the month I found time during my lunch hour one day to visit KPS member Bill Muenser at K-Town Stamps, just off of I-640 and Broadway Street in Knoxville. Bill's stamp shop is located in an antique store, Antiques Plus, behind Buddy's Bar-B-Q (buzz Bill for directions 281-8788). Bill had just received some U.S. stamp covers, which I browsed through quickly. I'm not a cover collector but I did find two that caught my attention. Both were Mississippi covers, and being from Mississippi, I guess I had to take them. Bill has a nice supply of stamp collecting supplies, including albums, catalogues, stamp mounts (a wall full!), and stock books. Yep, he has stamps too. At K-Town Stamps I found both early and modern United States and foreign stamps in albums, stock books, boxes, bags and sorted by country and Scott number in file boxes. Bill's extensive United States stock includes that of fellow dealer and KPS member Bruce Roberts. Though my visit was short the drive is just 10 minutes away from my work,

so I'll be back during a lunch break at a later date. I enjoyed the visit, Bill.

And what did you do in stamps last month? Come share with us at the August meeting.

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### July's KPS Meeting Notes

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Twelve of 36 members were present for our July 2003 meeting. Most of the discussion was about the upcoming KNOXPEX 2004. One big shortcoming of KNOXPEX 2003 was the lack of stamp exhibits. To address this, member Professor Paul Phillips, an APS accredited judge, will be providing tips for exhibiting during the meetings in the months ahead. All members are encouraged to exhibit in KNOXPEX 2004.

Tom Broadhead suggested that we begin now to decide on a show theme. Give this some thought and make suggestions at the next meeting to Bruce Kenney, KNOXPEX 2004 show chairman. The show will be the first weekend in March 2004.

Following the business session of the KPS meeting, members participated in the program by telling how and when they got started in stamp collecting. Many funny and interesting stories were shared. The August meeting may include a continuation of these stories.

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### KPS Website Up

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We are up and running on the Internet with the Knoxville Philatelic Society website. You can view the webpage at:

<<http://www.virtualstampclub.com/apschapknoxville.html>>

I hope that this simple webpage will be the beginning of a bigger and better club website but we have a good start and at NO cost. I'll be investigating other (paid) website options as time goes on. It is my hopes that this site will provide newcomers to our area with information about Knoxville's stamp club and the beginning to membership in the KPS. American Philatelic Society Secretary and stamp journalist Lloyd de Vries is webmaster for the Virtual Stamp Club website of which we are now a part. Our thanks to Lloyd for including our KPS page. Check out [www.virtualstampclub.com](http://www.virtualstampclub.com) (an APS chapter) where you will find current stamp news, stamp related chat rooms, plenty of stamp discussions with many well known stamp collectors, and many links to stamp related websites.

Our new website address is also included as a link at the APS website. If you go to [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) and then to the local club list by state, you will find the link.

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### Are you on the Internet?

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Recently I sent out an introductory email to all KPS members that I had an email address. I was suggesting that I would send general stamp collector news and KPS news to those that wanted to be included in this group email. News, such as, but not limited to United States first day stamp announcements, USPS news articles, members with stamps/stamp supplies to sell/trade, KPS meeting notes, corrections/additions to past KPS Newsletter and urgent KPS news that couldn't wait for the next meeting or newsletter. I would send NO spam and all emails would be sent blind copy so that only the addressee's address would be on the email. If you would like to be a part of this KPS Group Email then send me your email address and I'll add you to it. Do let me know if you would like for other KPS email members to have your address. To ONLY those that want to share email addresses, I will mail a list at a later date. My email address: [jbpettway@aol.com](mailto:jbpettway@aol.com)

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### New U.S. Issues in August

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August 7 - 37¢ Mary Cassatt - booklet of 20

August 8 - 37¢ Early Football Heroes - Featuring: Walter Camp, Red Grange, Bronko Nagurski and Ernie Nevers - pane of 20

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### Stamp Auction this month

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Come on folks! Last month there was NO material for the stamp auction. Those interested in placing philatelic material in the silent auction should contact Lillard Harvey at the beginning of the August meeting. Lillard will have forms available and necessary for submissions of material for auction. There is a 10¢ lot fee, which goes into our society bank account. Lillard will be glad to fill you in on the details of both entering items in the auction and actually bidding on the items presented. So get those duplicate stamps together into lots and bring them to the August meeting. Foreign material is always welcomed, as well as United States items.

**Knoxville Philatelic Society  
Meeting  
Tuesday, August 5, 2003  
7:00 P.M.  
Calvary Baptist Church  
3200 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville**

The second cover (Figure 2) was posted at Kilmacol, England, January 2, 1954 (2 1/2d, Scott 296) to a person aboard the yacht "Solace" at Castries, St. Lucia. The letter was forwarded to Trinidad where a backstamp indicates its arrival on February 1. By this time the yacht had departed Trinidad and the letter was forwarded to the General Post Office in St. George's, Grenada where a backstamp indicates its arrival on February 8. Still not finding its way to the addressee, the letter was forwarded again to English Harbor, Antigua, passing through St. Lucia where it received a transit mark on February 25. Its arrival in Antigua is indicated by a March 16 receiving mark from the village of Liberty. This is quite unusual because most mail was marked at the General Post Office in St. Johns or in this case might have been given a receiving mark at the English Harbor Post Office. The Liberty Post Office, however, is located just a few miles from English Harbor on the main road from St. Johns. The yacht "Solace" still was out pacing the mail, and on March 19, a 4 cent adhesive (Scott 111) was added to the letter in St. Johns and returned to an address in London. In two and a half months this letter traveled from England to the Caribbean and apparently like the "Solace" visited the islands of St. Lucia, Trinidad, Grenada, and Antigua.

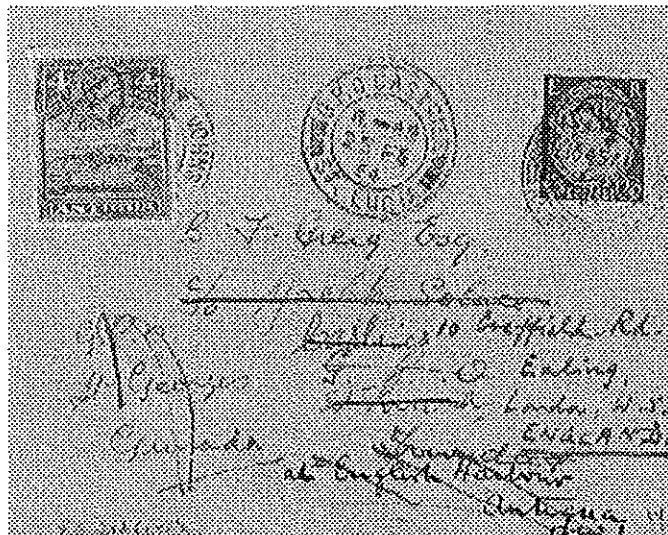


Figure 2

Comparing the two covers shows similar but slightly different postal rules. For the first cover, originating in the United States, additional postage (4d Barbados) was required to forward the letter to another British colony, Trinidad. Perhaps additional postage was needed because the letter was sent airmail or perhaps because it had been opened, although there is no obvious evidence for this. The second cover was forwarded to three different islands, all British colonies, from its original destination without any additional postage. To return the letter to England four cents postage was used to send it surface mail (4 cent Antigua). No receiving mark indicates how long it took to make the return journey. Both covers, however, show dogged determination by postal authorities in the Caribbean to deliver the mail to the proper recipients.

## Returned and Rerouted Mail Within the Lesser Antilles

By

Gerald F. Schroedl

I enjoy collecting and studying the postal history of the British, French, and Dutch islands of the Lesser Antilles. I focus specifically on interisland usages from the time of UPU (ca. 1879) until the present. Among my favorite and most interesting covers are items sent to a third island or for some reason returned to the original sender, sometimes by a different route. Returned and rerouted mail almost always exhibits a variety of cancellations, transit marks, receiving marks, and other indications of handling by the post office. Here I describe two covers that tell interesting stories about their journeys between islands.

The first letter (Figure 1) was mailed from Massachusetts in 1948 to the Pan American Airline Office in Barbados using a 5 cent airmail postal stationary envelope (Scott UC14). Postage to Barbados, however, was 10 cents and the letter was returned to the sender struck twice with the single line "Returned for Postage" to which was added in pencil manuscript "Due 5¢." A 5 cent adhesive, New York Worlds Fair (Scott C38) was added. In Barbados, the letter was forwarded to Trinidad with the additional postage paid by a 4d stamp (Scott 198) where it arrived on October 31 (backstamp). The following day the letter was postmarked for forwarding to Caracas, Venezuela, but as shown by the Caracas receiving mark on the back of the envelope it did not arrive there until December 17. A letter mailed in Massachusetts in October 1948 took nearly two months to reach its final destination.

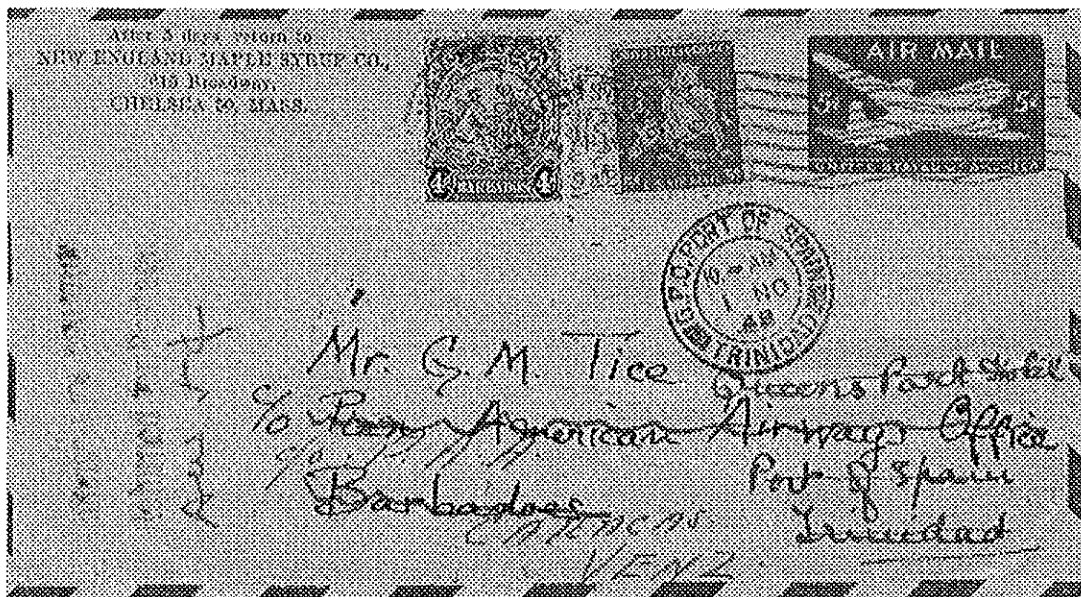
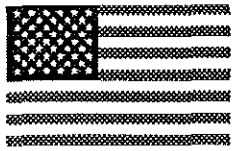


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# Knoxville Philatelic Society

## Newsletter



September 2003

P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422

Jim Pettway, Editor

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### Words From the Editor

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We need a meeting place! I really hate to start out this newsletter on other than a light side but attention this month has got to be directed to business and finding a location for our Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS) monthly meetings. July 2 of this year Calvary Baptist Church gave us notice that effective September 1, the KPS could no longer use their facility for meetings. The clock has run out. Thanks to Richard Ehrlich and Tom Broadhead, the KPS was given an extension of one day so that we could have our meeting at Calvary Baptist Church this month (September 2). What are we going to do next? Needless to say, our meeting this month will focus on this subject. Everyone's help is needed. If any of you know of a location that we could use for a few hours the first Tuesday night of each month (and the fifth Tuesday night of some months) please let us hear from you Tuesday night. Ideas are not going to get it. We need to have a commitment, something that we CAN finalize.

If you didn't take advantage of the Knoxville Summer Bourse last month, sponsored by K-Town Stamps (member Bill Muenser's shop), then YOU missed out. Bill brought together thirteen stamp dealers for the two-day event. I attended Saturday afternoon and found dealer tables filled with collectors. I made purchases from four dealers and got enough material to keep me busy until KNOXPEX 2004.

I see that the Roy Acuff stamp will be out this month. First Day of Issue ceremonies will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, during the Grand Ole Opry Show September 13. First Day cancellations will be available at the Opry Retail Store and at the Nashville Post Office on September 13. Anyone planning to attend?

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### August KPS Meeting Notes

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Nineteen members attended the August meeting including three adults that joined this night. Prior to the official beginning of the Tuesday night meeting, members visited informally, swapping stamps and stamp stories.

In the absence of club President Dale Kangas, Past President Bruce Kenney brought the meeting to order at 8:00. Bruce opened the floor for discussion concerning change in the meeting place of the KPS. Calvary Baptist Church has ask the club to move out by September 1, 2003. After a brief discussion the suggestion was made that the Board of Directors take up the matter.

Tom Copas gave an update on the location of the next KNOXPEX. It seems that no contract has been signed by the Knoxville Expo Center. Tom will be following up on this before the next KPS meeting.

Tom Broadhead suggested that members begin thinking about a theme for the 2004 stamp show and bourse. Various ideas were passed around.

KPS member, philatelic exhibitor and American Philatelic Society accredited judge, Dr. Paul Phillips presented the program of the evening. Paul showed examples of single sheet exhibits and told members how to put together a single page stamp exhibit. For the next meeting Paul wanted everyone to bring a single page stamp exhibit that they had put together.

Lillard Harvey conducted the silent auction this month. There were seven stamp lots successfully auctioned.

Bruce Kenny adjourned the August meeting of the KPS at 10:00 p.m.

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## Are you on the Internet?

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In the last newsletter I asked for those that were interested to send me their email address and I would include them in the KPS email list for news of KPS member interest. I didn't get any responses. I did send out two or three emails last month to members with email address that I have. If you didn't get an email from me in the last thirty days and would like to receive KPS related news via email, then please drop me an email and I'll get your name added. My email address is [jbpettway@aol.com](mailto:jbpettway@aol.com)

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## New U.S. Issues in September

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September 13 - 37¢ Roy Acuff -  
pane of 20

September 22 - 37¢ District of  
Columbia - pane of 16

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## Stamp Auction this month

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It was good to see a few lots in the silent auction in August but there is room for improvement. Let's see what we can do in September. Those interested in placing philatelic material in the silent auction should contact Lillard Harvey at the beginning of the meeting. Lillard will have forms available and necessary for submissions of material for auction. There is a 10¢ lot fee, which goes into our society bank account. Lillard will be glad to fill you in on the details of both entering items in the auction and actually bidding on the items presented. So get those duplicate stamps together into lots and bring them to the September meeting. Foreign material is always welcomed, as well as United States items.

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## Fifth Tuesday Meeting

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As of this writing, whether we will have a Fifth Tuesday KPS meeting or not, and the location of such, is up in the air. Typically fewer than 10 people show up for this stamp swap night (no business) so it might be that we could meet at a local coffee shop for this get together. Anyone have a contact at Panera Bread? This will have to be discussed at the September meeting. I'll send out an email on this after the meeting.

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## Upcoming Stamp Bourses/Shows

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September 26-28 \*\* Peach State Stamp Show \*\*  
Cobb County Civic Center, Marietta, Georgia - 10-6  
Friday and Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. Info:  
[www.peachstatestampshow.com](http://www.peachstatestampshow.com)

October 4-5 \*\* Blue Ridge Fall 2003 \*\* Comfort  
Suites Inn, Brevard Road, Asheville, NC. 10-5  
Saturday, 10-4 Sunday.

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## KPS September Meeting

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The main topic of this month's KPS meeting and the subject of great urgency in resolving is where we will have future KPS meetings. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details on this subject. In addition to this business will be discussion about KNOXPEX 2004. Have some subjects/ideas together for a theme for the 2004 show/bourse so that we can iron out something. We need to come up with a theme so that cachets can be designed and printed.

Paul Phillips will continue his "lesson" on exhibiting philatelic material in a single page. Don't forget to bring your "homework" to show for critiquing.

And then we will have a silent auction. Be sure to enter some of your duplicates in the auction this month.

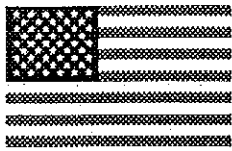
**Knoxville Philatelic Society  
Meeting  
Tuesday, September 2, 2003  
7:00 P.M.  
Calvary Baptist Church  
3200 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville**

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# Knoxville Philatelic Society



## Newsletter

P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422

October 2003  
Jim Pettway, Editor

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### Words From the Editor

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We still need a meeting place! As of this writing the Knoxville Philatelic Society has no definite monthly meeting location. Richard Ehrlich has really been working hard for weeks trying to find a suitable meeting place for our society. Other members, including Tom Broadhead, have invested a lot of time in search of a place to hold our meetings. Hours of operation at the public libraries do not coincide with our needs. For one reason or another the churches that have been contacted were ruled out. One problem with many places is that the person making the contact would be responsible for the opening and closing of the building, thus requiring that person to always be available on meeting nights. We do have a one-time place for this month's meeting and that is the Peace Lutheran Church on N. Cedar Bluff Rd, in West Knoxville. Take Exit 378 off of I-40/75, and travel north about a mile on Cedar Bluff Rd. The Lutheran church is on the left directly across from the Catholic church on the right. Do any of you NOT normally attending our meetings have any suggestions? Call, write, or email me if you do have some contacts that could help us out.

### It's Stamp Collecting Month!

There are a lot of new stamps coming out this month. October - Stamp Collecting Month - always brings an abundance of new U.S. material. Isn't this Scott B-3 in U.S. semi-postal stamps coming out this month? And then two Christmas issues are making their debut in October. And let us not overlook the new 23¢ University Series postal card. I don't actually collect new U.S. issues but I do get the new issues and use them on my mailings as you will notice from those attached to this newsletter mailing.

Last month Gerald Schroedl contributed to the KPS Newsletter with a nicely written and researched article

titled "Returned and Rerouted Mail Within the Lesser Antilles". Thank you for the contribution Gerald. The newsletter is open for similar philatelic articles, so send them on.

Did anyone attend the First Day of Issue Ceremony in Nashville for the Roy Acuff stamp last month? If you did attend, please tell us about it at the October meeting.

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### September KPS Meeting Notes

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Attending the final meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society in the Calvary Baptist Church location were 13 members. President Dale Kangas brought the September meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Bruce Kenney gave information he had for a site for the KPS Christmas Party this December. More on this later.

Treasurer Richard Ehrlich presented the KPS financial report. There was discussion as to how to handle a KPS Certificate of Deposit that was coming up for renewal soon. It was decided to just let the CD rollover for another 12 months.

Dale Kangas opened discussion concerning a new meeting place for the club. Several suggestions were made but no one presented a definite location that could be approved. Tom Broadhead was going to look into a really good lead that he had at the UT campus. Libraries were essentially ruled out since the hours of operation didn't fit with the club's requirements.

Tom Copas gave the latest news on KNOXPEX 2004. Due to some unrealistic requirements set by the Knoxville Expo Center, the pending contract was withdrawn and the decision was made to move the show/bourse to the Budget Inn at Cedar Bluff in Knoxville.

Tom Broadhead requested that a theme for the 2004 show be decided on by the October KPS meeting so that

Haven't seen you in a while -  
Come join us Tuesday, Jim

things could move forward with printing and publicity centered around the theme. Though many suggestions were made, none were accepted this night.

At auction in September were 25 lots consisting mostly of philatelic material removed from the KPS Philatelic Library. Lots included covers, stamps, Scott catalogues, and various literature. Most of the lots sold, putting money into the treasury.

The meeting concluded at 8:50 pm with door prizes being given away.

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### Where is the KPS Philatelic Library?

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With the loss of our meeting place this past month, the KPS was forced to move its philatelic library. Thanks to Bill Muenzer, the KPS Philatelic Library is now housed at K-Town Stamps. Tom Broadhead is in the process of getting an inventory together and then printing a list of the materials available from the library. Once this list is compiled and distributed, members will be able to visit K-Town Stamps and view philatelic material or check out material from the library. More details on this as the plan is formalized.

**Knoxville Philatelic Society  
Meeting  
Tuesday, October 7, 2003  
7:00 P.M.  
Peace Lutheran Church  
621 N. Cedar Bluff Rd.  
West Knoxville**

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### KPS 2003 Christmas Dinner

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Plans are not yet complete but go ahead and mark your calendar for the KPS Meeting/Christmas Dinner, December 2, 2003. The event will be at Calhoun's on the River, in downtown Knoxville. Now get this: The Knoxville Philatelic Society will pick up the tab! Each member of the KPS will be given a \$10.00 meal credit for himself/herself and a \$10.00 meal credit for a guest. Now what can keep you away from this year's Christmas party? Plenty of notice and the KPS foots the bill.

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### Member Needs Help With Project

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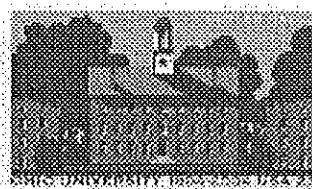
I received an email the other day from Bruce Roberts asking for some help on a project he has been working on for over 20 years. He is researching Arkansas Postal History by way of auction catalogs containing U.S. Postal History. Bruce reads through each catalog he is able to obtain and notes any Arkansas items, then makes copies of any illustrated covers pertaining to his subject. Descriptive information and photocopies are then transferred to a notebook. He has been doing this for over 20 years and has thus built a "Catalog" of Arkansas Postal History items. Bruce would be interested in hearing from you if you have auction catalogs containing U.S. Postal History. You can email Bruce at BRoberts@KCDC.org or snail mail him what information (publication title and date of auction) you have to Bruce Roberts, c/o the KPS address at the top of this newsletter.

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### New U.S. Issues in October

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**October 7 - 37¢ Reptiles and Amphibians - pane of 20**



**October 10 - 23¢ Ohio University - stamped card**

**October 11 - (45¢) Stop Family Violence semipostal - pane of 20**

**October 23 - 37¢ Holiday Traditional: Madonna & Child - booklet of 20**

**October 23 - 37¢ Holiday Music Makers - booklet 20, pane of 20, and vending book of 20**

**October 24 - 37¢ Snowy Egret - coil 100**



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### Upcoming Stamp Bourses/Shows

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Unfortunately I couldn't find where there are any stamp shows/bourses within a four-hour drive of Knoxville during the month of October. Let's hope that November offers us something.

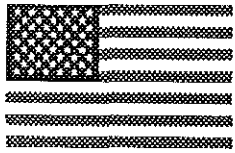
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# Knoxville Philatelic Society



## Newsletter

P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422

November 2003  
Jim Pettway, Editor

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### Words From the Editor

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It will not be long before the cold of winter forces us inside where we can work on our stamp collections and not feel so guilty about not doing yard work or completing outside jobs around the house. It's this time of year that we can dive into that pile of stamps that we bought over the last year but haven't had time to sort and mount. The opportunity is now to layout those special topical pages and mount the assortment of stamps that you bought at one of those stamp shows you attended this past year (or was it the year before?) My plan is to pull together some of my collections that I've neglected over the past months, update them and make them ready for showing. Shoot, I might even get my duplicates ready for sale at the next bourse or KPS auction. I certainly have enough stamps with which to do this. Oh, what the heck, I might just as well put it off another year or so. No need to rush! Me procrastinate?!

And speaking of topical collections, how about a Christmas or other holiday subject? A few years ago when I found myself bored with my other stamp collecting areas (British Colonies, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and my used worldwide collection), I decided to start a topical U. S. Christmas Issue Collection. I didn't even have to spend any new money since all I had to do was dig through my duplicate U.S. stamps in search of these most plentiful holiday stamps. I was able to pull together a nice used collection of Christmas stamps beginning with the first issue in 1963. I have since started a Great Britain collection of Christmas stamps. Topical collections are fun. You might give it a try this winter.

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### October KPS Meeting Notes

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After about thirty minutes of members visiting and sharing their recent stamp findings, President Dale Kangas called the Knoxville Philatelic Society meeting to order at 7:00. Thirteen members were present for the October meeting at the Peace Lutheran Church in West Knoxville.

Phil Ford offered seven stamp lots for auction. Dale auctioned off all seven lots quickly and moved on to club business.

In the first order of business was the KPS Christmas Dinner Meeting. I'll expand on this a bit later.

Next was the discussion of a meeting place for our club. Bruce Roberts suggested that we change the meeting day and/or time if this would enable the KPS to find a meeting place. Members agreed and suggestions leaned toward a Monday or Tuesday night and meeting as early as 5:30 p.m.

During this meeting KPS members agreed to make "Lewis and Clark" the theme for KNOXPEX 2004.

Jim Pettway passed on information received from Dr. Paul Phillips that Paul was leaving the Knoxville area and moving to Ohio to accept the position as Head of the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering at the University of Cincinnati, effective January 1, 2004.

# Happy Thanksgiving

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## Past Stamp Publications

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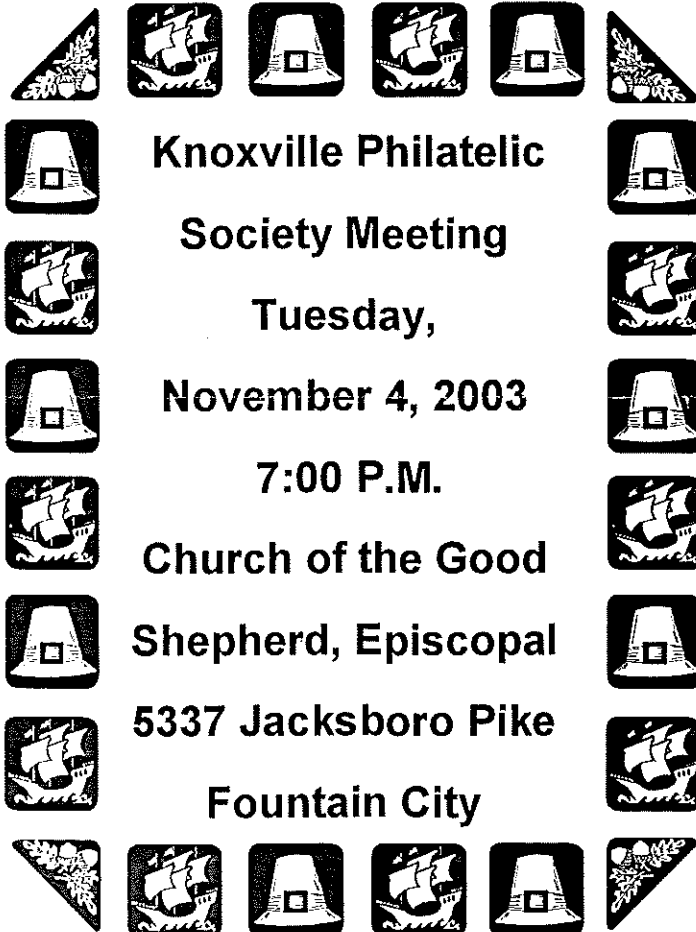
It's time to clear out some of my old stamp publications. I've got about the last 6 months of *Linn's* and *Stamp Collector* that I would like to give away to anyone that would want these back issues. I've got them in a paper bag and will have them with me at the November meeting. If you would like any or all just let me know at the meeting. I'll even carry them to your car for you.

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## Are You an APS Member?

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As I was reviewing our membership roster I noticed that many of our KPS members are not members of the American Philatelic Society. For those of you that are not members of the APS I have enclosed a copy of the APS Applications for Membership. This is the perfect time of year to join the APS. If you sign up now you should be getting your first copy of the American Philatelist (the APS monthly journal consisting of about 100 pages of philatelic articles and news of the APS) just after the first of the year. It's cheap enough and it helps support the largest stamp collectors' organization in the world. Why not give it a try this year?



**Knoxville Philatelic  
Society Meeting**  
**Tuesday,**  
**November 4, 2003**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Church of the Good  
Shepherd, Episcopal**  
**5337 Jacksboro Pike**  
**Fountain City**

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## KPS 2003 Christmas Dinner

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Final plans for the KPS Christmas Dinner and Meeting will be made at this month's meeting. I'm sure that you all have marked your calendar for this December 2 dinner meeting at Calhoun's on the River in Knoxville. If not got do so now. I'll wait!

Okay, now that that's done, here's the deal. Each KPS member is invited to attend this dinner meeting and bring a guest. Members will receive a \$10.00 meal voucher for himself/herself and a \$10.00 meal voucher for his/her guest from KPS President Dale Kangas. No Tom Copas, you cannot bring a sandwich and put the money in your pocket! At this month's meeting we will decide on four menu items from which each member and guest can choose their meal for the evening.

Following dinner we will exchange gifts. Each KPS member is asked to bring an inexpensive (about \$5.00) stamp related wrapped gift and each guest is asked to bring an inexpensive (again, about \$5.00) NON-philatelic wrapped gift. Details of the gift exchange of will be announced at the meeting.

And then there will be some games and prizes. Anyone that would like to help with the games please contact Bruce Kenney (694-5259).

With all this said, we need to get a good idea of how many KPS members and guest will be attending the KPS Christmas Dinner and Meeting so that we can make final arrangements for the meeting room at Calhoun's. Those members who received an email on this subject from me and responded, need not respond again, but those of you who didn't respond (shame on you) to my email request and all other members need to contact Bruce Kenney (694-5259) and let him know whether or not you will be attending this meeting, and if you plan to attend, whether you will have a guest with you. We really need this information early in November. We want to be sure that everyone will have a seat at a table and not be left standing.

I'm looking forward to meeting members that, for whatever reason, do not/cannot attend our regular monthly meetings. This is going to be a really good time.

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## November Meeting

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We should have an active meeting this month. On the agenda AGAIN will be discussion of a meeting place of a permanent nature and/or at least suggestions for a place to meet in January. We definitely need some help in finding a location.

Bruce Kenney will tell us more about the December meeting at Calhoun's on the River. We will need to pick from Calhoun's menu four meals from which we will make our choice for dinner on December 2.

For the program Dr. Paul Phillips will continue his program on single page stamp exhibitions. Paul never checked our "homework". Be sure to bring your single page stamp exhibition that you were to prepare a few month's ago. Paul will grade your work. This will be Dr. Phillips final meeting, as he will be moving to Ohio (see earlier article).

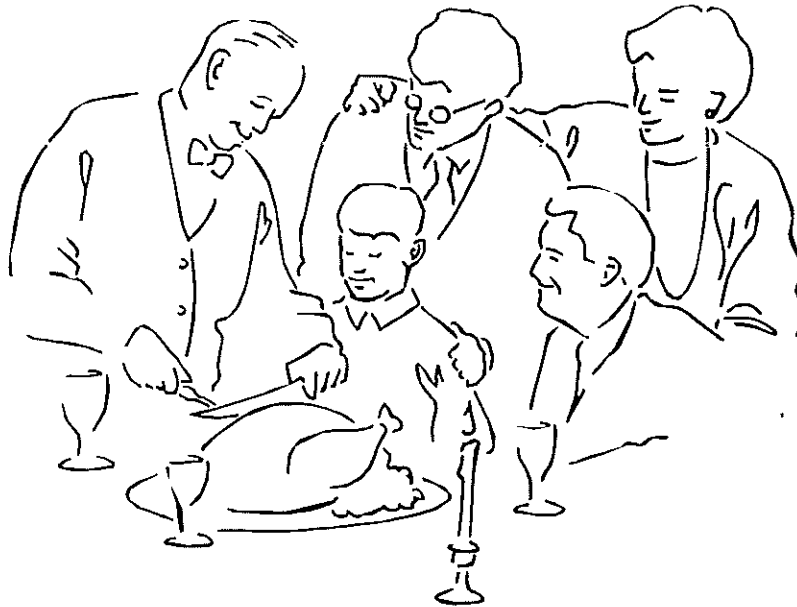
And then there is the silent auction. Dr. Phillips is cleaning out his stamp room and packing up things for his move. His loss will be your gain. Paul will bring to the November meeting, stamp supplies, publications, and general stamp collector's accumulations for our silent auction. I'm looking forward to this. I'll have to make a run to the bank!

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### Where is Richard?

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Where is Richard? In late September (if memory serves me correct) Richard Erlich did some work around his house and in doing such pinched a nerve in his back. Richard missed the October meeting and will also miss the November meeting. Because of pain, and medications that he is taking, Richard is pretty much confined to his house. (I don't care to see him driving around after taking some of the medications that he told me about in a recent phone conversation.) I know that we all wish him a fast recovery.



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### So How Do You Get There?

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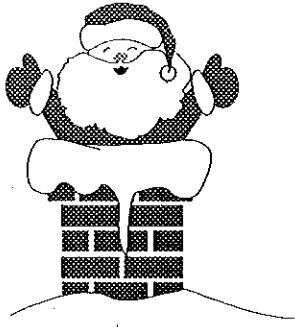
The KPS meeting this month will be at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal in Fountain City. Thanks to Tom Broadhead for making the arrangements so that we could use this facility. To get to the church from West Knoxville, take I-640 east to the Broadway exit. The exit ramp is very long and ends at a traffic light. Go straight through that light (Old Broadway) and then take a left at the next traffic light, which will be Broadway. As soon as you turn onto Broadway quickly merge into the right-most lane. At the top of the hill will be a sign "Exit Tazewell Pike". Take this exit. Near the bottom of the ramp is a Conoco fueling station on the right. Continue driving straight on Tazewell Pike to the traffic light at the top of the hill (about 3/10 mile). Go Straight at that traffic light and this puts you onto Jacksboro Pike. Drive one (1) mile on Jacksboro Pike, past Central High School on the left and a large white house. The entrance to the church drive is the next driveway on the left. Pull into parking places on the upper level.

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### Stolen Cover Collection

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Bruce Roberts got word the other day that a collection of Alabama stampless covers, and Montgomery and Mobile provisionals were stolen from an office at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, recently. The material represented over 20 years of collecting by a specialty collector. If anyone is approached with old Alabama material for sale that might seem suspicious, please call the AU Police Department, 334-844-4158.



# Knoxville Philatelic Society Newsletter

P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422

December 2003  
Jim Pettway, Editor

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## Words From the Editor

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Have any of you decided to start a topical stamp collection since my suggestion in last month's newsletter? I'm now on the lookout for the 2003 U.S. Christmas issues to add to my topical collection of U.S. Christmas stamps. I don't expect to have a problem in obtaining these new issues. In



addition to my U.S. Christmas Issues Collection I have a Great Britain Christmas Issues Collection. I'll have to ask for some help from fellow collectors to obtain additions to this collection. Oh, then I have my Chinese New Year Stamp Issues Collection. 2004 will be the last of twelve issues the United States has put out. I

might get a single page exhibit together with this collection.

Not a whole lot going on in stamp collecting this time of year. Very few stamp shows to attend. I've been cleaning up my stamp room and making some finds. It's fun when you run across a stamp item that you forgot you had. This is the time of year when I take the time to ID stamps that I've stuck into envelopes awaiting the time and patience it takes to identify them. I've been sorting my duplicate United States and foreign stamps and putting them in "red boxes" and binders. Maybe I'll rent a table at a show one day! I'm making some packets for trading, too.

Okay, where are those short stamp related articles for your newsletter? Gerald Schroedl is the only person to make a contribution this year. Not a lot to do outside during the winter months so how about writing a short interesting stamp related article for the newsletter. The

article can be about one stamp, a set of stamps, or a cover. How about the story of how you won that cover in the eBay auction? Keep it short. Mail it to me and I'll make room in an upcoming newsletter edition.

I certainly look forward to the KPS Christmas Dinner and Meeting December 2 at Calhoun's on the River. I hope that many of you that don't attend our monthly meetings will attend this one. See you there . . .

*Jim Pettway*

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## November KPS Meeting Notes

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Ten KPS members met in November at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal Church in Fountain City. (Thanks to Tom Broadhead for arranging for our use of this really nice facility, just a short distance off of I-640.) President Dale Kangas called the November meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Prior to the start of the official meeting, members visited with each other and showed off their recent philatelic acquisitions.

Leading off official business for the evening was discussion about the upcoming December Christmas Dinner and Meeting. More on this subject will be found later in this newsletter.

Next in business was continuing discussion about a long-term location for our monthly meetings. No one had any new ideas! Dale said that something might be developing and he would let us know more at the December meeting.

Charles Klinstiver volunteered to have a stamp program for us in January.

Tom Copas gave a brief report on the progress of KNOXPEX 2004. All is going as planned for the event

to be held at the Budget Inn on Cedar Bluff, the first weekend in March.

In the absence of Paul Phillips, who was scheduled to present the November program, Jim Pettway and Tom Broadhead presented two separate short stamp programs. First, Jim presented a typical group of envelopes from the business where he is employed. The stack of envelopes consisted of about 125 covers with adhesive postage stamps, metered mail, and various cancellations. Members enjoyed seeing the different covers and noting the various markings.

Tom Broadhead showed attendees covers that he had recently obtained from eBay (an Internet auction site - [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)). In conjunction with these covers Tom showed members some single exhibition pages that he had put together under the title of special French covers.

With no lots to auction, Dale Kangas adjourned the KPS meeting at 9:00 pm.

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### Name Your Newsletter

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A few months back I received winning copies of chapter newsletters that were entered into the American Philatelic Society Chapter Activities Committee Newsletter Competition in 2002. I asked for these to give me ideas for our newsletter. At the beginning of the New Year you will see some changes in our newsletter and many of these changes have come from these competitive newsletters. One thing that every newsletter had and that ours is missing was a name. There was *Perforations*, *PhilaNews*, *Unhinged*, *The Perf Gauge*, *The Postmark* and on. In addition to a name, many had a club logo. We need a name for our newsletter. *The Knoxville Philatelic Society Newsletter* is just a bit dry. It'll do but . . . A logo would be nice too. So lets get started and send me your suggestions for a name for our newsletter. I'd like to start the 2004 KPS Newsletter with something new.

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### New Postal History Facts

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An article in *Linn's (Linn's Stamp News, November 10, 2003)* announced the publication of an updated edition of fascinating postal facts in *The United States Postal Service: An American History: 1775-2002*. This edition replaces a 10-year old edition of postal facts and was developed by Megaera Ausman, the Postal Service's historian. It sounds like interesting reading. Who issued the first adhesive stamps in the United States? Who was the first Hispanic American on a U.S. stamp? What does Bing Crosby, Rock Hudson and Walt Disney have in common with the U.S. Postal Service? Individual copies of the history are available without charge from:

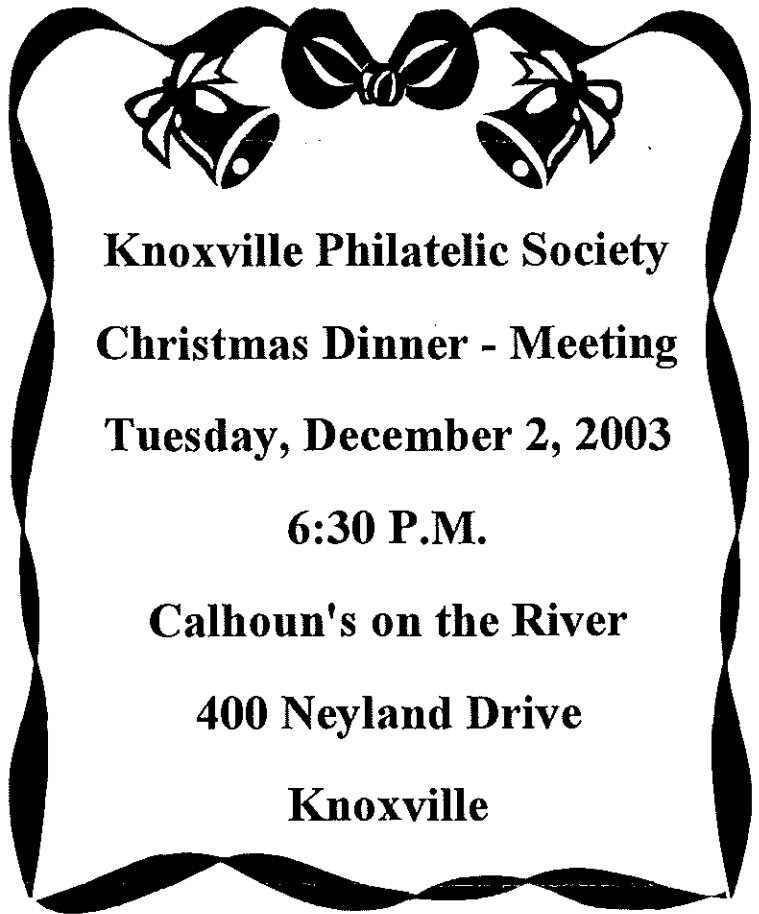
Historian's Office, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W., Washington, DC 20260-0012. I am waiting on my copy to arrive. Order yours today.

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### The Christmas Dinner and Meeting Agenda

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The KPS Christmas Dinner and Meeting will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m., December 2, 2003 at Calhoun's on the River. Following dinner will be a brief club business meeting, followed by exchanging of gifts and game competition.



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### What's For Dinner?

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Half-slab Barbecue Rib Dinner? Barbecue Pork Plate? Chicken Oriental Salad? Grilled Lemon Chicken? During last month's meeting we selected these four main courses from which you will select your Christmas Dinner for the evening. Meals range in price from \$8.50 (pork plate) to \$10.95 (rib dinner). Drink and desert will be extra. As a gift from the KPS (your dues and profits from the yearly stamp show and bourse), President Dale Kangas will hand out a \$10 bill to each member and one guest (\$20.00 per couple) to go toward paying for your meal.

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### And How to Get There

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To get to Calhoun's on the River travel I-40 to Exit 388A and merge onto TN-158 West. Once on TN-158W turn left onto Neyland Drive and travel until you see Calhoun's on the (Tennessee) River, on your left. UT's Neyland Stadium will be on your right.

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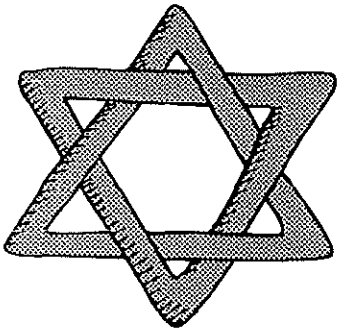
Exit I-40 onto Alcoa Highway/Airport Road (U.S. 129/TN-115) south to Neyland Drive exit. Take Neyland Drive and look for Calhoun's on the (Tennessee) River on your right. UT's Neyland Stadium will be on your left.

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### Gift Exchange and Games

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As part of the activities at our Christmas get-together, each stamp club member is asked to bring a wrapped stamp related gift (cost not to exceed \$5.00). Your guest is asked to bring a non-stamp-related gift (cost not to exceed \$5.00). Stamp related suggestions would be packets of stamps, tongs, a set of stamps, a U.S. new issue sheetlet or a Christmas cover. Keep it simple and fun. I think Tom Broadhead will be directing the gift exchange and the games for the evening. This is going to be fun!!!!



HAPPY  
HANUKKAH

Merry  
Christmas  
to All

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### Anyone Collect Metered Mail?

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As I mentioned earlier, daily I receive business mail with metered postage. This is an area of stamp collecting that I have no real interest. If this is an area of philately that you collect then contact me and I'll save my metered mail for you. Contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

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### No Fifth Tuesday Meeting

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Normally we have a stamp swap, buy and sell on the fifth Tuesday of months with five Tuesdays, but there will not be one this month because of the holidays.

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### And Finally in Philatelic News

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From Tom Broadhead: Tom tells me that he was in the post office the other day buying stamps when he overheard a lady asking the postal clerk for 50 Christmas stamps. The clerk asked her "What denomination?" The woman replied, "God help us. Has it come to this? Give me six Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptists."

I'll leave you all with that and a wish for a very happy and health holiday.

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Peace  
On  
Earth