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## The Editor's Straight Edge

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2002 everyone! I have said this before but I am going to make one "last" attempt to plead with you to please give me or send me your contributions and articles to this, your newsletter. You will find that this edition of the newsletter will be missing two of the regular features that I do (*Stamp Stories of the Month* and *Stamp of the Month*), although I will bring them back in February's issue. However, I have nothing new in the form of an article to offer you in this edition, because no one has sent me anything. I realize that we are a busy people and that our stamp collecting is a hobby. But I really love to hear about and read about other people's interests, to learn from their expertise (yes, you have expertise!), and to get new ideas from their sharing of creative stamp collecting-related ideas. So please, take a minute or two some evening or cloudy weekend afternoon, set down, and write an article about anything related to stamp collecting (your particular area of interest, album page making techniques, stamp soaking techniques, postal history review, your review of stamps that you bought through *Linn's*, etc.). We want to hear from you. I want this publication to grow!

On a "lighter" note, all of you know that KnoxPex 2002 will soon be upon us. The dates for this year's show are March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will find more information on this year's show discussed later in the newsletter. If in the past you have not been actively involved in participating in your club show, this year would be a great time to start. All the key show committee's have been chaired, but their chairpersons need you to volunteer a little or a lot (your choice!) of your time to help make sure

that KnoxPex 2002 is successful!! I hope to see all of you there!!

I hate to close on a sad note but we have lost two members of our Society in recent months. It was brought to my attention that Ralph Vola had passed away sometime last fall around October or November. If anyone has more details please let me know so that I can share with our membership. Finally, most of you have heard but since some have not, I wanted to briefly share with you about what happened to Bob Ericksen. Bob was a relatively new member of KPS that collected the world during the classic period (1849 - 1949). Bob attended our Christmas Dinner meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Sometime after returning home that evening Bob was murdered in his home. Bob's loss has not only left a void in his family's life but also in our lives. Bob was active in helping Bill Muenzer run his shop, K-Town Stamps, when Bill needed to be away. Bob was also very good to help collectors of worldwide issues, like myself, improve our collections through his vast duplicate collection. His cheerful presence at meetings and at the "Shop" will be missed. In his honor, the club has established the "Ericksen Award" to be awarded at our annual KnoxPex show. The annual award will be presented at this year's show for the first time. Ralph and Bob...you will be missed.

Again, I hope to see all of you at our show in March and as many of you that can make it at our meeting this coming Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Good collecting everyone!

Scott Robertson, KPS Newsletter Editor

**KnoxPex 2002: World's Fairs - Bringing the World Together**

### **KPS Miniature Meeting Minutes**

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at Calvary Baptist Church on January 8, 2002 and was called to order by President Dale Kangas. Fifteen members and two visitors were in attendance. The main order of business at this meeting was finalizing the planning for the 2002 KnoxPex Show to be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The show theme for KnoxPex 2002, as previously announced, will be "World's Fairs - Bringing the World Together." Tom Broadhead brought in the design for the show cachet (minus the final caption) as well as the postal cancellation design that has been turned in to the USPS for acceptance and production. Tom suggested, and the club approved, that this year's cachets be done in color. He will be producing the cachets on his color printer. Thanks Tom! The society also needed to decide on the stamp to be used as the "official" stamp for the show cachet. The club agreed on using two copies of the Knoxville World's Fair stamp. Bruce Roberts agreed to check into obtaining these stamps for the club to purchase for use on the cachets. Thanks Bruce!

Show chairman (Bruce Kenney), location (Knoxville EXPO Center), dates (March 2 & 3), bourse chairman (Bill Muenzer), and dealer number (12) have been determined. Advertisement's in *Linn's* are prepared and have started appearing as well as an announcement in the February *APS* journal. A called meeting at the church for Tuesday, February 26 was made for final show preparation.

The following committee chairs were finalized at the meeting: Hospitality: Jean Byrne; Youth: John Coyle; Exhibits: Scott Robertson; Live Auction: Lillard Harvey; and Site Set-up / Breakdown: Bill Muenzer. These individuals need your help! If you can help in any way, at any time or times during the show, please contact any of the above named chairpersons. They will be thankful for your help and your help will assure that we have another successful show!

The KPS, in honor of Bob Ericksen, voted to establish the "Ericksen Award." This award, to be given to the exhibitor at KnoxPex each year that best embodies some facet of worldwide stamp collecting and/or exhibiting, would include a commemorative plaque and a copy of the most recent Scott's Classics Catalog since this was the area that Bob pursued - the world from 1849 to 1949. A fitting honor in memory of Bob!!

Dr. Tom Broadhead did our feature presentation at the January meeting. Tom gave us a brief tour of his recent APS Gold Medal winning exhibit on the French Balloon Post and Postal Cards. Thank you Tom for an excellent presentation and for making each of us more knowledgeable about our hobby. Stamp collecting, in any form or fashion, is way cool!!

### **K.P.S. Annual "Dues Due!"**

**Your annual club dues are now "due." If you have not already paid your dues, please bring them to the club meeting in February. You can also mail them to Scott Robertson, Secretary at the address given at the heading of this newsletter. Dues are \$10 for adults and \$12 for family memberships. If your newsletter banner was colored in at the top, your "dues are due!!" Thanks everyone!!**

## *KnoxPex 2002: World's Fairs – Bringing the World Together*

KnoxPex 2002 is just over one month away. I am definitely pumped up and ready to spend some money! But you know what? I am also ready to look, to listen, and to learn!! At last year's show I was able to fill a lot of spaces in my U.S. mint stamp collection. I looked for and found several awesome examples of stamps from the Washington / Franklin series that I needed to fill several blank spaces. I found examples of several 2-cent reds from the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century that I needed as well as early souvenir sheets missing from my collection. I was able to jump-start my worldwide stamp collection by purchasing some very nice foreign country sets from various dealers. Bottom line...I was able to make some excellent purchases - thus filling blank spots in my albums and making several dealers show more profitable! Everyone was happy! But I also learned about my hobby from knowledgeable dealers and other stamp collectors. I saw wonderful exhibits

## V. Show Announcements

- Announcements should be made in APS and Linn's as well as other theme or agreed upon relevant philatelic publication. Club should have assigned member responsible for sending announcements to philatelic publications. Assign to club APS liaison.
- APS announcements (free) should start in November; Linn's announcements should begin with 1<sup>st</sup> January issue and proceed to show date.
- Show flyer and/or letter should be sent out to area philatelic clubs (names and locations can be found on APS website) in early/mid January. Assign to newsletter editor.
- Local and area news media announcements should be sent out in early February. Need to establish media contact list and person responsible for sending out announcements.
- The Show Chairperson's contact information should be included in all correspondence / announcements sent out.

## VI. Show Hospitality

- Several jobs must be covered by the "Hospitality" committee / group at the show. They are listed and partially described below.
- Greeters – greet people as they enter the show and have "information" form completed, supply show program, club information (to non-members), philatelic material for give-away, etc.
- Cachet sales – selling of show cachets (and previous show cachets?) to show attendees.
- String Pull – make sure prizes are prepared and string pull apparatus is ready to go.
- Possibly prepare or order lunches for dealers (based on policy of owner's of show location). Also, make sure that dealers "needs" are met for basic requests (e.g., water, directions to local restaurants, etc.).

## VII. Exhibits

- Select Exhibit chairman and select panel of judges (number of?)
- Prepare, based upon judges criteria or standard APS judging criteria (?), exhibit score sheets for judges marks and comments.
- Prepare exhibit entry forms and make available in late fall through newsletter, etc. Set deadline for exhibit entry in mid-February.
- Make sure medals and ribbons are on hand at the show for rewards.
- Determine how many functional frames club has. Location? Assign members to transport, set-up, breakdown, and return frames for show.
- Set per frame fee. Suggest \$5.00 per frame, with KPS members getting first two frames free.

## VIII. Youth Program

- Assign chairperson responsible for planning and overseeing activities.

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## The Editor's Straight Edge

I am excited fellow philatelists! By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will be just a few short days away from the start of KnoxPex 2002. This year's theme, World's fairs - Bringing the World Together, is an all-together appropriate one for our times. Every since the heinous acts of September 11, 2001, the United States has been striving to find a common ground where all of her citizens can stand. I personally think that this common ground can be found in our love and support of one another at all times - both good and bad. Likewise, the Winter Olympic Games that have just finished have been an excellent opportunity for not only the United States to find a common ground upon which to stand but also for the countries of the world to share that common ground - a common ground of peace and the pursuit of cultural and intellectual exchange. The World's Fairs that are celebrated from time to time are also designed to do this - to bring the world together, in peace, to share the wonderful diversity of heritages, histories, cultures, languages, ideas, and creativity of the human spirit that is found in our world. Truly this upcoming weekend gives

each of us, as stamp collectors and as citizens of the world, opportunity to stand on common ground and share the common, as well as the diverse, interests in our hobby!

Thank you to all of you that have played and integral part in making this year's KnoxPex possible. Likewise, thank you to all of you that will give of your time this weekend to make sure that our members and guests alike will find a well run, enjoyable show to attend. I look forward to seeing all of you at the show this weekend at the EXPO 75 Center on the corner of Clinton Highway and Merchants Road. Remember that this is YOUR show. Be there!! Good collecting everyone - especially this weekend!!

Scott Robertson - KPS Newsletter Editor

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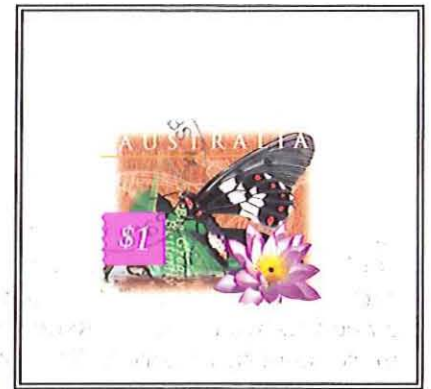
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## KnoxPex 2002: World's Fairs - Bringing the World Together

### KnoxPex 2002: This Year's Cachet

As previously reported in this newsletter, this year's show cachet will boast a compilation of several previous World's Fair's major landmarks, including the Space Needle and Monorail from the 1962 Seattle World's Fair and the Sunsphere from the 1982 Knoxville's World's Fair. The Sunsphere has been designed so that if one so wishes a Tennessee State quarter can be affixed to the cachet within the Sunsphere. Tennessee State quarters will be available at the show. Cachets will be sold with a two-stamp combination of the 1982 Knoxville World's Fair stamp issues and postmarked with the official KnoxPex 2002 cancel. Finally, non-stamped cachets will be sold so that you can affix your own postage choice to them for cancellation at the show. I plan on trying to get all the previous U.S. World's Fair commemorative issues on one cover for cancellation. Does anybody know how many issues that will be?! I'll check your suggestions against my list!

This month's **Stamps of the Month** are part of the 1996 - 99 Flora and Fauna series issued by Australia. The \$1 issue portraits a Big greasy butterfly and water lily variety while the \$2 issue portraits a Blackwood Wattle. All three species are indigenous to Australia. The stamps were printed using a lithographic process. Do you know how lithography is used to print stamps?! Here's a hint: the process uses the principal that oil and water does not mix! Usually stamps provided for our "Stamp of the Month" do not have a big catalog value but, more importantly, are used to provide information about a relevant topic of a philatelic nature. Guess what?! This month's stamps have a used 2002 Scott Catalog value of \$1 and \$2 respectively! Better keep this one - it's worth something!!



### **Stamp Collecting for the Right Reasons: Church Women United**

One of our long time members, Mrs. Betty Anne Logan, has worked tirelessly over the course of many years to promote the Church World Service. Betty has done this by working with other women of Church Women United, an interdenominational women's group, to collect, prepare, and sell used stamps. All the funds made from the sell of these stamps go to the relief fund known as Church World Service (also an interdenominational program). Betty has worked unwaveringly for many years to provide area collectors with a wonderful selection of mostly U.S. stamps, including commemoratives, regular issues, coil stamps, plate number coils, airmails, etc. Although her efforts go mostly unnoticed, Betty provides for sale U.S. stamps that are difficult to come buy simply because most of us do not get to see all the many varieties of U.S. stamps that are issued each year in "used" form. The niche that Betty's work fills is important to many area U.S. collectors and, even more importantly, is important to the Church World Service relief fund. This fund is designed to provide relief from disasters, hunger, disease, lack of shelter, etc. on a worldwide basis. Although Betty claims that she makes a small impact at best with her yearly contribution, the lives of those that she touches through her work would probably think otherwise.

Betty will be at this year's KnoxPex show with a portion of her inventory - once again raising money for the Church World Service. Please drop by and see her if you collect U.S. used issues. On a personal note, Betty is in desperate need of help so that she can continue with this important project. She is looking for volunteers that will help her in the preparation of stamps for sale. If you are interested, or know of someone that would be, please make sure that they talk to Betty this weekend. This is truly stamp collecting at its best!!

### **KnoxPex 2002: What Can I do to Help?!**

As many of you know by now, this year's KnoxPex show will be held at the EXPO 75 Center on the corner of Clinton Highway and Merchants Road. The show starts on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 am and runs through 5 pm. At 6pm, we will be holding our annual live auction. Each year the live auction presents something for almost everyone and sometimes several "somethings" for many individuals! I am sure that this year's auction will be no different. If you would like to help with the actual auction process itself, please get in touch with Lillard Harvey as early as possible Saturday. I know he will appreciate any help that you can provide! The show will continue on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, opening at 10 am and running until 4 pm that afternoon. Please remember that we will be meeting! at the EXPO 75 Center on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, sometime between 5 and 6 pm to set up for the show start on Saturday. Anybody interested in helping are welcome to come Friday for as long as you can stay. Likewise, we will need help on Sunday afternoon after the conclusion of our show to breakdown the tables, chairs, and exhibit frames and to clean up the site. If you can help either or both times, please let Bill Muenzer know or simply show up and offer to assist. The more hands available the quicker we will set up and then break down on Friday and Sunday respectively! This is your show, so get involved and lend a helping hand if you can! Thanks!!

### **KnoxPex 2002: What Dealer's will be at This Year's Show?!?!**

Bill Muenzer, this year's bourse chairman, is expecting the following twelve dealers to be on hand for this year's show: William Callahan; L. Allen Poole; Trader's Guild; B&W Stamps (Bill Vance); Tony Crumbley; Collect'em All (Len Curtis); Richter Stamp Company; Stamp & Coin Haven (Wilson Mulliniks); F&A Stamps; Stone Mountain Stamps (Robert Johnston); Bruce Robert Stamps; and K-Town Stamps (Bill Muenzer).

Please make sure that you get by and thank Bill for making sure that we have a great variety of wonderful dealers to visit with this weekend! Also make sure that you thank all of our dealers, local ones and otherwise, for coming to be a part of our annual show. Remember, without their presence we could not have a successful KnoxPex 2002!!

## **KnoxPex 2002: Exhibit Information**

We are anticipating a wide variety of exhibits this year at KnoxPex 2002. Our hope is to have something of interest exhibited for everyone – from the novice collector to the most advanced collector. I have heard from several of you about your desire to exhibit at this year's show, and I am so excited by your willingness to share from your collection. If you have not already done so, let me know how many frames that you will need for your exhibit. Please do so via e-mail (run2scot @ usit.net) no later than Thursday afternoon so that I will know how many frames to set up at the show site. Remember we are offering this year, for the first time, the "Ericksen Award." This award will be presented to the exhibitor that most closely presents a worldwide-type exhibit. The exhibit can be stamps, postal history, or topicals that relate to a worldwide theme. Preference will be given to the exhibit that includes material from the "Classic Era" of 1849 to 1949" since this was Bob Ericksen's collecting area, although exhibits will not be excluded from judging that contain more modern material. The exhibit must be at least one frame in size. Since this is the first year the award is being presented, exact judging "criteria" have not been established. However, we feel that this is not the important aspect of the award but that the honoring of our late member, Bob Ericksen, is the most important aspect of this award.

Remember, you can enter single page exhibits, multi-page exhibits, and multi-frame exhibits. This year is about sharing our hobby with our guests (and our fellow members!) during KnoxPex 2002. Awards will be given in each category and there is no fee to enter your exhibit, no matter what the size. Come on closet exhibitors – get involved at this year's KnoxPex!!

## **Stamp Stories of the Month**

### From Linn's:

January 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>; February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Front-page stories in all four editions talk about the USPS's desire to irradiate all non-commercial, non-bulk mail and how it is affecting stamp collectors and dealers. Effects on mailed letters range from discoloration of stamps and envelopes to slowing down delivery of the mails to severe damage to stamps within irradiated envelopes caused by the melting of stamp mounts and glassine envelopes. *Linn's* reported that at least two batches of mail being irradiated in 2001 ignited and burned during the process! Although the lack of funding is currently preventing the USPS from moving ahead with its plans to install irradiation equipment in 260 major mail-processing / distribution centers nationwide, several dealers and philatelic organizations are already moving away from using the US mail for delivery of philatelic materials in favor of private delivery companies such as FedEx.

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. In a sad commentary on philatelic "big business," *Linn's* reported that John D. Apfelbaum, owner of one of the leading auction houses for philatelic materials, pleaded guilty to two felony counts of violating the Sherman Antitrust Act in a criminal investigation into bid rigging. Apfelbaum, along with seven other well known and "respected" auction houses that called themselves collectively the "Ring," were also named in lawsuits based upon unfair bid rigging practices that was designed to allow members of the "Ring" to not bid against each other for philatelic materials and collections. This allowed "Ring" members to buy material at lower prices while "swindling collectors and (other) auction houses."

Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. A page two story reports that the US Customs Service is routinely opening a higher percentage of foreign originating mail prior to delivery within the US. The article discusses mail from countries of origin that are more likely to be inspected because of known ties to narcotic or terrorist trafficking activities. The article also briefly discusses the destruction of stamps caused by the resealing tape used to close the envelope after inspection. When asked why the right side of the envelope was opened and not the left, a Custom's official indicated that it was not by design but probably because "most people are right handed." Who knew?!?!

### From the February issue of Scott Stamp Monthly:

Eliot Landau, in the fourth article in a series on "Lincoln on US stamps and postal history," provides an informative and interesting look at Abraham Lincoln-related US postal material that ranges from the inexpensive to the extremely expensive. In this article, Landau looks at Airmail Stamps, Official Stamps, Newspaper and Periodical Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, and Postal Cards. The fourth article in the series, as well as the first three, are a must read for collectors of Lincoln on stamps – no matter how broad or narrowly you defined your interest lie. Likewise, this is an excellent article for the "general" US collector looking to improve his or her knowledge of basic stamp collecting terms and collecting fields.

### From the February issue of the American Philatelist:

An excellent presentation of the "hush, hush" development of and surprise release of the 1962 Project Mercury commemorative issue. This stamp was the first in US Postal history to be issued at the same time the event it was commemorating was taking place! The creativity and ingenuity of collectors scrambling to make first day covers for the surprise release as well as the wide variety of material eventually prepared is a wonder to behold! This is a must read for all US collectors, space topical collectors, postal history and first day cover collectors as well as collectors in general that are fascinated by the story of "How & Why stamps are issued." This article has it all!!

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KnoxPex 2002, World's Fairs - Bringing the World Together, was held the first weekend of this month and in my estimation was a great success. Although "monetarily" we finished a couple of hundred dollars in the red, I feel that as far as KPS putting on a successful philatelic show where most everyone was pleased (both dealers and collectors alike) is concerned we were very successful. Cachet and string pull sales were at an all time high and reports from Bill Muenzer, Bourse Chairman, indicated that dealers reported good sales. Attendance numbers were up from last year too! All in all, everyone deserves to pat themselves on the back for a job well done!

As we look ahead to the months to come, we should look to build on the momentum that KnoxPex 2002 has given us. We have several new members, both youth and adults, that have joined or rejoined our group during KnoxPex; we are financially sound as an organization; and we have dedicated leadership and a faithful membership. All these "pluses" add up to an awesome opportunity for new growth in our society as well as new opportunities to learn about our hobby.

Let's work hard to keep the momentum going as we head into spring of 2002. I am so honored to be part of this philatelic society. I hope you are too!

I look forward to seeing each of you at our April meeting. As always I sure could use some articles to add to our newsletter. Remember that your article can be scholarly or "fun." Your article can be about your collection or it can be about some facet of "collecting." Remember, there is always several "somones" that would love to benefit and learn from what you can teach them about our hobby. Please take the time to make a submission to your newsletter! Thanks and good collecting everyone!!

Scott Robertson, KPS Newsletter Editor

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## PHILATELIC ROAD TRIP!!! Are you Interested?!?!

There is a stamp show in Lexington KY on April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in traveling together to this show on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, please contact Scott Robertson. If enough people are interested maybe we can take a "Philatelic Road Trip!" There is also a show planned in Charlotte NC (CARPEX) on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Although I cannot make it to this show, I would be glad to coordinate an effort by members who want to "Road Trip" together. Let me know as soon as possible!!

\*\*\* **KnoxPex 2002 Cachets are still available. Come to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to purchase your copy!!** \*\*\*

## KPS Miniature Meeting Minutes

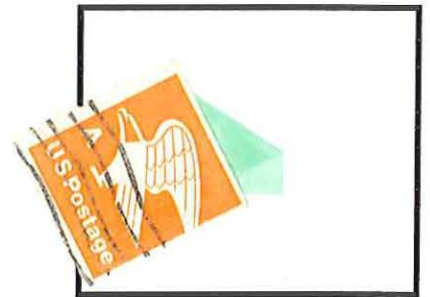
Dale Kangas, President, called the March 5th meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society to session. Visitors Frank and Evelyne Autry, Ralph Hall, and Pam Reagan (mother of new members Raymond, Roland, and Randall!) were recognized. Tom Copas and Dale Kangas won door prizes. Dale donated his prize to the Reagan brothers!!

The big topic of discussion was KnoxPex 2002. Topics covered included (1) things to make next year's show even better based upon what we learned this year; (2) recognition of those who worked so hard to make this year's show a great success; (3) the need to (a) reposition dealers at next years show and (b) possibly add one more dealer next year that specializes in covers and topicals; (4) recognition of exhibit award winners (esp. Ray Ritter, whose Knoxville World's Fair Cover Exhibit won the best-of-show Theme Award, and Jean Giesler, whose Machin Head exhibit one the first annual "Ericksen Award"); and (5) the preliminary show financial report.

Scott Robertson raised the topic of reinstatement of a fall show (bourse only). Pros and Cons of adding a fall show in 2003 were discussed and tabled for later discussion by the board.

Treasurer Richard Ehrlich made the club financial report for February 2002. You will find a copy of his report at the end of this newsletter for your consideration.

This month's **Stamp of the Month** was issued 24 years ago to become the very first "rate change" issue printed by the USPS to cover a hike in the cost of mailing a first class letter. The rate change increased the first class rate by two cents, from 13-cents to 15-cents, in May of 1978 – the month I graduated from High School!! The orange "A" rate change stamp was the first in a series that ended with the "H" rate change stamp in 1998, marking the 1-cent increase in the first class mail rate from 32- to 33-cents. In just eight "letters" we've come a "long way baby" in the cost of first class postage – from 13-cents to 33-cents. A twenty-cent increase in 20 years!! Recently I did a show and tell at one of our meetings of rate change stamps on cover. Collecting all of the different varieties on cover is quite a challenge!



## Stamp Stories of the Month

### From *Linn's*:

March 4. The front-page story headlines the discovery of a pane of the U.S. 1992 Stock Exchange issue in which there are 28 inverted errors and 12 color missing errors. The discovery of this piece is the first such "invert" error discovered since the infamous CIA Candleholder inverts in 1979. A Texas family that noticed the missing colors but not the inverted centers purchased the pane of stamps in 1992. It wasn't until this past December that the family realized the pane had stamps with inverted centers and the possible worth of their pane of stamps.

March 11. *Linn's* reports that former Beatle and rock star great Paul McCartney will be the designer of a set of six stamps to be issued by the Isle of Man on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The designs for the set will include McCartney's drawings of flowers and are to be called collectively the "Happy Memories of the Isle of Man" issue. Part of the proceeds from sales of the folder containing the stamps and a related cover will be given to Adopt-A-Minefield of the United Kingdom.

March 18. Although in the philatelic news for some time now, *Linn's* announces that the APS has purchased a 19<sup>th</sup>-century match factory in Bellefonte PA to renovate for its new headquarters. People who have been following this story closely know that there have been individuals, most prominently Janet Klug who is currently running for APS President, that have vocally opposed this purchase. Look for more infighting as the months pass by prior to the start of the renovation process!

March 25. In front page news, *Linn's* announces that the 50 Greetings stamps are to be released on April 4<sup>th</sup> in ceremonies to take place in New York City as well as all 50 state capitals. An interesting side note briefly mentioned was that the pane could be reissued after the June 30<sup>th</sup> first class rate increase takes effect bearing a 37-cent cost. That means you have to buy another sheet that will cost you \$1.50 more than the original cost of \$17 for the 34-cent pane!! *Linn's* also announces that effective March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Breast Cancer semipostal stamp will rise in cost from 40-cents to 45-cents. The Heroes of 2001 stamp, slated to be released sometime this spring, will also bear a 45-cent cost. A color picture of this issue is found on page two of this issue of *Linn's*.



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	<u>Bal. 12/31/01</u>	<u>Bal. 01/31/02</u>
Checking Account	\$ 3,204.53	\$ 3,047.63
Cash	\$ <u>58.45</u>	\$ <u>61.45</u>
Totals	\$ 3,262.98	\$ 3,109.08
 Certificate of Deposit <sup>1</sup>	 \$ <u>3,069.35</u>	 \$ <u>3,069.35</u>
Totals (inc. C.D.)	\$ 6,332.33	\$ 6,178.43
 Balance 12/31/01	 \$ 3,262.98	
Inflows	\$ 108.00	
Outflows	( <u>\$ 261.90</u> )	
Balance 01/31/02	\$ 3,109.08	\$ 3,109.08

FEBRUARY, 2002

	<u>Bal. 01/31/02</u>	<u>Bal. 02/28/02</u>
Checking Account	\$ 3,047.63	\$ 2,254.57
Cash	\$ <u>61.45</u>	\$ <u>68.45</u>
Totals	\$ 3,109.08	\$ 2,323.02
 Certificate of Deposit <sup>1</sup>	 \$ <u>3,069.35</u>	 \$ <u>3,069.35</u>
Totals (inc. C.D.)	\$ 6,178.43	\$ 5,392.37
 Balance 01/31/02	 \$ 3,109.08	
Inflows	\$ 384.00	
Outflows	( <u>\$ 1,170.06</u> )	
Balance 02/28/02	\$ 2,323.02	\$ 2,323.02

<sup>1</sup> C.D. valuation on most recent maturity date of 09/04/01.

Submitted by  
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## The Editor's Straight Edge

The most important parts of this month's newsletter are found in the "Report from the Committee Regarding Proposed Amendments to KPS Constitution and Bylaws" presented by Richard Ehrlich and Jean Byrne at the April meeting and the "KPS Election Report" which outlines those positions of leadership in the Society that are to be voted on at the June meeting. I encourage each of you who receive this newsletter to carefully read the suggested changes to our Constitution and Bylaws so that if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions you will be ready to act accordingly at next Tuesday's meeting. Likewise, I hope that each of you will make every effort to be at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (I'll be there and it's my wedding anniversary!!) so that we can finish selecting and then follow with the election of a slate of leaders that will help direct the Knoxville Philatelic Societies continued growth in 2002 and 2003. Please come and support your society!

It seems to me like I never have the time to do everything I want and/or need to do. Do you ever feel that way? I never have the time I want to spend studying my collection, adding to my collection, and, in general, working on KPS-related activities. Sometimes I feel very guilty because I do not have the opportunity to bring you the kind of newsletter you deserve and that I want to publish. Believe it or not, I have a very heartfelt vision for what I would like to see our newsletter become in

the not-so-distant future. I hate to sound like a broken record, but I cannot achieve this without your help. Please take the time to write out a short article about your collection, about a time/labor saving technique for making album pages or soaking stamps, about how you began stamp collecting, about a show you went to or participated in (see Bruce Robert's great contribution in this edition!), or anything related to our great hobby. We have such a vast wealth of information that is stored in the minds of our membership. Please share it!

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our June meeting. Please bring a stamp-related lot for the silent auction. Please bring something to share with a fellow collector. Please bring something that you want to trade or something you want to give away to a fellow collector. Most importantly, please bring yourself. I for one miss you when you are not here with us!! Thanks and good collecting everyone!!

Scott Robertson, KPS Newsletter Editor

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See you at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society!!!  
We'll be electing new officers and voting on changes to  
our Constitution and Bylaws!!!

## **Report on the Winston-Salem Stamp Club show, May 4-5, 2002**

Submitted by Bruce Roberts (Bruce Roberts  
Stamps)

The "Winston-Salem" show took place in Kernersville, North Carolina at the Dudley convention center, which was a new location since in the past the show was actually held in Winston-Salem. Kernersville is located about six miles east of Winston-Salem. Bill Muenzer and I rented a truck and traveled together to the show, the first time either of us had been to this particular show. When we arrived, we had to unpack in the rain, always the worse of circumstances for a dealer. Overall, there were a total of seven dealers present. There were about 8 frames of exhibits, but no post office booth. Show officials told me that 69 people had registered at the door on Saturday. Several of my long time customers drove to this show from the Charlotte, NC area and from the W-S, Greensboro, and Raleigh area in response to my ad letters. My major sales were in U.S. Postal History, Plate Blocks (classic period and early airmail only), high quality US as well as bargain box US, 1940's sheets and very recent US sheetlets, and Germany. I also sold Australian States and topicals from Hungary and Russia. I was busy most of the time on Saturday, having to skip a lunch offer because I did not have time to

## **How I began stamp collecting...**

Submitted by Scott Robertson

To be honest, I cannot remember the exact circumstances that started my fascination with collecting stamps, but I do know that it was very much related to two circumstances or "events" that occurred in my life around the time I was eleven years old. First, I was involved in a very active Cub Scout group and one of our leaders or parents of a member had us all over to work on a stamp-collecting project. I remember very little about the activity, about what we did, and about what I did with the stamps that I received, but I do know it sparked by fascination about these little pieces of history that carried letters through the mails. Around the same time, I had a very dear friend, Sam Smith, who had an older brother that collected stamps. I spent a lot of time in the summer over at Sam's house playing, but I remember always being fascinated by his brother's U.S. stamp collection. I loved the stamps and I loved the little "histories" printed with each of the stamps in his album. It wasn't long until I was begging for a stamp album of my own and I knew just where and how to get it!!

In the early 1970's, S&H Green stamps were the staple of Knoxville area White Store and White Way shoppers. There was even S&H Green stamp shop in Knoxville, on Kingston Pike somewhere I recall. My mother was a White Store shopper and always faithfully expected and collected her Green stamps after each weekly shop to the market. While perusing her S&H Green stamps catalog I came across a Minkus U.S. album that could be had for a mere two books of Green stamps! Well now, I collected Green stamps to when I bought baseball cards or GI Joe toys at the White way store and was soon working diligently to work towards filling two books. Much to my great surprise and joy, my dear mother told me that if I could fill one book, she would donate one of her books for me to have the two required. Before long, I was the proud owner of a red vinyl covered Minkus U.S. Stamp album and not long after had discovered through comic book (I think?!) ads H.E. Harris Stamps and Approvals.

You know what?.. My most favorite early memories of stamp collecting are working with my father or mother going through old boxes in the garage that contained old letters and cutting them off to soak and put in my US Album. Or, having opportunity to go through my numerous Aunts and Uncle's "stuff" to find little treasures. I had one Aunt that worked at a local funeral home, and she collected all the stamps from all the mail that came into the funeral home for me. I also spent a lot of quality time at Sarge's Stamp Shop when he

eat. Late Saturday I was able to spend some time trading with two of the other dealers and got some excellent U.S. stamp material, for which I traded mostly Ohio Postal History (!) plus a nearly superb copy of US 622. Over the table on Saturday, I purchased an extensive U.S. collection, all mint and hinged, and then sold it on Sunday to a retail customer for \$50 more than I paid for it. On Saturday night I went with two other dealers to a local eating-place called Susies. Excellent Greek food!

Sunday morning was also busy, but the show had died by 2 PM Sunday and Bill and I began packing up at three PM (in beautiful dry weather, thank goodness!). I exceeded my hoped for sales target by over 50%, and plan to return to this show next year. It was obvious that most of the show work was done by about five people with little support from other club members. One of the biggest show-related problems was that there were no signs telling where the show was, no directions out at the turn-in to the convention center, nothing. A couple of my customers said if I had not given them detailed instructions on how to find the place, they would never have gotten there at all. Many of my customers from the local area asked me how soon another show would be held there. All in all, I think the Winston-Salem - Greensboro area is underserved by dealers and shows.

had a location "uptown" in Knoxville. Sarge was so friendly and always patiently waited as I counted out my coins to pay for the treasures that I had bought that day.

Let me close by sharing two of my "humorous" early collecting year's stories with you. When I first started collecting stamps, I did not know about stamp hinges so I faithfully glued each of my stamps into my Minkus US Album with the old liquid brown glue in a plastic bottle with a rubber tip!! Thankfully the stamps "resoaked" off and were just fine when I discovered the use of hinges. Finally, I can remember going through a box in our garage with my dad and finding a "Prexie" on an old letter. Well, that was long before the current postal history "craze" and certainly long before I thought about collecting the Prexie series on cover. I dutifully cut the stamp off the envelope and "glued" it into my US Album. I still have that stamp I cut off cover so many years ago - it was a single copy of the sixteen-cent Lincoln stamp!!

### **New Officer Elections**

I apologize for not having a complete slate of "nominated" officer's for you, but I do know that past president Bruce Kenney has worked very hard to fill all the needed positions for 2002- 03. As President-elect, I (Scott Robertson) will be in line to become KPS president but that does not mean that there cannot or will not be a nomination from the floor at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Positions to be filled include a new president-elect, a new secretary \*(see proposed changes to Constitution and Bylaws for change in description for this position), and two new KPS Board members. There are possibly other positions that will need to be filled and they will be presented at the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Nominations and voting will take place just after discussion and voting on the proposed changes in the KPS Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Report from the Committee Regarding Proposed Amendments to the KPS Constitution and Bylaws** Submitted by Jean Byrne and Richard Ehrlich

For each proposal indicated below, the intent of the amendment is given first, followed where necessary for clarity by the pertinent Constitution and Bylaws (C&BY) Section(s) as they presently exist, and then by modification of the Section(s), with deletions shown in brackets { } and new wording shown as underlined.

#### **Amendment Proposal 1.**

The present offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary will be combined into one office named Secretary. This affects Article IV, Section 1, and Article VI, Section 5.

(Revised) Article IV, Section 1: The officers of the Society shall be a President, a President-elect, a (Recording) Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer. These officers, plus five Directors, one of whom shall be the immediate past president, shall constitute the Executive Board and shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution and bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

(Revised) Article VI, Section 5: In the unlikely event of the absence from a meeting of both the President and President-elect, the {Recording} Secretary shall preside and call for the election of a chairperson pro tempore show shall conduct the meeting.

#### **Amendment Proposal 2.**

Clarify the intent of the Society that no member can hold more than one elective (and have more than one vote on Board matters) office at a time. This affects only Article IV, Section 6.

(Revised) Article IV, Section 6: No member shall hold more than one elective office at a time.

#### **Amendment Proposal 3.**

Add a section giving the President specific authority to appoint non-voting officers as the President sees fit. At the present time the C&BY gives the President authority to appoint only "the Parliamentarian and the newsletter editor." It is proposed to add this new section as Section 7 to Article IV, requiring that the existing Sections 7 through 10 be renumbered Sections 8 through 11 without further changes. This proposal would also delete the existing Section 7 of Article VII.

(New) Article IV, Section 7: The following non-elective (non-voting) officers shall be appointed by the KPS President with Board approval and shall hold office for such time as the office holder and KPS President agree: Parliamentarian, Newsletter Editor, Show Chairperson, Show Bourse Chairperson, Librarian, Historian, and APS Representative. The KPS President may appoint such others as he/she deems necessary.

(Delete) Article VII, Section 7: {The president shall appoint the Parliamentarian and the Newsletter Editor}  
(The section number would also be deleted)

Amendment Proposal 4.

The existing C&BY names eight "Standing Committees." Two of them have never existed and two others have only functioned during the last few years as part of our spring stamp show. The name of one committee would be revised. This affects only Article VII, Section 5.

(Revised) Article VII, Section 5: The Standing Committees of the Society are:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Finance (& Planning) | d (e.) Nominating           |
| b. Membership           | {f. Public Relations}       |
| c. Program              | {g. Philatelic Exhibitions} |
| {d. Publicity}          | {h. Youth Activities}       |

Amendment Proposal 5.

This would change the Society's annual meeting from June to May. This would affect three sections of the C&BY, specifically: Article IV, Section 3,  
Article VI, Section 1 and Section 2.

(Revised) Article IV, Section 3: The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for office at the {May} April meeting and elections shall be held at the annual meeting in {June} May, at which time nominations from the floor shall be permitted, providing the nominee is a member in good standing whose acceptance of the nomination has been obtained.

(Revised) Article VI, Section 1: The regular meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month from {July} June to {June} May inclusive unless otherwise ordered by the Society or the Executive Board. Meetings will also be held on each fifth Tuesday during the year unless cancelled by the board.

(Revised) Article VI, Section 2: The regular meeting on the first Tuesday in {June} May shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving year-end and other officer and committee reports, and for any other business that may arise.

Amendment Proposal 6.

There is a significant omission in Article VII, Section 2 in that the section does not state which committee's plan and budget are involved. This would correct the language of and affects only Article VII - COMMITTEES, Section 2.

(Revised) Article VII, Section 2: The chairperson {of the Finance and Planning Committee} shall direct the planning of that committee's annual plan and proposed budget so they may be presented at a designated meeting of the Executive Board. Upon approval by the Board, the committee chairperson {and/or President, as appropriate,} shall take steps necessary for implementation of the plan.

Amendment Proposal 7.

There is a dichotomy in the Society's operation as related to the calendar year. The C&BY requires that dues be paid on a calendar year basis, with new member's dues prorated after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Yet, the annual meeting and elections were moved to the middle of the calendar year for good reasons. Also, the C&BY provisions mention a budget but do not mention an annual report specifically. It is proposed to add three new Sections to Article VIII, to make a minor change to existing Section 2, and to renumber the existing Sections 2 and 3. The existing Section 1 would not be changed.

(New) Article VIII, Section 2: No authorized check signer shall sign a check on which that person is payee.

(New) Article VIII, Section 3: All KPS expense bills or vouchers requiring payment greater than \$50.00, unless specifically budgeted, shall be approved by the President, or, in the President's absence, by the President-elect.

(Existing Article VIII, Section 3 becomes Section 4): (There is no text change)

(Existing Article VIII, Section 2 becomes Section 5): The chairperson of the Finance {and Planning} Committee shall present the annual budget to the Society for approval at the annual meeting.

(New) Article VIII, Section 6: The Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer shall present an annual report for each calendar year at the regular, first Tuesday in January meeting, or at the next first Tuesday meeting if, for any reason, the January meeting is cancelled.

# KNOXVILLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS, 2002

### APRIL, 2002

	<u>Bal. 03/31/02</u>	<u>Bal. 04/28/02</u>
Checking Account	\$ 2,040.94	\$ 1,514.35
Cash	\$ <u>85.10</u>	\$ <u>85.10</u>
Totals	\$ 2,126.04	\$ 1,599.45
Certificate of Deposit <sup>1</sup>	\$ <u>3,069.35</u>	\$ <u>3,069.35</u>
Totals (inc. C.D.)	\$ 5,195.39	\$ 4,668.80
Balance 03/31/02	\$ 2,126.04	
Inflows	\$ 316.25	
Outflows	( <u>\$ 842.84</u> )	
Balance 04/28/02	\$ 1,599.45	\$ 1,599.45

### MAY, 2002

	<u>Bal. 04/28/02</u>	<u>Bal. 05/29/02</u>
Checking Account	\$ 1,514.35	\$ 1,514.35
Cash	\$ <u>85.10</u>	\$ <u>80.28</u>
Totals	\$ 1,599.45	\$ 1,594.63
Certificate of Deposit <sup>1</sup>	\$ <u>3,069.35</u>	\$ <u>3,069.35</u>
Totals (inc. C.D.)	\$ 4,668.80	\$ 4,663.98
Balance 04/28/02	\$ 1,599.45	
Inflows	\$ 0.20	
Outflows	( <u>\$ 5.02</u> )	
Balance 05/29/02	\$ 1,594.63	\$ 1,594.63

<sup>1</sup> C.D. valuation on most recent maturity date of 09/04/01.

Submitted by  
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## The Editor's Straight Edge

If you were not at our June meeting let me say that we missed you! I also need to say that we needed you!! As a point of "editorial ethics," I will never use this introductory column to make "political" statements to you the membership. I will however point you to a new column that I would like to establish (and hopefully carry on through the coming years) entitled "Comments from the President." Please check this new column out to hear words from your elected President, whomever that is at the time...

At the June meeting the suggested changes to the K.P.S. Constitution and Bylaws were brought to vote and passed with only one further change. Article VII, Section 5 was amended to include Youth Activities as part of the overall Programs Committee's duties and Public Relations will be handled by the Membership Committee. Thanks to Richard Ehrlich and Jean Byrne for their hard work in pouring through our C&BLs and suggesting pertinent and insightful changes. Please make sure to thank Richard and Jean when you see them if you have not already! If you are interested in receiving a copy of the newly updated C&BLs, please talk to Richard or myself.

Elections for K.P.S. officers were also slated for the June meeting. A new president was elected, last year's president-elect, Scott Robertson. Richard Ehrlich was elected to the post of Treasurer and Lillard Harvey to the post of Assistant Treasurer. Bill Muenzer and Ralph Dinwiddie were elected to serve as Directors, with Dale Kangas, as outgoing President,

automatically becoming a Director as well. There were no nominations from the floor (or otherwise) for President-elect or Secretary. These positions were put off for election at the July meeting.

In this addition of the K.P.S., you will find two awesome contributions by members Bruce Robert's (a report on Huntsville, AL) and Ralph Dinwiddie (Design Your Own Cachet's). There is always room in this newsletter for your contributions. Please make an effort to share the wealth of your knowledge about our hobby with your friends!!

We will meet on the first Tuesday in July (2<sup>nd</sup>), and I hope that all of you will make an effort to be with us, especially some of you that have been out for some time now! I miss you!! As always, please bring something to share, trade, or sell with another collector, or bring something that you would like to share with the whole group. I plan on having something to share by way of a short program at the next meeting. Who will volunteer to do a brief presentation at the August meeting?!?! See you Tuesday! Good collecting everyone!!

Scott Robertson, KPS Newsletter Editor

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### Comments from the President

All of us have heard the old saying that "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link." I hate that saying, especially when it is being "aimed" at me. But the truth is...it's the truth! I think that every member of the Knoxville Philatelic Society that knows me in the very least knows that I truly love my hobby and I truly love and respect my fellow KPS members. That is why saying comments such as those that are to follow are difficult. Nevertheless, they need to be said, they need to be heard, and, most importantly, they need to be acted upon – by you!! We cannot hope to continue to function as a Society of collectors if all of us do not pitch in to do our part to help the club. I know as well as anyone that we have fulltime jobs to do, families to attend to, and a multitude of other "time" demands on our lives. I am one of "those" people. However, I try to do my little part along with several others to help make sure that our Society works efficiently to serve its membership as well as other non-member stamp collectors through our annual show. If each of you would agree to help in some way to make sure that everything that needs to be done is done, the overall efforts of all of us would be greatly decreased. Some of can give a "lot," and we should do so, and some of can give but a "little," and we should do so. If we would all agree to make a contribution to our Society then we would see an awesome growth in our Society – not only in membership numbers but also in membership excitement about being a part of the Society! We do not have a President-elect. We need one! We do not have a Secretary. We must have one! Please search yourselves for what you can contribute and come willing to help out at our next meeting. I want to serve you as your president this year, but I also want to serve with you! Please find below my six key objectives for the upcoming year. Let me know what you think!!

- (1) We need to effectively market KPS to the greater Knoxville area.
- (2) We need to develop a yearly budget that will help guide our expenditures as well as give us a direction for growth.
- (3) We need to do a complete inventory and update to our Societies "library." This includes purchasing new materials to (a) benefit the membership and (b) serve as a draw for new members.
- (4) We need to continue to build and publish an award-winning newsletter.
- (5) We need to re-establish a monthly, philatelic-oriented meeting presentation.
- (6) We need to locate that gifted member within our ranks that will help establish a link with area youth collectors and KPS.

### Report on HUNTSPEX 2002

#### Submitted by Bruce Roberts (Bruce Roberts Stamps)

HUNTSPEX 2002, June 1 & 2. HUNTSPEX was the most successful show I have ever had anywhere! The show was held on the campus of the University of Alabama-Huntsville, in the Tom Bevil Center. The Huntsville club does a marvelous job of hosting a show. They had a Post Office booth, exhibits in a separate room, and eleven dealers in the main room, including Bill Muenzer and myself. The place was packed from the opening bell at 10 AM Saturday to 4 PM Sunday. On Saturday, every chair at my table was still filled with a customer when the closing announcement was made at 5 PM. It has been at least 10 years since I have seen that happen - at any show. Nineteenth century US, both used and unused, was at the top of the "bul" list, with all conditions and categories in demand. I sold a lot of Hungary, Russian, Germany, US and Foreign covers, Channel Islands, and even some US Plate Blocks and sheets. My big sale was a large foreign stock, which I had recently acquired. The lot consisted of 16 boxes of non-British Empire material, everything in small glassines with catalog numbers and catalog values (from several years ago) marked on them. Before Huntsville, I had had time to work up the Japan, Russia, and a small part of the three boxes of Germany in the lot. I had paid just under \$3000 for the lot, and had about \$4000 retail worked out of it. On Saturday, I had at least eight customers going through it, purchasing at 50% of the marked catalog value, which was a deal for them, because the catalog values were pre-1996, which meant before Scott went to VF pricing. On Sunday, a new customer wanted to know if I had worldwide lots. I showed him the same boxes. He worked his way through about half of the first box and wanted to know what I would take for all the boxes as a lot. After negotiating my retention of all the stamps from the countries I specialize in, I sold all the rest for \$3500. He got a tremendous deal, since I had estimated the pre-1996 catalog value had to be over \$20,000 even after I had removed the countries I needed. At this point I have made about \$900 cash profit on my original investment, have \$4000 retail already in stock, and have about 2 1/2 boxes of Germany not yet worked up, all with no money invested in them! With this sale added to the tremendous amount I sold to the swarm of other customers, HUNTSPEX 2002 goes down as my most successful show ever. Comparing notes with Bill, I figure between the two of us we sold over \$12,000 worth of stamps in two days! Who says the hobby is dying??? The key things Huntsville does right is extensive advertising, holding the show year after year in the same place, having exhibits, and having a relatively large group of volunteers who really care about success. The club fed the dealers lunch both days and had an awards breakfast on Sunday adjacent to the bourse area, again free to the dealers.



## Design Your Own Cachets

by Ralph Dinwiddie

The Post Office marks many of its new stamp issues with gala "First Day" celebrations. These celebrations include prominent guests, special events, speeches, programs, and a "First Day of Issue" cancel. The standard First day of Issue cancel is shown in Figure 1. The cancel includes the name of the city chosen as the issuing location, the date, and sometimes an additional picture cancel. An example of a special picture cancel is shown in Figure 2. Not surprisingly, there are many individuals who enjoy collecting First Day Covers (FDC). To be fair to those collectors who live too far away from the issuing city, the issuing Post Office continues to apply this cancel (with the issuing date) for an additional 30 days. Requests may be made by mail as explained later. There is no charge for this service. The Post Office also sells FDCs through their stamp fulfillment location, call (800) STAMP-24 or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.stampsonline.com>.

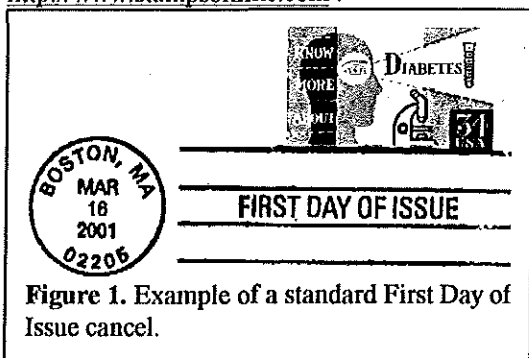


Figure 1. Example of a standard First Day of Issue cancel.

Third party companies such as Art Craft, Fleetwood, and others produce special envelopes designed to commemorate the new issue. The left side of the envelope usually includes the name of the stamp, a graphic design related to the subject matter of the stamp, and a short explanation of the stamp's subject. The graphic design on the envelope is called a cachet (pronounced "ka-shay"). In addition to the "First Day of Issue" cancels, occasionally the post office offers other special cancels such as an "Inauguration Day" of the President every four years, as well as numerous cancels for local events such as the Knoxville Philatelic Society's Stamp Show. An example of an Inauguration Day cover is shown in Figure 3. Special cachets make these covers visually interesting, and thus, of greater value to collectors.

The good news is that we do not have to rely on Art Craft or Fleetwood for our cachets. I find the fun and challenge of FDCs is not collecting them, but making them. There is no limit to the possibilities when it comes to the design and production of FDCs. Interesting FDCs can be produced without having a single artistic bone in your body. If on the other hand you are an artist, or would like to think you are, then you can make your art a piece of postal history. Anyone can design and produce a cachet and send it to the Postmaster of the issuing city for service. How to do this is the subject of the rest of this article. First I'll discuss some of the basics of FDCs and then follow up with suggestions on their production.

**The Basics:** FDCs are typically produced on standard size (3 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 6 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") good quality envelopes. The envelopes should have a high linen, cotton, or rag content and they should be acid free so that your creations will last for generations. You will want to add a stiffener inside the envelope to help protect it during its round trip adventure to a far off post office and back. For this I use an unlined 4" x 6" note card that I trim to 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 6." Before you can think about your cachet design, you have to know a little about the new stamp to be issued and sooner or later you're going to need to know where to send your covers for First Day servicing. Luckily, there are several sources for this information. Linn's and Scott's Stamp Monthly are two excellent sources of new issue information as well as news of upcoming First Day Celebrations and the issuing Postmaster's address. The USPS has a web site that also provides this information at <http://www.usps.gov> (click on Philatelic news).

Don't forget the obvious; you need to purchase the new stamps. New stamps usually go on sale around the country on the day following the First Day of Issue. Unfortunately, many of

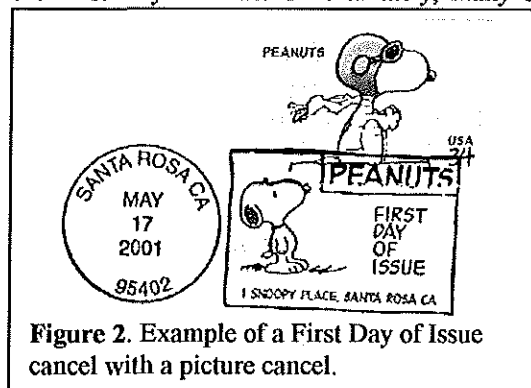


Figure 2. Example of a First Day of Issue cancel with a picture cancel.

the branch post offices do not get an adequate supply of new commemoratives (if any at all). The two best sources for new stamps in Knoxville are the main post office on Weisgarber Rd and the Cedar Bluff branch office on Cross Park Dr. It sometimes takes these offices a few extra days to obtain their stamps. Alternately, you can purchase your stamps through the mail by ordering from the USPS, but of course you will have to add a shipping charge.

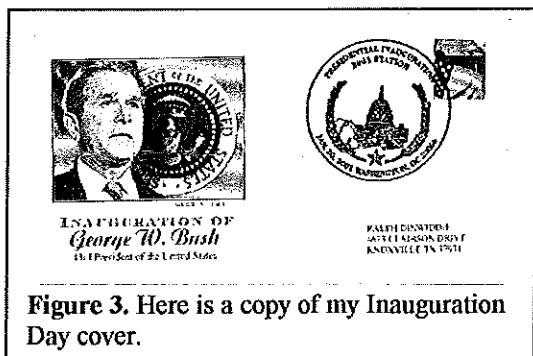


Figure 3. Here is a copy of my Inauguration Day cover.

Now that you have your new stamps and the address for the First Day of Issue post office, you're ready to go. Except, of course, for the most important step; your cachet!

**Cachet Design and Production:** Since the options available to you as a cachet designer are virtually limitless, I can't cover everything in this one article. However, I do want to give you enough information to help you get started. First, you must choose between hand printing and computer printing.

If you pick hand printing you still have a many options to choose from, including color pencils, pastels, charcoal, water colors, rubber stamps, labels, pen & ink, or any combination of media, just to name a few. Many of the techniques listed above will require you to use a fixative (sold at art supply stores) to protect your artwork.

If you are computer savvy, you too have many options open to you. Here your options revolve around what software to use. The gold standard is Microsoft Office® or Adobe Photoshop®. These programs make layout easy, as well as, produce original artwork. There are less expensive options such as Works® and even a very good freeware program called StarOffice® (<http://www.staroffice.com>). As with the handmade covers, the computer printed cachets can be in color or black and white. However, in both cases you don't have to limit yourself to plain 'ol white envelopes. You can purchase color envelopes, or if you're really up to a

challenge, you can make your own envelopes from an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper. To do this, just carefully peel apart a standard envelope and use it as a template.

If you're one of us artistically challenged individuals, you can still make very interesting FDC cachets by using royalty free clip art or instead of pretty pictures you can make educational cachets. Educational cachets can include maps, facts, lists, or graphs. This information can be obtained from an almanac, magazines or newspapers, the Internet, history books, or a trip to the library. When you design your cachet, just remember to leave room for the cancel which is about 3.5" long and 1" tall. The cancel usually just catches the lower edge of the stamp.

After you have produced your FDC I would recommend that you sign them or in some way give yourself a little credit. It may also increase their value to others if you indicate how many FDCs of this design exists. For example, I use an 8-point font to print a line on the envelope that reads "RBD2©2001, 1 of 4."

Now that your covers are finished and you know where to send them, how do they come back to you? There are 3 ways to accomplish this. 1) You print your name and address on the cover. There are advantages and disadvantages to this approach. By putting your name and address on the cover you are immortalized on this piece of postal history. The disadvantage is that many collectors prefer "unaddressed" FDCs. 2) Print your name and address onto a removable label. These are available at stationary stores. 3) You can send a larger self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) along with your covers.

Now you need to place your FDCs and optional SASE (needed for unaddressed covers) in a larger envelope addressed to the Postmaster of the issuing city. The post office requests that the address be printed in all upper case and without punctuation, except for the hyphen in the 9-digit zip code. Remember to have this package postmarked within 30 days of the issue date. Another detail to remember is to have the correct first class postage on the cover if you are not having it returned in a SASE. I also include a short note asking the postmaster for the First Day of Issue cancel and thanking them for their service. Now while you're waiting for the return of your masterpiece you can start planning your next one. Part of the challenge of FDC production is trying to keep up with the post office's rate of new issues while keeping your covers interesting and visually pleasing.

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## **The Editor's Straight Edge**

I am sorry folks that I missed getting a newsletter out last month. I also hate that I missed the August meeting, but unfortunately my work had me in Chattanooga on the first Tuesday of the month. I look forward to seeing all of you the day after Labor Day at our next meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have a lot of business to discuss, plus we will have time to trade, to sell, and to talk about our favorite subject - STAMPS!!

Believe it or not, we are well into planning for KnoxPex 2003 and at the September meeting we will be voting on a theme for KnoxPex 2003. Thanks to some great research work by Ralph Dinwiddie, the club had opportunity to consider a wide range of topics for the theme of KnoxPex 2003 - both on the national and on the state level. For those that were not at the August meeting, I have included Ralph's research article, "Some Thoughts on a Theme for KnoxPex 2003," in this newsletter. Be sure to check it out! Based upon the preliminary vote at the August society meeting, the club has narrowed down the field to two finalists for the KnoxPex 2003 show theme. Those two finalists are (1) the Centennial of the Wright brothers first heavier than air powered flight and (2) the Louisiana Purchase. Please let your voice for our next show theme be heard - be at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> KPS meeting!

Please look for the note from Bruce Roberts that I have printed in this month's newsletter. Bruce and his wife have recently moved, and because of this move, Bruce has

completely gone through his "philatelic holdings," including literature, auction catalogs, supplies, etc. Bruce will be bringing several boxes of materials to the meeting next Tuesday to give away, to sell cheaply, and to offer to the club as potential silent auction lots. See Bruce's "letter" for more details!

Finally, I have spent quite a bit of time going through our "library" materials over the last couple of months, trying to sort out true philatelic materials versus club business papers, etc. I will make a brief report of my progress and findings at Tuesday's meeting. The club needs someone to step forward and handle the care and up-keep of our philatelic resources. Please see me at the September meeting if you would be interested in serving the club in this capacity. Thanks!

Looking ahead, October will be another 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday month. Let's work real hard to have a great turn out for our 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday swap meeting! I look forward to seeing each of you this Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for our regular monthly meeting! Good collecting everyone!!

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Attention all K.P.S. Board Members!!!

We will be meeting before this Tuesday's Society meeting!  
Please be at the church by 6:15 PM to go over K.P.S.-related  
business and to discuss KnoxPex 2003. Thank you!!!

\*\* Please e-mail Scott to let him know if you will be present or not!

#### Comments from the President

Based upon the results of business conducted at the August meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society, I will be resigning my position as Society President at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> K.P.S. meeting in order that I may take over the position of Society Secretary that has not been filled. As I have indicated in past meetings, I do not feel that our group can function without a filled secretary position. I ask that you please give your full support to Bruce Kenny as he leads us and helps us to grow as a well-functioning Philatelic Society. Finally, as Bruce moves up into the presidency, we will need to nominate and vote on a president-elect to fill this position.

#### A "letter" from Bruce Roberts

My wife and I have moved from our house of 25-years to a new, slightly larger house. In the process, I have had to move everything I have accumulated in that 25-year time span. I have several boxes of material that I plan to bring to the society meeting in September. Much of this is literature that I no longer need. Some I will offer first to the club library; but if it is not wanted, then society members can have it. In addition, I have a couple of boxes of auction catalogs, lots of empty mint sheet files, and potentially a lot of silent auction lots. I also have several dozen empty cover albums that hold from 25 to 100 covers. I will give some of these to the club to serve as door prizes, but I will be selling others real cheap. I also have years of Brookman price lists that I am inclined to throw away, but someone might want all or part of them. If you are interested in anything that I may be bringing to the meeting on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> or would like more information, please contact me via e-mail at [BRoberts@kcdc.org](mailto:BRoberts@kcdc.org).

The other outcome of my move is that I now have space to house most of my personal library, which has about 250 to 300 volumes for books, periodicals, catalogs, etc. Although I do not loan any of this out, I can now make it available to K.P.S. members who wish to come to my house and study there. Thank you for allowing me to place this "personal" ad in the newsletter. Bruce

So what's going on with the K.P.S. "Library?!" We are in the process of going through all of the many materials that have accumulated over the years so that we can present a complete inventory to the club very soon. It is our expressed desire that soon we will have a functioning library that will serve to (a) be a source of reading and research material for society members and (b) be a "marketing" source that will draw new members to join us so that they too can take advantage of what the K.P.S. library has to offer. What would really help if YOU would purchase a philatelic-related book of any type and donate it to the library! It does not have to be expensive (it may be a "steal" you find on EBay or in a dealer's \$2 box). Stay tuned next month for new "donation" policies to the K.P.S. library!!

The Knoxville Philatelic Society now has a website!! Please visit our website by going to [www.ktownstamps.com](http://www.ktownstamps.com) and looking for the "Knoxville Stamp Club" link. Many thanks to Bill Muenzer for letting us use his website as a place for us to start our web page! Also, thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for his tireless work in getting us going! The K.P.S. site may be basic now, but we will be expanding the site to add lots of society-related info in the very near future!! Ask how you can contribute!!

## Some Thoughts on a Theme for KNOXPEX 2003

By Ralph Dinwiddie

Each year the Knoxville Philatelic Society hosts its annual stamp show, KNOXPEX, during the first weekend of March. The next show will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003. The club chooses a theme for the show and designs a cachet and cancel to commemorate that theme. The USPS operates a temporary branch office at the show to provide a "hand back" cancellation service, applying the cancel to attendee's cachets. It is now time to begin the process of choosing a theme for KNOXPEX 2003. In looking for a theme I thought it would be helpful to look back at themes used in recent years. Some past themes are shown in the table below. I should say that this list is based on my collection of past show cachets and thus is only as complete as my collection.

As you can see, we most often choose to celebrate an anniversary of some significant event in US or TN history. This led me to some old history books to see what famous events happened in 1803, 1853, 1903, and 1953. I also looked at some of the

YEAR	SHOW THEME
2002	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Knoxville World's Fair
2000	The 20 <sup>th</sup> Century (Celebrate the Century)
1999	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NATO
1998	Sesquicentennial of Woman's Rights
1997	Sesquicentennial of US Stamps
1994	Bicentennial of the University of Tennessee
1993	Dogwoods
1991	Bicentennial of Tennessee

Tennessee related events that have been highlighted as subjects on past US stamps. Of all the subjects I could find, three stand out as good candidates for a theme of KNOXPEX 2003.

Starting with the oldest event is the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase. In April 1803 Thomas Jefferson arranged the largest real estate deal in history by buying the Louisiana Territory from Napoleon of France for a mere 3 cents per acre. This virtually doubled the size of our country over night. This event is first seen as the subject of US stamps in the 1904 Louisiana Purchase series (Scott# 323-327).

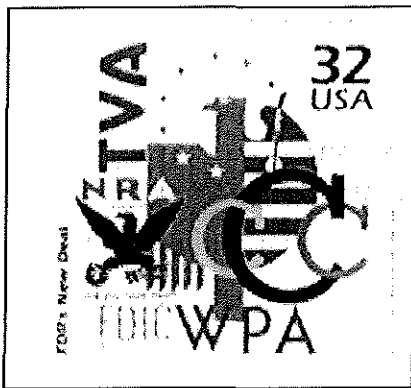


The 10-cent stamp (Scott#327) is shown here on the left. In 1953 the sesquicentennial was celebrated on Scott#1020. There's little doubt in my mind that the Post Office will issue a new stamp for the Bicentennial of this "Nation Building" event in 2003. Unfortunately, there are 2 points that prevent this from being the perfect choice. First, any new issue would not likely be issued until 2 months after KNOXPEX. Second,

there is no direct Tennessee connection. These drawbacks are not deal breakers, but I'm trying to present different points of view.

The second event to consider is the Centennial of the Wright brothers first heavier than air powered flight. The Wright brothers and their airplane are the subject of 6 US stamps

(Scott# 649, 3182g, C45, C47, C91 and C92), and countless stamps from many other countries. The stamp shown here on the right is Scott# 649. The invention of the airplane was important not only for the United States, but the world. The airplane has revolutionized transportation, commerce, war, and philately. I can't think of another invention since the adhesive postage stamp that has had a greater impact on our hobby. Think about it. In addition to the stamps listed above, we have Airmail, Aerogrammes, First Flight Covers, and the topical area of Airplanes and Jets. Without the airplane we wouldn't have the most famous US stamp – The Inverted Jenny! Like the Louisiana Purchase, the Wright brothers will certainly be the subjects of a 2003 US stamp, as well as, stamps from other countries. However, like the Louisiana Purchase stamp, the Wright brothers' Centennial stamp is like to be issued months after KNOXPEX. Also, like the Louisiana Purchase theme, I can't think of a direct Tennessee connection. But, I personally feel the link to philately is a suitable substitute for a local connection.



Finally, the third candidate I can think of is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority. The TVA has been celebrated on 2 US stamps (Scott# 2042 and 3185e). The TVA stamp from the Celebrate the Century series is shown here on the left. I know of no other countries that have honored the TVA with a stamp. Also, I doubt that the post office will issue another stamp for the TVA before its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. However, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TVA is the most significant historical event I could find with a direct Tennessee connection.

I hope this article helps to stimulate everyone's thinking about possible themes for KNOXPEX 2003. The 3 examples I discussed above are certainly not meant to overshadow any other ideas. You may want to consider other events such as those shown in the table below. Give the issue some thought and let's discuss it during our next meeting, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

ANNIVERSARY	EVENT
50 Years	Discovery of the Double Helix structure of DNA
50 Years	First commercial IBM computer
50 Years	End of Korean War
75 Years	Walt Disney's Steamboat Willie
100 Years	The movie "The Great Train Robbery"
100 Years	The Invention of the Crayon
100 Years	Signing of the Panama Canal Treaty (good philatelic links here)
100 Years	The Pulitzer Prize
125 Years	Invention of the Phonograph by Thomas Edison

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## The Editor's Straight Edge

Fall is in the air and so are thoughts of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Of course Thanksgiving means good food and fellowship with family and friends, but Christmas means presents - philatelic ones!! Make sure you start dropping hints for stamps or gift certificates from K-Town Stamps or your favorite area dealer(s) so that instead of socks and a tie or perfume and a dress you are getting those wonderful little pieces of paper we call stamps!!

Speaking of stamps, it is almost October and that means KnoxPex 2003 is just a little over five months away! I am sure that President Kenney will be spending a great deal of time at this coming Tuesday's business meeting discussing plans for KnoxPex. Please be ready and willing to jump in and offer to help where help is needed so that we can guarantee another awesome show in March 2003. As you already know if you were at the September meeting, another suggestion for our 2003 show theme was introduced, one based on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Oak Ridge. This selection was added to the other two choices of the Centennial of the Wright Brothers First Flight and of the Louisiana Purchase. The membership voted overwhelmingly to accept the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Oak Ridge as the theme of KnoxPex 2003. Plans must now go full steam (or full nuclear!) ahead for cachet and cancellation design. The first cancellation design mentioned was a "killer" cancellation

composed of a mushroom cloud! Make sure you are at October's meeting to input your ideas!!

We had three visitors (!) at the September meeting - Paul Phillips, Norma Comfort, and Bonnie Allen. We were very glad to have Paul back at a KPS meeting and hope that he will continue to be able to come and meet with us. He is an invaluable philatelic information source! Welcome back Paul! Norma and Bonnie are daughter and mom respectively and are both getting back into stamp collecting after being out for several years. Both are general US collectors. Welcome Bonnie and Norma!!

As always I look forward to seeing each of you that can come at the October 1<sup>st</sup> society meeting. Bring philatelic goodies to put into the silent auction. Bring a part of your collection for show and tell. Bring your ideas for KnoxPex 2003!! Finally, don't forget that October has a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday so make plans now to bring stamps to swap on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Good collecting everyone!!

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## KPS Library Update

The following suggestions for growing and developing our club library were made and agreed upon at the Board Meeting prior to September's meeting.

- (1) Develop a full inventory of all philatelic-related books, journals, catalogs, etc. that is located currently within the KPS library.
- (2) Develop new "use of materials" policy and inform membership of usage / checkout policies for all KPS-owned materials (at meetings and via newsletter).
- (3) Separate and place under separate supervision all other non-library related materials such as KnoxPex materials, stamps & covers, historical documents, etc.
- (4) Push forward with plans to store "key" philatelic-related library materials at K-Town Stamps shop for easier membership access and as marketing tool for building membership (via newsletter, web site, etc.).
- (5) Develop a "philatelic material wanted" list aimed at building the information base of the library and fulfilling membership needs for research and/or information-based materials. Campaign for membership and society to seek out and to purchase and/or donate needed items (\*) to the library. \*Needed items should be defined by the KPS and by the society librarian.
- (6) Develop and implement a plan to prevent the leaving/donation of non-needed philatelic materials at the KPS library. Although well intentioned, most of the materials that are brought in by the membership (such as old APS journals, sales catalogs, etc.) are really not used and/or needed. Develop a "want list" of items that are acceptable for donation to the society's library.
- (7) Exam current storage space / facilities for library-related materials and decide if what the club has / uses is adequate or if better / more cabinet space is needed for future growth.
- (8) Set a deadline to accomplish the above tasks \*(suggested by November meeting).

### Possible KPS Library wanted versus not wanted list:

APS Journals – not wanted

Sales Catalogs – not wanted \*unless they mark the sale of "key" philatelic materials or collections and contain a price realized sheet (e.g.) Civil War covers collection; Errors; U.S. classic issues; etc.

Philatelic-related books – almost all will be wanted unless dated \*(i.e., replaced by more current information)

### **How to Kill Your Stamp Club**

(Originally from a 1935 issue of *Stamps* magazine)

Never start meetings on time, and pay no attention to Robert's Rules of Order or any other type of order. Never have a planned, interesting meeting, but allow members to do as they like without any planning. Always be sure to criticize the programs but never do anything to help and never cooperate with your officers when they want to make reports to the group. Another good way to kill your club is to never spend any of your own money on the club's meeting place, but do complain a lot about the poor accommodations. Make fun of other member's collections when they bring them to meetings so they will never do so again. Never serve refreshments at meetings! Try to increase membership but don't worry about congeniality or character. It doesn't matter what you say to get new members – as long as you can get them to join. Always try to undermine the decisions that any committee chairperson makes while they are running a project the way they feel is in the best interest of the club.

One important lesson that we can learn from the excerpts from this article is that one good person can make a difference for the greater good or the greater "ill." That one person could be you! Support you philatelic society!!

This month's "Stamp of the Month" is the 1948 U.S. issue commemorating the Centennial of the American Poultry Industry. The Light Brahma Rooster pictured on this stamp seems to be gazing serenely into the sunset as he ponders the question – "Will this be my last sunset before I become someone's Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner?!" So here's the catch! At the Tuesday meeting, let's see how many "Topical" collection types that we can name that this stamp would fit into. The winner will really have something to crow about!!





### Philatelic Websites Review

Whether you want to admit it or not (and be very careful because this is an "age" thing!), the Internet is here to stay and really is an awesome source of all sorts of positive, useful information. Certainly the World Wide Web (www) has a plethora of sites that to a greater or lesser degree promote questionable materials at best, but the web has a far greater number of useful, informative, even fun sites! You may be aware that the A.P.S. Journal supports a regular column entitled "Glassine Surfer" (by Michael Mills) that is dedicated to introducing and reviewing philatelic-related web sites. Just in case you are not an APS member or do not regularly read this column, I thought I would start sharing some of the more interesting and useful (as I define "interesting/useful") web sites that are discussed in this column as well as ones that I happen upon myself or that someone shares with me!

The web site that really stood out for me in the October issue of the A.P.S. journal was addressed as <http://1847usa.com>. This site, in a very small nutshell, is designed to help the beginner, intermediate, and expert U.S. collector alike learn how to identify and learn more about the classic issues of 1847 - 1860; the issues of 1861 - 1869; the 1869 Pictorials; the Banknotes; the "Baby" Banknotes; the 1902 series; the Washington Franklin issues; the Definitives of 1922 - 1935; and the Commemoratives of 1893 - 1925. Now you tell

me - does this sound like a web site that you could use and learn from?!?!

As an example, the series of web pages that helps you to learn about and distinguish the Washington Franklin issues contains information based on a very easy to follow 7-Step method that consists of (1) determining an initial design type (based on beautiful, clear examples given on the web page); (2) determining the denomination of the stamp (easy!!); (3) determining the perforation on the top or bottom margin of the stamp (if necessary); (4) determining the perforation on the left or right margin of the stamp (if necessary); (5) determining the printing process \*(a link to another page with awesome pictures and explanations helps you to learn how to do this!); (6) determining the type of watermark (if necessary); and finally (7) determining the type of design on the stamp if it is a two- or three-cent variety \*(again, a link provides information on design types with awesome examples.

Well, you get a feel for just how powerful and how helpful this web site can be if, like me, you wrestle constantly with how to recognize and differentiate between those classis (and costly!) issues that you seek for your U.S. collection. Once I feel like I've learned a little more, I'll try to do a brief presentation using the info that I find at this web site. But don't wait on me; go investigate for yourself.

Next month I'll review a web site that caters to the "worldwide" or international collectors. /

### K.P.S. Member - What do you think?!?!

All of us have things as stamp or cover collectors that we "want." Wouldn't you agree? Certainly some have "greater" needs - not necessarily more "difficult" - than others. For example, as a serious collector of U.S. issues I have many areas where my collection is lacking that you might be able to help me fill! Likewise, as a collector of the "world(!!!)," I am always looking for foreign stamps from that country or the other, depending on what country I have set my sites on for that month! We have dealers and club members that have materials that they would love to trade and/or sell but quite often have no avenue to let the general collecting know what they have! Just like quite often you do not have an avenue to let people know what you are looking for to "fill" some gaps.

I think one of the priorities of this newsletter should be to help bring that person(s) that "have" together with that person(s) that "want" so that they can interact. To that end, I would like to ask your opinion on adding a new feature to our societies newsletter that allows you who have and you who want to make yourself known to each other. What do you think? Catch me at the next meeting on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and let me know. After all, I'm always on the look out for Martha Washington covers from the Prexie series and I always have foreign stamps to trade! What do you have?! What do you want?!

So what should it be - an "atomic bomb mushroom cloud" cancel -or- an "atomic energy for piece" cancel?! Make your thoughts and voice heard by attending the October 1<sup>st</sup> K.P.S. meeting when we finalize plans for the KnoxPex 2003 cachet and cancel commemorating 60 years in Oak Ridge!

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	<u>Bal. 08/05/02</u>	<u>Bal. 08/28/02</u>
Checking Account	\$ 1,505.05	\$ 1,508.55
Cash	\$ <u>105.54</u>	\$ <u>103.00</u>
Totals	\$ 1,610.59	\$ 1,611.55
Certificate of Deposit <sup>1</sup>	\$ <u>3,069.35</u>	\$ <u>3,069.35</u>
Totals (inc. C.D.)	\$ 4,679.94	\$ 4,680.90
Balance 08/05/02	\$ 1,610.59	
Inflows	\$ 1.30	
Outflows	(\$ 0.34)	
Balance 08/28/02	\$ 1,611.55	\$ 1,611.55

<sup>1</sup> C.D. valuation on most recent maturity date of 09/04/01.

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December is a time of celebration for most people, both stamp collectors and those odd non-stamp collector types too! It is the time of year for celebration of the Christmas or Hanukah holidays and a time hopefully to look forward to a safe and prosperous New Year. For most K.P.S. members it is a time to get together and share a meal at our twelfth monthly meeting and to eagerly (and yes, sometimes worriedly!) look forward to our big spring show - KnoxPex!! All in all, it is a joyous time for most people. However, tragedy and sadness can come into our lives unexpectedly. We mourn together the loss of our dear friend and fellow stamp collector, Ray Ritter, who unexpectedly passed away just two days before our December Christmas Dinner meeting. To Ray's family we extend a hand of condolence and friendship as well as a heart burdened with the loss of our friend. Ray, we shall all miss you and your energetic spirit as we gather together in the coming months!

As you all well know, KnoxPex 2003 will be on us before you forget it. Our January meeting will focus on final preparations and assignment of tasks so that everyone can be involved in making KnoxPex 2003 our most successful philatelic show to date! You will find attached to this newsletter the Auction Lot Submission Form required for all individuals that wish to submit lots for this year's live auction. Please make the process easy on Lillard and Richard and get those lots in by the February deadline. The planning and preparation for the live auction is probably the most demanding aspect of our show so please

help out if you plan to submit lots this year. Thanks!

You will also find a representation of the cancel that will be used at KnoxPex 2003. Our theme this year is Celebrating 60 Years of Oak Ridge History. Thanks to Tom Broadhead for an awesome cancellation design! Hopefully we will get a peek at the cachet design at January's meeting. Be sure to be on hand for the unveiling!!

Finally, let me remind you that it is time to anti-up your K.P.S. dues again. So please dig deep and come to the meeting with your dues (\$10 per individual and \$12 for the family!) in hand. I will be collecting the cash or checks as club secretary and then passing the monies on to our club treasurer. I look forward to shaking hands and taking money from all of you on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup>!

As always I look forward to seeing each of you that can come at the January 7<sup>th</sup> society meeting. Bring philatelic goodies to put into the silent auction. Bring a part of your collection for show and tell. Bring a strong, unselfish desire to help plan and work at KnoxPex 2003!! Good collecting everyone!!

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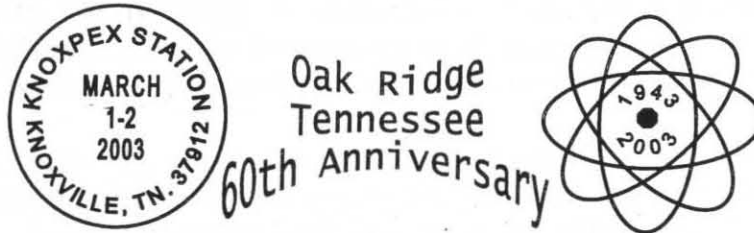
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# In Fond Memory of Mr. Ray Ritter

## KnoxPex 2003 Updates

Please find below the design for the KnoxPex 2003 cancellation:



KPS member Dr. Tom Broadhead put the design together. Thanks Tom!!

Please plan to come to January's meeting willing to serve on committees responsible for making sure that our show comes together and goes off without a hitch! Members will be needed to serve on committees involved with hospitality, exhibits, live auction, show site set-up and break down, youth activities, and marketing. It's amazing what a few people working together can do to make our yearly show such a success. Imagine the success we would have if **everyone** joined in and helped out!! Please be willing to "Volunteer" in 2003 fellow Tennessean!!

## KPS Newsletter and Website in 2003

I must admit that when I accepted the responsibility for publishing the societies newsletter my ideas and ambitions were loftier than what I have been able to put together over the last two years. As we go into 2003, I am looking for one or two people that have computers and some desire to use them to help me build the KPS Newsletter into what I think it can become and what I think our membership deserves. I also invite you to go to the following website ([www.henryclayphilatelic.org](http://www.henryclayphilatelic.org)) and see the H.C.P. Societies Internet site (thank you Bruce Roberts for sharing this site!). The website is chocked full of great information for their membership, including newsletters, e-mail for members, and philatelic show information. With a little work the Knoxville Philatelic Society could have a similar site. Over and over we talk about the need to grow - to bring new members into our group. We do need new members! We need people willing to serve as officers, work at our show, maintain a society website, help with the newsletter, to name a few. What better way to market what we do and when we do it then with a great newsletter and a website that anyone in the greater Knoxville area can visit!! Folks, I am excited about the possibilities for our society. Please let me know if you are willing to help with the production of the newsletter and the continued building of our website!!

## Don't Forget To Pay Your Dues in January!!

## Newsletter Articles

On the next page you will find an article describing member Ralph Dinwiddie's recent trip to London, England. Ralph reported on his trip at the October meeting and supplied this great follow-up article for this who missed the meeting or wanted to review his journey. Thanks Ralph for your story!!

Our newsletter needs your input too! I know you get tired of hearing this, but you (!) have so much knowledge about what you do - please share it with the rest of us. Remember, it can be a full article like Ralph's or it can be a paragraph about a recent show you attended or a recent purchase you made on eBay or from Linn's. All of us can contribute...please do!! Thanks!!

## A London Stamp Crawl

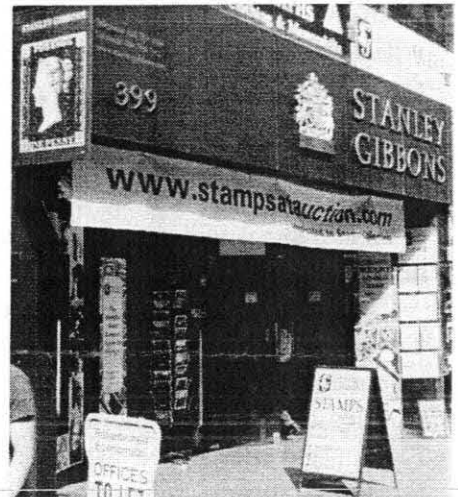
By Ralph Dinwiddie

Recently, I had business in London England and while there had an opportunity to visit the local stamp shops. Like most major cities, London used to be home to dozens of stamp stores. Unlike most major cities, London still possesses numerous shops for the philatelist to spend some time while shedding a few Pounds. Before I left home I searched the Internet for London stamp stores and came up with a list of about 27. Further investigation found that several of these were now out of business, Internet only shops, or mail bid auction houses. However, this still left a list of about 10 that appeared to be good ol' brick and mortar stores. I emailed these shops and received replies from about half with directions from the nearest tube (subway) station.

As soon as I found myself with some free time in London, the first shop I visited was Vera Trinder Ltd at 38 Bedford Street. Vera Trinder is located in the basement of "The Lady" magazine building, a couple of blocks North of the Strand. This shop is primarily a stamp collectors supply store carrying stock books, albums, watermark fluids, tongs, etc. and a very extensive selection of reference books.

Next I decided to visit the World Famous Stanley Gibbons stamp store located at 399 Strand. I knew their prices would be higher than the typical shop, but I couldn't pass up the chance to see the Tiffanies of stamp stores. All I can say is "WOW!" This is the largest stamp store I ever saw. It is neat, clean, well organized, well stocked, and very professional. The store has the look and feel of a typical specialty shop in a major US shopping mall. The walls are lined with bookshelves that are occasionally divided by tall and narrow display cases showing exceptional stamps and covers. Throughout the store are a number of tables, bookcases, and bookracks. There is a long counter near the entrance and a "U" shaped counter across the rear of the store. Behind this counter are dozens of stock books filled with little sticky goodies from around the world. Each stock book appeared to have the name of one country on its spine and I couldn't think of any countries that were not represented. Another bookcase was subdivided by country and contained hundreds of pamphlets and small books on the postmarks of country X and the postal history of country y. While there I picked up a couple large plastic bags filled with commemorative Great Britain stamps on paper and a copy of the September issue of Gibbons Stamp Magazine.

Directly across the street from Stanley Gibbons is the Strand Stamp Centre (yes, that's the way they spell Center) located at 77 Strand. This shop is home to three dealers; Steven Scott, Richard Allan, and M&S Stamps. These dealers specialize in stamps and covers of Great Britain and the Commonwealth. They have a huge selection of British First Day Covers (FDC), as well as, postal history items of Great Britain. They also had numerous stock books behind their counters and the usual selection of supplies. While there, I picked up a stampless cover mailed in the UK on December 18, 1806 and a



Stanley Gibbons Stamp Shop



Strand Stamp Centre

nice album full of Cuban stamps (only recently legal in the United States).

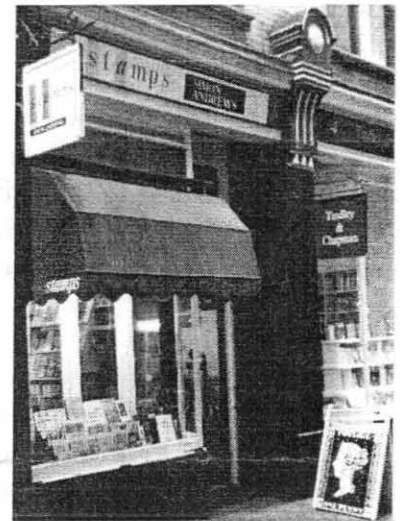
Next I made my way up to Leicester Square and visited Simon Andrews at 6 Cecil Court. This quaint pedestrian only alley is lined with several small shops selling Antiques, old lithographs, old books, etc. Simon Andrews is a very small shop packed to the ceiling with stamps, covers and postal history of Great Britain, France and interesting items from many other foreign countries. This small shop is also home to "Cover Story," run by Philip Newby. Philip sells postal history covers from around the world with a paragraph describing the significance of each particular specimen.

After a quick lunch at an outdoor café, I headed over to The Covent Garden Stamp Shop at 28 Bedfordbury. Rowan Baker, who has been a full time stamp dealer for 25 years, owns this shop. Rowan handles philatelic material of all kinds and specializes in Great Britain and the United States. He has over 150 stock books of other foreign countries and produces a nice catalog of his offerings. While visiting with Rowan I picked up a Penny Post cover and some nice Mulready caricature covers for my collection.



Covent Gardens Stamp Shop

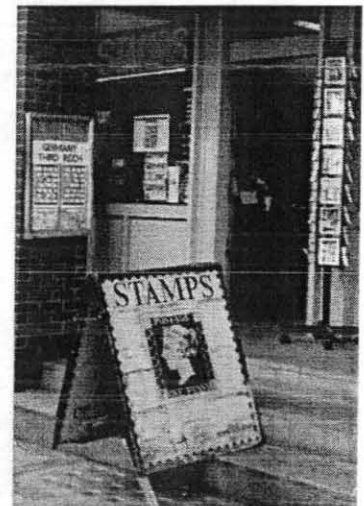
blocks North of the Notting Hill Fate tube station. Its unbelievable just how many antique dealers set-up along Portobello Road and in the shops that line it. Among these antique shops are about a half-dozen stamp dealers. They primarily deal in stamps of Great Britain, but many also carry foreign stamps. If you love wandering around antique shops you shouldn't pass-up a chance to visit Portobello Road. But, as far as stamps and covers are concerned, I would first visit the shops in Covent Gardens and the Strand.



Simon Andrews Stamps

While making my way back to the tube station I stumbled upon a stamp store that I didn't know about. The Royale Stamp Co is owned by Dick Topley and is located at 110 St. Martins Lane. Dick specializes in fine postage stamps of (...you guessed it) Great Britain, and the world, including postal history, FDCs, and specialized errors. He says that the Royale Stamp Company is an "old fashion stamp store with stamps on the floor." Sure enough, I did notice a few commons on the floor. This is one of those stamp stores where the floor and counters are piled high with boxes, albums, and covers. Dick showed me a fantastic album filled with stamps of France. He said it was valued at over \$25,000! Since this was a little over my budget, I decided just to purchase a slightly faulty Mulrady envelope at a real bargain.

It is nice to have all of London's major stamp stores located so close to each other. However, these are not the only places to find nice stamps for your collection. Every Saturday there is a huge indoor/outdoor antique market along Portobello Road, a couple of



Royale Stamp Company

## Knoxpex 2003 - Live Auction - Owner Master List

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2) Instructions

- a. List auction lots on this form and number lots accordingly
- b. Lots and this form must be submitted no later than the KPS meeting, Feb 4, 2002. However, please retain large bulky lots and bring them to the show Saturday morning March 1.
- c. Dealers: Submit completed form to the address below no later than February 4, 2002.
- d. The auction will take place Saturday, March 1 at 6:30 pm.
- e. Owners are limited to a maximum of 10 lots. Lots should have an expected minimum auction value of \$5.00
- f. Submit this form and your lots to: Lillard Harvey\*\*\*, 1706 Lawson Ave, Knoxville TN 37919-4615 (865) 525-2532

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