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Philatelic Library

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

APRIL 1994

Mondays: April 4, 11, 18, 25
Open 10 - 4

Thursdays: April 7, 14, 21, 28
Open 2 - 8

Saturdays: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Open 10 - 4

April 14 - Meeting

Topical Philatelists In Colorado - 7:30 PM

April 21 - "ABC's of Philately"

"How Camp Genter Got a Post Office"

Jack Willard - 7:00 PM

April 23 - Meeting - 1:00 PM

Denver Chapter - China Stamp Society

April 26 - Meeting - 7:30 PM

ROMPEX Committee

MAY 1994

Mondays: May 2, 9, 26, 23
Open 10 - 4

Thursdays: May 5, 12, 19, 26
Open 2 - 8

Saturdays: May 7, 14, 21
Open 10 - 4

May 19 - "ABC's of Philately"

No ABC's due to ROMPEX set-up

CLOSED: Saturday, May 28 and

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day

RMPL CLOSED

Please notice in the schedules above that the RMPL will be closed for the entire Memorial Day weekend. - both Saturday, May 28 and Monday, May 30. Volunteers will be hard to find for those days and anticipated library use would be minimal at best.

ABC's OF PHILATELY SERIES

Those of you who have not attended the recent "ABC's of Philately" programs have really missed some enlightening programs. These programs are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. While attendance at these RMPL sponsored presentations continues to be sparse, we have decided to continue to plan these interesting philatelic events for you.

The April 21st program will be the "G" session. So far we have done Airmail for "A", Baden for "B", Christmas Stamps and Seals for "C", Denver's Postal Past for "D", Europa for "E", and Philatelic Forgeries for "F".

We discussed the many possibilities for "G" and decided to do something a little different. Jack Willard, noted Colorado Postal Historian, will present his program on "How Camp Genter Got A Post Office". Genter for "G" - get it? Jack tells us that this is a most interesting story so you won't want to miss it - and bring a friend. April 21st at 7 PM.

Normally we would be having the next of our "ABC's Of Philately" programs on May 19th. Since this is Set-up night for ROMPEX, and most of us will be extremely busy that night, we have decided to postpone the "H" presentation until June 16th.

Do we have any suggestions for subjects or any volunteers to do the "H", "I", or "J" programs???

CHINA STAMP SOCIETY

The Denver Chapter of the China Stamp Society will hold a meeting at the RMPL on April 23rd at 1:00 PM. Several of the members are fluent in the Chinese language and can translate those Chinese inscriptions and cancellations for you. All interested collectors are welcome to attend.

RESEARCH USING UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE PUBLICATIONS -- ?

by Steve Schweighofer

Of course! The following USPS publications in the RMPL can help you by providing information on regulations or handling procedures. The library's holdings of these titles vary, but many are available in several different issues ranging from as early as 1876 to current issues.

Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) contains the regulations, procedures, and rates for all domestic mail.

United States Official Postal Guide is a forerunner of the Domestic Mail Manual.

International Mail Manual (IMM) contains the regulations, procedures, and rates for all international mail, including the treatment of incoming foreign mail.

ZIP Code Directory is more than a zip code listing for a street address in a multi-ZIP city or for a given town. It also contains statistical data, USPS organizational information, and useful but seldom used lists such as alphabetical and numerical lists of post offices, new and discontinued zip codes, and military installations.

Directory of Post Offices is a forerunner of the Zip Code Directory.

Forms and Directives Catalog is a guide to procedures and regulations for handling the mail. This is a good place to

begin to find which other manuals to check for a given topic.

USPS Material Management Equipment and Supply Catalog is the reference source for commonly-used postal items from penalty envelopes to fork lifts.

Postal Bulletin is the bi-weekly publication which informs all postal units about items such as - DMM changes, embargoes, new issues, and post office openings and closings.

Annual Report of the Postmaster General, as does the report of the CEO of any company, provides financial and statistical information, but it also covers highlights and new developments.

Administrative Support Manual is a guide to other than postal operations.

Denver Philatelic Center Newsletter, issued in the 1970's, has national news about cancels and new issues.

New Stamp Announcements was the bulletin seen in Post Office lobbies in the 1970's and 1980's. These have detailed information about the latest stamps and stationery issues.

Pictorial Postmarks, published by Headquarters, lists and illustrates the latest authorized postmarks with dates and locations of use. The RMPL holdings include the years 1990 - 1992.

Stamp News is also published by Headquarters and contains detailed information about new and upcoming issues. The RMPL has issues from 1986 to 1992.

Postal News, also published by Headquarters, contains news about operations, facilities, and other general news.

There is a wealth of modern historical information available for your use in the above USPS publications at the RMPL.

DONATIONS TO RMPL CONTINUE

We continue to receive a wide range of donated items for the RMPL from all over the country. Recently we received a donation of about 400 pounds of philatelic literature from Sherman Lee Pompey of Albany, Oregon. We thank him most sincerely for his support of the RMPL. A box of "goodies" was received recently from the Postal History Foundation in Tucson. Their support is most appreciated.

Philatelic items that we really don't need include - American Philatelist after 1950, Scott's Monthly Journal, La Posta, and Scott's Catalogs in the 70's and 80's. We

would be most happy to receive any other philatelic literature you might have. This includes copies of auction catalogs.

We have a sales table at the RMPL where we are selling our surplus copies of philatelic literature at ridiculously low prices. Check this out the next time you are at the library.

If you are going to mail donated material, don't forget to use the library rate. It is much cheaper. If you chose to ship via UPS please send the items to 8040 E. Dartmouth #17, Denver, CO 80231. We ask that you do this since the library is open only 3 days per week and we have had some delivery problems when they try to deliver when we are not there. For those of you in the Metropolitan area who have material you want to donate, just bring it to the library on Mondays, Thursdays, or Saturdays. If you cannot make it to the library just call Don Beuthel at 755-9328 and he will make arrangements to pick up the material. Let your philatelic friends know that we really can use their donations, also.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Recent donations include ---

Fire Extinguisher

Coffee Maker

New York Postal History

by John Kay & Chester Smith

U. S. Postal Markings

by Thomas J. Alexander

American Illustrated Cover Catalog

by Royden H. Louinsbery

1933-34 Issues of Stamps

Weekly

Annual Report of the

Postmaster General - 1939

Illustrated Cover Catalog

Collection of John R. Biddle

Mail By Rail

by Bryant Long

Nesbitt Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers

by Gilbert Harrison

U. S. Cancellations

by Hubert Skinner & Amos Eno

American Postal Markings

by Royden H. Louinsbery

19th Century U. S. Fancy

Cancellations

by Michael Zarenski &

Herman Herst

Introduction To Stamps of Mexico

by Dale Pulver

100 Years of Canadian Stamps

Airmail - How It All Began

by Carrol V. Glines

County Systems of R. F. D.

by Edith R. Doane

MEET YOUR RMPL VOLUNTEERS

This column will appear in each issue. We intend to express our appreciation for the unselfish work and time provided by various area philatelists who volunteer to keep the RMPL open and functioning.

The RMPL Volunteer featured in this issue of "Scribblings" is Linda Warman-Holt. Linda tells us that she has been collecting stamps since 1975. Her collecting was put on a temporary hold while she was in the Navy. She started collecting Japan when she was stationed there. She was stationed in Scotland, also, and at that time started collecting Great Britain and Canada. Her topical collecting interests include sports and National Parks. She is a member of APS, ATA, Aurora Stamp Club, and Topical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC).

She has lived in Colorado since 1986. Presently she is employed by the City of Aurora and has spent 5 years working in their library system - thus she is a natural to help with our library. She alternates Saturday mornings between the RMPL and the Aurora Public Library. We are most pleased to have her help as a RMPL Volunteer and we thank her for the time she devotes.

RMPL WILL PARTICIPATE IN ROMPEX

The RMPL will have a table at ROMPEX this year. Volunteers will be needed to "staff" the table during show hours. Duties would include answering questions about the RMPL, passing out literature about the library, taking memberships, taking donations, signing up people for periodic tours to the library and back during the show hours, taking a car-load of people to the library and back at the specified tour times, and in general making us look good. Anyone who has some time available during ROMPEX on May 20th, 21st, or 22nd and who would be willing to spend some time helping to promote the RMPL should contact Don Beuthel at 755-9328 as soon as possible.

The library will maintain it's normal hours of operation on both Thursday, May 19th (2-8) and Saturday, May 21st (10-4).