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WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

AUGUST 1994

Mondays: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Open 10 - 4
Thursdays: August 4, 11, 18, 25
Open 2 - 8
Saturdays: August 6, 13, 20, 27
Open 10 - 4
August 11- Meeting - 7:30 PM
TOPical Philatelists In Colorado
August 18 - "ABC's of Philately"
No ABC's of Philately this month
August 23 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee

SEPTEMBER 1994

Mondays: September 12, 19, 26,
Open 10 - 4
Thursdays: September 1, 8, 15,
22, 29 - Open 2 - 8
Saturdays: September 10, 17, 24
Open 10 - 4
September 15 - "ABC's of Philately"
Potpourri of "J's"
Linda Warman-Holt
September 20 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee
RMPL CLOSED
Saturday, September 3rd
Saturday, September 5th

RMPL CLOSED

Please notice in the schedules above that the RMPL will be closed for the entire Labor Day weekend - both Saturday, September 3rd and Monday, September 5th. Volunteers will be hard to find for those days and the anticipated library use would be minimal, at best.

RMPL PHONE PROBLEMS

It has been reported that some people have been experiencing intermittent difficulty in getting anyone to answer the phone at the library on days when we are open. Let me assure you that we have had people there during our normal hours, but the phone has not been ringing. We have had the phone company out to check the problem and they have moved us to a different line in the building. We hope that we have solved the problem. Should you have problems reaching us we would like to hear about it. Please call Don Beuthel at 755-9328. For your information the phone number at the RMPL is still 303-368-0345.

ABC's TAKES VACATION

The ABC's of Philately is taking a vacation for the month of August so there will be no 3rd Thursday session. It will resume on September 15th at 7:00 PM with a potpourri of "J" subjects - Japan, Jamaica, and Jersey. This is basically a "show and tell" session so bring any of the above, or your own selected "J" material, and join in. Linda Warman-Holt will be the session leader.

For those who may not know what we are doing, we are going through the alphabet and featuring a study of a philatelic subject starting with that letter. We are pleased that the last several sessions have had better attendance and we hope that this will continue.

We are looking for suggestions for the "K" and "L" subjects for the months of

October and November. Any suggestions, or better yet, any volunteers?

RMPL BIRTHDAY PARTY A SUCCESS

Between 40 and 50 persons gathered at the RMPL on July 31st to celebrate the completion of our first year of operation with a birthday cake, punch and coffee.

My how we have grown, both in size and in quality. Our thanks should go to the many who have contributed materials, time, and money. We have tried to send letters to many of you who have contributed materials but I know that in the rush of daily operations, some donations have gone unrecognized. We must thank some of our major financial contributors including the Aurora Stamp Club, ROMPEX, Cherrelyn Stamp Club, West Side Stamp Club, TOPical Philatelists In Colorado, Arapahoe Stamp Club, Northern Colorado Philatelic Society, Wichita Stamp Club, and the many individuals who have given financial assistance. Thanks should go to all of the members of the Organizing Committee and the members of the Board of Directors for all of the time they have committed to getting this started. Our thanks go to our RMPL Volunteers who give so generously of their time. Special thanks should go to Ellengail Beuthel, our official Librarian, for the hundreds of hours she has spent cataloging the books and getting us going in the right direction as a library. Remember, everything has been done by volunteers. It has been quite a first year!

A part of the 1st Anniversary Celebration was our first RMPL Donation Lot Auction. Auctioneer Bill Dunn "worked" the participants hard and we can report that about \$300 was generated to help support the RMPL. Our thanks go

to all of those who donated the material to be auctioned, and to those of you who raised your hand frequently and "came with the cash". We are planning to do this about every 6 months, so keep us in mind as you happen upon things in your accumulations. All types of philatelic materials are solicited for the next auction.

A NEW RMPL SERVICE

Attention Stamp Club Program Chairpersons - The RMPL is creating a list of area philatelists who are willing to give philatelic programs to stamp clubs in the metropolitan area. These will be kept in a card file alphabetically by the subject of the program. The name and the phone number of the person giving the program will appear on the card. We have secured their permission to include their presentations in the listing. Some of these programs would be appropriate for use at meetings of service organizations, etc.

If you have programs that you are willing to have included in this file, please contact Don Beuthel at 755-9328 or drop him a note giving the details - send to the library mailing address.

DONATIONS TO RMPL CONTINUE

We continue to receive donations from many people. Sherman Pompey of Albany, OR sent another 4 boxes of material mostly for the Clipping File. This is being processed and we thank him for his support of the RMPL. We received another 4 boxes of material for the clipping file from Jane Rutledge of West Lafayette, IN. These are being processed as fast as we can do so. These were gathered over a period of years by her father prior to his death and we thank Jane for sending these to the RMPL.

We continue to seek all kinds of philatelic literature. We can use American Philatelist before 1950, early issues of Topical Time, early issues of Scott's Stamp Monthly, early Scott's Catalogs, and almost any type of philatelic books.

If you are going to mail donated material, don't forget to use Library Rate. It is much cheaper. If you chose to ship via UPS please send 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 and we are not there to receive it. For those who are in the

metropolitan area and have material that you want to donate, just bring it to the library on Mondays, Thursdays, or Saturdays. If you cannot make it to the library, call Don Beuthel at 755-9328 and he will make arrangements to pick up the material.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

by Jack Willard

The RMPL is planning to make Saturday mornings "SPECIAL". For two hours on Saturdays you can look for any of the following:

How To Prepare a Philatelic Exhibit

A Philatelic Slide Program

A Trading Session of Stamps and Covers

What Judges Look For

Various Postal History Subjects

Philatelic Photography

Starting a Topical Collection

Trains, Planes, & Boats

A "Bull Session" now and then

There is a catch to all of this, however. We want you to drop in to the library every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. There will be no advance announcement of the agenda for the day. The coffee pot will be on and if somebody brings some, there might be donuts. What happens will happen. You miss so much when you aren't present, so BE THERE! The first official "Special Saturday" session will start September 17th since we are closed on 9/3 and APEX is on 9/10. Practice sessions for the "Saturday Specials" will be held on Saturdays throughout August.

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.

Our featured RMPL Volunteer for this issue is Dr. Gerald Foster, Professor Emeritus, University of Denver. He writes, "I was a teenager when an ardent philatelist by the name of Harry Richmond gathered a dozen of us together and taught us the hobby of Stamp Collecting. As a result of that effort by Mr. Richmond, I developed a life-long interest in International Affairs, and my present collecting interests in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Professionally I was a part of the emergence of those two new countries, as a member of the National Institute of Public

Administration faculty in Karachi, Dacca, and Lahore in the '60s. I retired from the University of Denver in 1984, and have found a place in the contemporary philatelic world working as a volunteer at the RMPL. Working with the vast amount of library materials here has expanded my philatelic horizons immeasurably.

As I work with my grandchildren to find an exciting segment of our hobby to enhance their knowledge of the world, it's geography, and it's cultures, as it has mine. The library is both an opportunity for service and a resource for research in my retirement years."

Gerald served in the South Pacific in World War II as a Marine Corps officer in Guam and Iwo Jima. Another of the activities which occupy his time in his retirement is serving as Facilitator of a Great Books Reading and Discussion Group at the Hampden Branch Library - 10-12 on Wednesdays. Also, he says he is interested in getting started in topical collecting - his interest - classical music. I'm sure he would be happy to acquire philatelic material in that area.

Gerald works the Monday 10-1 shift at the library as well as filling in at other times of need. He adds much to the RMPL and we feel that we are most fortunate to have him as a RMPL Volunteer. Thank you, Jerry!

EARLY POST ROUTE MAPS

Joe Crosby of Oklahoma City has donated some copies of three different early Colorado Post Routes dated 1867, 1877, and 1884. These large copies are being made available to library members for \$20 for a set of three. Call Don Beuthel to make arrangements to purchase these. For out-of-town buyers, mailing cost would have to be additional.

RMPL "WISH LIST"

Included on this list are items that the RMPL would like to receive as donations:

- Metal Bookends
- Upright Magazine Holders
- Vacuum Cleaner (working of course)
- VCR
- Floor Display Cases
- Mint U. S. Postage for Mailings