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WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

JUNE 1994

Mondays: June 6, 13, 20, 27
Open 10 - 4
Thursdays: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Open 2 - 8
Saturdays: June 4, 11, 18, 25
Open 10 - 4
June 8 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Denver Germany Stamp Club
June 9 - Meeting 7:30 PM
Topical Philatelists In Colorado
June 16 - "ABC's of Philately" - 7:00 PM
"Hotel Post Philately"
Greg Frantz
June 25 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Denver Chapter - China Stamp Society
June 28 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee

JULY 1994

Mondays: July 11, 18, 25
Open 10 - 4
Thursdays: July 7, 14, 21, 28
Open 2 - 8
Saturdays: July 9, 16, 23, 30
Open 10 - 4
July 21 - "ABC's of Philately"
"Survey of India"
Dan Thomas - 7:00 PM

**CLOSED: Saturday, July 2
Monday, July 4**

RMPL CLOSED

Please notice in the schedules above that the RMPL will be closed for the entire 4th of July weekend - both Saturday, July 2nd and Monday, July 4th. Volunteers will be hard to find for those days and anticipated library use would be minimal at best.

RMPL PHONE NUMBER

Should you ever have a need to call the RMPL the phone number is 303-368-0345. Naturally your chances of getting an answer are better on the days we are open for business - Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

1ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The RMPL opened for business on August 1, 1993. Plans are being finalized for a celebration of the completion of our first year of operation.

All members and friends of the RMPL are invited to an Open House to be held at the library on Sunday, July 31st from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

An additional feature of the 1st Anniversary Celebration will be a Donation Auction starting at 2:00 PM. Donation lots of stamps, covers, and postal history in a medium price range for this auction are earnestly solicited with the proceeds going to the RMPL General Fund to help to meet our monthly bills. What is it that you have stashed away, that you will never use, and that might bring a few dollars to the library? Auction donations may be brought to the library during the hours that we are open or call Don Beuthel at 755-9328 and he will make arrangements to see that the items are picked up. We would like to receive these lots by July 9th. Try to attend the Open House and don't forget to bring your

checkbook with you and raise your hand a few times during the auction.

ABC'S OF PHILATELY SERIES

The ABC's of Philately Series is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month and follows alphabetically a study of topics in philately. Those who have attended have found the evening enlightening since we have called upon area philatelists who have an expertise in the subjects chosen. While the attendance still remains sparse, we feel that we must continue to make this series available to our membership and friends.

The subject for the June 16th session meets the "H" requirement in that Greg Frantz will discuss Hotel Post Philately. This is a subject with which most of us are completely unfamiliar. Attend and bring a friend.

To meet the ABC's of Philately requirement for a subject starting with "I" for the July 21st meeting, we have called upon Dan Thomas to add to our knowledge with a survey of India collecting, another subject in which few of us have much expertise. Again all are invited and welcome to bring another interested person.

We are looking for persons to do the "J" and "K" subjects for August and September. Any suggestions or volunteers?

NEW RMPL SERVICE LINN'S TRENDS FILE

by Jerry Eggleston

The RMPL now has a file of Linn's Trends which may be perused by library members. The file is located in the file cabinet behind the front counter.

The file contains over 1200 separate listings. Almost 300 of these are the latest for a particular country. The others

are older listings which may be used to follow pricing trends over the years.

The first folder in the file contains a listing of all of the countries for which Linn's has published pricing trends, the date of the latest listing, whether or not the latest listing is in the file, which folder it will be found in, and a listing of any older versions which may also be found in the folder. Some of the countries for which we have longer listings (e.g. Argentina, Australia, Austria) will have their own folders. Others (e.g. Abu Dhabi, Angola, Azores) will be found in a folder labeled with the first letter (i.e. "A"). Some are broken down even further to avoid putting too much into a folder and making specific items difficult to find. This filing system will continue to evolve.

We can still use more listings. We have everything from 8/17/92 (except 9/7/92 and 10/26/92) to the present. Notably missing are the latest listings for Poland (9/7/92), Canada (5/25/92), and German States (6/1/92). A scan of the Trends listing in the first folder will show other omissions, as well.

This file will be updated periodically, hopefully every five weeks or so. Any comments, requests, or suggestions on the maintenance of this file should be left with the volunteer on duty.

DONATIONS TO RMPL CONTINUE

The RMPL continues to be fortunate in that we are receiving donations of material from all over the metropolitan area as well as from all over the country. Recently we received 7 boxes of material from David R. Opperman of Urbana, IL. We received 8 boxes of material from the Postal History Foundation in Tucson, AZ. They also had an additional 2 boxes of material delivered by a person attending ROMPEX. Charles and Lois Teed of Grand Junction brought 2 boxes of material when they recently visited the library. Bill Rapp of Crete, Nebraska brought 2 boxes of material when he came to ROMPEX. Mark Vainer donated several boxes of material. Several others have brought in smaller amounts. We are working hard to process all of this material. We thank each of the donors most sincerely for their support of the RMPL.

Philatelic items that we really don't need include - American Philatelist after 1950, Scott's Monthly Journal, La Posta, Scott's Catalogs generally in the 70's and 80's, and Topical Time (except for early issues

like #1 through #20). We would be most happy to receive any other philatelic literature you might have. This includes auction catalogs.

If you are going to mail donated material, don't forget to use the library rate. It is much cheaper. Should you chose to ship via UPS send the items to 8040 E. Dartmouth #17, Denver CO 80231. For larger quantities through the USPS use this address, also. 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.

For those of you in the Metropolitan area who have material that you want to donate, just bring it to the library on the days we are open. If you cannot make it to the library, 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.

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 George Snyder. As I was trying to get some information out of George that could be used for this column I asked the wrong question. I had told George to go way back and I asked him "Where did you come from?" to which he smilingly replied "I had a Mother." You can see that he has a most delightful sense of humor.

George told us that he started collecting stamps in 1927 when his Uncle gave him a suitcase of world wide stamps. He still has one of his early albums with stamps stuck in it. He was going full blast into stamp collecting in 1936 when a hurricane destroyed his collection.

As with most collectors, during World War II he discontinued active collecting. He was a test pilot during the war flying such planes as P-40, B-25, C-17, etc. Also, he was a training instructor. After the war he traveled worldwide as an Electrical Engineer having secured his EE and ME degrees. He retired in 1986.

His present collecting specialties include Confederate States (he bought his first one in 1937), United States, and as a diversion, Monkey stamps. He belongs to the Aurora Stamp Club as well as the APS and

the CSA. We are most pleased to have George as a RMPL Volunteer and thank him sincerely for the time and effort he devotes to keeping the RMPL operating.

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. Stamps for Mailings

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