

# Scribblings



---from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

Vol. 5- No. 1

Phone - 303-759-9921

2038 So. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO, 80224

<http://www.collectors-mall.com/philib/RMPL.htm>

January - February 1997

E-Mail - [RMPL@aol.com](mailto:RMPL@aol.com)

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL**

*"come and enjoy the activities"*

### **January 1997**

Mondays: January 6, 13, 27 Open 10 - 4  
Thursdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 2 - 8  
Saturdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 10 - 4  
January 2 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board  
January 4 - Meeting and Auction - 10:00 AM -  
Scandinavian Collectors Club  
January 9 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Topical Philatelists In Colorado  
January 20 - **RMPL Closed**  
Martin Luther King Day  
January 20 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Aurora Stamp Club  
January 25 - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
China Stamp Society  
January 28 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
ROMPEX Committee

### **February 1997**

Mondays: February 3, 10, 24  
Thursdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27  
Saturdays: February 1, 8, 15, 22  
February 1 - Meeting - 10:00 AM  
Scandinavian Collectors Club  
February 5 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Aurora Stamp Club  
February 6 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board  
February 13 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Topical Philatelists In Colorado  
February 17 - **RMPL Closed** - President's Day  
February 17 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Aurora Stamp Club - Trading Night  
February 22 - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
China Stamp Society  
February 25 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
ROMPEX Committee

## **RMPL ELECTION**

For those of you who are members of the RMPL we have enclosed your ballot for the election of Officers and Board Members of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library for a term of three years, beginning in January 1997.

Although the Officers and Board are running unopposed, we urge you to mark and return your ballot as a show of support for those individuals who have agreed to act in your behalf with their time and effort.

Do not put your name or other identifying marks on the ballot. Mark only your return envelope with your name and address. Please return your ballot to the library by February 1, 1997.

## **AN RMPL WEATHER WARNING**

The recent extremely inclement weather, icy roads and blizzard conditions, reminded me that maybe I should warn you to call the RMPL at 759-9921 if the weather is bad to make sure that we are going to remain open before you brave those conditions to get to the library only to find it closed.

When the weather conditions make travel dangerous we will close the library and send the volunteers home. The chances of anyone wanting to use the library when conditions are so bad are quite slim and we feel that for the safety of the volunteers they should not be on the roads when they are hazardous. In bad weather conditions call first -759-9921.

## **IT'S A LONG DRIVE TO A PHILATELIC LIBRARY - An Editorial by Don Beuthel**

Although we have received support and encouragement from some nationally acclaimed philatelists, many others have looked at our endeavor to start a philatelic library in the Rocky Mountain area with disdain. They say, "There is no need for a library there. There are libraries that are close and, after all, the material is available from the established philatelic libraries such as the APRL."

Well, they are partially correct - the materials are available from the established philatelic libraries, BUT - How long does it take to get the materials? At best, long distance phone calls are necessary plus postage for mailing both ways. In all probability, close to a week would be required to secure the information that you would like to use right now. Not only that, it is impossible to browse through the collection long distance.

They are wrong when they say that there are philatelic libraries close to the Rocky Mountain area. Several of us were talking about this "closeness" thing recently. Starting out west, the Sunnyvale Philatelic Library is a 2+ day drive from Denver. The Postal History Foundation Library in Tucson is about a 1 1/2 day drive from Denver. The Wineburg Philatelic Library in Dallas is at least a 1 1/2 day drive from Denver. The library of the Collector's Club of Chicago is at least a 2 day drive from Denver. Somehow those of us who live in the Rocky Mountain area, that great philatelic wasteland as referred to by some easterners and far westerners, don't think that driving 1 1/2 to 2 days qualifies as "close". Remember, at one period in time, and not so long ago, the presidents of the three largest philatelic organizations in the United States, APS, ATA, and BIA were all from this "wasteland" - as a matter of fact from the same club - and there are many accredited APS judges in metropolitan Denver, so there are interested and active philatelists in the Rocky Mountain area - enough interested philatelists to have a library "close" to them. That is why some of us have worked so hard to get the RMPL started and why we are so pleased with the progress that has been made.

No, the RMPL will never become the philatelic library that the APRL is, or probably any of the other 7 major philatelic libraries. We can't even compete, because we don't have the financial means to do so, but we are getting to the level where many of the philatelists in the area recognize that the RMPL is the philatelic center of the region, that it is a place to meet other philatelists, that there are interesting activities available through the RMPL, that there is help available for them in the form of information, encouragement, and materials without having to wait, and that NOW there is a philatelic library close to them.

### **DONATIONS CONTINUE !!!**

We are pleased to report that donations to the RMPL continue at a very pleasant rate, both monetary and in the form of materials.

Recently we have received monetary donations from Charlene Gail, the Arapahoe Stamp Club, the North Suburban Stamp Club, Arthur Weaver of Glenwood Springs, and Alex Cook. Pat McNally has put 4 boxes of covers at the library and 1/2 of the marked price goes to the library. We thank all of you.

Recently we have received donations of philatelic literature and material from the following persons: Mike Maselli, Sherman Pompey, Stuart Silverburg, Bill Dunn, Bob Brown, Terence Hines, the Boulder Post Office, Dan Thomas, Dan Speirs, Steve Schweighofer, Jack Willard, Edna Oliver, Ward Crowley, Don Koontz, Helmuth Bender, Bob Schrenk, and Dr. Gary McLean. Previously I think

that we had neglected to thank Brian V. Kelley of Great Falls, MT for donations of material. I hope that we haven't missed any others. We thank you for your support.

We are pleased to report that the RMPL received a very nice U. S. stamp collection from an anonymous donor. We thank that person very much for keeping the RMPL in mind when disposing of the collection. This should point out to others that not only are we interested in philatelic literature of all kinds, but also we are interested in receiving philatelic collections. In fact any type of donated material that can be converted to cash over a period of time is most welcome. Items of this kind are deductible from your taxes at fair market value (replacement value) as a donation to a public charity. The RMPL has a 501 (c)(3) status - public charity - with the IRS.

### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

In our last Scribblings, we indicated that we were in need of some volunteers to serve on a regular basis. While we have filled several of those openings we still need some volunteers. The current openings are as follows:

**Thursday - 5-8 PM shift** - to replace Ron Mitchell who teaches a class at DU during the Winter quarter.

**Saturday - 10-1 shift** on alternating Saturdays

**Saturday - 1-4 shift** - two persons - to replace Dan Thomas who has been doing the Saturday PM shift by himself. Dan will be moving to Arizona in the very near future.

There have been several persons who have expressed an interest in serving as a volunteer for a day other than the three that we are presently open, but we have not had enough persons volunteer for a specific day to allow us to open on that day. It takes 4 persons to do the 2 three-hour shifts for each day. If you are interested in working a three hour shift on a regular basis on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, or Sundays - or any of the openings mentioned above please call Don Beuthel at 755-9328 as soon as possible.

***We are still looking for a Public Relations Coordinator, also. Anyone interested? We really need help in this area!***

### **RMPL MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

With this issue of the Scribblings you should be receiving your new RMPL membership card which shows the adjusted membership expiration date.

Some of you will receive a notice that your membership has expired with a renewal form which we hope you will return promptly with your check.

If you do not receive either of the above, this indicates that we have no record of a RMPL membership for you. An application for RMPL membership is included and we hope that you will consider this carefully and arrive at the conclusion

that the RMPL is worthy of your support. The \$15 level is the basic membership which allows you to use the RMPL facility. The \$25 membership gives you check-out privileges for any of the materials that we allow to be checked out. We hope to double our membership now that we are permanently located and you can help us reach this goal by returning the application with a check now.

Some of you may have made a monetary donation to the library without filling out the required Membership Form. In many cases we did not know if the funds were for a membership or a donation. We hope to get all of these cases straightened out now.

Should you have any questions about your status, please do not hesitate to call our Treasurer - Bob Blatherwick at 377-3808 or Don Beuthel at 755-9328.

## NEW RMPL MEMBERS

We are pleased to report that the following persons have joined the RMPL: Marc Silberman, William J. McCarran, Richard Byne, Julie Nelson, Jim Wilk, and Alex Ioannides.

If you know of interested and active philatelists in the Rocky Mountain area who should be members of the RMPL, please bring them out to show them what they have been missing. The first visit to the RMPL is free. We are sure that once they have seen what we have, they too will want to be a member. Getting them to the library makes getting them as members much easier. Can we count on you?

## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR RMPL

by Jerry Eggleston

The RMPL has a file of Linn's Trends, which may be perused by library members. This file is located in a file cabinet near the front entrance.

In case you are not familiar with the Linn's Trends, this is a feature that appears in each copy of Linn's Stamp News. A specific country or countries, is featured in the issue. A list of stamps from that country is included along with what they consider to be the current value of the stamps listed based upon published dealer lists and advertised retail prices. Obviously this would be most helpful if you are looking to purchase stamps or if you are pricing stamps for sale or trade.

The RMPL Linn's Trends 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 items difficult to find. This filing system will continue to evolve.

We can still use more listings. We have almost everything from August 17, 1992, to the present. A scan of the Trends listing in the first folder will show some omissions. Copies of Linn's which are donated to the RMPL will be reviewed to fill holes; completeness, while unattainable, is a goal.

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 volunteers, or the librarian.

*Editor's note - Jerry Eggleston is another of our volunteers who does not work a regular shift but does a valuable job for the RMPL. Jerry has decided that the TRENDS information has value to the collector and has assumed the responsibility of maintaining this file. We thank Jerry for taking on this job. Should you want to contact him directly about this feature of the library his phone number in Breckenridge is 970-453-1206.*

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

Among the many books that have been cataloged recently you will find the following:

**Priced Catalogue of Airmail Stamps, 1934**, by D. Field

**Catalog of Classic American Airposts and Aeronautica 1784 - 1900**, by Robert Schoendorf  
**Handbook of Topical Philately** by W.E.J. van den Bold

**Civil War Prisons and Their Covers** by Earl Antrim

**20th Century U. S. Stamped Envelopes Catalog** compiled by Preston Thorp

**Postal Markings of the Canal Zone** by Lawson Entwistle

**A Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U. S. Pacific Islands** by Robert Murphy

**One Hundred Years of Icelandic Stamps** by Jon Aolsteinn Jonsson

**Cancellations of Mexico 1856-1874** by Joseph Schatzkes

**The 1869 Issue on Cover - A Census and Analysis** by Jonathan Rose & Richard Searing

**Arizona Territorial Postmark Catalog** by Sheldon Dike

**Cancellations & Killers of the Banknote Era** by James M. Cole

Our Librarian, Ellengail Beuthel, has a large backlog of materials to be cataloged so there will be new items appearing all the time. Generally the

recently cataloged items will be placed in the New Book area for a period of about 1 month and then placed in their proper location on the shelves.

## A MAP FOR A DONATION

We have in stock in our Map Room a large number of copies of a Post Route Map (22" x 17") of the State of Colorado dated December 1, 1893. These are available to you for a donation of \$5 each. Also available for a donation are some very limited quantities of other early Colorado maps. Come out and see what we have available.

## RMPL SILENT AUCTION AT ROMPEX

We have held a Silent Auction at ROMPEX for the past 2 years with all of the proceeds from the donated items going to the RMPL. It has been quite successful and we are planning to do this again this year. At the present time we are making our plans and starting to gather the donated items for the auction. We want to thank those who have contributed philatelic items for this purpose in the previous 2 years.

This auction is quite important to the RMPL in that over one tenth of our budgeted income comes from this one activity. Thus, it is time to ask you again to go through your accumulations and find desirable items that you could part with to help with this fund raiser. We would be most happy to pick up donated items in the metro Denver area or if you live out of town you can mail them to the library indicating that they are for the Silent Auction in May. Remember that donations such as these are deductible to the extent of the law at fair market value (which will be the auction selling price) from your income taxes.

## AURORA STAMP CLUB NOW MEETING AT THE RMPL

Beginning Monday, January 20th the Aurora Stamp Club will hold its twice monthly meetings at the RMPL. The officers and members of the club invite all RMPL members to come and join us for APS circuits, stamp trading, 5¢ mixture box, programs, and short business meetings.

February's program will be an all new Colorado Postal History Program by TOTSS (Don Beuthel and Roger Rydberg)

Watch the calendar of events in this newsletter for monthly program details.

<http://www.>

by Iona Macintosh

### Good News-Great News

The RMPL is on the WEB. Look for some new features coming soon.

A "GREAT BIG THANK YOU" goes to Larry and Carmen Piekenbrock for their support of the RMPL and their hosting of our home page.

Check out our home page at:

<http://www.collectors-mall.com/philib/RMPL.htm>

**Don't Forget to Click on the Packrat**

Please send your responses to [RMPL@aol.com](mailto:RMPL@aol.com)

**Thanks to all of you that have contacted the RMPL by E-Mail. If you have not reported your E-Mail address to the RMPL, please do so today. At the same time let us know your favorite philatelic WEB site. or news group.**

### HOT SITE OF THE MONTH

Joseph Luft's Philatelic Resources on the Web

This is a comprehensive listing Philatelic WEB Sites

<http://www.execpc.com/~joeluft/resource.html>

*And remember - Iona is available 24 hours a day to help with your philatelic research - and, as always - I love E-Mail!*

**Scribblings** is published bi-monthly by the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, 2038 So. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO, 80224.

**Donald G. Beuthel**  
Editor

The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library is a chartered Colorado Non-profit corporation. Membership subscriptions over that for the annual regular membership, and donations of appropriate philatelic library materials are deductible for U.S. income tax purposes. The RMPL is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

### RMPL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Donald G. Beuthel
Vice President	Jim Kilbane
Secretary	Bill Dunn
Treasurer	Robert Blatherwick
Board Member	James L. Ozment
Board Member	John H. Willard