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WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

JULY 1997

Mondays: July 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4
Thursdays: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 2-8
Saturdays: July 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4
Sundays: July 13, 20, 27 Open 1-4
July 2 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
July 3 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
RMPL Board
July 5 - RMPL Closed
4th of July Weekend
July 6 - RMPL Closed
4th of July Weekend
~~July 12 - Second Saturday at the RMPL~~
9:00 AM
"Local Posts of Morocco" by Greg Frantz
July 21 - Meeting - 7:30 PM - Stamp Night
Open Trading (and selling) Night - Sponsored
by the Aurora Stamp Club
Open to all collectors
July 26 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society

AUGUST 1997

Mondays: August 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: August 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4
Thursdays: August 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 2-8
Saturdays: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4
Sundays: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 1-4
August 2 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collector's Club
August 2 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelic Club
August 3 - RMPL Anniversary Open House
1:00PM to 4:00PM
August 6 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
August 7 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
RMPL Board
August 9 - Second Saturday at the RMPL-9:00
AM - Program by Bill Dunn- "The Liberty Series"
August 23 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society

IN MEMORIAM

BRUCE CARY 1937 - 1997

DR. GILBERT MURPHY 1927 - 1997

We are sorry to have to report the passing of two of our RMPL members.

Bruce Cary died on May 20, 1997. Bruce, a faithful supporter of the RMPL, was the Volunteer who started to organize our Auction Catalogs. He spent many a Saturday in our previous location sorting and working to get those catalogs in some semblance of order so that they could be used for research. Bruce's family asked that memorial contributions be made to the RMPL.

Dr. Gilbert Murphy worked as a RMPL Volunteer when we were back at the "store fronts". He covered the Winter months while another Volunteer headed for the warm climates. He was a willing worker and contributed many useful suggestions as we struggled to get the RMPL operating.

They will be missed at the RMPL and our condolences go to their families. They are in our thoughts and our prayers.

ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

The officers and board of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library cordially invite all members and friends of the RMPL to attend an open house on Sunday, August 3rd from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Please join us in commemorating the completion of our 1st year in our new building and the 4th anniversary of the establishment of the RMPL. Come and see the progress that has been made over that brief time. Bring a philatelic friend.

SILENT AUCTION IS A SUCCESS

by Jim Kilbane - RMPL Auction Chairman

The RMPL Silent Auction held at ROMPEX more than met our goal of one months expenses for the library. In addition to the many lots fine lots donated we sold excess books and auction catalogs. We also sold specialized matched plate blocks. A special thanks to Ed Schenck, Linda Warman-Holt, Ron Mitchell, and Ellengail Beuthel

for their help at the table and assembling lots. Another big THANK YOU to the generous people who donated the lots and those who bid on the lots. Inadvertently, some of the donated auction lots were separated from the donor identification. If you donated material, and have not received a letter for tax purposes indicating what those lots brought in the auction, please contact Bill Dunn, RMPL Secretary, at 321-8746 and he will try to remedy the situation.

Start thinking of material to donate for the 1998 RMPL Silent Auction at ROMPEX.

SURPLUS MATERIAL LISTS

RMPL Volunteer Ron Mitchell has been working very hard to keep the list of surplus auction catalogs and the list of surplus books up to date. Quite a bit of this material was sold during ROMPEX. These lists are available for 55 cents for postage, or post paid if requested via the RMPL E-Mail address.

The two lists include materials that have been donated to the RMPL and which we have the necessary copies already. These extra copies are priced at a level that you can't refuse and the proceeds from their sale help to support the monthly obligations of the RMPL. Included are several long runs of periodicals, also. This is just one more way for you to support the RMPL.

NEW RMPL MEMBERS

We are most happy to report that the RMPL has a good sized group of new members that have joined during the last two months. Although we have lost a few of our original members who did not renew, our membership continues to grow at a "new member per week" pace since we opened the new building last August 3rd. If you know a stamp collector who is not a member of the RMPL, try to arrange to bring them out to the library for a visit and most of the time they will be impressed enough to join. With everybody's help we will continue to grow at this pace.

New members for the last two months include:

W.W. Lanskey	Leonard J. Schmitt
Ray Calkins	Jeff King
James Davenport	Robert A. Mueller
T.R. Sadler	Buster B. Boatman
Karl Gebert	Norman R. Ritchie
Barbara J. Wiselogel	Todd G. Handy
William H. Schulz	Andrew Murin
Andrew J. Baer	Frank Bocovich
Mildred B. Hamilton	Gary Liggett

Welcome to that unique group of area philatelists - the RMPL Members!

LIBRARIES TO SHARE RESOURCES

by Ron Mitchell

The RMPL has agreed to share its resources and duplicate material with other philatelic libraries around the world.

The International Philatelic Library Association met during Pacific 97 in San Francisco last month. Representatives were present from libraries in the U. S., Great Britain, Brazil, Australia, Sweden, and Germany.

Besides the sharing of materials, discussions centered around microfilming, publicizing the libraries, and the future of philatelic libraries as technology and computers continue to improve.

The RMPL was represented at the meeting by Board Member Ron Mitchel and RMPL Volunteer Sherri Jennings.

PETER LAUX HONORED

by Ron Mitchell

RMPL member and frequent library visitor Peter Laux was praised for his outstanding writing talents at the Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society International's annual meeting during Pacific 97.

Laux is the author of a new column on personalities on Mexican stamps for Mexicana. A MEPSI officer singled it out as exactly the kind of writing that is needed in the society's journal. Several members of the group chimed in to agree that Laux's column is excellent, and mentioned that they look forward to reading it as each issue comes out.

Laux has done a good deal of the research for his column at the RMPL.

Congratulations, Peter!

DONATIONS CONTINUE!!

Donations of a financial nature, and of philatelic literature and philatelic material continue to arrive at the RMPL at a most pleasing pace. Hardly a day goes by that we don't receive something. Frequently the donations remain anonymous because the Volunteer on duty is busy and forgets to indicate, or may not even know, the source of the donated material. We try to acknowledge receipt of such donations since the RMPL is a public charity (501 c 3) and the fair market value of the donated items is deductible on your tax return. If you have not received this acknowledgment and would like to have it for the tax purposes, please let us know.

The following generous philatelists are recent contributors:

Harmer-Schau Auction Galleries	
Richard Helbock "LaPosta" Publications	
Tony Cifka	Jerry Eggleston
Dalene Thomas	Roy Calkins
Ward Crowley	Bob Munshower
George Killian	Art Bostwick
Arthur Nitzburg	Joyce Snavley
Bill Rapp	Sherman Pompey
Richard H. Byne	Colleen Sawyer
Bill Bauer	Al Rex
Bob Brown	W. E. Braukman
Jack Moyers	Frances Cary
Lou Svoboda	Joe Weinman

Mildred B. Hamilton

NEW MATERIALS ON THE SHELVES

By the time you receive this issue the following philatelic literature material will have been cataloged, processed, and placed on the new book shelves:

U. S. Newspaper and Periodical Stamps

by Richard C. Whitesell

Veterinary Philately

by Adolf W. Schwartz

Street Cars of Boston

by O. R. Cummings

The Interurban Era

by Wm. D. Middleton

Railroad Postmarks of the U. S.

by Chas. Towle and Henry Meyer

Confederate States of America Philatelic Subject & Bibliography 1862-1984

by Richard H. Byne

Revenue Stamps of the U. S.

by Christopher West

Anthology of Machine Postal Markings

by Bart Billings

Directory of Route Agent Routes 1837-1882

by John L. Kay

Scott's Standard Catalog of Airpost Stamps - 1931

RMPL DEALER MEMBERS

I would think that anything that helps the hobby of stamp collecting would be a benefit to the stamp dealer. We feel that the presence of the RMPL has served to stimulate interest in the hobby and for that reason we have asked stamp dealers in the Rocky Mountain region to help the RMPL. We are very happy that a large number of dealers have chosen to support the RMPL with donations of philatelic material and literature and have secured a membership in the RMPL. By going through the membership list of the RMPL we have compiled a list of these dealers. We encourage those dealers who don't have an RMPL membership to join as soon as possible.

The following dealers are members of the RMPL and we urge you to support them as they support us:

Art Ackley	Tony Cifka
Rocky Crandell	Pat Dowling
Steve Datz	W. W. (Bill) Lanskey
Pat McNally	Robert Ortega
Jim Peterson	Larry Pieckenbrock
Webster Stickney	Andrew Wacinski
Joe Weinman	Phillip R. Beutel
Dave Capra	Joe Crosby
Eddie Hackstaff	Brian V. Kelly
Joe Lambert	Robert Munshower
Richard Ruth	Tonny VanLoij
Sergio Lugo	Rusty Morse

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the increased number of days that the library is open, ROMPEX weekend when everyone

is at ROMPEX, and the 11 days of Pacific 97, completing the Volunteer Work Schedule for the past two months has been a real challenge. During the ROMPEX weekend we had to ask our RMPL Librarian, Ellengail Beuthel, along with her neighbor friend, Peg Swanson, to fill several shifts so that the library could remain open for the regular hours. We thank them for their help.

Many of the RMPL members, as well as many of our regular Volunteers went to San Francisco for Pacific 97 and were not available for their regular duty shifts so that necessitated a number of changes in the schedule. We made it over that hurdle and were able to keep the library open for the regularly scheduled hours. I hope that things are back to normal now.

We still need people to work the following times:

Tuesday 10-1 alternating weeks

Saturday 10-1

Saturday 1-4

Sunday 1-4

If you are willing to Volunteer for any of these spots on a regular basis, please call Don Beuthel at 755-9328 as soon as possible.

INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE

Some of you will be receiving your new RMPL Membership Card with this issue. Others of you will be receiving a notice that your membership will expire in the next two months. Some of you received that renewal notice with the last issue but have not responded, so you will be receiving a reminder and we urge that you act on this right away by sending us a check. A few of you will be receiving a "last reminder notice" because you have not responded to the previous two notices. Please take the time to either send us a check thereby renewing your membership, or contact us so that we can remove your name from the mailing list thus saving postage and printing costs.

What really bothers some of us who are very closely tied to the operation of the library is that some of our earlier members who seem to be dropping their membership have never been to the library in our new location to see what is being done with your dues. Before you decide not to renew, please take the time to visit. If there has been a problem in the past, or you are unhappy about something, please let one of the officers know and maybe we can come up with a satisfactory solution.

Some of you are receiving a copy of the Scribblings for the first time and we have included a membership application for your convenience. We would love to have you visit the library and let us show you what we have been able to accomplish so far and we hope that you will take this opportunity to join the RMPL.

In case you couldn't tell, those of us who work in the RMPL are quite proud of our little library and really want to share it with the philatelists in the

Rocky Mountain Area. We have been saying that we want it to be the Philatelic Center of the Rocky Mountain Region and it is rapidly reaching that goal.

RMPL WORKS WITH CUB SCOUTS

On July 19th the RMPL, in cooperation with the North Suburban Stamp Club, helped with a Cub Scout Day Camp held at South High School by providing some basic instruction on stamp collecting along with a bag full of "goodies" to over 150 Cub Scouts. Morty Hertzberg and Don Koontz (RMPL member) from the North Suburban Stamp Club along with Don Beuthel, RMPL President, and George Wright, RMPL Education Coordinator, worked with the children and reported that the program was well received by the Cub Scout leaders as well as the children. Many contacts were made that we hope will lead to future projects such as this. The RMPL thanks the USPS for providing some of the materials that went into the "bag of goodies" that went home with each cub scout.

"CONFESSIONS OF A 'HEAVY USER'"

by Rusty Morse

Stamp collecting has been alleged to be an addiction. It does take us into another world at times, while at the same moment involving itself in the detailed study of the very real communication within a very real world. When asked to pen a few notes about the RMPL, from a consumer's viewpoint, it was natural to reflect why I should be so solicited as "one of the most frequent consumers" of its services.

Hey, Guys & Gals, If you are not using the RMPL you must not be working with your stamps enough to have many questions. We recently hauled a group from the active Westside Stamp Club down to the library to show many of the folks where there "contributions" went. Many of them had not seen the new facility and so it was not "real until they walked in the door and began to look around. Several who were fond of grousing about the bucks sent the RMPL way came to comment that indeed the place was remarkable.

We stamp collectors come in all shapes, sizes, and levels of interests. If your main fondness is for filling a U.S. album with the current material, and covers and postal history are not your cup of tea, then the Library may only be of marginal use to you. However, for those of us whose lives seem to be constantly enriched by the lure of far away places and strange looking postmarks, there seems to be a special lure of a place that can help us decipher the latest postmark or identify the recent provisional of the former Soviet Union state [the complete files are at the Library of the recent studies in that area, you know, in English].

For those people in our lives who are not stamp collectors the library may seem to be a strange place. Its clean, pleasant surroundings,

comfortable work areas, tables, and kitchenette for them must conceal some mystery. What is it about the place that keeps these folks going? Thousands of Stamp Books, Auction catalogues, Bound Magazines, what secrets do they contain? Why do all these seemingly normal people get so excited about this place???

As an active professional in the mental health field I'm sure we need to do some serious research into this strange behavior. Hey, How about a Federal Grant???

Let's pump some serious foundation money into the study of this strange activity.

You can make the checks payable to the RMPL.

For those of you who want to do some serious research in this area I would recommend starting with a book called POSITIVE ADDICTION by Dr. William Glasser, an internationally known and respected psychiatrist. Sorry, I don't loan my copy out, it's personalized & autographed.

Rusty Morse, (Certified in Reality Therapy by the Institute for Control Theory, Reality Therapy and Quality Management, Los Angeles, California., previously qualified in multiple jurisdictions of Colorado District Courts as an expert witness in the areas of psychotherapy, social service practice, etc.)

[http://www.](http://www.rmpl.org)

by Iona Macintosh

Check out our Web page as it continues to change thanks to webmaster Larry Piekenbrock. It now contains a membership application and it works. David Glover of Amersham, England was the first to use it.

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