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WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

May, 1997

Mondays: May 5, 12, 19 Open 10 - 4
Tuesdays: May 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10 - 4
Thursdays: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 2 - 8
Saturdays: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10 - 4
Sundays: May 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 1 - 4
May 1 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board
May 3 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collector's Club
May 6 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
West Side Stamp Club
May 7 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
May 10 - Second Saturday Program - 9:00 AM
"Interurban Mail" by Jack Willard
May 19 - Meeting - 7:30 PM - Stamp Night
Open Trading, Mixture Box, and APS Circuit
May 24 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society
May 26 - RMPL Closed - Memorial Day

June, 1997

Mondays: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10 - 4
Tuesdays: June 3, 10, 17, 24 Open 10 - 4
Thursdays: June 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 2 - 8
Saturdays: June 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10 - 4
Sundays: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 1 - 4
June 4 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
June 5 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board
June 7 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collector's Club
June 7 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelic Club
June 12 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Topical Philatelists In Colorado
June 14 - Second Saturday Program - 9:00 AM
"2 Cent Carmine" by Bill Dunn
June 16 - Meeting - 7:30 PM - Stamp Night
Open Trading, Mixture Box, and APS Circuit
June 24 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee
June 28 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society

RMPL OPEN TWO MORE DAYS

The Board of the RMPL has decided to keep the library open two additional days each week starting with the month of May. We will be open for your convenience each week on Tuesdays from 10 - 4 and on Sundays from 1 - 4 in addition to our regular schedule of Mondays and Saturdays from 10 - 4 and Thursdays from 2 - 8.

We will try these additional days for a period of time and the continuance will be based upon being able to attract a few more volunteers to cover these additional days. If the additional volunteers are not available on a regular basis, we will have to go back to our previous schedule.

Please see the VOLUNTEERS NEEDED section later on in this issue and if you feel that you can fill any of the vacancies, please let us know. We want to have the library open as much as possible for your use, but we do need help to do so.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

By Bill Dunn

Look it up in the RMPL map files, of course!

"Help yourself to a map while I gas up your car and check the oil." If you are old enough to remember that, you'll understand the fascination with maps that several RMPL members have. And we all took one, glanced at it for a short time and stuffed it in the glove compartment along with a bunch of other maps similarly acquired.

There are maps available today - for a price - but somehow they don't have the detail found on "road maps" of the 1930's or even to the 1950's, probably because we are apt to follow some interstate superhighway until we need to find our final off-highway destination.

And how many times while watching a postal history slide presentation have we said, "I never heard of that place! Where is it?" And for the railroad buffs, the wanderings of a rail line as it grew, then changed, and often vanished, can only be found by perusing an old map.

RMPL now has available more than a thousand maps, that include state highway road maps, ranging from the 1920's, through each decade to very recent times. What a help for postal historians.

In addition there are many city maps, forest service maps, USGS quadrangle maps, railroad route maps, National Geographic maps, numerous atlases (some dating back to the 1880's), military maps, postal route maps, and several other types.

We invite you to examine the map files at RMPL. And if you have any old maps that you no longer need or want, please donate them to RMPL so they can be added to the growing file we are building. See Bill Dunn for details and assistance.

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Some of you may remember that at an earlier time in the life of the RMPL we had a series of programs called the "ABC's of Philately" on a Thursday night each month. Attendance at these was minimal, at best. We still like the concept of providing informational programs and have decided to try the idea at an early Saturday morning time period.

The second Saturday of each month has been selected and these programs will start at 9:00 AM. We realize that 9:00 AM is an awfully early time to get somewhere on a Saturday morning, but we wanted to set these programs at a time that would not interfere with the regular Saturday use of the library and the other commitments of our members. The programs will last no longer than one hour and should finish before many of your regular Saturday commitments start.

Starting the Second Saturday Series on May 10th will be a program on "Interurban Mail" by Jack Willard. On June 14th the program will be "The 2 Cent Red" given by Bill Dunn. Please join us - the coffee pot will be full - maybe even some goodies - who knows? Put the RMPL on the Second Saturday of each month on your calendars and bring a philatelic friend..

We are lining up additional programs for the Second Saturdays which follow. If you have a program that you think would be of interest to other RMPL members, or if you know of such a program by someone else, we would be most happy to save a Second Saturday for you. Contact Don Beuthel at 755-9328.

RMPL MENTOR PROGRAM

This new program for the RMPL was suggested by one of our RMPL Volunteers, Maury Pautz. From our phone calls and from some of our visitors to the RMPL, we get quite a few specific questions about a wide variety of subjects. Many times the volunteers can answer the questions or find the reference on the shelves. However, there are times when the inquiry is so specific that the volunteers cannot answer it or find a reference in the library. It could even be a novice in a collecting area wondering how to get started.

For such occasions we would like to develop what we will call the RMPL Mentor

Program - a directory of experts to which we can refer people for answers to their question or for general help in that subject area.

This directory would be available only at the library and would contain only the name of the person who is willing to help, their phone number and the subject areas in which they have some expertise. Again this would be used by our Volunteers only as the need arises and would be a confidential list. Over a period of time we hope to develop a directory large enough that we could answer most of our calls for help.

If you are willing to help others, and are interested in having your name included in this "directory of experts" please call the library at 759-9921 and give the volunteer your name, phone number and subject areas in which you are willing and qualified to help. This is another way that the RMPL can be greater assistance and serve all levels of collectors.

RMPL SILENT AUCTION DURING ROMPEX

The RMPL will be having its annual Silent Auction at the RMPL table at ROMPEX on May 16th, 17th, and 18th. Bidding on the auction lots will close at 5:00 PM on Friday and Saturday and at 3 PM on Sunday. Donation lots are earnestly solicited. In our yearly budget the Silent Auction is scheduled to provide funds for the support of the library for one month (\$1300) so it takes a lot of donations and sales to reach that amount. What do you have that we could include in the auction?

Should you have items to donate for the auction please drop them by the library, ship them to the library, or if you are in the Metropolitan area and can't make it to the library call Don Beuthel at 755-9328 or Jim Kilbane at 337-9543 and we can make arrangements to pick up the donation.

After the auction you will receive a letter from the RMPL showing the amount that your donations brought at the auction thus establishing the fair market value for tax purposes.

Included with this issue of Scribblings you will find a partial listing of some of the lots available at the time this issue was finalized. There will be many additional items that have not been included in this listing. We urge all of you to stop by the RMPL Table at ROMPEX and see what is included, bid early, bid high, and bid often!!

RMPL TOURS DURING ROMPEX

On Thursday, May 15th, the library would normally be open from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. We will try to arrange to open at 1:00 PM on that day. We invite any dealers who arrive in town early to visit the library since you cannot get onto the floor of ROMPEX until later to deposit your stock. The coffee pot will be on and you can relax or browse the stacks while you wait.

On Friday and Saturday tours of the library will start from the ROMPEX floor at 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM. On Sunday the tours will be available at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Information on these tours will be available at the RMPL table at the show and you can sign up for the tours there, also. We hope that those of you from out of town will take advantage of this opportunity to see what have accomplished so far.

NEW RMPL PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR ANNOUNCED

The Board of Directors of the RMPL is pleased to announce that Sergio Lugo has agreed to serve as the Public Relations Coordinator for the RMPL. Sergio has done this type of work previously and we welcome his expertise. Sergio will be working with Board Member Ron Mitchell, who will be the Board Liaison person for Public Relations. We feel that with this team you will be hearing and reading more about the RMPL in the future.

DONATIONS TO RMPL CONTINUE

We are pleased to report that many generous philatelists continue to donate to the RMPL. The RMPL has a 501 (c)(3) public charity status with the IRS which means that donations of any kind are deductible on your taxes to the extent of the law at the fair market value of the items.

We are most happy to receive donations of philatelic literature of all kinds with one exception - we really don't need copies of the American Philatelist after 1950. We are also accepting donations of all types of philatelic material and supplies, and what we cannot use for the Silent Auction will be used at the Youth Booth at ROMPEX or donated to area youth stamp clubs.

The following generous philatelists have contributed money, philatelic literature, or philatelic material and supplies to the RMPL recently:

Dave Capra	Sherri Jennings
Norm Camara	Stan Luft
Carl Anderson	Art Weaver
Jack Willard	Webster Stickney
Colorado Springs Stamp Club	
Phil Beutel	James B. Moorman
Tim Bartsche	T. P. McDermott
Howard Fritsch	David Opperman
Pat Walters	Stuart Silverberg
Joe Weinman	Bill Dunn
Andrew Michael	Bob Brown
Terence Hines	Bob Mc Farlane
20th Century Classics	Dave Bize
Brian Kelley	

NEW MATERIAL ON THE SHELVES

Our Volunteer Librarian, Ellengail Beuthel, has been working very hard and has been able to process many new books recently. We thank her

for her many hours of volunteer work to benefit the RMPL. Included in the many recent additions to our library are:

Postage Stamps of Japan by Tracey Woodward
The 3 Cent Stamp of the U. S. 1851-57

by Carroll Chase

Vessel Named Markings on U. S. Inland & Ocean Waterways 1810-1890 by James Milgram

United States Waterway Packet Marks

by Eugene Klein

Postal History of Japanese Occupation of the Philippines by Eugene Garrett

Stamp News Annual - 1891

Stamp News Annual - 1892

A Census of U. S. Classic Plate Blocks 1851-1882 by John C. Chapin

Oklahoma Post Offices by Richard Helbock

The Black Jack in Vermont by Durward Monmsen

An Encyclopedia of Texas Post Offices

by Walter Schmidt

Private Local Posts of the U. S.

by Donald Scott Patton

Encyclopedia of Plate Varieties on U. S. Bureau

Printed Postage Stamps by Lorin C. French

Report of the Postmaster General of the U. S. - 1879

Specialized Catalog of the Ryukyu Islands

by Melvin Schoberlin and Arthur Askins

The Washington, D. C. Dead Letter Office to 1920 by Thomas R. Wegner

Geographic Locations of U. S. APO's 1941-1978

by James Shaffer

Historical Atlas of the American West

by W. Beck and Y. Haase

New Mexico Territorial Postmark Catalog

by Thomas K. Todsen

Maine Postal History and Postmarks

by Sterling Dow

Les Marques Postales de la Grande Armee - 1805-1808 by F. de Frank

The Admiral Era - A Rate Study 1912-1928

by Allen Steinhart

U. S. International Postal Rates 1872-1996

by Anthony Wawrukiewicz and Henry Beecher

The Bordeaux Issues of 1870-1871

by Ruth & Gardner Brown

History of Letter Post Communication Between U. S. and Europe 1845 - 1875

by George E. Hargest

Postage Stamps of Switzerland 1843-1862

by Paul Mirabaud & Alex de Reutersteild

Postal History of Greenland by Torben Hjerne

Railway Post Offices of Switzerland

by Anthony Goodbody

Scandinavian Revenue Stamps

by Paul Nelson

INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE

Some of you will be receiving your new membership RMPL membership card with this issue. Others of you will be receiving a notice that your membership will expire in the next two

months. There are still 14 members who have not responded to the renewal notice that was sent out with the Jan./Feb. issue. They will receive one more reminder with this issue and we hope to hear from them very soon. There are 15 members who did not respond to the renewal notice included in the last issue. Maybe you have just forgotten, so we are sending along another reminder and urge you to renew right away. Our membership goals for the 1st year in our new building included keeping all of our previous members as well as seeking many new members.

We need your support in the form of memberships. In our projected budget for the year we have included income from memberships covering at least two months of our expenses or about \$2600. If you have received renewal notices please respond, or let us know to drop you from our mailing list so that the postage costs and printing costs can be trimmed.

Again, if there are any questions about your RMPL membership status please do not hesitate to call. We would be most happy to check the records and correct any errors.

NEW RMPL MEMBERS

In the past two months the following persons have become members of the RMPL:

Leslie A. Gorsuch	Tony Cifka
James L. Williams	Benny L. Meyer
Eddie Hackstaff	Victor Copeland
W.E. (Bill) Braukman	Patrick Walters
Bob Walters	Lincoln McArthur
Erwin Chaim	Joe Lambert
R.C. McFarlane	

Welcome to that unique group of philatelists - the RMPL Members.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!

We need people to work at the RMPL during the following shifts:

- Tuesday 10 - 1 alternating weeks
- Tuesday 1 - 4 alternating weeks
- Saturday 10 - 1
- Saturday 1 - 4
- Saturday 10 - 1 alternating weeks
- Saturday 1-4 alternating weeks
- 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.

RMPL DUPLICATE LIST AVAILABLE

by Ron Mitchell

RMPL duplicates are working for the library! As we fill holes on our shelves we occasionally wind up with a copy of a book, periodical, or auction catalog we can put up for sale.

A new, greatly expanded listing of duplicate auction catalogs is ready for distribution. It's 55

pages long, has an index, and lists duplicates by countries, topics, and individual auction companies. With more than 130 auction companies represented, there's a good chance your area of interest is on the list.

For instance, US postal history collectors who lack a run of Richard Frajola sales can pick up a real bargain. We have 37 different catalogs, 26 with prices realized, for only \$110 (plus postage). Purchased singly, they would be almost \$161.

If the Frajolas are a bit pricey for you, most catalogs are priced at just one or two dollars each plus postage.

If you'd like a copy of the RMPL auction catalog sale, send 55 cents in postage, and it'll be on the way in the next mail.

A price list for duplicate books is also in the works. It should be ready by the next issue of *Scribblings*. We'll keep you posted.

<http://www.rmpl.com>

by Iona Macintosh

Iona will return with the next issue of "Scribblings".

We now have thirty plus members with E-Mail addresses. If you are not receiving RMPL E-Mail and you have an address, send that address to RMPL@aol.com and we will add you to our list.

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RMPL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ROMPEX 97 AUCTION LIST

Following is a sample list of material that will be available at ROMPEX to bid on. There will also be additional material at the auction that is not listed here.

- Approximately 100 uncached First Day Covers from 1993-1994.
- Ready to frame 29 cent First Moon Landing July 20, 1994 commemorative print.
- (2) 1979 Flags of Canada Fleetwood presentation books with First Day Covers and sheet.
- (17) Stamp collection kits - issued by the USPS - various topics.
- (7) Stamp packets - various topics.
- (8) White Ace album supplements - 1974-1983 U.S., Ghana, Israel.
- White Ace Mint Sheet Album.
- White Ace Mint Sheet File.
- USPS American Commemorative Collections blank album and extra pages.
- Box of 50 envelopes containing U. S. stamps.
- Richmond, Michigan cover from s. With 10 and 3 cent stamps.
- 2 cent Huguenot-Walloon on 1926 Brooklyn, NY cover.
- German 1893 cover showing 2 10pf reds from Hamburg to Milwaukee, WI via Columbia.
- 30 cent, 50 cent and \$1.00 pre-cancels from the 1975-1981 Americana Issue.
- (10) U. S. S. Colorado covers with cancels from 1927 thru 1945, includes registered, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, Navy Dept. Penalty Envelopes, air mail.
- (27) Miscellaneous modern U.S. covers.
- Togo Scotts #114 Proofs.
- (2) Disney sheetlets from St. Vincent and The Grenadines.
- (2) First Day of NATO 4/4/52. Each has the signature of Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- United Nations Souvenir Folder and Stamps - 1984 set of 6 Future for Refugees set.
- 1976 Bicentennial Souvenir Sheets.
- 1986 Ameripex Souvenir Sheets.
- (13) Scotts #U481 Stamped Envelopes.
- Pitcairn Islands two covers with Scotts #72-84.
- 1992 40th anniversary of British Ascension.
- (3) Modern British Covers.
- Surinam cover.
- Norway singles - Scott 4,8,14,16,23, 26,27 and 29 used. Scott 10 and 15 mint, hinged.
- Apollo-Soyuz strip of 16 stamps.
- Peace on Earth Pre-cancel sheet of 50 stamps.
- Birds sheet of 50 - 20 cent stamps.
- Mint never hinged singles of \$1, \$2, and \$5 Presidential series.
- Postal Notes 1 cent thru 10 cent value cancelled on card.
- First Day of Issue Folder and cover of 3.1 cent Non-Profit Envelope.
- Presidential series mint plate blocks of the 9,13,14,16,17,19,30 and 50 cent values.
- 1980 Olympic (9) Post Cards and (9) Envelopes various Feb. 3, 1980 Station cancels
- Harding crossed gutter blocks of Scotts #631 (16 stamps total).
- Washington center line block of 16, Scotts #531.
- Washington center line block of 16, Scotts #408.
- Washington center line block of 16, Scotts #409.

Auction Lots for Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library at ROMPEX.

Each day there will be different auction material. The auction for the day will close one hour prior to the show closing. The lots can be picked up and paid for 30 minutes before the show closing of that day. Following is a sample list of material that will be available at ROMPEX to bid on.

Ready to frame 29 cent First Moon Landing July 20, 1994 commemorative print.

(2) 1979 Flags of Canada Fleetwood presentation books with First Day Covers and sheet.

(17) Stamp collection kits - issued by the USPS - various topics.

Box of 50 envelopes containing U. S. stamps.

30 cent, 50 cent and \$1.00 pre-cancels from the 1975-1981 Americana Issue.

(10) U. S. S. Colorado covers with cancels from 1927 thru 1945, includes registered, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, Navy Dept. Penalty Envelopes, air mail.

(2) Disney sheetlets from St. Vincent and The Grenadines.

(2) First Day of NATO 4/4/52. Each has the signature of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

1976 Bicentennial Souvenir Sheets. 1986 Ameripex Souvenir Sheets.

1992 40th anniversary of British Ascension and (3) Modern British Covers.

Norway singles - Scott 4,8,14,16,23, 26,27 and 29 used. Scott 10 and 15 mint, hinged.

Birds sheet of 50 - 20 cent stamps.

Mint never hinged singles of \$1, \$2, and \$5 Presidential series.

Presidential series mint plate blocks of the 9,13,14,16,17,19,30 and 50 cent values.

1980 Olympic (9) Post Cards and (9) Envelopes various Feb. 3, 1980 Station cancels

Harding crossed gutter blocks of Scotts #631 (16 stamps total).

Harding center line block of 16, Scotts #576.

Washington center line blocks of 16, Scotts #408,409,484,531.

Washington pane of 64 stamps, Scotts #577.

(3) Cover books containing from 8 to 9 Trust Territory Covers dated 1974-1982.

Box of 9 stockbooks loaded with over 5000 different worldwide stamps.

(6) Frames of covers from the Papal visit.

Set of Famous Americans First Day Covers.

U. S. Airmail sheet of 50, Scotts #C43.

Valentine cover featuring Star Cancel with 2 Scotts #184s dated 2/8/1878 Canton, Ohio.

Stock Certificate of Monarch Pass Resort and Fur Farms, Inc.

1979 U.S. Commemorative set and (2) 1981 U.S. Commemorative set.

1978 and 1979 Canadian Year Sets.

Belgium mint singles, Scotts #208,284,286,287,289,290,242,243,291.

Bolivian mint singles and souvenir sheets, Scotts #515-517, C295-297.

Austria mint singles, Scott #334, 345,337.

Sweden proof booklet Scott #721.

Great Britain - 1993 Royal Mail Special Stamps in presentation book.

One man's flight around the world. Contains about 40 1968 covers from stops.

Many U.S. Plate Blocks. Including higher values.

1952 Traveler Album with 1000+ stamps.

101 current Colorado cancellations, at least one from each county.

1975-1981 First Day of Issue commemorative Souvenir Pages.