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WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

NOVEMBER 1997

Mondays: November 3, 10, 17, 24 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: November 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4
Thursdays: November 6, 13, 20 Open 2-8
Saturdays: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4
Sundays: November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 1-4
November 1 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collector's Club
November 5 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
November 6 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board
November 8 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM Program by Bob Rogers
November 13 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
TOPical Philatelists In Colorado
November 17 - Meeting - 7:30 PM - Stamp Night
Sponsored by the Aurora Stamp Club
Trading/Selling, Stamp Mixtures, APS Circuit
November 22 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society
November 25 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee
November 27 - RMPL CLOSED
Happy Thanksgiving to You

DECEMBER 1997

Mondays: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4
Thursdays: December 4, 11, 18 Open 2-8
Saturdays: December 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
Sundays: December 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 1-4
December 3 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
December 4 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board
December 6 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collector's Club
December 6 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
Rocky Mountain Aero Philatelists
December 13 - Second Saturday at the RMPL -
9:00 AM - Program by Ed Schenck
"Tuberculosis Seals"
December 25 - RMPL CLOSED
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All
December 27 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society

RMPL CLOSED

Please notice on the schedule of events above that the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library will be closed on Thursday, November 27th for Thanksgiving and on Thursday December 25th for Christmas. We will be closed on Thursday, January 1st for New Years, also.

RMPL WEATHER WARNING

As this is being written, the weather this fall has been rather uneventful but — it's coming Sooner, or later, winter weather will be here and when it comes — look out! The RMPL phone number is 759-9921. When weather conditions make travel dangerous we will close the RMPL and send our 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 hazardous conditions exist. Remember that it can be nice on one side of town and it can be terrible on the other. Before you start to go to the RMPL in bad weather conditions call the RMPL to see if it will be closed — CALL 759-9921 !!

NOW IS THE TIME —

Now is the time for all good men (and ladies) to come to the aid of their library. While this seems like the ordinary typing exercise with which so many of us became familiar in typing class (paraphrased slightly), it is in reality good advice.

Most of you are aware that the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library has a 501 (C)(3) Public Charity status from the IRS. This means that any money donated to the RMPL can be a deduction on your Income Tax Form if you itemize deductions.

In addition to monetary donations being deductible, donations of philatelic literature or even any philatelic material are deductible, at fair market value, if you itemize deductions on your tax form. These donations must be received by the RMPL before the end of 1997 in order to be deducted on your 1997 tax return so NOW IS THE TIME !!! Bring them to the library any time we are open. If you can't bring them, call Don Beuthel at 755-9328, and we can make arrangements to pick up your donations. If you are outside of the Metro Denver area, mail your donation so that we

will receive it before Jan. 1st. We will send you a letter acknowledging receipt of the donation.

Now think about this for a second or two - Who would you rather have receive your donations - the IRS or the RMPL?

SILENT AUCTION DONATION MATERIAL

While we are on the subject of donations we are starting to gather donated material for our Silent Auction held each year during ROMPEX. Donations of any type of philatelic material for the auction would be appreciated.

At the auction the past several years, we have sold covers in suitcase lots as well as individually. We have sold collections and we have sold individual stamps. We have sold almost anything philatelic in nature. We even sold a railroad lantern. When in doubt, donate it, and we will try to convert it into cash which will be used to support the RMPL.

The RMPL Silent Auction is a most important part of our financial program. In our annual budget, we plan for the auction to provide enough to support the RMPL for one month of the year, about \$1350. Both of the last two years auctions have met that goal. With your help, we hope to meet that goal again this year. As the above article indicates, now is the time to search through your accumulations and find some items that you can spare, support the RMPL Silent Auction with your donation of material, and get that donation included in your 1997 tax return. To the previous donors - Thank you very much!! - and we hope to hear from you again.

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

by Bill Dunn

The file drawer of maps is already full to overflowing and recently a large accumulation of National Geographic maps was received from Bill Rapp of Crete, Nebraska. Ordinarily the National Geographic maps are not hard to find, as so many individuals subscribe to the magazine.

But most of Bill's hoard of National Geographic maps dated back into the 1920's and 1930's, which are quite difficult to locate. In reviewing these maps it became quite apparent that the world has made a lot of changes in the past 75 years. Boundaries have changed, country names have disappeared and new ones replaced them; cities once ringed with open spaces have now sprawled into the surrounding territory. Railroads, once the predominant means of turn-of-the-century transportation, have all but disappeared from modern maps and have been replaced by the Interstate Highway System.

Ask to see your favorite country or state and let us show you some very interesting material the library has available for your use.

DONATIONS CONTINUE!

We are most pleased to report that the RMPL continues to receive donations of money and philatelic material from a rather wide geographical area. In the past two months we have received donations from the following generous people: Mrs. Robert Cleveland, Bill Rogers, Stephen Pacetti, Walter Imhoff, Willi Stickler, T. Hines, Adolf W. Schwartz, Bob Schrenck, P. E. Robinson, Lloyd V. Pearson, Joe Crosby, Peter Bergh, Jim Davenport, Hal Grossman, Lewis Bussey, Universal Ship Cancellation Society, Ralph and Betty Walther, Don Beuthel, Western Philatelic Library, Frederick Mayer, Buster Boatman, Steve Ducai, Bill Brauckman, Joseph Agris, Joe Lambert, Frederick Campbell, Mike Maselli, George Wright, Dalene Thomas, Bill Rapp, Dave Bize, Texas Philatelic Association, Jim Peterson, Ernestine Schwing, Dr. Gary McIntyre, and Ed Schenck.

A special thank you goes to Charles McClure for making the arrangements necessary to receive the donation of a Macintosh computer and laser printer from his employer. If we have missed anyone please accept our apologies. We thank each and everyone of you for helping the RMPL grow.

We continue to solicit the donation of all types of philatelic literature to broaden our collection. When we get two copies of a book or a periodical we will try to sell the surplus to help support the library activities. In some cases we try to share the extra material with youth collectors. Donate it - and we will figure out how to use it.

AUCTION CATALOG UPDATE

On the Shelves

by Ron Mitchell

It's amazing how books just lying on a table attract attention. The RMPL is full of books on shelves which are often overlooked. But put a few books ... any old books or auction catalogs ... out on a table, and folks can't resist picking one up and thumbing through it. And why not? One never knows what interesting things one might find.

In an effort to extend this natural curiosity to auction catalogs on the shelves, a new labeling system has been installed which should make it easier for you to browse or find a specific auction house's sales. Letters three-quarters of an inch high announce the catalogs alphabetically, and other labels identify major companies by name. Looking for Robert Siegel? Look for "S," and then look for "Siegel" where you will find more than 400 catalogs, many with prices realized. Pick one out and pretend it was just lying around on a table. You may see some philatelic material you didn't know existed.

There is no doubt that it is a little daunting to see all the auction catalogs on the shelves at once. There are about 8-thousand of them on 195 feet of shelf space. Pick out any one catalog from the 8-thousand. Isolated from the others, it's just like

a loose book on a table you can't resist picking up and enjoying for a few minutes.

Red Dot Program

Besides adding several hundred catalogs to the shelves the past couple of months, several volunteers have been busy adding red dots to the upper left corner of the cover of sales that include prices realized. So far we have completed the job on Christie's, Ivy Shreve and Mader, Ivy and Mader, Koerber, Shreves, and Siegel catalogs.

We plan to extend this "red dot" program to all the catalogs eventually so it will be easy to tell if prices realized are included without opening each catalog and looking through it.

OCTOBER WAS A BUSY MONTH

As this is being written, we have not finished all of the "October Is Stamp Collecting Month" RMPL activities, but we will try to bring it up to date before we send it out. While attendance has not been what we had hoped it might be, we feel that each of the activities was successful.

The Post Office Service Day led to a better understanding of the USPS problems and we communicated some of our frustrations to Jim Lang and Chuck Gutenhauf. We thank them for spending a Saturday morning with us.

On Stamp Collector's Day our panel of experts was not overwhelmed with boxes of those "mystery stamps" to identify, but there were some who asked for help, and received it.

On Stamp Club Visitation Day the attendance was small but very enthusiastic. We understand that some "great deals" were found in materials that have been donated to the RMPL.

Planning has started for activities for next October. If there is some sort of activity that you would like to see us try, please contact the chairman of this year's activities, Ron Mitchell at 690-3354. We are open for suggestions.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT and NEW MEMBERS

During the last several months the following persons have become members of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library:

Ted Bahry	Brian Birch
George A. Boettaer	Henry R. Busleep
Ron Cummins	Butch Eddy
John S. Evangelisti	H. Bentley Glass
David S. Glover	James David Green
Stephen Green	Andrew C. Grieb
Mortimer Hertzberg	James H. Hino
Sandra G. Jelinek	Severt L. Kvamme
John J. Logan	Stephen B. Pacetti
Thomas S. Pollard	Henry Pobuda
Charles A. Sandberg	

At the present time we have an active paid-up RMPL membership of 214. There are an additional 13 persons who are in arrears on their

annual dues and we hope that they will put themselves in the "Current status" with a check in the very near future. While we hope that they will renew their membership, if any of these persons desire to resign we would appreciate hearing from them. In this manner we can avoid any future mailing costs.

If you have questions about your membership status, please contact the RMPL Membership Chairman, Roger Rydberg Thursday night at the RMPL 759-9921 or at home 366-7237.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Recently we have had a few questions about receiving RMPL Membership Cards. Generally we try to send a Membership Card with the first issue of the Scribblings following a renewal of membership or the initial application for membership. I'm sure that some of these small cards might have been left in the envelope or fell out as you took out the Scribblings.

If you have a question regarding a Membership Card please call our Membership Chairman, Roger Rydberg Thursday night at the RMPL 759-9921 or at home 366-7237 and we will include one with the next mailing.

SECOND SATURDAY RMPL PROGRAMS

The Second Saturday at the RMPL program for November 8th will be a program on "Canal Zone - the Early Years 1904-1924" given by Bob Rogers. He has some great material that he will be explaining to those who attend. This will start at 9:00 AM and the coffee will be ready.

The Second Saturday at the RMPL program for December 13th will be quite appropriate for the holiday season. Ed Schenck will give a program on "Tuberculosis Seals". He has an extensive collection in this area and we are sure that much can be learned by attending this session which starts at 9:00 AM.

We are looking for presentations for January and February. If you would be willing to do one of these Second Saturday programs, or if you have a suggestion for someone else to do one, please call Don Beuthel at 755-9328.

Attendance at the Second Saturday sessions has been improving but we would like to see more people taking advantage of these fine presentations. Try to attend and bring a philatelic friend.

HOLIDAY GIFT SUGGESTION

It is that time in the holiday shopping season when you might be at a loss. Can't figure out what kind of a present to buy for that philatelic friend who seems to have everything? Why not give him (or her) a membership to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library? You say that the person is already a member - give them a year extension on their membership. We can make them a member

for as little as \$15 (\$25 with check out privileges) and we will mail them a card telling them that you have done this for them. What an easy way to solve your shopping problems!!

A REPEAT PERFORMANCE

by Edna Wright

On October 9, 1997, twenty-one students from Devinney School in Jefferson County made a field trip to the RMPL for instruction in the basics of stamp collecting. They were accompanied by their teacher, Lynn Loman, and a parent who works with the students on a weekly basis as they explore with stamps. This is the second year that the 3rd and 4th graders have taken advantage of the facility and the expertise of Don Beuthel and George Wright. The students were instructed in the basic types of philatelic material, tools of the hobby, how to soak stamps, how to hinge stamps, and some different ways to save and/or display their stamps. The morning was completed with a slide show, refreshments, goody bags, stamps assembled from RMPL members, and drawings for door prizes. Each student and their teacher received a door prize for their use with stamps. Additional assistance was provided by Ellengail Beuthel and Edna Wright.

RMPL WISH LIST

We have been encouraged by some of our RMPL members to indicate what we could really use at the RMPL so here is a list. Maybe the company for which you work is upgrading and looking for a place to donate the "used but ununused equipment". The RMPL is the place.

A computer with a built in CD-ROM or a computer that supports Windows 95. There is much philatelic material available on CD-ROM that we are not able to access. We also have available a album page-making program that requires a computer capacity larger than what we now have.

A Scanner - (Mac compatible)

A Mac compatible modem
(28.0 or higher bps)

A laser printer or good quality ink-jet printer for our 386 machine

A copy machine

A fax machine

Mint US stamps for mailing the Scribblings

If you can donate any of these items, or if you have available any other types of office equipment that you think that we might be able to use, please call Don Beuthel at 755-9328 at any time.

Immediate Need

A few RMPL members to volunteer to work at the library on a regularly scheduled basis.

Call Don Beuthel - ASAP - if you can help.

The phone number is 755-9328.

<http://www.com>

By Iona Macintosh

The Mac users at the library, and there are many, really appreciate the computer donation arranged by RMPL member Charles McClure. This donation will give all of us a chance to do much of our work at the library on our volunteer days instead of having to carry the work home.

Library volunteers using the Macintosh platform include: Don Beuthel, RMPL President and "Scribblings" Editor, Bob Blatherwick, RMPL Treasurer, Ron Mitchell, Auction Catalog Collection Manager, Roger Rydberg, Membership Chairman and John Broberg, Thursday night volunteer.

and

Don't forget to ✓ out our web site

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www.collectors-mall.com/philib/RMPL.htm

You can always find back issues of "Scribblings" posted here.

LATE/BREAKING NEWS KIDS DAY RESCHEDULED

The blizzard of October 25, 1997
forced the RMPL to cancel Kids-Day.

**KIDS DAY has now been rescheduled on
November 15, at 10:00AM
Make reservations by calling 759-9921**

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