

Scribblings



---from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

Vol. 6- No. 1
Phone - 303-759-9921

2038 So. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO, 80224
<http://www.collectors-mall.com/philib/RMPL.htm>

January - February 1998
E-Mail - RMPL@aol.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

JANUARY 1998

Mondays: January 5, 12, 26 Open 10 - 4
Tuesdays: January 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10 - 4
Thursdays: January 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 2 - 8
Saturdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10 - 4
January 1 - RMPL Closed - New Years Day
January 3 - No Meeting of the Scandinavian
Collectors Club - rescheduled for Jan 10th
January 5 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board
January 7 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
January 8 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Topical Philatelists In Colorado
January 10 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM - Program by the Scandinavian
Collectors Club - "Scandinavian Potpourri"
January 10 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
January 10 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Universal Ship Cancellation Society
U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
January 19 - **RMPL Closed**
Martin Luther King Day
January 19 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Stamp Night - Open Trading (and selling)
Night - Sponsored by Aurora Stamp Club
January 24 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society
January 27 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee

FEBRUARY 1998

Mondays: February 2, 9, 23 Open 10 - 4
Tuesdays: February 3, 10, 17, 24 Open 10 - 4
Thursdays: February 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 2 - 8
Saturdays: February 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10 - 4
February 4 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
February 5 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board
February 7 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
February 7 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists Club
February 12 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Topical Philatelists In Colorado

February 14 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM - Program by Jack Willard
"Remembering the Denver Tramway"
February 14 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Universal Ship Cancellation Society
U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
February 16 - **RMPL Closed**
President's Day
February 16 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Stamp Night, Open Trading (and Selling)
Night - Sponsored by the Aurora Stamp Club
February 24 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee
February 28 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society

RMPL WEATHER WARNING

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 !!!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

There is an immediate need for Volunteers to work at the RMPL on a regularly scheduled basis. As of January 1st we are losing 2 of our Volunteers for at least 3-4 months. The Monday 1-4 shift is open and the Saturday 1-4 shift is open. If you would be willing to fill either of these time periods, please call Don Beuthel at 755-9328 as soon as possible.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

by Mathew P. Zieringer

Attorney at Law - RMPL Member

Since its inception this philatelic library has relied upon the private giving of time, effort, funds, and material for its very existence. The methods by which one can give to the library are many, with a myriad of ways to include present and future planning. This column is presented to show you

some of the basics and to invite you to contact your library personnel with questions as they may arise. We are eager to work with you and your advisors to establish any gifting opportunity which may interest you.

Charitable giving has long been a vital part of our socioeconomic system. The resources devoted to philatelic activities through private giving have fulfilled a variety of need that otherwise would not have been met. The generosity of stamp collectors is reflected in the very existence of our specialty. One need only look to the proliferation of stamp clubs, the donations of stamps to aspiring individuals and groups, and the growth of our own library to witness the unselfishness of our community.

To encourage charitable giving, the government has granted favored tax treatment to contributions. The income tax is the largest single item in the budgets of most individuals, minimizing that burden is part of personal and family financial planning. Additionally, tax consideration plays a major role how best to maximize spendable income and to pass an estate to one's successors.

The humanitarian and moral aspects of private philanthropy always have been its primary motivating forces. The tax benefits that reduce the cost of philanthropy, however, have assumed increasing importance as our tax system has grown in complexity and scope. Tax law distinguishes among charitable organizations. Your library has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity or a "501 [c](3)". This recognition affords the contributor the ability to deduct from adjusted gross income a contribution base (normally 50% of that adjusted gross income). If a gift exceeds the 50% limitation one can carry forward the deduction for five years or until used up in less time.

There are all types of gifts and or contributions as well as methods of giving. Outright gifts is a title given to normal present gifts such as cash, tangible personal property and appreciated property.

An outright gift of cash qualifies for a full charitable deduction. Such a gift is deductible upon its being made. The date of the gift is considered the date of the postmark or date of delivery if hand carried. A year end gift made by check postmarked by December 31st is deductible for that year, even though it may not be received by the library until January.

You can make a gift to the library of tangible personal property such as books, equipment, or stamps. You will be entitled to a charitable deduction. However, the extent of the allowable deduction for a gift of such property is dependent upon the so called standard of "related use". The standard is generally applied as follows:

a. If the use of the property is related to the exempt purposes of the library, such as books, you are entitled to a deduction for full market value of

the property subject to a 30% ceiling of your contribution base - the five year carry-forward is still applicable.

b. If the use of the contributed property is unrelated to the exempt purposes of the library, then you are entitled to a deduction for your cost basis in the property. Please contact the library to discuss applicable tax laws when considering such gifts.

* * * * *

Whenever considering the tax consequences of gifting it is wise to work with your tax advisor and they may contact the library for further coordination.

* * * * *

The next column will address appreciated property gifts, other types of outright gifts, and begin discussion on income producing gifts.

RMPL SECOND SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

The Second Saturday at the RMPL program for January will be presented by the Scandinavian Collectors Club on January 10th starting at 9:00 AM. They have chosen to show and discuss some of the material that several of the SCC members have and it was suggested that the program be called "A Scandinavian Potpourri". It would seem to the Editor that it might better be called "A Scandinavian Smorgasbord". Whatever— It should be interesting. As a result of doing the Second Saturday presentation, the club has chosen to change the date of their regular monthly meeting from the first Saturday to the second Saturday. The regular club meeting should start at about 10:00 AM on January 10th. Their February meeting will go back to their regular meeting time - the first Saturday, of the month - February 7th at 10:00 AM.

The Second Saturday at the RMPL program for February 14th will be given by Jack Willard. The title is "Remembering the Denver Tramway". Did you know that closed-pouch mail was transported on street cars in Denver? He promises slides and many interesting comments. This subject should be of interest to many of you so try to attend and bring a friend to this 9:00 AM session. Do you have suggestions for future Second Saturday programs? We would be most happy to hear what programs you would like to see in future months.

RMPL RECEIVES SEVERAL SIZABLE DONATIONS

The RMPL Board of Directors is pleased to announce that during the past two months the RMPL has received several large (for us) donations. A most generous collector, who has supported us with financial and material donations previously, sent a very nice check to help to support the RMPL. It is his desire that his identity remain anonymous. This monetary donation will

be applied directly to the principal of the mortgage of the building.

The RMPL has received a donation of a good sized stamp and cover collection from the Estate of Russell Urquart. Volunteers from the library will sort through the collection and determine the disposition of the material. I'm sure some of it will appear in the RMPL Silent Auction held in conjunction with ROMPEX in May.

The Board is most pleased to announce the receipt of a donation of a large collection (about 10 good sized boxes) of philatelic books and pamphlets from Gary Gabry. These will be processed in the near future and the surplus material (where we already have two copies) will be listed for sale in our Surplus materials list.

In addition to the donations listed above we have received donations, monetary or materials, in the last two months from the following generous philatelists: Roger Rydberg, Doug Crowe, Steve Nadler, Cliff Lushbough, Tom Pollard, Colin W. Spong, Bill Rapp, Ron Cummins, Allen Hofsetz, Stanley J. Luft, Sherman Pompey, Robly Rhine, Brinton Butler, Tonny Van Loij, Esther Salecky, Tim Bartshe, Jim Davenport, Chris J. Lennox, Jim Lays, Norm Camara, John J. Logan, Brian Holthouse, Joan Johnson, Norman Ritchie, Terence Hines, Scandinavian Collectors Club of Denver, Charlene Gail, and Arthur Weaver.

The Board thanks each and every one of you for your donations, whether they be large or small, because each donation helps the RMPL grow. It only with your help that the RMPL has made the progress that it has made to date.

We should point out that the RMPL accepts all types of philatelic literature and philatelic material and supplies. If we can't use it, we will pass it on to someone who can, give it to children who are just getting started in the hobby, or sell it to help pay the bills.

RMPL CLOSED SUNDAYS

At a recent RMPL Board meeting it was decided not to continue having the RMPL open on Sundays starting with January 4th. Seldom did anyone use it on Sunday, so it seemed that the Volunteer time could be put to better use. We are sorry to have to do this, but it just seems to make sense. The number of persons who used the RMPL on Sunday since we started the Sunday opening could probably be counted on the fingers of both hands. Should we be able to find a few more volunteers, we might try to open on either Wednesdays or Fridays. Let us know which day you think might be best.

A USE FOR YOUR FRACTIONAL RATE POSTAGE

We do have a use for that roll of stamps that you have stashed away in your drawer - the ones that you aren't able to use on your regular mail -

you know the 5.3 cent issue, or the 8.4 cent issue, or the Presorted First Class, Bulk Mail, or any of those strange, non-standard and fractional value mail rates. The RMPL now has a permit to use the special use fractional value stamps on their mailings. Many of us have a quantity of those stamps on hand because we wanted plate number coil strips or because we had to buy a number of the stamps so that it would come out to the even penny. Why not donate these accumulations to the RMPL and help us cut down on our postage costs. As a matter of fact we can use any mint US postage for our Scribblings mailings - even those old 3 cent and 4 cent mint commemoratives. All such donations are greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT AND NEW MEMBERS

With this issue of "Scribblings" comes membership renewal notices for our largest group of members - 85 notices to be exact. We hope that all of you respond with your renewal in a timely manner.

We are pleased to report that during the last two months the following persons have become members of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library:

Steve Henderson	James M. Paul, MD
Richard F. Love	Brinton Butler
Paul J. Farley	Bob Dellar
Shirley V. Pope	Tim Bartshe
Max Hickox	Zee Hickox
Allen Warren	Rob Schiefelbein
Fred C. Bauer	

HOT OFF THE PRESS

by Ron Mitchell

We have received many duplicate copies of better books and auction catalogs the last few months. These have been compiled into lists and they are offered for sale at bargain prices.

The Philatelic Literature Sale List includes anthologies (19 titles), handbooks (42 titles), government publications (15 titles), American Topical Association Handbooks (20 titles), periodicals (35 titles), and price catalogs (56 different editions representing many countries).

Among the best buys are 16 different Billig's Handbooks at just \$10 each and the set of two volumes of Max Johl's The United States Commemorative Stamps of the 20th Century for \$70.00. Johl's books are a must for any U.S. collector.

The Auction Catalog Sale List is 48 pages long. To make it easy to find something quickly, it is broken down and cross indexed alphabetically by countries, subjects, and auction houses. Nearly three pages are devoted to "Name Sales", in alphabetical order. If you're interested in U.S. fancy cancels, and know that the Hugh J. Baker

collection was one of the most important ever assembled, you may look under "Name Sales, Baker" and you'll find Robert Siegel Sale No 374, May 5, 1970, with prices realized, just \$2.50.

Speaking of Robert Siegel, one of the best buys in the new list is a run of 22 Siegel's "Rarities" catalogs between 2/27/64 and 5/21/96, 18 with prices realized, for \$142. Most dealers ask \$15 to \$20 apiece for these catalogs, and you can have them for less than \$6.50 each.

If you would like copies of our newest lists, "Philatelic Literature Sale," or "Auction Catalog Sale," please send a dollar for each list to help cover postage and printing. We'll put them in the next mail to your house!

<http://www.com>

By Iona Macintosh

As part of the Monday Stamp Night at the RMPL, The Aurora Stamp Club is beginning a series of computer uses for stamp collectors. The first few months will be devoted to developing album and exhibit pages with the intent of developing a number of one-frame exhibits for APEX 98 in September.

Come and join us - materials and supplies will be provided by the Aurora Stamp Club and the RMPL. All you need are the stamps and covers!

and

Don't forget to ✓ out our web site

@

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

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

ROMPEX '98 Is Coming Soon

Mark your Calendars Now
May 15 - 17, 1998

For more information
send your name and address
to:

RMPL - ROMPEX 98 Information
2038 So. Pontiac Way
Denver, CO 80224
or
E-Mail rompex98@aol.com

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
Board Member Ron Mitchell
Board Member Joe Weinman