

Scribblings



---from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

Vol. 6- No. 4
Phone - 303-759-9921

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

July-August 1998
E-Mail - RMPL@aol.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

JULY 1998

Mondays: July 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: July 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
Wednesdays: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4
Thursdays: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 2-8
Saturdays: July 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4
July 1 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
July 2 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
RMPL Board
July 4 - RMPL Closed - Holiday
July 6 - RMPL Closed - Holiday
July 11 - Second Saturday at RMPL 9:00 AM
Program by Greg Frantz - "Lithography"
July 11 - 10:00 AM - Aurora Stamp Club
Frame Repair Work Session
July 11 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Universal Ship Cancellation Society
U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
July 20 - Meeting - 7:30 PM - Stamp Night
Open Trading (and Selling)
Sponsored by Aurora Stamp Club
July 25 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society

AUGUST, 1998

Mondays: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: August 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4
Wednesdays: August 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4
Thursdays: August 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 2-8
Saturdays: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4
August 1 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
August 1 - OPEN HOUSE
Anniversary Celebration of RMPL 1:00 - 4:00
August 1 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists Club
August 5 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Aurora Stamp Club
August 8 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM Program by Steve Schweighofer
"Austrian Revenues"
August 8 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Universal Ship Cancellation Society
U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
August 22 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society
August 25 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee

YOU'RE ALL INVITED - RMPL ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

On August 1st the RMPL will be having an OPEN HOUSE from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM to celebrate its 5th Birthday - It opened for the first time on August 1, 1993 - and the 2nd Anniversary of being in our own building. All members and friends of the RMPL are invited to attend and share in the excitement of these two milestones in our brief history. We are planning a few special exhibits of some of our more rare material and refreshments will be available for your enjoyment. Please plan to attend and bring a philatelic friend.

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Attendance at our Second Saturday Programs has been increasing gradually. All interested collectors are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. These informational programs, presented by knowledgeable collectors in their subject area, start at 9:00 AM on the Second Saturday of each month. The coffee pot is always on and frequently someone furnishes a snack, also.

The program for July 11th is "Lithography" given by Greg Frantz and the program for August

8th is "Austrian Revenues" given by Steve Schweighofer.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION (Part IV)

by Mathew P Zieringer
Attorney at Law - RMPL Member

The review of a will must begin by some basic estate planning of which a will is only but one integral part.

An estate plan is an arrangement for the use, conservation, and transfer of one's wealth. The

process involves more than the drafting of a will. A well-thought out estate plan concerns itself with the creation or increase of an estate and the preservation and protection of an estate from unnecessary taxes and costs. Depending on its complexity, an estate plan may require the services of a life insurance underwriter, trust officer, financial planner, accountant and attorney. The process of an estate first requires information regarding family facts, assets and liabilities, income data, prior tax transfers (gifts), and objectives as to beneficiaries, charities, retirement, and business.

The concern as to probate fees has instituted a cottage industry in this nation primarily around the initiation of revocable trusts. Whether this planning is appropriate in each case centers on numerous factors. Where will your estate be probated? Each state has its own probate code and they differ substantially. For example, some states may allow attorney's and executor's fees as a percentage of the estate, whereas Colorado allows only reasonable fees which can be questioned by a party in interest. There are other considerations as to revocable trusts which may or may not be relevant in a particular case. As always, comparative information is important. One must seek sound professional advice before creating such trusts.

Cocktail hour conversation, unfortunately, too often serves as a prime source of estate planning information. Such knowledge is gained at your peril and has often placed an estate in circumstances which are subject to failure of intent and significant professional fees to unwind, correct, or obtain a contrary opinion. For example, one may hear about joint tenancy, but, is joint tenancy a way to avoid probate and legal fees, and allow either no will or the simplest of wills?

Joint tenancy is a legal term which essentially means "co-ownership." If you and your spouse own a house or a cat in both your names as joint tenants, each is a co-owner and when one dies, the other immediately owns it all, no matter what your will may say.

Joint tenancy (not to be confused with tenants in common) can be a useful way to transfer property at death. Family automobiles and bank accounts often pass this way. In old age, often people place bank accounts or stocks in joint tenancy with spouses, with one or more children, or with friends. When one of the co-owners dies, joint ownership in many states gives the other owner(s) instant access to the accounts. This transfer avoids probate.

Should one place property in joint tenancy? It is not the final solution. Ask these questions: (a) are you willing to give up control; (b) are co-owners' creditors going to tie up the asset; (c) are you sure of your co-owners; (d) do you wish to use

in lieu of a will—what if both co-owners die at once; (e) will the co-ownership cause confusion at your death; (f) when won't it speed transfer of asset; and (g) is your marriage solid; (h) what happens if one owner becomes incompetent. These are not all the questions one must ask.

Next we will look at the difference between joint tenancy and tenants in common as well as P.O.D., T.O.D., and life estates.

RMPL AT ROMPEX - A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW

The ROMPEX weekend was a very busy time for the RMPL. Our Annual Silent Auction was held and it was quite successful. We want to thank all of you who took the time to look at the lots, to bid on them, and purchase them. We want to thank those of you who donated the auction lots. Much of the success of the auction is due to the efforts of our RMPL Volunteers - Joe Weinman, Norm Camara, and Bill Dunn - who spent many hours lotting the material and getting it ready for bidding.

In addition to the Silent Auction, Ron Mitchell had the RMPL duplicate books for sale at the show and the sales of these surplus materials were most satisfactory. Of course we want to thank all of the donors of these materials as well as those who made purchases to add to their personal library. We do have additional duplicate books, periodicals, and auction catalogs available for purchase at the library on any day that we are open. We thank Ron for his work to make these extra materials available.

We were pleased that quite a few visitors to ROMPEX from out of town took the opportunity to take the tours through the library during the show. Their universal reaction was great surprise at what we have been able to accomplish and many promised to try to help us with donations of materials and equipment in the future. Many of those visitors now own a piece of the library through their purchase of a square yard of carpeting. These tours provided us with the best public relations possible - letting people see the RMPL.

The RMPL donated the One Frame Grand Award for the show. The award was a set of 10 Philatelic Congress Books from the 1970's and was won by Martin J. Miller for the exhibit of "Samoa's One Shilling Bisect".

The Board of Directors and the many Volunteers of the RMPL want to express our thanks to the ROMPEX Committee for their support of the RMPL by providing us with a free table at the show, a free full page advertisement in the ROMPEX Program, and the numerous announcements during the days of the show regarding the Silent Auction and the RMPL Tours. All of this really promoted the RMPL and this generosity is greatly appreciated.

UNSOLD AUCTION LOTS AVAILABLE

Some of the auction lots from our Silent Auction at ROMPEX remain unsold and those lots are available for purchase at the established minimum bid price at the RMPL. There is some nice material left that can be purchased at a good price. Please contact Joe Weinman at 756-3090 or Bill Dunn 303-321-8146.

INVITATION TO VISIT WESTERN PHILATELIC LIBRARY

Stuart Leven, President of the Western Philatelic Library, has invited all members and friends of the RMPL, who are planning to attend STaMpsHOW in Santa Clara, CA, on August 27th-30th, to visit the Western Philatelic Library. He indicates that the W P L is only a few miles from the location of STaMpsHOW. The address of the W P L is 1500 Partridge, Sunnyvale, CA and the phone number is 408-733-0336.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY- THE PERIODICAL HOLDINGS OF THE RMPL

by Sergio Lugo

So - what's to be done with 496+ titles of periodicals, newsletters, magazines, and national sales brochures that aren't quite books. Well, if you're like the original organizers of the RMPL, you just start at A and continue through to Z and hoping it'll come together somehow. Here's part of that story - having informally assumed the responsibility for the periodical holdings since the move to our new quarters.

Yes the library has well over 500 different periodicals in the collection - well over 20,000 issues, no more than 2 of any single issue. Periodicals are defined somewhat loosely. They comprise everything from scholarly publications such as the COLLECTOR'S CLUB PHILATELIST to club newsletters such as that of the LAWTON-FT. SILL Stamp Club. Typically however, periodicals tend to be focused on specific topics and subjects of philately, such as THE AIRPOST JOURNAL or the CARTO-PHILATELIST or the JOURNAL OF SPORTS PHILATELY.

The move to the new building provided the wonderful promise for the expansion of the periodicals holdings - promise that your donations soon overwhelmed!! As a consequence, we confronted the problem of constantly shifting and moving the holdings as new materials were received. At first, makeshift arrangements were tried - consisting of bi-sected U.S.P.S. Express Mail boxes. But these proved too flimsy for long term purposes, and the RMPL finally bit the bullet (box in this case) and purchased additional shelving as well as over 300 sturdy, cardboard periodicals boxes that have proven to be boon to me in

managing the periodicals. The boxes are easy to move, store, access, and withdraw as appropriate.

But the hidden jewel of the periodical's holdings is in the two Periodical List binders that represent many hours of work of RMPL Volunteers. You can still see the first days of the RMPL in these binders in the hand completed forms used to record each issue of the periodicals as received. These forms allowed entering of incoming periodicals by Title, Month, and Year/Volume. These forms are gradually being replaced by computer generated forms that I've developed. Both types of forms are in the binders and are available for every periodical that the RMPL has.

What you will find also in those binders are two other "karats" that should prove useful to you as you use the collection. First, there is a cross-index, which attempts to organize the periodicals by topic. Thus, for example, under the heading of Israel, you'll find the following: Amicale Philatelique, Holyland Judaica Philatelist, Holyland Philatelist, Israel Palestine Philatelist, Israel Philatelist, Isratheme, Judaica Post, Judaica Philatelic Journal, and New Horizons in Holyland Philately. While the objective has been to try to identify all periodicals by topic, unfortunately, I'm sure that misidentifications have occurred - so bear with us as we refine this jewel.

In the Periodical List binders you'll also find that an index of the holdings has been provided in alphabetical order. The second "karat" that you should note is the parenthetical entries to the right of the listings. These point you to the actual physical location of the periodical - for in fact the periodicals are in three places. Those that are "in the stacks" in the periodical storage boxes have no entry beside them. Those periodicals of a "short run" nature are so indicated by - Short Run File. The short run periodicals are contained in a set of 18 3-4 inch binders at the beginning of the periodical collection. We call them "short run" because there are so few issues of that periodical in the RMPL holdings that they don't warrant a "long run" storage box. Lastly, there are also periodicals in the large steel gray cabinet behind the front counter, and these are indicated in the listings by - Locked Case Periodicals. These are periodical publications that are particularly valuable, or hard to replace, because of their age - in most cases dating back to the very earliest days of philately - whether in Great Britain, the United States, or Colorado.

There you have it - a short description of the periodicals section of the RMPL. And that section will continue to grow as you continue to donate. Remember, we'll put your periodicals donation to good use - so don't just dump that newsletter, philatelic newspaper, or magazine because you

think no one else will want it. Donate it to the RMPL!!!

NEWLY PROCESSED BOOKS

Our Librarian, Ellengail Beuthel, has process most of the Railroad collection donated to the RMPL by Jack Willard. Come and check out this important collection.

DONATIONS CONTINUE

We are pleased to report that donations of all types continue. During the last two months we have received contributions ranging from an envelope full of used stamps (for our Kiddie Kloset) and a single issue of a periodical to a micro-film reader/printer and a large monetary contribution. These donations, of all types, are welcomed and are greatly appreciated and we hope that they will continue at the present pace. Among those making donations were: Frederick Mayer, Jack Harlan, Brian Holthouse, Ludvik Z. Svoboda, Jim Davenport, The United States Postal Service, Arthur Nitzberg, Robert Ainsworth, Mrs. Gilbert Murphy, Dave Capra, Steven V. Reeder, George Fisher, Sharra K. Palm, Terence Hines, Sherman Pompey, Kitty Wentworth, Bill Rapp, Don Beuthel, John Olsen, Joe Crosby, Ruth Willett, Charles J. Sayko, Carl Anderson, Joan & Glen Johnson, Dan Thomas, Dick Axtell, Dale Cunningham, Bill Bauer, the Aurora Stamp Club, TOPical Philatelists In Colorado, Joe Weinman, and Dasa Metzler. We try very hard to record all of the contributions as they are received, but sometimes something just appears and we don't know where it came from. If we have missed recording your contribution, please accept our apologies. Your donation is no less appreciated than those listed.

One of the things about which we are most proud is that almost all of the literature materials in the RMPL have been donated by generous philatelists from all over the world. It is this attitude of sharing that has built the RMPL Collection. We are greatly appreciative of all of those who have contributed, whether it be one book or hundreds. A big THANK YOU to each and every one of you.

The RMPL has received several donations recently In Memory of Janet Rapp and In Memory of Grover Bock. We feel that this is a most satisfying method of remembering a friend who has died and we encourage members and the area clubs to keep this in mind when such an occasion occurs.

NEW RMPL MEMBERS

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

Ruth E. Willett Roger Quinbey
Leroy K Sullivan

We welcome them and we urge each of our present members to bring their philatelic friends to the library for a visit. We have found that the most effective way to "sell" the RMPL is to get that person to visit the library and see what we have to offer. We need to keep building our membership and you can help.

Some of you will be receiving a first, second, or third renewal notice with this issue of the Scribblings. After the third notice members are moved to the inactive list and will no longer receive Scribblings and other membership benefits. We hope that you will respond quickly and generously. Members who have renewed in the past two months should receive a membership card with this mailing.

RMPL WISH LIST

From time to time I am told by members that we should print a wish list for the library. The purpose of the list is to let members know what we need (but can't afford) for the library. The printing of such a list has produced some of the items as donations in the past, so here is our latest list and not in any priority order:

- One (better yet 2) computers - 386 or preferably larger
- A Scanner
- A "ZIP Drive" for the above computers
- A typewriter
- A Fax machine
- Parking lot resurfacing (about \$4800)
- Mint U.S. Postage
- Additional philatelic literature of all types

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 in 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