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WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

MARCH 1998

Mondays March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4
Tuesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10-4
Thursdays March 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 2-8
Saturdays March 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
March 4 - Meeting - 7:30 PM Aurora Stamp Club
March 5 - Meeting - 7:00 PM RMPL Board
March 7 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Scandinavian Collector's Club
March 12 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Topical Philatelists In Colorado
March 14 - Second Saturday Program - 9:00 AM
 "Latvia" by Bill Dunn
March 14 - Meeting
 USSCS U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
March 16 - Meeting - 7:30 PM - **STAMP NIGHT**
 Sponsored by the Aurora Stamp Club
 Open Trading/Selling, Stamp Mixture, APS
 Circuit
March 24 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 ROMPEX Committee
March 28 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 China Stamp Society

APRIL, 1998

Mondays April 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
Tuesdays April 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
Thursdays April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 2-8
Saturdays April 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4
April 1 - Meeting - 7:30 PM Aurora Stamp Club
April 2 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 RMPL Board - tentative
April 4 - Meeting - 10:00
 Scandinavian Collector's Club
April 4 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelic Club
April 9 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Topical Philatelists In Colorado
April 11 - Second Saturday Program - 9:00 AM
 Interurban RPO's by Jack Willard
April 11 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 USSCS U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
April 20 - Meeting - 7:30 PM - **STAMP NIGHT**
 Sponsored by the Aurora Stamp Club
 Open Trading/Selling, Stamp Mixture, APS
 Circuit
April 25 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 China Stamp Society
April 28 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 ROMPEX Committee

PHILATELIC WANDERINGS...

We at the RMPL are very proud that this issue of *Scribblings* is accompanied by a bonus article "Two Tales from the Paradox Valley" It was written by one of the libraries founders, Jack Willard.

Jack has been writing about postal history for many years, and you may be familiar with his easy style. In any case, we believe you're in for a real treat as you read what he has put together on zip code "81411" and the "Murder at the Cashin"

We hope that this is just the first of many such bonus articles. If you have something you feel would be a good candidate to accompany a future issue of *Scribblings*, contact the library. we will be happy to work on it with you.

DONATION AUCTION LOTS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

The RMPL has held a Silent Auction at ROMPEX for the past several years. This fund raiser is a very important activity and it has been quite successful in that it has brought in enough money to support the RMPL activities for at least one month.

All of the material for this auction has been donated to the RMPL and the fair market value, which you can deduct on your taxes, is the amount that the item brings in the auction. Members, and non-members, have been very generous with their donations in the past and we are asking you to be equally as generous this year. Please search through your philatelic materials and see if you can't find something that you could donate for the

auction. In the past we have sold items ranging from a single stamp, to collections, to a large suitcase full of covers. We have even sold an old railroad lantern. What really seems to stimulate the bidding are good quality covers. If you think it will sell at auction, please donate it and we will try to sell it.

We need these donation items as soon as possible so that they can be processed. Bring them to the RMPL if you can and indicate that the items are for the Silent Auction. If you can't make it to the RMPL, mail the items to us or we can arrange to have items picked up if you wish for those in the Metro area.

Please donate, and then visit the RMPL table at ROMPEX and look at the other donated items. Then we would like for you to bid early, bid often, and bid high. It goes to a good cause.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION (Part II)

By Matthew P. Zeringer

Attorney at Law - RMPL Member

In the initial column of this series we wrote of the background of giving and its potential and some benefits. There is no denying that giving has its own rewards of self satisfaction and when one adds the favorable outcomes of tax treatment charity in fact, may begin at home.

With careful planning, charitable gifts of appreciated property, such as securities (stocks and/or bonds), commercial/residential real estate, or collectibles may be beneficial not only to the library but to you as well.

A favorable tax treatment is generated by contributions of certain property that have significantly appreciated in value. In addition to receiving a charitable deduction for the full market value of such a gift, one avoids the potential tax on the capital gain if and when the property is sold by the library. Therefore the value of your gift could be considerably greater than your cost.

Gifts of publicly traded securities e.g. stocks and/or bonds, that have appreciated in value allow you to claim a charitable deduction for fair market value of the security on the date the gift is made. You pay no capital gains on the appreciation. For example, a library member purchased some time ago for investment purposes stock valued at \$250.00. Today the market value of the stock has appreciated to \$2,000.00. Were he to gift the stock to the library he may take a \$2,000.00 charitable deduction on Schedule A of his tax return lowering his tax burden and pay no capital gain tax on the gift. The library could sell the stock and have \$2,000 in cash and because the library is a qualified charity it pays no capital gain. Keep in mind that the \$2,000 deduction is limited to 30% of ones contribution base (normally adjusted gross income). Thirty percent rather than fifty percent because the gift is appreciated property. However, the five year carry forward rule is still available.

If you are enjoying an unusually high income year and are interested in obtaining the maximum use of the charitable deduction a special election is available under the tax code. You may elect to deduct a gift of long-term appreciated property under the 50% ceiling. However, the government exacts a price for the increased limit. You may forgo the appreciation factor in calculation of the deduction, it is limited to your cost basis. This election provides some planning opportunity, especially if your tax basis is relatively high compared to the current value of the property.

Gifts of real estate that have appreciated in value enjoy the same tax advantage as gifts of securities. The availability of a charitable deduction and the avoidance of capital gain liability are realized.

Other types of gifting opportunities include limited partnership units, mineral or drilling rights, royalties, or leases. Such gifts can allow you benefits such as herein before stated. As with other gifts of complex assets, please contact your own tax advisor and the library is available for information and assistance.

In the next column we will address income producing gifts.

NEW RMPL MEMBERS

Each month the RMPL has a few persons who do not renew when their memberships expire. We send several reminders and we try to contact them by phone to see if there is anything that we can do to continue their membership. After that we are forced to remove them from our mailing list because of the printing and mailing costs.

At the present time the new members more than balance the non-renewals so our membership is growing but at a slower rate than we had hoped it would. We are looking for ideas on how to let the collectors who don't belong to clubs or go to shows know that we are here and can be of assistance to them. If you have any suggestions, we would like to hear them. In the mean-time talk to your philatelic friends, or better yet, bring them out for a visit. When they see what we have accomplished so far, most of them will want to become members. We are counting on you to bring them to see the library.

We are pleased to report that the following persons have joined since the last issue of the Scribblings:

Dr. Donald W. Hillger

George VanTrump, Jr

Don Finley

Jim Reichman

Robert E. Ainsworth

Maxwell L. Saul

Edward J. Gwinn

E.P. Fossom

Richard D. Axtell

Some of you who recently renewed your membership will be receiving your new membership card with this Scribblings. Some of you will be receiving your Membership Renewal notice. Others of you who may have forgotten to renew will be receiving a 1st or 2nd reminder and

we hope that you will respond promptly. Some of you will be receiving Scribblings for the first time. Your name was suggested for membership by a member. You will be receiving a Membership Application in your mailing and we hope that you will choose to join. If you have questions we encourage you to visit the library or to call 759-9921 on one of our normal days of operation.

RMPL PARTICIPATES IN CARTOON STAMP ART EXHIBIT

The RMPL was contacted by the Aurora History Museum and was asked to provide some stamp collectors to be available at a special viewing time for the exhibit that they had showing artwork for the U. S. Cartoon Stamps along with some examples of old cartoons and comics.

We responded with 5 RMPL members in attendance along with 10 nine page frames of philatelic material each showing a different type of collecting interest. Several of the participants were interviewed for a children's show to be shown on the Aurora Community TV Channel. While we had hoped for a larger number of people visiting the exhibit, a pleasant 2 hours were spent talking to those present and explaining the material on exhibit.

NEW BOOKS

Since the last Scribblings a large quantity of new materials has been processed and put on the shelves. Our RMPL Librarian, Ellengail Beuthel, reports that she is about through with the cataloging of the many foreign specialized catalogs (a formidable job) and has completed the cataloging of most of the large book donation from Gary Gabry. While there are many more books in our collection still to be cataloged, progress is being made. We thank her for her hard work to make the RMPL a usable philatelic reference library.

Included among the books recently processed are:

Faroe Islands 1988 - Stamps and Postmarks

by Eric V. Woven

Linn's Israel Stamps

1937 Standard Catalog of Air Post Stamps

by Nicolas Sanabria

Fundamentals of Philately

by L.N. & M. Williams

Album Weeds - 8 volume set

by Robert B. Earee

Handbook on Bureau & Local Precancels

by Adolf Gunesch

Postal Markings of the Canal Zone

by Lawson P. Entwistle

20th Century United States Fancy Cancellations

by Foster W. Loso

19th Century U S Fancy Cancellations

by Herst Zareski

Postmarked Alaska

by Joseph J. Cavagnol

Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps Vol. I, II, and III

Foundations of Philately

by Winthrop S. Boggs

An Introduction to Advanced Philately

by A. J. Sefi

American Express 1850-1950

by Alden Hatch

Express Mail of 1836-1839

by James Milgram

Chicago Postal History

by Harvey M. Karlen

Texas - Drama of It's Postal Past

by Alex L. ter Braake

A History of Wreck Covers

by A. E. Hopkins

Postal Markings of Maryland

by Robert T. Powers

South Carolina Postal History

by Teal & Stets

Colorado Territorial Postmarks

by David Jarrett

A Century of Nevada Post Offices

by Frickstad, Thrall, and Meyers

California Postmarks to 1935 - Los Angeles County

by John Williams

Ryukyus Handbook

by Minoru Sera

FOR SALE

**Duplicates and Surplus Items
from the
Post Office Collection**



**Postal Bulletins
Domestic Mail Manuals
International Mail Manuals
Zip Code Directories
and
Many Others**

Steve Schweighofer, the RMPL Post Office Collection manager, says "be generous! purchases supports your Library. Contact Steve or Don for more info.

DONATIONS CONTINUE

We are most pleased to report to you that the donations of philatelic material and supplies and donations of a monetary nature continue at a most pleasant rate. We are always looking for philatelic books, catalogs, and periodicals that will add to our collection. Since the last issue of the

Scribblings we have received donations from the following generous persons: Gary McIntyre, Roger Rydberg, Brian V. Kelley, Mike Milam, Dr. Adolph W. Schwartz, Don Beuthel, Ed Schenck, Colin W. Spong, Maxwell L. Saul, Shirley Pope, Todd Handy, Roger Cichorz, Ron Mitchell, Mrs. R. Cleveland, Yamil H. Kouri, Alan C. Doyle, Harry Pedersen, Terence Quirke, Jim Kilbane, Henry Pobuda, Lloyd C. Richards, Dave Capra, Bill Rapp, Jack Dear, Robert E. Ainsworth, Leonard Piszkiwicz, Joe Neri, Tom Bartsche, Tom Crawford, Sherman Pompey, and the Arapahoe Stamp Club.

Some of these donations have come from donors in the local area but many have come through the mails from locations such as England, California, Arizona, Maine, Washington, and Montana. You can see that the word of our existence is spreading. We thank each and every donor most sincerely for helping the RMPL grow.

SPECIAL DONATIONS

The RMPL has received several special donations recently. Several friends of Jack and Thelma Willard made donations in their honor to commemorate their 50th Anniversary. Several friends of Donald Beuthel made memorial contributions to the RMPL in memory of his brother, Carl H. Beuthel who passed away on December 21, 1997. We at the RMPL cannot think of a more fitting way to remember our friends. The West Side Stamp Club has chosen to memorialize the passing of a club member by donating to the RMPL. The most recent donation from West Side was in memory of James Remsen, who passed away recently. A memorial contribution like this might be something that other clubs might want to consider.

All of these special contributions have been placed in a special fund which will be used specifically to purchase books that the library needs. A special label will be placed in these acquisitions to indicate that their purchase was to commemorate a special person or occasion.

RMPL SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

We are pleased to report that attendance at the RMPL Second Saturday Programs has been increasing. We realize that the 9:00 AM time on a Saturday morning might discourage some of you from attending, but we set that time intentionally because we wanted to use a time that would get this activity over before other activities start. As usual the coffee pot is on and sometimes there might even be snack or two available. Those who have attended recently have been most pleased with the programs and have been returning.

The Second Saturday Program for March 14th will be given by Bill Dunn on the subject of "Latvia", a country that is seldom featured.

The Second Saturday Program for April 11th is "Interurban RPO's" presented by Jack Willard.

We are looking for Second Saturday programs for future months. If you have any suggestions on what would make a good Second Saturday Program or would like to do a presentation yourself, please call us at 759-9921. The schedule is wide open at this point and we would welcome some new ideas.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

At the present time we are doing pretty well on filling in the spots for Volunteers except for Saturdays. We could use at least one person on a regular basis for Saturday 1-4 - two persons would be nice. Anyone interested?

We are soooo close to being able to open the RMPL on Wednesdays, probably the 10-1 and 1-4 shifts. We have several people who have indicated that they might get into the Volunteer rotation on a regular basis and we need two more for the months of March and April. We will be getting several of our regulars back in late April for the rest of the year. Anyone interested in Volunteering for two months on Wednesdays? or possibly longer?

<http://www.com>

By Iona Macintosh

Check out a new philatelic web site in Scottsdale, AZ. Details in the next issue of Scribblings.

www.stamp-one.com

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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.

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Editor

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