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WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

MAY 1998

Mondays: May 4, 11, 18 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: May 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4
Wednesdays: May 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
Thursdays: May 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 2-8
Saturdays: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-2
May 6 - Meeting - 7:30 PM Aurora Stamp Club
May 7 - Meeting - 7:00 PM RMPL Board
May 9 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM Program by Sergio Lugo -
"Foreign Airmail Contracts to South America"
May 15-17 - ROMPEX 98
May 18 - Meeting - 7:30 PM Stamp Night
Open Trading (and selling) Night - Sponsored by
Aurora Stamp Club
May 23 - Meeting - 2:00 PM China Stamp Society
May 25 - RMPL Closed - Memorial Day

JUNE, 1998

Mondays: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4
Wednesdays: 3, 10, 17, 24, Open 10-4
Thursdays: 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 2-8
Saturdays: 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
June 3 - Meeting - 7:30 PM Aurora Stamp Club
June 6 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
June 6 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists Club
June 13 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM Program by Jerry Eggleston
"Admiral Series of Canada Part 1"
June 13 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Universal Ship Cancellation Club
U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
June 15 - Meeting - 7:30 PM Stamp Night
Open Trading (and selling) Night
Sponsored by the Aurora Stamp Club
June 23 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee
June 27 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society

RMPL NOW OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS...

The Board of Directors of the RMPL is pleased to announce that starting May 6th the RMPL will be open on Wednesdays 10-4 for at least the summer months. With the return of several of our Volunteers who have not been available for awhile, and the addition of several new Volunteers, we now have the staff that will enable us to keep the library open that additional day. As we lose some people and winter approaches the additional open day will be evaluated. We hope that we will be able to continue, but we will see.

If we were to get four new Volunteers who would be available on Fridays on a regular basis, we would be able to open on that day, also. Anyone out there with Fridays free that is willing to work a 10-1 or a 1-4 shift please contact the library at 759-9921 or Don Beuthel at 755-9328.

We are still looking for a Volunteer to work Saturday 1-4 on a regular basis. Anyone interested?

RMPL SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

The coffee is ready and the snacks available. It is 9:00 AM on the second Saturday of April and there are eleven interested persons at the RMPL waiting for Jack Willard to start his program on "Inter-urban Postal Markings". Strange? No, the attendance has been improving steadily at these Second Saturday Informational Programs and those who attend are most appreciative of the

programs being presented by our local experts in their collecting areas.

The program for May 9th will be given by Sergio Lugo and the subject is "Foreign Airmail Contracts to South America"

For the June 13th program we will have Jerry Eggleston giving a program on the "Admiral Series of Canada - Part 1".

We are always looking for interesting and unusual programs for our Second Saturday Series.

If you have a program, or if you know of someone who has a program, please contact Don Beuthel at the library at 759-9921.

Don't forget -- 9:00 AM on the Second Saturday of each month -- Be there and be informed!!

RMPL AT ROMPEX

Your library will have a huge presence at ROMPEX '98, May 15-17 at the Holiday Inn at I-70 and Chambers Rd.

Volunteers will staff a booth during all the hours of the show. You'll want to make a note to be sure and stop by to sign the guest register and visit.

SILENT AUCTION

Our third annual silent auction will be, without a doubt, far and away the best yet.

Details and a partial list of auction items will be found elsewhere in this issue of Scribblings.

TOURS

If you're planning to attend ROMPEX and have never visited the RMPL, or even if you've been before and want to see it again, here's your chance.

Tours will leave the Holiday Inn at 10:30 and 2:00 each day of the show. We'll take you, show you around and bring you back. We're very proud of the library and welcome every opportunity to show it off.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE SALE

The library welcomes any donation of philatelic literature, even if it is already on the shelves. We raise money by offering the duplicates at bargain prices.

A list of duplicate books, ATA handbooks, periodicals, price catalogs, and government publications will be available at the booth for just \$1.00 to help cover the cost of printing it.

A list of auction catalogs for sale is also only a dollar. Many important sales from recent years are available, with prices realized.

A good deal of the philatelic literature for sale will be available right at the show. Some of it will be have to be left at the library because there is just too much to bring. If you spot something on the list you want to look at, we can have it at the booth within hours for your inspection and purchase.

FREE STUFF

When you stop by the booth you may want to pick up one or more of our free lists, including:

- stamp clubs in Colorado and Wyoming
- dealers in Colorado
- duplicate National Geographic maps for sale.
- duplicate Scott Catalogues for sale.

YOUTH BOOTH PARTICIPATION

Once again this year, the library is pleased to be able to help the ROMPEX Youth Booth by donating stamps to be given away. Several library volunteers have spent many hours sorting through and packaging stamps for kids.

If you know a youngster who is a stamp collector, or think the time is right for someone to start collecting, be sure and bring them by the Youth Booth.

We'll be ready to answer questions and provide advice. And we'll have plenty of stamps to give away.

ROMPEX is our best chance of the year to show non-members what the RMPL is all about. We look forward to seeing old friends ... and to meeting collectors who may wish to join our growing membership list!

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION (Part III)

by Matthew P. Zieringer

Attorney at Law - RMPL Member

In the first two columns we have addressed the background of giving, its potential, some of its rewards, in kind gifts, and to some degree the tax benefits related thereto.

This column will address income-producing gifts. Such planned gifts can enable one to donate a substantial asset while retaining or even increasing the amount of income that property would have earned if you held on to it. In addition, the income-producing planned gift may enhance your estate planning, reduce your income taxes, reduce probate costs, and increase your current income. Also, you can avoid the burden of capital gains tax when appreciated property is given. Some of the plans used to accomplish the foregoing are as follows:

A Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust can provide income for life, for joint lives, or a term of years. An annual fixed income is set when the trust is established; this must be at least 5% of the initial fair market value of the trust, and it can be higher. Any income earned by the trust in excess to the income paid to you is added to the principal. The annual income paid to you is taxable to you; however, if your gift is appreciated property, you obtain a charitable deduction from your income tax in an amount based upon the fair market value of the gift on the day you donated it. If the trust income is not enough in any year to cover payments to you, there is no shortfall since the amount will be taken from the principal. Upon the death of the named beneficiaries of the trust, what is left in the trust goes to the library. A trustee named by you manages the trust and makes at least quarterly payments to you. If the trust is set up for a term of years, then payments will cease at the term end and what remains goes to the library.

A Charitable Remainder Unitrust is much like the annuity trust, except under the unitrust you request a payment that is a fixed percentage of the fair market value of the trust which is valued each year. This means if the trust value goes up, you get more money and, of course, conversely, if the value goes down, you get less. Again, you name the trustee. To this trust you can make

additional contributions, whereas you cannot make additional contributions to an annuity trust. Of course, each addition gives you a charitable deduction.

There are a number of ways to use these trusts to benefit yourself and others. For example, create a trust with the beneficiary being a grandson in college and set a term of six years. He will receive the income taxed at his tax rate for that period. Funds are provided for his expenses at a predetermined amount on which he can rely. Your charitable tax deduction is calculated at the fair market value at the date of gift adjusted for its prospective income and its payout across the six years.

One may also create gifts through the use of testamentary trusts in a will. Also, there are charitable lead trusts whereby the library would have the income from a gifted income source for a fixed number of years at the end of which time the asset would be returned to you or a named recipient. There are numerous methods by which one can participate and at the same time benefit a tax free organization such as your library. Only with our sharing and interest does a non-profit organization such as the library survive.

In the next column, we will review your will and some basic estate planning.

DONATIONS TO RMPL CONTINUE

The RMPL is most pleased that we continue to receive donations of money, philatelic literature, and philatelic items and collections. Hardly a day goes by that we don't receive a donation of some sort, either through the mail or by dropping it off in person. Sometimes things just appear on the counter and we don't know where they came from or who brought them in. Such may be the case if you have donated recently and your name doesn't appear on the list. We try to send each donor a thank you letter as soon as possible. If we have missed you, we thank you just as much as those listed.

Our thanks go to the following generous philatelists who have made donations during the past two months: Aurora Stamp Club, Tim Bartsche, Stan Luft, Terence Hines, Sherman Pompey, Bob Ainsworth, Mort Turner, Joyce Snavley, Jack Dear, Don Beuthel, Bill Dunn, Jim Davenport, Lincoln McArthur, Colin Spong, Mike Milam, Lou Cohen, James H. Burn, Ed Schenck, George Killian, Bill Rapp, Ward Crowley, Dave Capra, Bob McFarlane, John Olsen, Floyd Frederick, E. B. Stergion, Steve Schweighofer, Lloyd Pearson, Ralph Walther, Frederick Mayer, Clarence W. Brown, Bill Gunderson, Brian Holthouse, Ted Bahry, William K. McDaniel, Bob Brown, Dalene Thomas, H. Sherlock, Thomas Pollard, Bob Munshower, and Joe Weinman.

PLANS FOR OCTOBER - STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

We are starting to make plans for our special RMPL activities to commemorate Stamp Collecting Month in October. Last year we had a special activity on each Saturday of October. If you have any ideas on activities for October 1998 please contact Ron Mitchell at 690-3354 or at the library at 759-9921. I know that on one Saturday there will be a "Kids Day" but we are open for suggestions for any of the rest of the Saturdays.

AUCTION CATALOG CHATTER

by Ron Mitchell

GERMAN STATES RARITIES

RMPL member Bob McFarlane has contributed a stunning group of catalogs to the library. They include the John R. Boker, Jr. German States collection. Auctioneer Heinrich Köhler broke the collection down into twelve sales held between March 1985 and February 1997.

All but the 10th and 11th sales are now in the library, including the prospectus. Every lot is shown in color. Any collector with even a passing interest in German States should take a look.

Unfortunately, we have prices realized for just one of the Boker catalogs, No. 6. If you have prices realized for any of the others, please consider sharing them with the library.

NEW PR SOURCE

The latest prices realized from Robert Siegel, Shreves, Harmer's of London, Kukstis, Superior Galleries, Dutch Country, Regency, and Alan Blair are in the library practically the minute they're listed on the internet. Our hats are off to these auction companies for posting their auction results in a convenient form for downloading and printing.

NEW BOOKS

Our Librarian has processed many new books during the past two months. When you visit the library you will find the following on the shelves: Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships - an 8 volume set

The Postal History of the Antarctic 1904-49

by Bagshaw and Goldup

United States Stampless Cover Catalog - 1952 Edition

by Harry Konwiser

Treasury of Stamps

by David Lidman

Atlas of Hand Cancels 1875-197

by William F. Rapp

PHILATELIC LITERATURE FOR SALE!
ANTHOLOGIES, HANDBOOKS, GOVERNMENT
PUBLICATIONS, PERIODICALS AND MORE. 21
PAGE LIST FOR A DOLLAR BILL.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 235 active members and 10 that are not current on their dues.

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.

There was a rather sizable group who received their renewal form with the last issue from whom we have not heard. Surely you have just forgotten to mail them. We need your continued support because the bills continue to arrive. We hope that you will respond to this reminder. If there are problems please contact us and we will try to correct the problem.

Some of you may be receiving this issue of Scribblings for the first time and you should be receiving a membership application with the mailing. This is because someone you know has suggested that you should be a member of the RMPL. We hope that you will send in the application with a check and become a member. If you are in doubt, we would suggest that you make a visit to the library and see for yourself what has been done. Once you have seen the progress we have made toward being a major philatelic library, we are sure that you will want to be a part of it.

We are pleased to report that the following persons have become members of RMPL in the last two months:

Leland W. Greb	Shayne Clinard
Stephen E. Stainsby	William P. Flentje
Mike Schnid	Jack Cozart

TMPS PROGRAMS COME TO RMPL

by Jim Kilbane

The Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society (TMPS) has an annual philatelic congress which has up to three programs lasting up to 30 minutes. These programs are now available for RMPL as well as TMPS members use. Each program is on slides and most have scripts. There are over 30 programs going back more than 30 years in various condition. I am assembling a list of the programs, condition, type of slide (some are glass), and if there is a script.

SILENT AUCTION IS STRONG IN 19TH CENTURY U.S.

Collectors will have an opportunity to acquire extremely good 19th century mint and used U.S. stamps at attractive prices during the RMPL's silent auction at ROMPEX.

More than 300 lots have been carefully assembled and described by Auction Manager Joe Weinman with the help of Norm Camara and Bill

Dunn. The three of them started pulling the auction together the first of the year and they have spent many, many hours lotting items and making sure descriptions are accurate.

Take a look at the attached list of selected lots and the starting bids. We think you'll agree this is an outstanding chance to fill some big holes in many U.S. collections.

There are also some very nice foreign lots.

THREE DAYS FOR BIDDING

The silent auction will be spread over all three days of ROMPEX, allowing bids to be placed on any auction item up until the sale is closed at noon on Sunday. This should give everyone an equal chance at all the items.

BID HIGH!

We suggest that you bid high to get the items you want. Remember, every dollar taken in will help the RMPL.

Lots will be available for viewing during ROMPEX hours at the library's booth at the show.

A special thanks to all who donated material. We are confident we will be able to raise more than a month's worth of library expenses.

FOR SALE

THE UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE 20TH CENTURY BY MAX JOHL. TWO VOLUMES. ESSENTIAL FOR ANY US PHILATELIC LIBRARY. \$70 FOR THE SET.

SCOTT CATALOGUES FOR SALE, 1930-1995. VERY REASONABLE PRICES. COMPLETE LIST FOR A SASE.

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