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WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL

"come and enjoy the activities"

JANUARY 1999

Mondays: January 4, 11, 25 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4
Wednesdays: January 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
Thursdays: January 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 2-8
Saturdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4
January 2 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
January 6 - Aurora Stamp Club
6:30 Trading - 7:30 Meeting and Program
January 7 - RMPL Annual Meeting
RMPL Board Meeting - 7:00 PM
January 9 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM - Program by Ed Schenck
"Postage Currency"
January 9 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Universal Ship Cancellation Society
U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
January 14 - Meeting - TOPIC
6:00 PM at Woody's - 7:30 at RMPL
January 18 - **RMPL Closed** - National Holiday -
MLK Day
January 23 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society
January 26 - Meeting 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee

FEBRUARY 1999

Mondays: February 1, 8, 22 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: February 2, 9, 16, 23 Open 10-4
Wednesdays: February 3, 10, 17, 24 Open 10-4
Thursdays: February 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 2-8
Saturdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
February 3 - Aurora Stamp Club
6:30 Trading 7:30 Meeting and Program
February 6 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
February 11 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
Topical Philatelists In Colorado
February 13 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM - Program by Jim Kilbane
"Jim's Junque"
February 13 - Meeting - 11:00 AM
Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists
February 13 - Meeting - 2:00 P
Universal Ship Cancellation Society -
U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
February 15 - **RMPL Closed** - National Holiday -
Presidents Day
February 23 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
ROMPEX Committee
February 27 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Chain Stamp Society

RMPL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Please notice on the schedule of events above that the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library will be closed on Monday, January 18th for MLK Day and on Monday, February 15th for President's Day.

During the winter months, if the weather turns bad and travel conditions get dangerous, out of concern for the safety of our Volunteers, we will close the library. In bad weather call 303-759-9921 to see if we are open. Remember that conditions vary greatly throughout the metropolitan area - it might not be bad where you are but terrible at the RMPL. Call first.

RMPL ANNUAL MEETING

Like all corporations, the RMPL is required to hold an annual meeting. Your Board has designated the January 7th RMPL Board of Directors Meeting as the required Annual Meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend and time will be given to answer your questions. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

STATE OF THE RMPL

by Donald G. Beuthel - RMPL President

It has become somewhat traditional in many organizations to start the year with a look at the condition of an organization - what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done. Briefly I would like to do this.

We are approaching the third anniversary of the purchase of the building. So much has been accomplished since that giant step. We must thank so many people for all that they have done to help us - for all of the contributions of time, money, and materials. Frankly, the continued success simply amazes most of us who had this dream so many years ago and people from all over the country are quite surprised at what has been accomplished by an all Volunteer work force.

We had a serious set-back when we were rejected by the state for a waiver of Property Tax. Although we feel that we still should qualify for a waiver, we can see now that we don't fit anywhere into the standards set by the state. We will continue to pursue another possibility to secure the same effect.

Although our financial position is not what one might call comfortable, we continue to make the necessary payments on time and have been able to delegate some funds for specific purposes such as acquisition of new materials.

We had the building repaired and nicely painted last summer. We have contracted for the resurfacing of the parking lot (at a very good price thanks to Dave Capra) and this will be done early in the spring. We are well on our way toward automation of the Card Catalog. Soon we will have two copiers that we can depend upon and most of our "printing" can be done "in house". Our holdings of philatelic literature continue to grow at a startling rate. Contributions come from all over the country - in fact from all over the world. We have purchased additional shelving on which to put the incoming material. In early spring the Scandinavian Collectors Club Library will be moving to the RMPL and these materials will be available for our use. We are becoming concerned about space - especially if the contributions of material continue at the same rate.

What needs to be done in the near future - Increase membership. You can help on this. Increase use of the facility. You can help here, also. Our philosophy is that this is a research library and it should be used. We need to increase participation in RMPL events such as the Second Saturday Programs. We plan to start with a Beginning Philately Class for Adults - starting possibly in March and we plan to try to expand the youth program. Another goal is to complete the automation of the Card Catalog and to get to the point where we can process the incoming material promptly.

All in all, my feeling about the State of the RMPL is entirely positive. We have progressed so far in such a short time. We started what some people at the national level thought might be a "nice little club library" and, thanks to all of the Volunteers and the contributors, it has become

what I consider to be the ninth major philatelic library in the United States.

SECOND SATURDAY AT THE RMPL

As you can see in the list of activities above the program for the Second Saturday in January January 9th - will be given by Ed Schenck on the subject of "Postage Currency". The program starts at 9:00 AM.

The Second Saturday program for the February 13th meeting will be given by Jim Kilbane on the subject of "Jim's Junque". Those of you who know Jim know that he has a wide variety of interests and collects some "strange material". Who knows what will appear in this program. Come to the 9:00 AM program and find out - and bring a philatelic friend. The coffee pot is always on and most of these Second Saturdays finds a few refreshments available.

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE

During the last two months we have been most fortunate to receive a cash donation from the World Columbian Committee which is earmarked for a NEW copier. We thank them for their financial help. At the same time we received a donation of a copier and a fax machine from the Invesco Co. These are both welcomed and our thanks go to Invesco for keeping the RMPL in mind as they disposed of their usable surplus equipment. A donation of stamps was received from Phil Beutel of Colorado Springs and many of these will be sold to help support the RMPL. Arrangements are under way to receive the donation of a Worldwide collection of duplicates in Scott order. This collection will be scanned for items that can be used for our Silent Auction in May and the rest will be put up for sale at attractive prices per stamp.

As a result of one of our Saturday activities in October, we received photo copies of philatelic exhibits from Alan Hanks, Mary Ann Owens, Charles Fitz, Jim Bowman, Marian Bowman, Elliott Landau, Paul Tyler, and Dalene Thomas. These have become a permanent part of the RMPL holdings and are available for your use.

In addition to the above, we have received donations of philatelic literature and material as well as cash from the following persons during November and December: John Luecke, Mary Chandler, Glenn Mallory, Yamil Kouri, Dr. Edmund Prendergast, Mathew McColm (of DeViny Elementary School), Society of Costa Rica Collectors, Jim Davenport, Bob Brown, Arapahoe Stamp Club, George E. Reeves, Jeff Shapiro, Dave Capra, Doug Crowe, Richard Bennik, Wehrdad Saori, Sherwood Springer, C. W. Spong, Mort Turner, Stuart Silverberg, Roger Cichorz, H.

Stanton Hill, Cliff Lushbough, Aurora Stamp Club, and Charlene Gail.

We thank each and every person for their kindness. The RMPL has a 501 (c)(3) Public Charity designation from the IRS and any donation may be listed as a contribution [at fair market value] on your tax form. We have tried to record each donation as it was received and send a letter of acknowledgment. A few slip by and we don't know from whom they came. If you did not receive a letter for your donation, please contact our Secretary, Bill Dunn, with the details and he will make sure that you receive a letter to keep with your tax records.

35 MM CAMERA DONATION

PHOTOGRAPH YOUR STAMPS AND COVERS

The Aurora Stamp Club has purchased a Nikon 35mm camera, macro close-up lens, copy stand and lighting for use by RMPL members. The equipment is easy to use and is available any time that the library is open. Instruction sheets and film recommendations are available at the library.

If you would like to photograph your collection but feel that you would like some help, Roger Rydberg, is available on Thursday nights from 5:00 pm until 8:00pm. Give Roger a call at the library (303-759-9921) on Thursday or at home at 303-366-7237 for more information.

WE LOVE DUPLICATES

Occasionally, a member will decide not to make a donation of books or periodicals to the library because they know the material they have to give is already on the shelves.

Please be assured the library will make good use of duplicates and welcomes any donation.

We have an active sales department where we turn extra copies into cash to help with operating expenses. Soon, the library will be able to take literature sales "on line" to the internet, where we expect to do very well.

In some cases we also give material away to youngsters or people just staring out in stamp collecting. Either way ... whether we sell or give philatelic writings away, the material winds up in the hands of people who would like to have it, and that beats having it sit around on a shelf gathering dust!

So even if you know something is already in the library's collections ... if you don't want it, please consider donating it.

ADULT BEGINNING STAMP COLLECTING CLASS

If we have enough "students" who indicate that they are interested in participating in classes to learn the basics of stamp collecting, we will have these classes on the first four Monday nights of

March. These classes will be for adults who have almost no collecting experience, but want to start collecting stamps, or those who already have started collecting but want to learn more of the basics. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested, please have them call the RMPL at 303-759-9921 or call Don Beuthel at 303-755-9328 to register.

MONDAY NIGHT TRADING SESSION DISCONTINUED

The 3rd Monday trading session sponsored by the Aurora Stamp Club has been discontinued due to lack of participation. Instead, on the 1st Wednesday of each month the Aurora Stamp Club meeting will start at 6:30 PM with trading, mixtures, and the APS Circuit. This will be followed by the regular club business meeting at 7:30 and a program to start no later than 8:00 PM. The early trading session is open to all interested collectors - not just ASC club members. Visitors are certainly welcome to stay for the meeting and program after the trading.

PARTY TIME ...

The holidays provided a perfect time for a celebration of the wonderful success the RMPL has enjoyed since it was established more than five years ago.

So, library volunteers were honored for their service at a party at Don and Eilengail Beuthel's house on December 4. Don is the president of the RMPL and Ellengail is the librarian.

More than two dozen people attended and enjoyed a fine buffet.

Certificates were given to volunteers, giving them recognition for the numbers of hours they have contributed to the library.

RMPL MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome the following persons who became new members of the RMPL during the past two months:

All Nations Coin & Stamp	Jim Karegeannes
Glenn F. Mallory	David Shaw
Patrick D. Callahan	Robert C. Wolf
Joseph D. Coston	

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

WHAT YEAR WERE YOU BORN?

Do you have a Scott Catalogue from the year you were born? Many collectors find it interesting and fun to have such a volume on their shelves and to browse through it from time to time to see what life was like for philatelists in the year of their birth.

The RMPL has a number of duplicate Scott Catalogues, and if there is one from the year you were born, all you have to do is drop by the library and pick it up, or let us know by mail or email that you would like to have it. You pay the postage, and it's yours to add to your library ... free!

Years available are: 1925, 1931, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952, and all years from 1954 to 1990.

RMPL WISH LIST

From time to time we have printed a list of items that we would like to have at the RMPL, but feel that we can't use RMPL funds to purchase. These "wish list" items have been magically appearing with such great regularity that the Board has directed me to include this "wish list" portion on a regular basis. As a matter of fact we had a fax machine on the list and it was donated before we published the list - How is that for results? We would like to receive donations of the following items:

Kodak Carousel Slide Projector Trays - (80' or 140's)

Power MAC OR iMac computer, Zip Drive, and Printer for the iMac

Mint U. S. Postage

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ROMPEX '99

50th ANNUAL STAMP SHOW

May 14-16, 1999



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