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Who's Byrum?

By Steve Schweighofer

Byrum started as a stamp collector and became a force. His specialization in and love of locals, cinderella's and "non-Scott" items led to compiling and publishing his own catalog. His philatelic work and interests became a science to him. He was a philatelist's philatelist. And he probably came close to being an expert on almost anything philatelic. Byrum was also a prolific writer. At the time of his death, he had over 250 articles in various stages of preparation. He was *one busy man*.

Donald A. J. Byrum had an intense interest in "non-Scott" items. But it seems his favorite stamps were those of Danish West Indies: the bi-color numeral issue of 1873-1902 (and others), based on the amount of reference material found among his papers. He was a member of several national Societies: *American Philatelic Society* life member, *American Philatelic Research Library* life member, *American Revenue Association*, the *Society of Philatelic Americans*, and *The Royal Philatelic Society of London* among others, as well as local Clubs. His employment with Storno Electronic GmbH. of Germany had him living in other countries from 1976-1981, including Denmark and England. Byrum died in 1997 and left his legacy to philately with *The Supplemental Stamp Catalogue* and his personal file of clippings we have come to call *Byrum's Clippings*, both of which are now among our newest and most useful additions to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library's general collection.

Mr. Byrum compiled and edited *The Supplemental Stamp Catalogue, Volume 1* a massive 518-page catalog described in December 31, 1973 issue of the *Philatelic Literature Review* (Volume 22, Fourth Quarter 1973), *Western Stamp Collector* and others as "a listing of worldwide cinderella material unlisted elsewhere in English, including telegraph stamps, money order stamps, return letter stamps, railroad parcel stamps, etc., with a listing of 1,480 illustrations, 7,799 stamps....from 238 governmental units. No US is included, nor are the locals of the Spanish Civil War or Russian Zemstvos." Volume 1, which originally sold for \$16.50, was available in June of 1973 (pages dated November 1972), and is now out of print. It was offered as "Volume 1" (Byrum apparently planned 3 volumes from the beginning) to *Western Stamp Collector* readers as early as April 1973 and later in *American Revenuer* (March 1975) and *Linn's Stamp News*.

In both 1973 and 1974, Byrum's *The Supplemental Stamp Catalogue, Volume 1* earned awards in Philatelic Literature Class exhibits at major stamp shows. Volume 1 eventually drew the attention of book distributors and dealers, stamp dealers, auctioneers, stamp columnists and collectors from all over the world, not only with orders, but also asking Byrum for help or advice with their collecting. Byrum accommodated collectors wishes by selling or giving only the sections in which they were interested. As existence of Volume I became known, additional information was voluntarily contributed from collectors and specialists working in specific areas.

In November 1974, he released a 13-page addendum, and surprised the purchasers of Volume 1 by sending it without charge. The addendum included an update on pricing, based mainly on feedback from collectors. The 13-page addendum grew to a 320-page "second" volume and included the new category of official perfins. This "second" volume was apparently never published.

He also prepared an 86-page "third" volume listing only fiscals used as postage, which he also apparently never published.

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Charles Boubelik Erwin Engert
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On the 26th of September, one hundred 2nd graders at Bergen Meadows Elementary School were introduced to the world of collecting stamps for fun and learning by Don Beuthel, President of the RMPL and George Wright, Educational Coordinator for the RMPL.

Don prepared a wonderful lesson for children of this young age. He was able to draw on his past experience as a teacher to hold the attention of four different groups of youngsters for about 25 minutes each. The children appeared enthralled by the materials and the presentation.

The young people displayed a high level of interest and understanding of the activity by asking many well thought out questions which

were answered well by Mr. Beuthel.

The teachers of the four classes all commented on the high quality of the material presented and expressed a feeling that they were going to incorporate more stamp activity into their classroom activities.

Mr. Beuthel noted that the RMPL has the ability to carry on activities of this nature in the schools and that the future of philately depends upon the interest of young collectors growing and learning with the hobby. One of the special moments of the day was when the fire alarm went off. Don reacted like the teacher he is, evacuated the building with the children, and picked up where he left off upon returning to the classroom. Needless to say, each of the teachers, and all of the children received some stamp related goodies for use in the classroom after the RMPL left.

All in all, it was a great day for the students and the RMPL.

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by Ellengail Beuthel

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by Bob Brown

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has volunteered to track the overdues and contact the patrons. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact the library staff at any time, or Bob Brown on Wednesday mornings 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 303 759 9921.

...What's Happening at the RMPL...

"Come and enjoy the activities"

NOVEMBER 2000

Mondays: November 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
 Tuesdays: November 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
 Wednesdays: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 Open 10-4
 Thursdays: November 2, 9, 16, 30 Open 2-8
 Fridays: November 3, 10, 17, 24, Open 10-4
 Saturdays: November 4, 18, 25 Open 10-4
 November 1 - Aurora Stamp Club
 6:30 Trading 7:30 Meeting and Program
 November 2 - Meeting - 7:00 PM RMPL Board
 November 4 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
 November 8 - Meeting
 7:00 Denver Germany Stamp Club
 November 9 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Topical Philatelists In Colorado
November 11 - RMPL Closed - Veteran's Day
 November 18 - Second Saturday at RMPL
 9:00 AM Program by Dave Capra & Sergio
 Lugo - "Gray Goose Airlines"
 November 18 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Mexico/Latin America Philately Group
 November 18 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 RMPL Kids Stamp Club
November 23 - RMPL Closed - Thanksgiving
 November 25 - 10:00 AM
 ROMPEX/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop
 November 25 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 China Stamp Society
 November 28 - 7:30 PM
 ROMPEX Committee Meeting

DECEMBER 2000

Mondays: December 4, 11, 18 Open 10-4
 Tuesdays: December 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4
 Wednesdays: December 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
 Thursdays: December 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 2-8
 Fridays: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4
 Saturdays: December 2, 9, 16 Open 10-4
 December 2 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
 December 2 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 Colorado Postal History Society
 December 9 - Second Saturday at RMPL
 9:00 AM Program by Erwin Engert
 "Trump, Colorado"
 December 9 - Meeting - 11:00 AM
 Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists -
 Holiday Party
 December 9 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Universal Ship Cancellation Society -
 U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
 December 16 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Mexico/Latin America Philatelic Group
 December 16 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 RMPL Kids Stamp Club
December 23 - RMPL Closed
Christmas Holiday
December 25 - RMPL Closed
Christmas Holiday
December 30 - RMPL Closed
New Years Holiday
January 1 - RMPL Closed
New Years Holiday

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