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Vienna International Philatelic Exhibitions of 1881 & 1890

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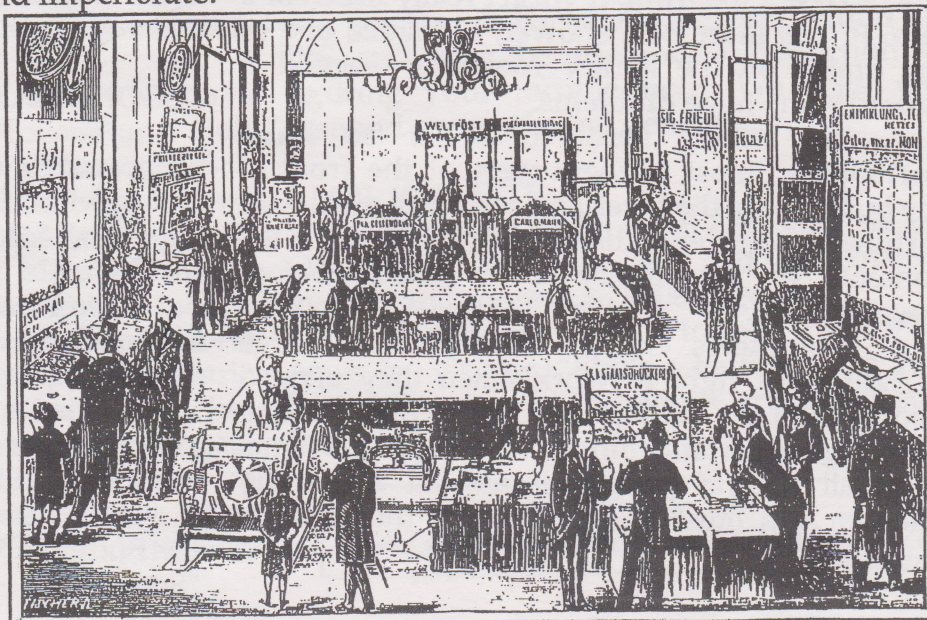
The world's first philatelic exhibition was held in Vienna, Austria on November 13-20 1881. It was the first of its kind. Born in the "Vindobona" Stamp Club, it was the brainchild of the renowned and notorious Viennese stamp dealer Sigmund Friedl. The "First Public Exhibition of the Postage Stamps of all Countries in Vienna" was largely national in character, and was held under the auspices of the Wiener Philatelisten-Club "for the benefit of the Sick and Pension Fund of the Post Office Clerks and Letter Carriers", thus assuring official patronage.

Exhibitors, who were almost exclusively members of the Vindobona Club, were awarded sixteen prizes for philatelic and postal exhibits in seven categories, which were very different

from those of today. The show was a great success, with the total number of visitors over 8,000, which surprised the show management. On one day, the crowd was so large entrance had to be limited. The Archduke Carl Ludwig, brother of the Emperor, and Archdukes Rainer and Eugene, visited the show.

The Austria State Printing Works participated in the show in a very significant way. They prepared plates from the Austria 1850 issue, which had the value indication removed and replaced with the year 1881. These "stamps" were printed on a large footpress, perforated, gummed and placed on drying frames before the visitors' eyes, producing the world's first stamp show cinderella item. The stamps were printed by plates of 16 clichés, always in blue, but on 7 types of papers and 16 paper colors, both perforated and imperforate.

Printing and perforating is shown in the foreground in this sketch of the exhibition.





The world's second philatelic exhibition was once again held in Vienna, this time in 1890. It was billed as the "First International Stamp Exhibition". The Austria State Printing Works again printed stamps at the show and, as before, the Austria 1850 issue design was used, but this time replacing the value indication with the year 1890 inserted in negative. The stamps were again printed by plates of 16 clichés, perforated 11 1/2 and printed on white paper in five different colors. Each visitor was given a perforated stamp. A purple stamp was issued on the day of the Emperor's visit. But the same stamps were also printed imperforate, gummed and ungummed in 41 combinations of ink and paper colors and paper types. Additional varieties exist on advertising circulars for Friedl's stamp company.

News From the RMPL...

RMPL CLOSED

The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library will be officially closed on July 4th for the 4th of July holiday. Some of the Volunteers show up on days when we are closed to get work done when no one is around. Should it be necessary for you to use the library facilities on that day, please call 303-759-9921 to see if anyone is planning to be present.

THE GREAT RAINSTORM - May 24, 2002

by Ron Mitchell, RMPL Board Member

To tell the truth, it wasn't really much of a rain. It was more of a shower, but since one of the drains on the library roof was clogged it caused some huge problems.

The ceiling sprouted 30 or so leaks. Fortunately, most of them were at the front of the building, in the foyer and the office area. Also fortunately, the leaks didn't begin to threaten the contents of the library until shortly before opening time.

Volunteers George Snyder and George Wright went right to work when they arrived about 10 a.m., setting up waste baskets and covering important things with tarps. Librarian Ellengail Beuthel bought tarps and a wet-dry vacuum and hurried them over to the scene of the mess.

Books on four shelves against the east wall had to be moved out of harm's way. Regular volunteer Bob Brown dropped by and helped out, as did several other library members and volunteers during the day.

Nothing important was lost. It looks as though we dodged a bullet. If the rain had started a few hours earlier, it would have been much, much worse because no one would have been in the building to try to control the leaks.

The offending drain has been cleaned out and our roofer has fixed it so it will never happen again (We hope!). Many of us will sleep better when we hear rain in the middle of the night.

SECOND SATURDAY AT THE RMPL

The Second Saturday at the RMPL programs continue to have good attendance. On any given Second Saturday you will find anywhere from 10 to 20 persons at the RMPL for the 9:00 AM instructional program. The coffee pot is working overtime and the "donut fairy" has made the expected magical appearance. You should be present!

The Second Saturday at the RMPL for July 13th features a program by Jack Willard - "U.S. Seapost Markings."

The August 10th Second Saturday at the RMPL will be a program by Frank Leitz on "Scouting."

We look forward to seeing you at one, or both, of these presentations. This is a great time to introduce a friend to the benefits available through the RMPL.

BUSY TIME FOR RMPL AT RMSS

The RMPL Volunteers were very busy during the recent Rocky Mountain Stamp Show. Our Annual Silent Auction was quite successful with many bidders and many lots sold. Each year our goal for the auction is to have net proceeds to cover one month of our expenses. We are pleased to report that this goal was reached again this year.

We offered tours to the library 6 times during the show and each time had people who were interested enough to take the time to "go for a little ride." One gentleman was so interested that he made the trip three times. We always like to have persons from out of town visit because they go home and pass on the word that there really is a useable philatelic library in Denver.

Seating was scarce at the RMPL table because we took our "nickel books" to the show. Several persons spent the whole day going through those "fun" selections.

All in all, it was a very busy time and we thank all of you who took the time to stop by the table and buy, or bid, or just say hello.

DONATIONS CONTINUE

The Volunteers at the RMPL continue to be amazed at the quantity and quality of the donations we receive at the RMPL. These come from all over the country and even several foreign countries as well. We don't seem to be able to thank the donors enough. These generous donors are what keeps the RMPL growing.

During the past several months we have received donations from the following: Bob Gibson, Jack Willard, Art Weaver, Bob Ainsworth, Mike Milam, Thomas Pollard, Fred Seifert by way of Paul Tyler, Eddie Hackstaff, Mort Turner, Frederick Mayer, Nancy Denney, Paul Graitge, Alex Parker, Don Beuthel, Don Kliebenstein, Keith Grove, Glenn Mallory, John Bloor, Bill Bauer, Sisters of Loretto, Jan Marie Belle, Ruth Willett, Dick Smith, Ted Sadler, Jim McNamee, B. B. Boatman, Arthur J. Mongan, Tom TenEyck, Mark Banchik, Bill Bauer, William F. Cox, Bob Brown, Iola Horton, Mary Ellen Markel, Alfred Kugel, CZSC Publication Office,

Neil Clark, Allen K. Peterson, Ernst Cohn, Doug Crowe, Ed Smith, Roger Schnell, Colin Spong, and the UPSS.

Many times materials just appear on the tables or on the counters, and we have no idea who the donor might be. We thank those anonymous donors also.

Remember that the RMPL has a 501 (C)(3) public charity status with the IRS. This means that donors of material to the RMPL may deduct the fair market value of the donated items should they choose to itemize their deductions on their income tax.

We continue to accept all types of material related to philately. If you live out of town and wish to donate, ship the items to the library. If you are in the local area bring the items to the library during our normal library hours. If you can't bring the material to the library, call at 303-759-9921 and we will try to make arrangements to pick up your donation.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We welcome the following people who have joined the library in the last two months:

Jim Sherwin	Edward S. Smith
Adolf Krause	Sandra Carruthers
Peter Colwell	Danny H. Fountain
Randy C. Alexander	Bernard Spilva

Some of you will be receiving a first, second, or third renewal notice with his issue of the Scirbblings. After the third notice members are moved to the inactive list and will no longer receive Scirbblings and other membership benefits.

As you renew, remember that anything above the basic minimum membership rate of \$15 per year is considered a contribution by the IRS and may be used as a deduction when figuring your income tax. We urge you to respond promptly and generously.

RMPL WEB SITE

Since the RMPL web site went on line in October of 2001, the site had had over 1000 visitors and more than 9000 page hits.

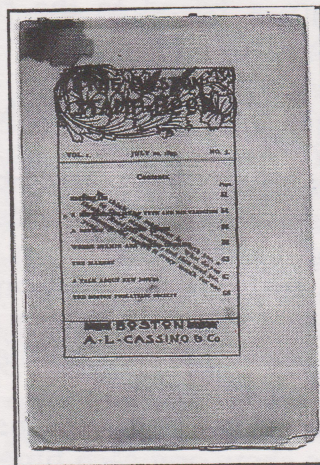
You can use the site to keep track of RMPL news by visiting "Ron's Chatter" on a regular basis. Our monthly schedules are also posted on the site.

Visit the site today:
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As an example of how far back some of our philatelic periodicals go, we offer the above. It is "The Boston Stamp Book," Vol. 1 No. 3, July 20, 1895, published once a month by A.L. Cassino & Co. We have 13 issues in the library holdings.

Each issue is about 30 pages which includes new issues, show reports, and a review of auction prices. One article from 1898 gives pros and cons about membership in the American Philatelic Association, later the APS. Cassino asked 50-cents a year for subscriptions. The publication lasted from May, 1985 until November, 1989. It gives great insight into stamp collecting at the end of the nineteenth century.



...What's Happening at the RMPL... "Come and enjoy the activities"

July, 2002		August, 2002	
Mondays	Open 10-4	Mondays	Open 10-4
Tuesdays	Open 10-4	Tuesdays	Open 10-4
Wednesdays	Open 10-4	Wednesdays	Open 10-4
Thursdays	Open 2-8	Thursdays	Open 2-8
Fridays	Open 10-4	Fridays	Open 10-4
Saturdays	Open 10-4	Saturdays	Open 10-4
July 4 - RMPL CLOSED - 4th of July Holiday		August 7 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club 6:30 Trading 7:30 Meeting and Program	
July 10 - Meeting - 7:00 PM Denver Germany Stamp Club		August 10 - Second Saturday at the RMPL 9:00 AM - Program by Frank Leitz "Scouting on Stamps"	
July 13 - Second Saturday at the RMPL 9:00 AM - Program by Jack Willard "U. S. Seapost Markings"		August 10 - Meeting - 10:00 AM Mexico / Latin American Philatelic Society	
July 13 - Meeting - 10:00 AM Mexico/Latin America Philatelic Group		August 10 - Meeting - 11:00 AM Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists	
July 13 - Meeting - 2:00 PM Universal Ship Cancel Society U. S. S. Colorado Chapter		August 10 - Meeting - 2:00 PM Universal Ship Cancellation Society U.S.S. Colorado Chapter	
July 27 - Meeting - 2:00 PM China Stamp Society		August 14 - Meeting - 7:00 PM Denver Germany Stamp Club	
		August 24 - Meeting - 10:00 AM RMSS/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop	
		August 24 - Meeting - 2:00 PM China Stamp Society	
		August 27 - Meeting - 7:00 PM RMSS Committee	

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