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The annual State of the Library report...

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS = SUCCESS

By Ron Mitchell, RMPL President

There are 21 hearty souls who keep the library open six hours a day, six days a week, working two-at-a-time in three hour shifts. Another 22 members are responsible for sorting donated stamps, collections, and supplies and preparing them for sale. Then there are people who help with membership, eBay sales, periodical listings and filing, our internet site, and *Scribblings*. Additionally, there is the hard work most board members routinely put forth as officers and directors of the library. Also, our hats go off every day in salute to the tremendous job librarian Ellengail Beuthel does.

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The RMPL Board of Directors

These are the people who guide the library's "big picture" and the work of more than 40 volunteers. Back row, left to right: Don Beuthel, Bob Blatherwick, Jim Kilbane, Steve Schweighofer, Tim Bartshe, Ron Mitchell. Front row, left to right: Maury Pautz, Dalene Thomas, Bob Brown, Sergio Lugo.

The fruits of the efforts of these volunteers pays off in many ways when patrons come in:

A collector explained he just bought some U.S. revenue stamps and wanted to know if there was a book about them for beginners. There was a middle school teacher looking for stamps about World War II to help her teach a class of English as a second language students. An older woman wanted to know whether a stamp collection formed by her deceased husband had significant value. A potential exhibitor wanted to see some exhibits to get a feel for how to make a successful showing. And the sales area is in nearly constant use.

These are smatterings of examples of how the library is used by patrons every day.

The numbers of patrons who have signed the visitor sign-in book has increased

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Second Saturday Programs
9:00 - 10:00 AM
at the RMPL...

January 12

"Colorado Rural Free Delivery Postal Markings"

by

By Roger Rydberg

February 10

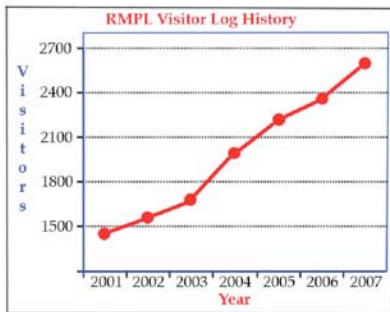
"National Park Service Sites on Stamps and Covers"

By Paul Lee

About the Author...

Ron Mitchell is beginning his sixth year as the president of the library and has served on the Board of Directors for 11 years.

an average of 8.5% a year over the last six years and closed out 2007 at approximately 2,500. An educated guess is that the actual number of patrons is about a third higher because many people who come through the door do not sign in.



At any given time, there are about three dozen books, monographs, price catalogs and auction catalogs checked out to members. This number could increase significantly when our card catalog goes on line this year.

ON LINE CARD CATALOG

I know we have been talking about going on line for a couple of years now, but this time it looks like it's really going to happen with the help of the American Philatelic Research Library in Bellefonte, PA. Beginning as early as this spring (and as late as the end of the year) the RMPL catalog will be accessible through the APRL catalog on the internet.

Plans are in place to check out books through the mail to people who join at the \$25 per year level, and it is hoped this added service will give RMPL membership a boost by attracting new people from across the country who will be able to locate books over the internet which they would like to check out.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership at the end of 2007 is 442. There has been a steady 8% to 10% growth every year since 2001 (except for 2002, the year after 9/11).

In light of attrition, this growth is very healthy.

ELECTION TIME

Elections are coming in January of 2009 and three-year terms for all board members will be ending. If you would like to serve the library as a member of the board, contact the nominating committee which will be formed this August. There will be more information about our election procedures in future *Scribblings*, or contact me or any board member for details.

THOSE VOLUNTEERS AGAIN

The fact that the RMPL continues to thrive is not due solely to the fact we have about 40 great volunteers. Rather it is also the fact that they work together so well. Click on "Officers" on the menu of the library's home page (rmpldenver.org) and you will see lists that include Primary Responsibilities, Section Curators, and Standing Committees. It is a tribute to all those involved that everything fits together, every day, like some huge jigsaw puzzle. The result is that your library hums like a Rolls Royce engine.

ONE MORE THING ...

Of course this couldn't be done without a membership base that shares our vision of promoting stamp collecting. Thanks to all of you!

VISIT RMPLDENVER.ORG

News from the RMPL ...

WISH LIST

THE COLORADO MAGAZINE RUN

Joe Crosby of Oklahoma City responded to our wish list in the September-October issue and contacted a book dealer in Denver who had a nearly complete set of *The Colorado Magazine*, the publication of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado.

Joe purchased the run, which is worth more than \$1,000, and had it delivered to the library. As any Colorado history buff will tell you, this is an extremely important addition to our Western History Section. Thank you Joe!

LAPTOP COMPUTER

If anyone has a used laptop computer they no longer need, the library would like to have it. As one of our services, members present PowerPoint programs to area clubs, and at present we are borrowing one of our member's laptops to do this. Contact Ron Mitchell at rmpl@qwest.net if you can help.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

We reported in the last issue that the Bulk Lots Auction in September raised \$6,500. The following expenditures were approved at the next board meeting:

- \$2,000 for roof repair. Our building has a flat roof that requires repairs almost every fall. The combination of heat and cold causes seams to separate, and the result after a heavy snowstorm is water in the library.
- \$3,200 for a 10' x 12' Tuff Shed. We have been storing a shed's worth of duplicate periodicals in George Snyder's garage. It should be noted George has never complained, but we're happy he can use his garage again.
- \$800 for filing cabinets and a computer table. Our vertical files for clippings was out of space and we needed a new computer table for the card catalog.

These important purchases would not have been possible without the generosity of participants in the Bulk Lots Auction. Thank you!

DONATIONS

There were 83 donations of cash or philatelic material from 65 people or organizations during October and November of 2007.

No gift is taken for granted; each one is important. We thank the following:

Peter Adgie, Paul Albright, John H. Bloor, Cindy Boan-Mylo, Robert L. Brown, Roger Cichorz, Colorado Postal History Society, Joe Coston, Joe Crosby, Carol Dale, James Debros, Jerry Derksen, Bob Easterly, Martin Feibush, Ellen Fisher, Nolan Flowers, Jr., Kenton Forrest, Greg Frantz, Gary Gibson, Joan Grady, Leland Greb, John Grigg, Michael S. Gutman, Winifred Hardy, Steven Hart, David L. Heflin, B. J. Hilford, Duden Hoeffler, Mark Holdeman, Dede Horan, Fred Huskins, and George Killian.

Also, Brian Lane, Victor Litsey, Lisbeth Lord, Stan Luff, Clifford Lushbough, Glenn Mallory, Mike Maselli, Michael McBride, Mike Milam, Jim Moorman, Richard

Morris, Joe Neri, Jerry Pistick, Tom Pollard, Post Mark Collectors Club, Lloyd Richards, Joel Riedeser, Norm Ritchie, Matthew Roth, Roger Rydberg, Steven Sargent, Travis Searls, Colin W. Spong, Richard Stein, Alex Strickland, Lois Teed, Tom TenEyck, Mark S. Vainer, Tonny VanLoij, Arnold Voight, Emily Warner, Linda Watson, Stephen A. Wineteer, and Bob Wolf.

NEW EDITOR FOR SCRIBBLINGS

This will be my last issue as editor. Ron Hill, an active library volunteer for six years, is going to take over. He and his wife, Judith, have years of experience producing commercial publications, so there is no doubt we will see some significant improvements over the coming months.

We welcome Ron's commitment to this important job.

Ron Mitchell

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS



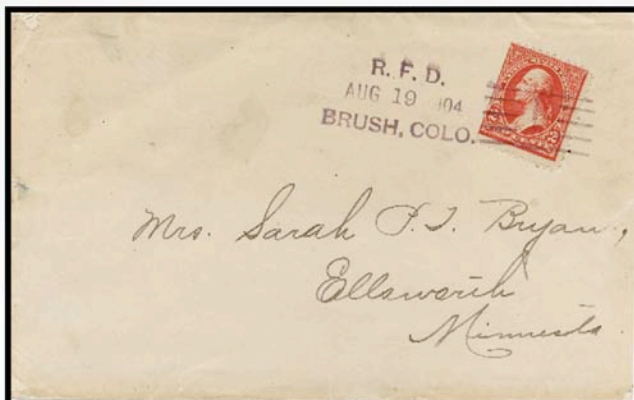
Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the library and continue to attract a friendly group of folks who are interested in a specific subject, or who are interested in learning more about an area of philately that may be new to them.

The programs begin at 9:00 AM and are over by 10:00 AM. Donuts and coffee are complimentary and all are welcome.

JANUARY 12

Colorado Rural Free Delivery Postal Markings
By Roger Rydberg

R.F.D. postal markings are some of the most elusive of all Colorado postal history markings. This PowerPoint presentation will present some history of the RFD system and show a variety of RFD covers from Colorado.

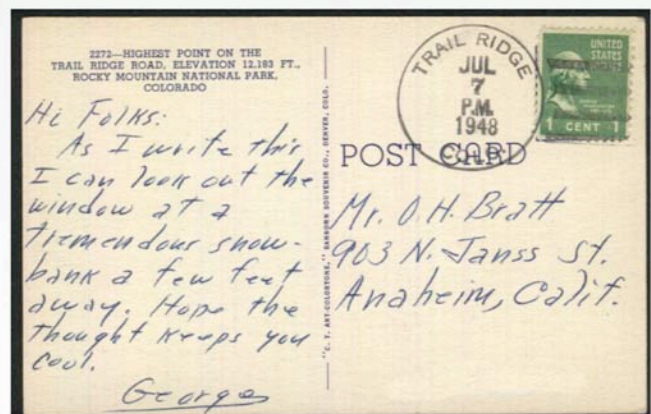


One of just 90 to 100 covers known to exist with a Colorado R.F.D. cancel. Over the past 20-plus years, Roger has managed to acquire nearly half of them.

FEBRUARY 10

National Park Service Sites on Stamps and Covers
By Paul Lee

U.S. National Park Service sites are depicted and referenced on many more stamps and covers than you would think.



A Trail Ridge Road cancel is included in Paul's presentation. Trail Ridge was one of three post offices in Rocky Mountain National Park.

\$40,000 DONATION

Bill Stolfus and his wife, Ann Richardson, have given the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library stamps with an appraised value of more than \$40,000.

Bill collected very fine to superb US stamps beginning in the 1970's but gave up the pursuit about twenty years ago. He said he could have sent the material to auction houses, but decided he didn't want to go through the hassle. "I was a novice and wouldn't know if I was getting a good deal or not," he said.

He and Ann are members of the library and decided a donation would be beneficial to them and to the RMPL.

Bill is a retired certified public accountant, having served as the Associate Vice President of Finance at Colorado State University. He is well aware of the advantages of a donation.

The decision was easy for Bill and Ann. They considered the tax implications and the fees associated with dealing with an auction house and they realized that the procedure would be demanding and time consuming. The financial benefits to them would be about the same for an auction versus a donation, except that the gift to the library was easier. Bill commented that it was a friendly process which put the whole transaction together.

IRS rules require that the library delay the sale of any donation worth more than \$5,000, so under those federal tax rules, Bill's collection will stay in the RMPL's bank safety deposit box until September of 2010.

The RMPL Board of Directors says "Thank you!" to Bill and Ann for this wonderful gift.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to those who joined the library during November and December.

Hugh Kron, Denver, CO

Collects U.S., World

Stan Dempsey, Lakewood, CO

Collects Colorado Postal History

Theo Gould, Aurora, CO

Fred Huskins, Rye, CO

Collects Postal Markings of West Africa

Dale Cunningham, Mullan, ID

Collects Worldwide

Patrick McCarty, Longmont, CO

Collects U.S.

Rick Jensen, Aurora, CO

Alex Downing (Youth), Highlands Ranch, CO

Collects Cats, Odd-shaped Stamps

Vince Moraques, Omaha, NE

Bonnie Bowman, Aurora, CO

ADDITIONS TO THE SHELVES

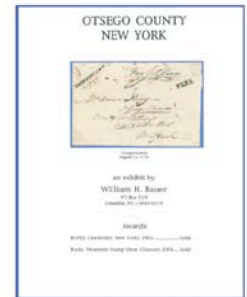
UNITED STATES

GENERAL REFERENCE

The Black Proprietary Stamps of 1914-1916 by Scott M. Troutman, 2004.



Buffalo Balloon Mail



Otsego County, NY

The Buffalo Balloon Mail 1873-1877 by Robert Schoendorf, 1979.

Celebrate the Century: A Collection of Commemorative Stamps, Charles R. Williams USPS Project Manager, 1998.

Hale & Co. Independent Mail Company 1843-1845 by Michael S. Gutman, 2003.

Mortimer L. Neinken Collection, an auction by Robert A. Siegel, 1970. [Note: This auction has been in the auction catalog section of the library. It has been moved into the shelves of the main collection because of its importance.]

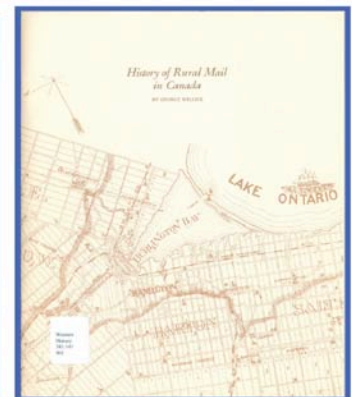
Otsego County New York, an exhibit by William H. Bauer, 2003.

Postal History of the 1954 Liberty Series, an exhibit by Roland Austin, 2006.

Postal Markings of Michigan: Period I, II & III: 1803-1879 by David M. Ellis, 2007.



U.S. Patriotic Covers page



Rural Mail of Canada

United States Patriotic Covers of World War II by Lawrence Sherman, M.D., 1999.

CANADA

History of Rural Mail in Canada by George Wilcox, 1975.

Singing Songs to the Spirit: The History and Culture of the Inuit by Michael Mitchell, 1980.

EUROPE

Second World War Cyprus Civil Censorship, selected pages from an exhibit by Alex Ioannides, 2004.

Sovjetunion, Borek-Netto-Katalog 1967.

D.S. Bolaffi's Italy 1962 Postage Stamp Specialized Catalogue.

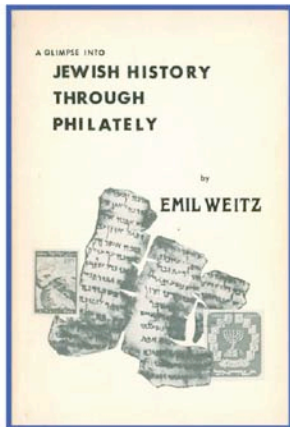
Tables of French Postal Rates 1849 to 2005 by Derek Richardson, 2006.

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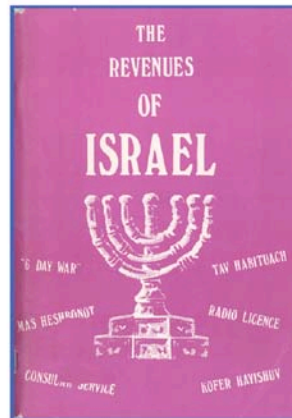
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MIDDLE EAST

Catalogue of the Jewish National Fund Stamps, 1902-1950 by Isidor Simon, 1950.

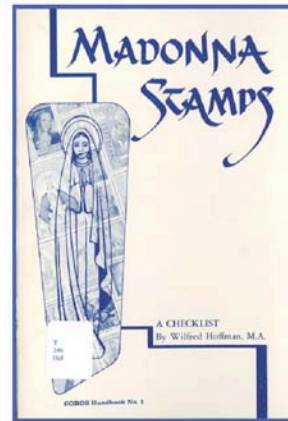


Jewish History

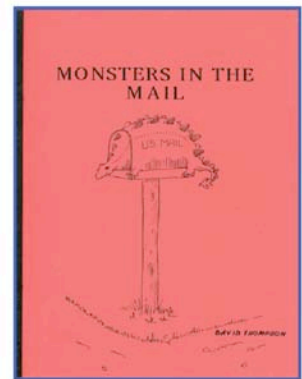


Revenues of Israel

A Glimpse into Jewish History Through Philately by Emil Weitz, 1970.
The History of Israel's Postage Stamps by Harold U. Ribalow, 1956.
Judaica: Synagogues, Rabbis, and Festivals by Mark Vainer, [no date].
Mail from Israel by Alexander Fraenkel, 1952.
Wallerstein's 1980 Specialized Catalog of Israel and the Holy Land Revenues.



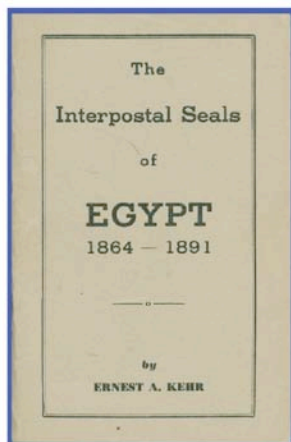
Madonna Stamps



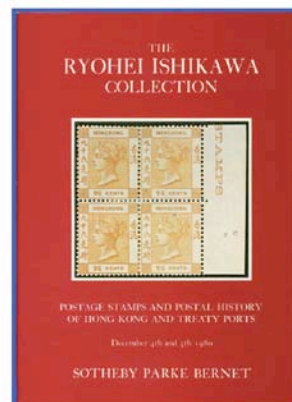
Monsters in the Mail

Madonna Stamps: A Checklist by Wilfred Hoffman (COROS Handbook No.1), 1961.
Maimonides 850th Anniversary [Stamp Album], [no author, publisher or date]
Monsters in the Mail by David Thompson, 1990.
Philatelic Judaica by John Henry Richter, 1983.
World War II Remembered: 1943: The Turning Tide, USPS, 1993.
World War II Remembered: 1944: Road to Victory, USPS, 1994.
World War II Remembered: 1945: Victory at Last, USPS, 1995.

AFRICA



Interpostal Seals of Egypt



Ishikawa Hong Kong

The Interpostal Seals of Egypt 1864-1891 by Ernest A. Kehr, 1943.
Southwest Africa Postal History. a Matthew Bennett Int'l. auction, 2005.
Sudan Postage, a collection formed by Charles James, 2005.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC OCEAN

China: Red Revenue Covers, Sotheby's Auction, Hong Kong, 1996.
Ma's Illustrated Catalogue of the Stamps of China, 1998.
The Ryohei Isikawa Collection: Postage Stamps and Postal History of Hong Kong and Treaty Ports, Sotheby Parke Bernet auction, 1980.

TOPICALS

Collect Railways on Stamps by Howard Burkhalter, 2nd ed., 1990.
Legends of the West, Terry McCaffrey, USPS Project Manager, 1993.
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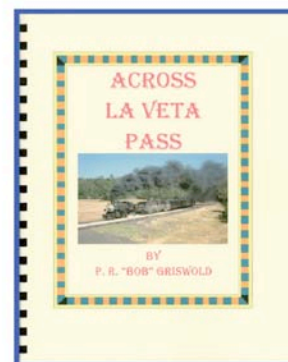
FIRST DAY COVERS

The Cachet Catalog of Staehle & Knapp by M. Douglas Parks, 1981.
Photo Cachet Catalog: Fulton Covers by Dr. John E. Borges and Marge Finger, 1975.
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Specialized Catalogue of First Day Ceremony Programs & Events by Dr. Scott Pelcyger, 1989.

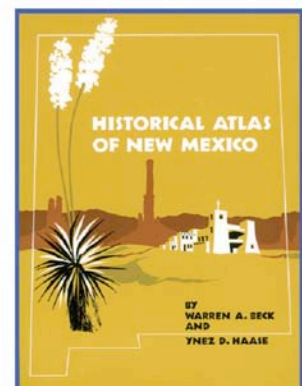
POSTCARDS

Postcards of the Waffen SS Series Cards by Matthew Roth and J. Moonwheel, 2006.

COLORADO AND THE WEST



Across La Veta Pass



Atlas of New Mexico

Across La Veta Pass by P.R. "Bob" Griswold, 2007.
The Arkansas Valley Railway, Branch of the Kansas Pacific Railroad by Philip L. Petersen, 1993.

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The County Boundaries of New Mexico by Charles F. Coan, 1965.
The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad by Spencer Wilson and Vernon J. Glover, 1980.
Denver Comes of Age: The Postwar Photography of Morey Engle, 1994.
Essays and Monographs in Colorado History, Colorado Historical Society, 1990.
Historical Atlas of New Mexico by Warren A. Beck and Ynez D. Haase, 5th printing, 1989.
Historical Atlas of Oklahoma by John W. Morris and Edwin C. McReynolds, 1965.
Historical Atlas of Washington by James W. Scott and Roland L. De Lorme, 1988.
The Lessons of Leadville by William Philpott, 1995.
A Portrait of Colorado, text by Thomas K. Worcester and Robert B. Pamplin, Jr.; paintings and drawings by Susan E. Underwood;

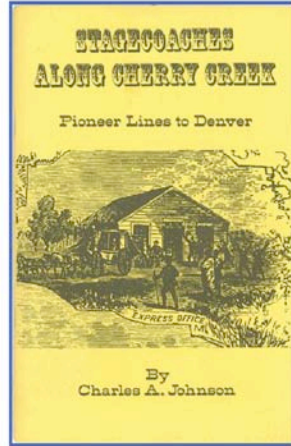
Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan, 2006.

MISCELLANEOUS

New International Atlas of the World: War Edition by Geographical Publishing Company, 1945.
Undercover Addresses of World War II, Rev. Ed. by Charles R. Entwistle, 1992.
World Atlas of Railways by O.S. Nock, 1978.



Seamy Side of Denver



Stagecoaches / Cherry Creek



Crete Counterfeits page



Out-Foxing Fakers page

FAKES AND FORGERIES

Counterfeits of the First Six Issues of Crete; Counterfeit Cancellations of German Colonies and Offices by Charles Sidney Thompson, 1943.
Fakes, Forgeries, Experts No. 10, edited by Knud Mohr, 2007.

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The Seamy Side of Denver by Phil Goodstein, 1993.
The South Park Line by Mallory Hope Ferrell, 2003.
Stagecoaches Along Cherry Creek: Pioneer Lines to Denver by Charles A. Johnson, 1980.
The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the

CHERRELYN STAMP SHOW 2008
 January 26 & 27
 Malley Recreation Center
 3380 So. Lincoln St.

Visit the RMPL ...

1.2 miles from RMPL to E Evans exit 204 on I-25

3.5 miles from RMPL to E Iliff Exit 5 on I-225

Hours
 Monday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Tuesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Wednesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Thursday 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Friday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Closed Sunday

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

++ Please Print All Information Clearly ++

Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street Apt. No.

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No.: (_____) _____

Email: _____

I am a member of the following national philatelic organizations:
(Please provide membership numbers if you know them.)

APS _____ USSS _____ ATA _____

Others: _____

My collecting interests are: _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL REQUESTED:

Note: Checkout privileges begin at the Contributing Membership level, or \$25 per year.

REGULAR MEMBER	[]	\$ 15.00 / YEAR	Payment Method:
CONTRIBUTING MEMBER	[]	\$ 25.00 / YEAR	Cash: _____
SUSTAINING MEMBER	[]	\$ 50.00 / YEAR	Check: _____
PATRON MEMBER	[]	\$ 100.00 / YEAR	# _____
SELECT MEMBER	[]	\$ 250.00 / YEAR	
BENEFACTOR MEMBER	[]	\$ 500.00 / YEAR	

Signature: _____ Date _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

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...What's Happening at the RMPL...
 "Come and Enjoy the Activities"

Monday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Thursday 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Friday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Closed Sundays and Holidays

Wednesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

JANUARY 2008

January 1 - New Year's Day - Closed
 January 2 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club
 6:30 PM Trading; 7:30 PM Meeting & Program
 January 5 - Meeting 10:00 AM
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
 January 5 - Meeting 2:00 PM
 TOPIC - Topical Collectors in Colorado
 January 12 - 9:00 AM
Second Saturday at the RMPL
 Program by Roger Rydberg
 "Colorado Rural Free Delivery Postal Markings"
 January 12 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Mexico/Latin America Study Group
 January 12 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Universal Ship Cancellation Society
 U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
 January 17 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM
 All members are invited to attend the RMPL's first
 quarter board meeting.
 January 19 - Meeting - 9:30 AM - Noon
 Metro Denver Young Stamp Collectors Club
 January 19 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
 January 20 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Machin Study Group (RMPL open Sunday for this meeting only.)
January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Closed
 January 27 - Workshop - 10:00 AM
 RMSS/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop
 (Please call for reservations.)
 January 22 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee
 January 23 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Israel Stamp Club

FEBRUARY 2008

February 2 - Meeting 10:00 AM
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
 February 2 - Meeting 2:00 PM
 TOPIC - Topical Collectors in Colorado
 February 6 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club
 6:30 PM Trading; 7:30 PM Meeting & Program
 February 9 - 9:00 AM
Second Saturday at the RMPL
 Program by Paul Lee
 "National Parks on Stamps and Covers"
 February 9 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Mexico/Latin America Study Group
 February 9 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Universal Ship Cancellation Society
 U.S.S. Colorado Chapter
 February 16 - Meeting - 9:30 AM - Noon
 Metro Denver Young Stamp Collectors Club
 February 16 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
 February 17 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Machin Study Group (RMPL open Sunday for this meeting only.)
February 18 - President's Day - Closed
 February 23 - Workshop - 10:00 AM
 RMSS/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop
 (Please call for reservations.)
 February 26 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee
 February 27 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Israel Stamp Club



...Show Schedule...

January 19 & 20: 16th Denver Postcard Show, "Postcard and Paper Odyssey 2008." Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, W. 6th Ave. at Indiana

January 26 & 27: Cherrelyn Stamp Show 2008. Malley Recreation Center, 3380 So. Lincoln, Englewood. USPS, 31 dealers. Contact Sergio Lugo (303) 691-0393

May 16, 17, 18: Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2008 (ROMPEX). Holiday Inn DIA, I-70 and Chambers Road. For information: www.rockymountainstampshow.com



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