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...from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library



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## Second Saturday

### Programs

9:00 - 10:00 AM

at the RMPL

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### July 12

*New Eames 42c Stamps*

By Ronald Hill

### August 8

*Leeds Patent Envelope*

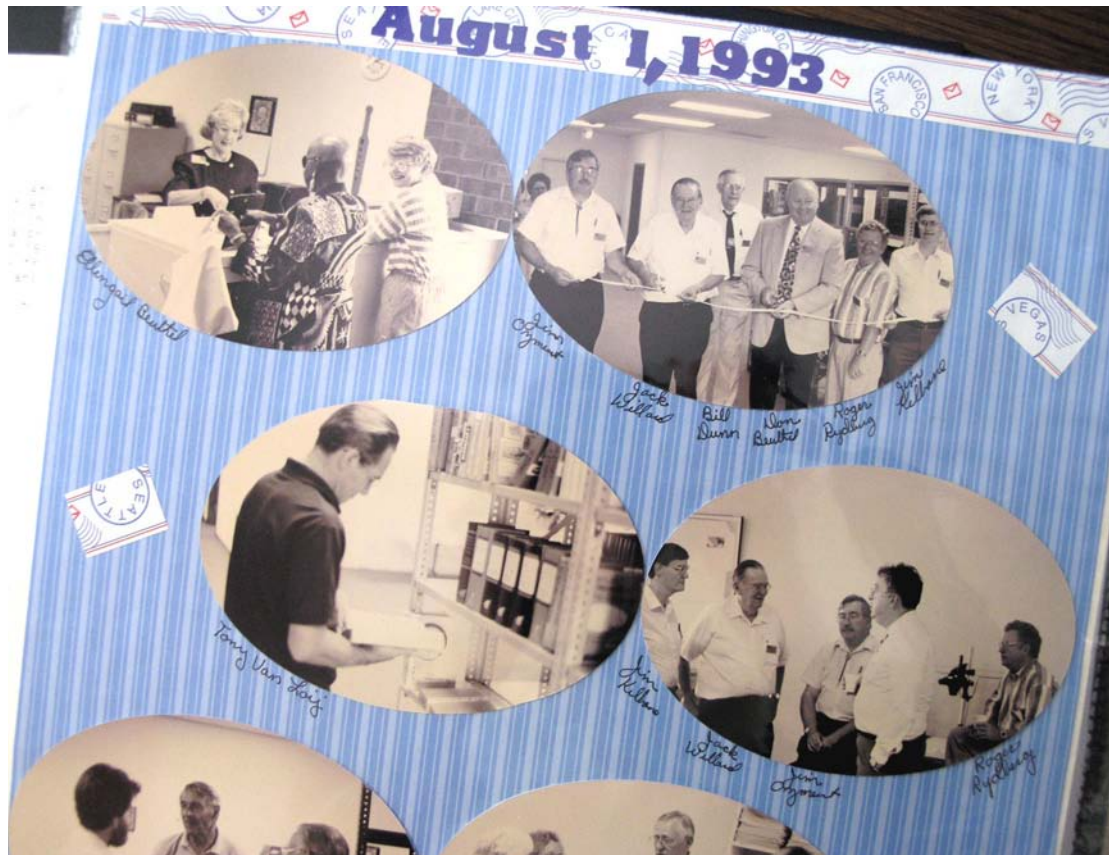
By Steve Pacetti

## Welcome Authors

Do you have a story to tell? About a great stamp, a great cover, a great collection, a great experience at the RMPL. Great. Let me know.

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Ronald Hill, Editor



## RMPL, Fifteen Years Young

### A Tribute to The Past and to The Future

Opening Day, August 1, 1993  
(from the RMPL Scrapbook)

by Peter Adgie

Take a school teacher, a chemist, a furniture dealer, a railway construction engineer, a television reporter, a carpenter, and a professional librarian: add a heavy dose of philatelic lore, and bingo! You have the start of a collection of stamp-related materials that would expand and develop and exceed all expectations.

Over a period of years, what started with Saturday 'burrito' lunch meetings, these visionaries met in homes and basements; dreams were shared, hopes raised (and felled); and then came the call to action!

Don Beuthel, Bill Dunn, Jack Willard, Jim Ozment, Roger Rydberg, signers of the original Articles of Incorporation, soon to be joined by a corps of similarly dedicated people, with the added professional gift of Ellengail Beuthel, launched their philatelic craft into the Rocky Mountain world. And so, in August 1993, thanks to the generosity of Dave Capra in donating a meeting place on South Peoria Street, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library was officially born. Financial gifts were needed and found. Volunteers stepped forward to serve as sorters, greeters, and presenters. At first, three days a week, then expansion to four and, briefly seven!

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Top and Opposite page (from the RMPL Scrapbook)

Top, left - Open spaces - putting down the new carpet

Center left - Ellengail and Don Beuthel; August 1, 1998 - 5th Anniversary

Bottom left - Ron Mitchell (circa 1999) at the early Bondi Blue iMac

Directly above - Tenth Anniversary celebration at Mt Vernon Country Club





## RMPL - Fifteen Years continued from page 1

Disaster seemed to strike when the original donated space was needed for other businesses, the library temporarily moved into an adjacent smaller section later that year. That space then was lost and everything was placed into storage. The search began for a permanent home.

In May 1996, 2038 South Pontiac Way was purchased (with a mortgage!) and for several more months, the building underwent a major renovation. Steve Schweighofer, Jim Kilbane, Roger Rydberg (first Treasurer), Sergio Lugo, Bob Blatherwick (taking over as treasurer), Ron Mitchell, and twenty or more others, joined with those early visionaries, each with their own gifts, to create the highly professional library that we honor today.

The RMPL was officially opened in its present site on August 3, 1996. None of these efforts would have been effective without the expertise of Ellengail Beuthel, who for all these years has voluntarily given dedicated cataloging and detailed reference skills. Yet we need to stress that, unlike other philatelic libraries and research centers, RMPL has never paid

its increasing and concerned staff. Virtually all of the philatelic materials, along with the furnishings to display and house them have been donated. At the same time major efforts to achieve nonprofit certification were made thus allowing donors to receive tax exemption.

The passing of Joe Weinman and Bill Dunn and the illness of Jack Willard, reminds us that the other creators remain evident and as supportive as ever. Vi Weinman and Sue Dunn, the latter a volunteer who also maintains our flower garden as a memorial to Bill, are evidence that the leadership is also a family affair. The stories of the past resound in all the developments: stamp clubs meeting at the library, major and not so major collections of stamps and literature, cataloges and miscellany; thousands of volumes available for research; and a growing publications and publicity program initiated by Ron Mitchell and Sergio Lugo, along with the outstanding Library newsletter *Scribblings*, originated by Don Beuthel, and printed and published by Roger Rydberg, later expanded by Ron Mitchell and now edited by Ron Hill.

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*Bob Brown - Corresponding Secretary and Curator of the Map Collection*



*Ellengail Beuthel - Librarian*

## **RMPL - Fifteen Years**

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Each one of these remarkable persons would merit an essay on their own: the creation of our logo by the son of Bill Dunn; the donation of shelves, tables and furnishings by various members; the one-time member of Jack Willard's Boy Scout troop who improved the plumbing; the purchase of the carpet by square foot donations of many; the labor of renovating the building by Steve Schweighofer and Cliff Lushbough with the help of dozens of others; the recruiting of philatelic donations by Joe Weinman and other innovators; the vision to purchase a quality color printer/copy machine making the newsletter, monographs and, now, even a new hard-cover book, assembled with Ron Mitchell's computer skills; our amazing map collection supervised by Bob Brown; and work by Sergio Lugo and his crew in the preparation for sale of the multitude of stamps donated to the library over the years.

Fiscal responsibility along with the amazing generosity of the Library's members made it possible to pay off the mortgage in 2003.

Today, to the countless hours of labor by the Board of Directors under the leadership, first, of Don Beuthel and now Ron Mitchell, are added the services of over 30 volunteers who put in weekly shifts to keep the library open and the impressive venture it has become. Numerous stamp clubs meet at the Library including the Scandinavian Society local chapter, whose national library is also maintained under the RMPL roof.

Already, and yet again, thanks to Ellengail, our cataloging will soon be going online (the first regional philatelic library to do so) with our books open to the world. New clubs are becoming viable thanks to the RMPL resource, the newest being the Machin Study Group which meets monthly at the RMPL.

Even more significantly, children and youth are being served and encouraged, thanks to many leaders, with efforts by Don Beuthel and George Wright from the very beginning and today led by Don Dhonau as coordinator of the monthly Youth Club with contacts with schools and youth organizations. RMPL is also very evident at stamp shows, with auctions and displays at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show and other local shows such as APEX and CHERPEX.

Rightly impressed with the present results of their dreams, the present leaders are acutely aware that the true evidence of all their efforts depends on the future. And the future is far from bleak: new members (now numbering well over 450) assist with financing and publicity; the Board of Directors are discussing plans for future expansion; the possible need for a paid coordinator; all of which point to a vibrant Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library that confidently looks to many future decades and its silver anniversary in 2018.

Y'all come! We'll be there!



# Editorial: RMPL, A Work in Progress, And a Lot More

by Ronald Hill

It is such an understatement to call the RMPL library "a work in progress." In a mere 15-years the progress has been spectacular. Today there are over 9,000 books on the shelves.

Our periodical collection is outstanding with more than 1,100 titles. In addition we have an extensive collection of slide shows, digital files and PowerPoint presentations, video programs, digital files of major exhibits. Each of these areas are growing as volunteers put in many hours keeping up with the input of new material.

We have mentioned the massive job of cataloging thousands of books and new ones arriving almost weekly. And all of the other jobs accomplished entirely by volunteers including keeping the library open six days a week, year round, except holidays.

In addition to the extensive collection of philatelic books and periodicals many may not be aware of the Western and Rail History collection, a useful compliment to researching postal history. The same can be said for the map collection, a valuable tool in studying philatelic and postal history of our country.

The growth and health of the RMPL has

provided another important service, perhaps overlooked by the average collector and member of the library. This is the vast resource we have readily available to national and international exhibit judges residing in the western states.

(See "A True Gem" below)

Many philatelic collectors pride themselves on their own personal library of philatelic literature and books. But for many the cost of keeping up-to-date with new books being released, especially when one has a variety of interests can be frustrating, to say the least. Visit the RMPL any day and you see the number of reference books being used around the room. And, further, look at the dozens of cards filed on books out on loan. What would our members do without the library?

And, speaking of members, during the first three-months of operation in 1993, the library already had 70 members. By the next year there were 125 members. We passed 300 members in 2001, reached 400 members two years ago and today total 462. And, if you know someone who is not already a member, the membership form is on page 15. We need you for the next 15-years..

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## "A True Gem..." says Tim Bartshe

Not all of the 120 accredited National APS judges have the great benefits that I have living only 30 minutes away from the RMPL. Yes, with the price of gasoline the way it is today, driving some 40 miles is not cheap anymore, but pity the poor judge who lives hundreds of miles away from a philatelic library or even a thousand miles away. Those judges who do not have a massive library to resource from must call upon the APRL in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania and their researchers to look up articles, photocopy pages and / or send volumes in advance. This, I can tell you, is a



rather expensive enterprise costing upwards of \$50-100 for each show being judged.

I have found that while the RMPL may not have everything that I WANT, it will have virtually everything that I NEED in order to properly prepare to judge exhibits loaded with unfamiliar or esoteric material. The library allows me to be able to prepare to judge hundreds of different exhibits a year at the 5 to 8 shows a year I attend.

The advancements this institution has achieved thanks to our librarian Ellengail Beuthel make using this resource in an efficient manner and coupled with the article search online from the APRL, the periodicals can also be utilized more fully. A true gem and not really even in the rough after all these years.

# New 42c Colorado Flag Stamp Introduced at State Capitol

The First Day of Issue on Flag Day, June 14, 2008, of the new 42c Colorado flag stamp was held on the steps of the Capitol and was attended by a number of RMPL members.

The unveiling of the new stamp was made by Denver Postmaster Alan Catlin accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Barbara O'Brien (see photo). Also speaking was Selwyn Epperson, USPS Colorado/Wyoming District Manager.

Special FDC's were available at the ceremony as well as the sale of coils of the new Flags of Our Nation stamps.

Over the next three years the Postal Service will issue 60 new flag stamps to represent the flags of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and the U.S.A. The first 10 stamps of the series were issued at this time.



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**First, and foremost, the Nominating Committee extends our sincere "thank you" to those of you that have served as officers and board members during the past three years.**

January 31, 2009 marks the end of the term of office for the current RMPL officers and board of directors. It is now time for elections. At this time several current board members have indicated that they will not be standing for reelection. One of these offices includes President, which is a critical need for the continued growth and success of the RMPL.

The following offices and positions open for nomination include:

**President; Operations Manager; Vice-President  
Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer  
(4) At Large Board positions.**

Nominations are due by August 31, 2008. Election ballots will be included with the mailing of the January - February 2009 issue of *Scribblings* with ballots due back by January 31, 2009.

Any member, in good standing, is eligible to hold office, serve as a board member, or nominate members to the above positions. It should be noted that it is acceptable to self nominate should you desire to run for office.

Should you have questions about the elections or duties of the positions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members. The members are: Roger Rydberg, Chairman, rrydberg5@comcast.net, Paul Albright, palbright@wiche.edu, and Frank Leitz, fleitz@do.usbr.gov. In addition, Roger is available at the library on Thursday nights, Paul on Wednesday mornings, and Frank on Saturday at the Second Saturday Program. Please call 303.759.9921 at these times or email for additional information.

Enclosed with this issue of *Scribblings* is a "Call for Nominations". We hope that you will use it to help in our quest for a slate of officers for the upcoming term. Nomination forms can be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, Attn: Nominating Committee, 2038 S Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224 or placed in the nomination box at the library.

Nominating Committee: Roger Rydberg, Chairman; Paul Albright, Member; Frank Leitz, Member



## My Life As a Stamp Collector

by Ron Mitchell

It all started in 1947 just before Christmas on a snowy evening in Plattsburgh, New York. My mother and dad and older brother and I went into a small hobby shop looking for something for my brother for Christmas. I was seven-years old and the shopping trip to Plattsburgh from Montreal, where my dad was working on an engineering project, was like magic.

I don't remember what it looked like inside the shop, but I do remember the outside as a small storefront with display windows on each side and one step up to the door. I'm not sure, but there may have been a stamp album in one of the windows that drew us inside.

We came out of the hobby shop with a red Scott Modern album and a good-sized packet of stamps. Over the coming weeks, I watched in awe as my brother matched the stamps with the pictures in the album and carefully hinged each one in.

There are specific stamps from the packet that I remember well. There was a colorful stamp from Brazil with a bag of coffee with the Brazilian flag on it, a triangle stamp from Costa Rica showing a Cacao plant, a set of four stamps from Italy showing the life of Galileo, bi-colors from New Zealand and many British Colonies, and the airmails! My, how I loved the airmails.

Two years later I was deemed old enough to start my own stamp collection and my first stamp was the Wright Brothers 46th Anniversary of Flight. It is still one of my favorites.

When my family moved to Denver in 1950 we lived near Washington Park and I would play there nearly every day. I was becoming more and more addicted to stamps and an important place for me to visit was the Eugene Field Branch Library, located in the park on Franklin Street, in the house Field lived in when he was editor for the *Denver Tribune*.

In the library was the 1938 Presidential Series prominently displayed in a picture frame hanging on a post. I memorized the order of the presidents by studying the stamps in that frame.

Soon, I saved my allowance so I could go to the Philatelic Window in the Main Post Office and buy all of the Presidential Series through the \$2.00 value. (Years later, I wound up paying \$52.50 for the \$5.00 to complete the set).

It was about this time I started riding the Number 5 bus downtown to Dan Stone's stamp shop in the Denver Theater building on Saturdays at least once a month, and sometimes more often. Dan steered me toward collecting U.S. in a Scott National Album that cost \$10.00.

In 1955, the summer I turned 15 and after I had been coming into his shop for five years, Dan hired me to sell recent U.S. stamps to youngsters who frequented the shop on Saturdays. It was my first real job.

Dan used a cigar box for his cash register and at the end of the day would dip his tongs into the cigar box and take out a \$5.00 bill to pay me for helping him. Back then \$5.00 would go a long way toward filling empty spaces in that National Album.



While many kids stopped collecting in high school or college or when starting a family, I kept at it. You can ask Judie, my bride of forty seven years, all about it.

When it took more than a dollar an item to continue my U.S. collection, I turned to worldwide so I could play with stamps to my heart's content for very little money.

Then one day in about 1970 I was merrily sticking stamps into the Mexico section of an International Album when I spotted a note in the Scott Catalogue. It said, "This set is usually called the Denver Issue because it was printed there." That one line launched me into a specialty I still avidly pursue. Those eight stamps have taken me on many adventures into learning about the 1913-17 revolution in Mexico and its most famous general, Pancho Villa.

Somewhere along the line it became obvious to me that stamp collecting is just another way of looking at history, and many of us are attracted to the hobby because we are life-long learners.

Like others, I have fond hopes that other family members will follow in old Dad's footsteps. It is said that things like the stamp collecting hobby often skip generations because the children of the collector (perhaps subconsciously) viewed the hours spent on stamps as hours taken away from spending time with them. My children deny they felt that way, but they have absolutely no interest in stamp collecting and none of my grand-children have shown interest either.

Perhaps great-grandchildren (five or ten years down the road) will be a different matter. I can hardly wait to introduce them to the hobby and look for the same sparkle of interest that I remember so well from my childhood.



# Postal History of The 1st Infantry Division

by Sergio Lugo

Veterans of the Army's renowned 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One (BRO), will hold their 90th Annual Reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado, August 20-24, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza. Sponsored by the Society of the First Infantry Division, it is expected to attract attendance from 1,000+ members of its former comrades in arms. Anyone who ever served in the Division or any unit attached to it is cordially invited.

Following are a selection of interesting covers relating to the 1st Infantry Division. A few high points about the Division are covered here, extracted from my collection.

The 1st Infantry Division is the Army's oldest, and among its most famous, fighting formations. A brief history of the Division follows.

Constituted in May 1917 from active Army units and officially organized on June 8, 1917, the Division's first units sailed for France on June 14, 1917. On July 6, the First Expeditionary Division was redesignated the First Infantry Division. In 1918 it spearheaded the march to Allied victory by being the Division that had advanced the furthest into German held territory before the armistice in November.

Reorganized in 1941-42, the Division was part of the "Operation Torch" force that invaded Africa in 1942. The lessons of combat were harsh (see Kasserine Pass) before the Division earned its spurs in the campaigns that followed. The BRO then moved on to take Sicily as part of the invading forces in "Operation Husky," followed by the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion when the 1st Division stormed ashore at Omaha Beach, with the 16th Infantry Regiment fighting for its life.

Thereafter, the 1st Division stood as the American vanguard of democracy in Europe during the Cold War until 1955, when the Division returned to the United States to Fort Riley, Kansas.

On 12 July 1965, the 2d Brigade of the Big Red One (BRO) landed in Vietnam making it the first element of an American infantry division to arrive there. By 1 November the entire division was operational. Eleven days later, near Bau Bang on National Highway 13 (Thunder Road to its veterans), the BRO fought its first major battle.

The Division suffered 20,770 casualties (third highest among U.S. divisions, exceeded only by the two Marine Divisions serving in Vietnam),



**Figure 1: The 6th Field Artillery Regiment was the first American unit of the war to engage the Germans. It participated in the July 4, 1917 Paris, France parade staged by the AEF as suggested by Musician John Rydgard (see postmark). At that parade, an AEF staff officer proclaimed: "Lafayette, we have returned." A regimental censor added his marking (# 57) to the 6th Artillery's Lt. censor.**

Upon its return, in 1990, the BRO became a mechanized division. The Division's 3rd Brigade was detached to Germany, becoming known as 1st Infantry Division (Forward).

On Aug. 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, precipitating combat operations in the Persian Gulf. BRO deployment began on Nov. 8, 1990 to Saudi Arabia over the next two months. Operation Desert Storm commenced with air raids and artillery barrages, and on the morning of Feb. 24, 1991, the 1st Infantry Division spearheaded the armored attack that created the breach in Iraqi defenses that enabled armored VII Corps units to smash into Iraq. After its initial breakthrough, it decimated the Iraqi 26th Inf. Div. Once the breach was secured, the British 1st Armored Division was allowed to advance and pass through the BRO.

In the years that followed, the Division performed a variety of peacekeeping activities in 1995 and 1996 in the former Yugoslav province of Bosnia and beginning in February 1999 in Kosovo.

The Division's participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terrorism is one of many stories as its units continue to be deployed with different missions and under differing command structures.

In September 2003, the 1st Brigade Combat Team from Ft Riley was deployed to Iraq where they were initially assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and later to the 1st

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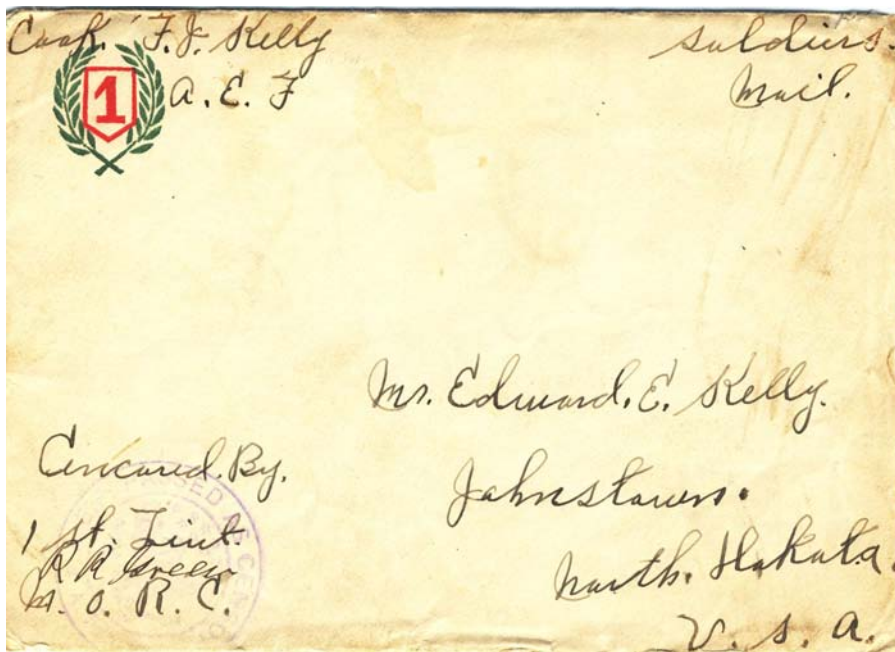


Figure 2: In his letter to his brother, Cook Kelly explains that even though the 1st was there with the "firstest" and the "mostest", due to its advance into Germany it would be the "lastest" division heading home!

## 1st Infantry Division

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Marine Division. The 1st BCT closed back to Ft. Riley in late September 2004. In the spring of 2004, the 1st Infantry Division deployed to Iraq as Task Force Danger. With numerous individual unit deployments to Iraqi battlefields during the next five years and continuing to this day, its organic units have experienced hundreds of battlefield casualties in their fight against Islamic terrorists and Iraqi militias and have engaged in a variety of combat operations, including the famed Battle of Fallujah.

Starting in 2005 and extending into 2008, the BRO simultaneously "transformed" via a massive reorganization that involved significant changes in its structure, units, missions and basing. The bulk of the Division is again located at Ft. Riley, Kansas with an air cavalry regiment located at Ft. Carson, Colorado.

*This article will continue in future Scribblings covering the 2nd Infantry Regiment, along with a tribute to its oldest regimental formation by an RMPL member who served in it.*



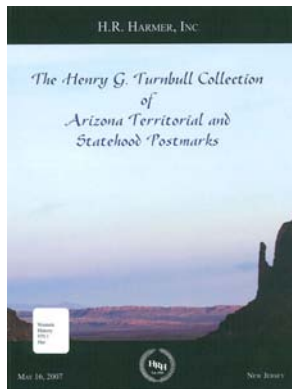
Figure 3: Mrs. E.I. Baldwin wrote her son in July, 1918, but Eugene was on the move until he received it in Thielt, Belgium on November 28, 1918.



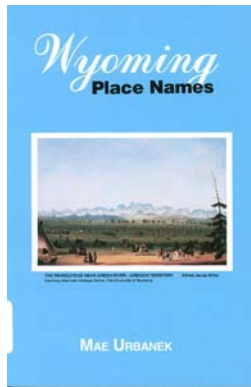
Figure 4: Capt. Teixeira's stationery suggests a philatelist at heart as commander of Company G of the 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division in 1943 North Africa.

## WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?

### UNITED STATES



*The Henry G. Turnbull Collection of Arizona Territorial and Statehood Postmarks*, H. R. Hamer Auction May 16, 2007



*Wyoming Place Names*, by Mae Urbanek, 1988

*Harris Illustrated Postage Stamp Catalog US, Canada and United Nations*, 1985

*Descriptive Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of Hawaii*, by Walter M. Giffard.

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*Native American Placenames of the United States*, by William Bright, 2004.

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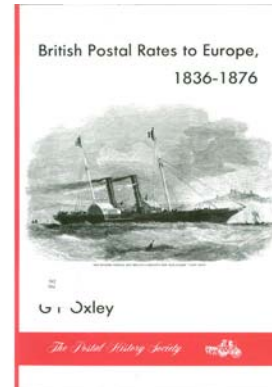
*President Gerald Ford and First Lady Betty Ford on Worldwide Stamps*, by Melvin Morris, 2008.

*The New Empire of the Rockies, A History of the Northeast Colorado*, by Steven F. Mehls, 1984.

*Land of Contrast, A History of Southeast Colorado*, by Frederic J. Athearn, 1985.

*President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt on Worldwide Stamps*, by Melvin Morris 2008.

### BRITISH / COMMONWEALTH



*British Postal Rates to Europe 1836–1876*, by G. F. Oxley, 1992.

*The Commonwealth Catalogue of Queen Elizabeth II Postage Stamps 1974, including Ireland*, by Ed Brian Purcell.

*Catalogue of Queen Elizabeth II Postage Stamps*, by John Lister Unlimited, 1969.

*Postal History, Postmarks & Cachets of Lundy Island, an Illustrated Price Guide*, by Stanley Newman, 1991.

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### AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

*Catalogue of New Zealand Stamps*, by Len Jury, 2004.

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*Volume 1 and 2 Die Soldatenmarken der Schweiz, 1914 / 18, 1939 / 45*

*Borekbriefmarken – Katalog Europa : Vatikanstaat*, by Richard Borek, 1976 / 77.

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*Vlastos Catalogue of Stamps and Postal History of Greece*, 1970.

*Catalogo Del Francoboll: Italia – Trieste – Vaticano*, S. Marion, Sassone, 1970.

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*Historia da Aerofilano Brasil: Corrie Aero Nacional*, by Carlos Dos Santos Pinheiro, 1996.

*The Postage Stamps of Guatemala 1871–2007*, 2008.

*Minkus World Wide Stamp Catalog for Latin America*, 1980.



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*What Stamp is That*, Review Publications.

*Index to Congress Books No. 1 - No. 72, 1935-2006*, by American Philatelic Congress

*The Guinness Book of Stamps, Facts and Feats*, by James Mackay, 1982.

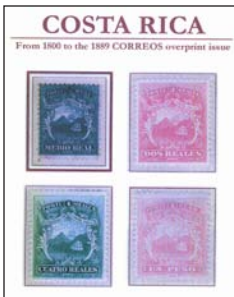
### WORLD

*Deperiteit Van Munter Inde Postgeschiedenis 1700 – 1875 = Parity of Currencies in Postal History*, by Leonard H. Janssen, 2001

*An Atlas of African Affairs*, by Andrew Boyd and Patrick Van Rensburg, 1962.

*The Philatelic Bibliophile's Companion*, by Brian J. Birch, 2007.

### CD-ROM's



*Costa Rica From 1800 to the 1889 Correos Overprint Issue*, by Roland Nordberg.

*The James P. Myreson Collection of 1861 – 1868 Postal History*, by Richard C. Frajola Inc.

*Ultimate Collector for Stamps Inventory and Value Your Collection Based on Scott's 1999 Catalogue*.

*Check List of Lighthouses on Stamps, Stationery Locals and More*, by Dalene Thomas, 2006.

*Japanese Post Offices Using the Maruichi Postmark 1888 – 1909*, by Charles A. L. Swenson.

*Ships on Stamps, Biographies and Images of Ships Shown on Stamps of the World A-D*.

*Stamping Around: Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club*, by Mid-City Stamp Club, 2007.

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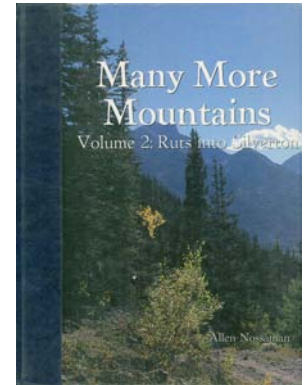
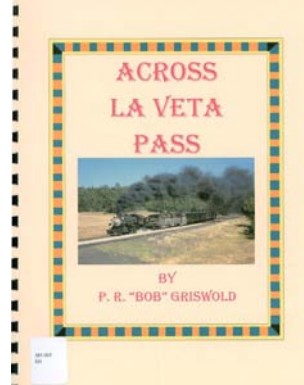
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### COLORADO



*1001 Colorado Place Names*, by Maxine Benson, 1984.

*Colorado Place Names*, by William Bright, 1993.

*Across La Veta Pass*, by P. R. "Bob" Griswold, 2007.

*Many More Mountains, Ruts into Silverton*, by Allen Nossaman, 1993.

## RMPL's Camp Genter Book Wins Gold Medal at NAPEX

The new hardcover book, *Camp Genter, Colorado Ghost Town Mail, Origins & Operations of a 4th Class Post Office*, won Gold Medal at the NAPEX stamp show held in Washington D.C., June 6, 7, 8, 2008. The book, written by Jack Willard and Sergio Lugo, with special assistance from Ron Mitchell and the RMPL Publications Committee, is the first book to be published by the RMPL Library. To purchase a copy, a special introductory price is available until July 31, 2008. (see below)

**CAMP GENTER:  
COLORADO GHOST TOWN MAIL  
Origins and Operations  
of a 4th Class Post Office**  
by John H. Willard & Sergio Lugo

INTRODUCTORY PRICE  
(until July 31, 2008)

Hardbound Edition, \$37.50 postpaid  
Colorado residents add tax - Total \$39.13

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Colorado residents add tax - Total \$26.09  
send orders to:

**Camp Genter Book, RMPL,  
2038 So. Pontiac Way,  
Denver, CO 80224**

# What Are They? Stamps or Stickers?

by Ronald Hill



A couple of months ago a mutual friend (who is not a collector) asked a collector friend and I what we thought of these items (shown above). He said he had them left over from some old camping trips and figured he would ask a couple of stamp collectors.

I thought to myself that I would probably throw them out and consider the face value (\$28) the cost of past camping trips. They are self-adhesive “stickers” obviously issued by the U.S. National Forest Service for “Payment of National Forest Recreation Fees”. The envelope (shown) says to “place stamps on back of fee envelope” and that the stamps may be used instead of money.

OK, now I get it, when you pay for a camp site you can put cash into the envelope or if you don’t want to carry loose cash in your back pack, you can “pre-pay” and buy these “stamps” ahead of time.

Then just on a hunch I checked the Scott Specialized Catalogue at the RMPL and found that there were two printings. Those above were printed in Denver in 1985 and were in use until the summer of 1988. Another series was printed in Washington D.C. in 1986, also withdrawn in 1988. I won’t tell you what the Scott Catalogue value is, but when the above stamps were listed on eBay they sold for Fifty Dollars EACH, yes, each stamp. Yes, \$650 for all of the above. And, the envelope was thrown in free.



## DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following members have made donations to the library in the past two months. Thank you.

Paul Albright	William Greb
John Aycrigg	Elizabeth Henry
Brian Birch	David Kent
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## NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to those who have joined the library in the past two months.

**George Brinkworth**, Twin Lakes, CO–  
Collects VF used worldwide

**Charles R. Merrill**, Denver, CO -  
Collects pre-1951 First Day Covers

**Robert L. Ayers**, Littleton, CO – Collects U.S.A.

**James & Patricia Cochran**, Bailey, CO

**Martin P. Pirnat**, Durango, CO –  
Collects Canada and Colorado Postal History

**William Jay Treat**, Dove Canyon CA – Collects Colorado  
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**Kenneth L. Witt**, Littleton, CO –

**Marvin B. Woolf**, Boulder, CO –  
Collects older Boulder and Weld County covers

**Bob Weatherbee**, Thornton, CO – Collects US & worldwide

**Charles A. Cline**, Aurora, CO

**Jerry McLallen**, Denver, CO – Collects US commemoratives

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## STAMP SHOW NEWS

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### 16th Annual Rocky Mountain States Post Card Show July 18-19, 2008

Friday: Noon to 8:00pm - Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00pm  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Avenue, Golden, CO 80401

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## APEX 2008

September 6, 7, 2008 weekend

Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

**Windsor Gardens, Denver (auditorium)**

595 South Clinton Street; intersection with 9600 East Alameda Avenue  
25 Frames of Exhibits; Many Dealers - Local and Out-of-Town;  
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For information: contact Sergio Lugo, [lugopspe@msn.com](mailto:lugopspe@msn.com)



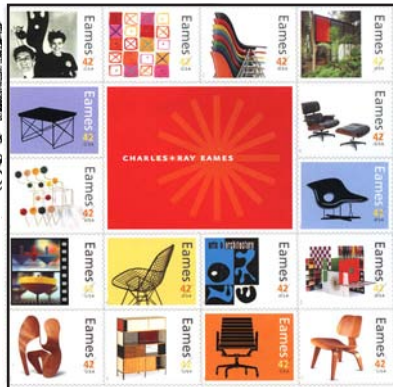
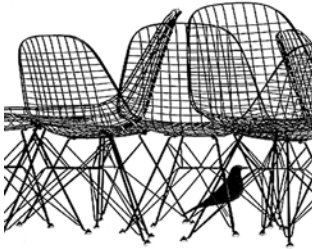
## SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

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.**

**JULY 12**

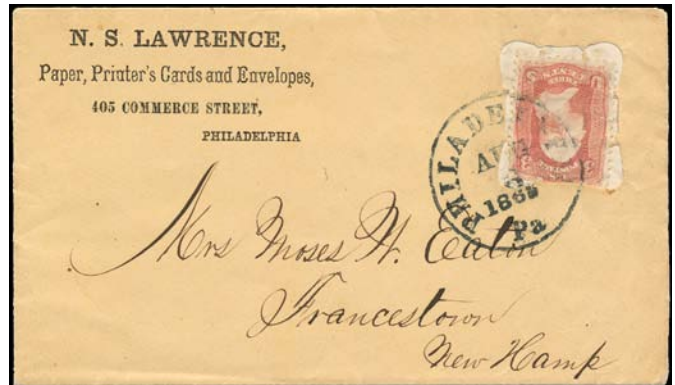
*The New Eames 16-Stamp Pane of 42c Stamps*  
By Ronald Hill



Tuesday, June 17th, 2008 was the First Date of Issue for a new pane of stamps celebrating the work of husband and wife designers, Charles and Ray Eames. A colorful pane of 42-cent stamps includes views of the Eames' legend from early 1940's experiments in bending plywood to colorful furniture and experimental films. This program shows examples of their life and work, many which can also be seen in Denver at the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art.

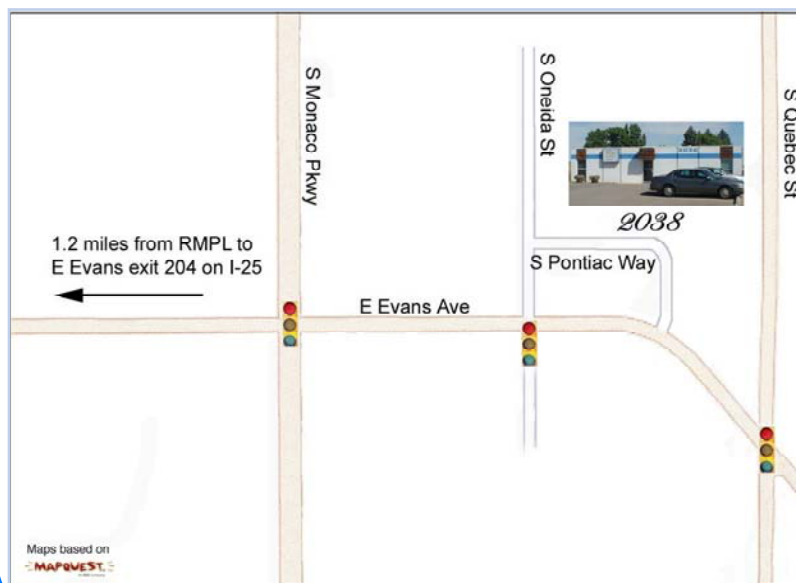
**AUGUST 9**

*The Leeds Patent Envelope*  
By Steve Pacetti



The Leeds Patent Envelope is little more than a footnote to 1860's philately. Not a lot has been written about it. Nonetheless, it has an interesting story about a man with an idea for an "improved envelope" that would appeal to businessmen who needed to mail letters with proof of the date of mailing. You can see in the scan of one envelope a hole cut where the stamp is affixed. Learn the details at this second Saturday program!

## Visit the RMPL ...



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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday 2:00 - 8:00 PM. Closed Sundays and Holidays

**NOTE: Meeting times and places sometime change, especially during the summer months. It's best to call the Library or the Club before going to a meeting for the first time to confirm the place and time. In addition some clubs have picnics in place of the library meeting during the summer.**

### **JULY 2008**

**July 4-5** - Closed for the Holiday

**July 12** - 9:00 AM

#### **Second Saturday at the RMPL**

Program by Ronald Hill

*"The Sixteen New Eames 42c Stamps"*

**July 12** - Meeting - 10:00 AM

Mexico/Latin America Study Group

**July 12** - Aurora Stamp Club Annual Picnic.

**12:00 noon to 4:00 PM, , Adams County Fairgrounds. Guests welcome. Contact Cliff Lushbough or John Bloor for details.**

**July 12** - Meeting - 2:00 PM

Universal Ship Cancellation Society

U.S.S. Colorado Chapter

**July 17** - Meeting - 7:00pm RMPL Board

**July 19** - Meeting - 9:30 AM-Noon

Metro Denver Young Stamp Collectors Club

**July 19** - Meeting - 1:00 PM

Denver Germany Stamp Club

**July 19** - Meeting - 7:30 PM Israel Stamp Club

**July 26** - Workshop - 10:00 AM

RMSS/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop

(Please call for reservations.)

### **AUGUST 2008**

**August 6** - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club

6:30 PM Trading; 7:30 PM Meeting

**August 9** - 9:00 AM

#### **Second Saturday at the RMPL**

Program by Steve Pacetti

*"The Leeds Patent Envelope"*

**August 9** - Meeting 10:00 AM

Mexico/Latin America Study Group

**August 9** - 11:30AM Meeting- Rocky Mountain

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**August 9** - Meeting - 2:00 PM

Universal Ship Cancellation Society

U.S.S. Colorado Chapter

**August 16** - Meeting - 9:30 AM - Noon

Metro Denver Young Stamp

Collectors Club

**August 23** - Workshop - 10:00 AM

RMSS/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop

(Please call for reservations.)

**August 27** - Meeting - 7:30 PM

Israel Stamp Club

**August 30** - Closed for Labor Day Weekend.

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### **RMPL BULK LOT AUCTION**

**KEEP THIS DATE OPEN:**

**October 4, 2008**

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