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...from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

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Three-dimensional postal history...

USPS Gold Crate Denver Mint Connection

By Ron Mitchell

It was an unusual retirement gift, to say the least, and it was just what Dr. Frank Scheer was looking for when it came up for auction recently. Scheer is the curator of the Railway Mail Service Library in Boyce, Virginia.

He says the main focus of the RMS Library are primary source documents pertaining to the Railway Mail Service, but on occasion other interesting artifacts are added to the collection.

His newest acquisition is a U.S. Mint registered mail crate for shipping gold to Fort Knox during the 1930s, when gold was worth between \$20 and \$35 per troy ounce.



A small crate made of wood and steel, built to hold nearly 500 pounds of gold. It was used in the 1930s to move gold to Fort Knox.

Where the Crate Originated

Scheer is proud to have the crate, and he knows the story behind it. Time, circumstance and price allowed him to buy it at auction, and it is on display at the RMS Library.

The box was given to Victor Wright, an employee at the Denver Mint from 1980 to 2009. A small plaque on the box thanks him for his service. The crate had been stored at the San Francisco Mint before it was given to Wright.

The artifact is a gold bullion strong box made of wood and iron, stenciled "US Mail" on the front and back. It measures 10.5 x 12 x 11.5 inches tall, and the wood is an inch thick. The box weighs 29 pounds. Tongue in cheek, Scheer says that this very specialized piece of postal history would not fit in a stamp album!

A tracing made from the photograph above emphasizes how crudely the stenciling was done.

(continued)

He explains that gold bars would have been placed inside the crate and then secured with a Treasury Department registered mail lock. Scheer estimates it would have weighed about 500 pounds, so four burly men would have been lifting 125 pounds apiece, using two steel rods that clipped under the corner hooks.

The crates were laid along the floor of a storage mail car, with an armed railway mail clerk or postal inspector acting as a guard in the car. Scheer is uncertain about how many cars were in a chartered train to Fort Knox, but he estimates there were 20.

Value of the Gold

If we assume there were ten crates per storage mail car, there would have been 200 crates on a train. Each box would have held about \$140,000 worth of gold, at 1930s prices. That works out to \$1.4 million worth of gold per car, and that means, on a 20-car train, the guards were responsible for \$28 million in gold.

Each crate held about 7,000 troy ounces of gold, and in today's market (about \$1,800 per troy ounce as this is written) a box would be worth more than \$12 million. Each car would have about \$123 million in gold, and a 20-car



A view inside the box shows how the lid was hinged to one side. The hooks on each corner were used for steel rods that clipped under them. Four men could then carry the crate when it was full of gold.

train would carry nearly \$2.5 billion!

Rather than being stored out of sight, a retirement gift to a Denver Mint employee has a permanent home in the Railway Mail Service Library where its history may easily be shared with visitors and historians everywhere.

Our thanks to Dr. Frank Scheer for sharing this story with us. He may be reached through the RMS Library website.

A Few Simple Rules for Borrowing *and* Returning Books

Thank you to those members who legibly print their name and daytime phone and return their borrowed books and periodicals on time.

You're missing a major membership perk if you belong at the \$25-a-year level and haven't checked out books from the RMPL. It's easy to do. We just ask you to follow our procedures:

1. You'll find a checkout card in each book. Please fill it out by printing legibly and give the card to the volunteer behind the desk, who will then put a post-it note with the due date inside the front cover.. This earns you the right to keep the book for two weeks.
2. If you want to keep the book longer, please call before the due date, and you will receive an additional two-week renewal (303 759-9921).
3. Return the book on time.

That's it. It's as easy as one, two, three.

Some borrowers have trouble with No. 3, "Return the book on time." If you are not one of those people, please skip the next paragraph. What follows is a short lecture for those errant souls who keep books too long.

If books are not returned in a timely manner, you may be charged for the replacement costs of the materials, your

membership may be at risk and the board may become involved.

Ouch! The library takes book returns seriously, and we hope borrowers will be considerate and ensure returns are made on time so others may use the material, too.

The RMPL lends books to members who can't make it to the library by offering checkout privileges through the mail.

Of course, our plea to return books on time also applies to those materials. Follow the instructions in the online catalog (rmpldenver.org) for information.

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 969.82 Mor | 14080 |
| Morgan, Helen. Blue Mauritius : the hunt for the world's most valuable stamps. | |
| DATE DUE | Name & Phone (Please Print) |
| OCT 20 2000 | Pat Purcell |
| NOV 16 2010 | 303-298- |
| NOV 10 2010 | 11 |
| OCT 14 2011 | PAUL ALBRIGHT 303 530 |

Here is the proper way to check out a book from the RMPL. Legibly print your name and daytime phone number, heed the due date or extend it for two weeks by calling us before it's due.

The RMPL is open six hours a day, six days a week.

Special Collections Section Adds Exhibit

Board member Dalene Thomas has made a significant donation to the RMPL. After winning her last gold medal awards at ARIPEX, LINPEX, the National Topical Show and RMSS last year, she decided to donate it to us for our special collections. We are thrilled to have it!

The collection, "Pharos: Lighthouses of the



Dalene Thomas has donated her nationally known exhibit on lighthouses to the RMPL.

World," comprises 80 pages of stamps, covers, proofs, post cards and much more.

Dalene's topical exhibits are a delight to behold, and all members are welcome to visit the special collections room to view this philatelic gem.

A former president of the American Topical Association, she remains an active volunteer at the library. Dalene has also served on the board of directors for several years.

If you would like to view her exhibit, or any of the special collections, please call the front desk to make an appointment.

Collectors Club of Chicago Donation to RMPL

This year the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show was honored to be able to give the Collectors Club of Chicago (CCC) award to Larry Nix, one of the exhibitors.

The award consisted of four of the books published by the CCC. Shortly after the show closed the RMPL was contacted by Jerry Miller of the CCC who offered the library copies of these and other books, also published by the CCC.

After a review of the list that he sent, we determined the library could use six of the titles. They are listed below. We have now received those books and they have been added to our holdings.

In exchange, we offered the CCC copies of the three books published by the RMPL, which they were pleased to accept. This type of interlibrary reciprocity is an outstanding example of how philatelic libraries can support each other.



The Cabene House, home of the Collectors Club of Chicago. The library is housed on three of the building's four floors.

Here are books received by the RMPL from the Collectors Club of Chicago:

- Chicago Postal History* by Harvey M. Karlen, 1971, 191 pages
- The Hungarian Hyperinflation of 1945-1946* by Robert B. Morgan, 2003, 266 pages
- New Hebrides Islands: Military Postal History of the United States Forces 1942-1946* by Stanley C. Jersey, 1994, 186 pages
- The Flight of the "Ville D'Orleans"* by Ernst M. Cohn, 1978, 175 pages
- U.S. Contract Mail routes by Water (Star Routes 1824-1875)* by Hugh V. Feldman, 2008, 396 pages
- Chicago's Mail* by Harvey M. Karlen, 2002, 291 pages

Visit your library's webpage: rmpldenver.org.

RMPL Online Catalog Adds Periodicals

By Travis Searls, webmaster

You may have known that you can search the RMPL online catalog but did you know that periodicals are now included in the search results? There are currently more than 550 different periodicals in the catalog and the list is growing. Instead of just presenting updated instructions for periodicals, I thought this might be a good time to give a refresher course on searching RMPL holdings.

There are more than 8,500 items in the RMPL online catalog, so finding what you are searching for can sometimes feel like a daunting task.

There are two ways to access the catalog through the RMPL website (www.rmpldenver.org). One is by using the **Quick Catalog Search** under the left panel menu on the main RMPL website homepage (1 in Figure 1). After filling in the text box and pressing the enter key (or clicking **Search**, 2), a program will perform a keyword search of the catalog and then display the results (if any) on the next page.

A more powerful search can be found by clicking **Online Card Catalog** 3 on the home page. That will take you directly to the **Advanced Search** 4 page.

Here you are presented with several options on how

a search will be performed. The first field, **Keyword** 5 is a generic search (same as the **Quick Catalog Search**) which searches through the author, title, series, notes, publisher and contents field of the catalog. The 'Title', 'Author' and 'Subject' fields are used to search only in those areas of the catalog.

The **Advanced Search** page also has options for limiting the results. For example, if you only wanted to show results that are periodicals, select **Periodical** from the **Medium** 6 drop down box. By default, periodicals will be included in all searches if there are any that match.

To eliminate periodicals from the results, uncheck the **Search to include philatelic periodicals** 7 check box. Also by default, books from the Western History collection are not included in searches unless you check the **Search to include Western History Library** 8. This is where all information on railroads will be found.

Search results display the call number, title, author and date published for items matching your search.

Figure 2 is the result of entering the word **nuclear** into the **Keyword** field in Figure 1.

As you can see under the **Search Results** 9, if

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' interface of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. The page has a blue header with the library's name and address: 'Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, 2038 S. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224 - (303) 759-9921'. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Online Card Catalog' (3) highlighted. The main search area is titled 'Advanced Search' (4) and contains several input fields: 'Keyword' (5), 'Title', 'Author', and 'Subject'. Below these is a 'Limit results by (optional)' section with a 'Medium' (6) dropdown menu set to 'All Forms of Media'. There are also checkboxes for 'Search to include Western History Library' (8) and 'Search to include philatelic periodicals' (7). To the right, a 'Using Search' section explains search rules, such as 'Search words must be at least 4 characters' and provides examples for wildcards like 'Den*' and 'fake*'. At the bottom of the search area are 'Clear' and 'Submit' buttons.

Figure 1.

The screenshot shows the website header with the logo 'RMPL' and the name 'Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library' with the address '2038 S. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224 - (303) 759-9921'. A navigation menu on the left includes links for Home, About Us, Membership Info, Online Card Catalog, Donations, Publications, Calendar, Auctions, Regional Clubs, Regional Dealers, Related Links, and Contact Us. Below the menu is a 'Quick Catalog Search' box with 'Reset' and 'Search' buttons, and a link to 'Advanced Search'. A 'Library Hours' section lists the operating times for each day of the week. At the bottom left is a 'Find us on facebook' link.

The main content area displays 'Search Results' with a red circle containing the number '9'. Below this, it shows '3 records found for -nuclear' with a 'New Search' button. The first record is:

- Call Number: [383.142 Lyn](#)
- Title: Merchant shipping via nuclear power : catalogue of NS Savannah events, port itinerary & covers.
- Author: Lynch, William E.
- Published: 2004.

 The second record is:

- Call Number: [Periodical](#) **10**
- Title: Nuclear stamp news.
- Author:
- Published: 1981-1984.

 The third record is:

- Call Number: [T 621.48 Ang](#)
- Title: Stamps tell the story of nuclear energy.
- Author: Angelo, Joseph A.
- Published: 1975.

 Below these records, it again shows '3 records found for -nuclear' with another 'New Search' button.

Figure 2.

periodicals are found for your search, they will be displayed with a **Call Number** of **Periodical** **10**. To view the details of any item in the list, simply click the **Call Number** link.

If you click for **Nuclear stamp news**, your screen will go to the next page (Figure 3), titled **Details** **11**. Here, you will find which issues the RMPL has on the shelves under **Holdings**: **12**.

In this instance, you will find the library has issues from 1981-1982 Vol. 1 complete, 1982-1983 Vol. 2 complete, and Whole No. 10 from 1983-1984.

These instructions make a search for periodicals appear to be harder than it is. Give it a try and you'll find it only takes a few seconds.

Thanks to Mike Milam and Sue Dunn who have compiled the periodical listings for the database, with additional help from librarian Ellengail Beuthel. The job has taken many, many hours. Good work!

Finally, if you were curious how all this works, I wrote the program in the Java

The screenshot shows the 'Details' page for the item 'Nuclear stamp news'. The header is the same as in Figure 2. The navigation menu is on the left. The main content area shows 'Details' with a red circle containing the number '11' and an 'Add to Cart' button. The details are:

- Call Number: Periodical
- Title: Nuclear stamp news.
- Author:
- Responsibility: Atomic/Nuclear Study Group.
- Edition:
- Series: [Periodical]
- Medium:
- Place: Farmingham, MA
- Publisher: Atomic/Nuclear Study Group
- Published: 1981-1984.
- Description: v. : photos ; 28 cm.
- Subject: [Atomic energy on stamps](#) [Nuclear energy on stamps](#)
- Contents:
- Notes: Quarterly.
- Abstract:
- Holdings: **12** 1981-1982, Vol. 1, #Complete; 1982-1983, Vol. 2, Complete; 1983-84, Whole # 10;

 The left sidebar contains the same search and library information as in Figure 2.

Figure 3.

programming language using the Struts framework. The data is housed in a MySQL database and is served up through a Tomcat web server, all of which is running on a Linux server in Dallas, Texas. If you have any questions about the online catalog, please feel free to contact me through the library.

RMPL Board Summary

Meeting of August 23, 2012

There were several announcements for the record:

- A visit by DU Library School students in late June went exceedingly well.
- One of the two Xerox copiers is working fine, but the production model in the *Scribblings* office is experiencing all sorts of maladies which are seriously affecting publications.
- Two significant donations have been received: one in the amount of \$5,000 from an anonymous donor, and the other in the amount of \$600 from the United Postal Stationery Society.
- Dalene Thomas has donated her gold award winning exhibit, "Pharos: Lighthouses of the World," to the RMPL's Special Collections.
- RMPL Board member Don Dhonau has announced he will step down as the donations writer because of problems with his eyes. He will remain as corresponding secretary, but we are asking for volunteers to step forward to work with Don on correspondence with members who donate materials.
- We were informed that the 3rd Quarter 2012 issue of *Philatelic Literature Review* had an article on the RMPL by Larry Nix.
- Swathed pillows with stamp designs, table cloths and curtains in the annex are the work of Danette Ellison, our one and only member from Arkansas. Danette is making these, free of labor charges, in her Arkansas sewing facilities.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for the first six months of the 2012 budget was reviewed and approved. A copy of it is available to any member upon request.

OLD BUSINESS

The replacement of the parking lot in front of 2048 S. Pontiac Way has been placed on hold until the results of the October bulk lot auction are known. A preliminary cost estimate was \$6,500, but RMPL volunteers familiar with the nature and scope of the work are not satisfied that it can be done for that amount. Once we know how much the auction takes in, we will probably target next May or June for the job.

The annual picnic is scheduled for August 25th at the RMPL between 6:00 and 8:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

APS StampShow in Sacramento was enjoyable and informative. Members who went say the RMPL's name seems to be well known everywhere.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 needs volunteers.

Details are on page 15. There is a good chance the RMPL may participate in a super booth with many other libraries.

The RMPL's server equipment has been switched to a less expensive, greater capacity site which handles our web page, the online catalog (including the new periodicals database described on pages 4 and 5), and the preliminary *This Was Colorado* digital project. The server is capable of handling more additions in the future.

The board voted to pay for small memorial plaques to be mounted on RMSS frames for the following: Jack Willard, Bill Bauer, Bill Dunn, Jim Ozment, Joe & Vi Weinman, and Nicholas Bede.

A full scale audit will be deferred until 2013. It will cost approximately \$4,000.

A review of the library's Articles of Incorporation was deferred until the next board meeting.

A boiler plate memorandum of agreement has been written to be used for any organization that wants to use the RMPL's copier equipment to print publications. It establishes costs and RMPL principles. The board voted to accept it, with revisions to be made to strengthen wording to prohibit organizations from publishing documents that hurt the hobby, are not in good taste, or defame other organizations.

The issue of payment of salaries for staff or expenses of volunteers was brought up by President Lugo. The RMPL's long-standing policy has been one of not paying expenses of volunteers or employing paid staff. That policy has served us in good stead, but in Lugo's opinion is affecting our ability to undertake new activities, particularly in the digital and information technology arena, and affects our ability to write grants that include staff reimbursement. After a long discussion, no vote was taken, but the board leans toward three things:

- There should be no reimbursement of expenses to volunteers.
- There should be a case by case decision by the board for payments to staff and volunteers that are required to successfully undertake and conclude grant proposals.
- There should be discussions to outline the tasks and knowledge skills of a paid librarian (more than likely part-time) to handle the inflow of books and periodicals and their processing. Funds for the position will come from an \$80,000 librarian's fund established by the board nearly a decade ago. The committee to undertake development of the position description includes Don Dhonau, Bob Blatherwick and Ellengail Beuthel. No deadline has been set for the development of a position description.

Korean Philately

by Sergio Lugo

A nation with a fascinating philatelic, socioeconomic, political, and military history is the subject this time. The journal of the English language Korea Stamp Society, entitled *Korean Philately*, has been printed since 1954. Its pages cover subjects and materials from both the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) as well as from the Republic of Korea (South Korea).

Korea has a long postal history with many different aspects and characteristics. This can lead a collector into some surprising areas of philately.

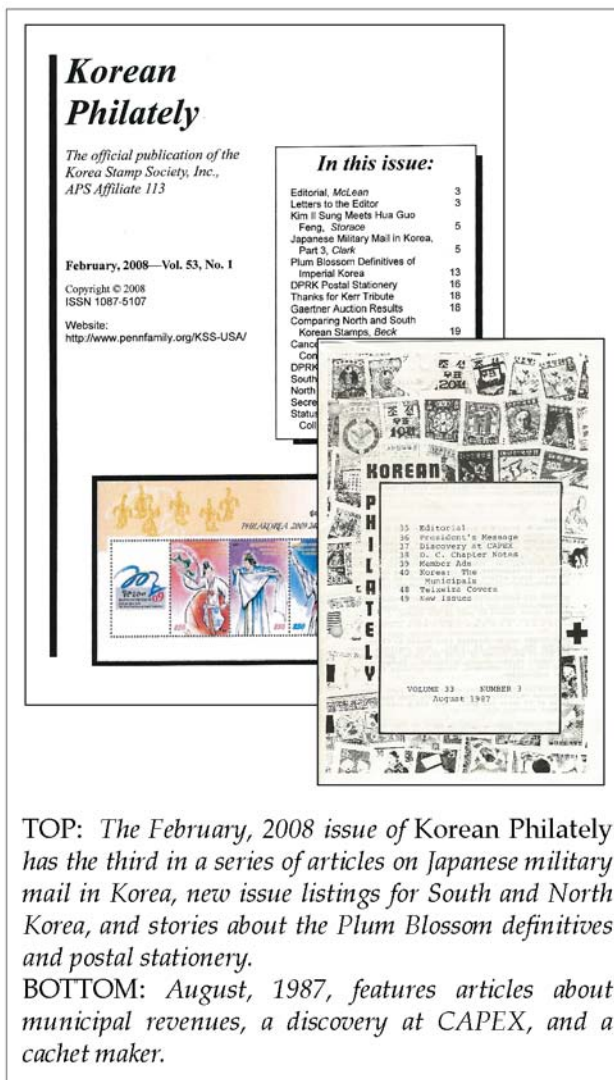
Periods of stamp issuing interest include: the independent kingdom (roughly to 1905), revenue and local stamps under Japanese suzerainty (between 1905 and 1945), and stamps and related material from the existence of two separate republics since 1945.

The pages of *Korean Philately* reflect a wide variety of issues, usually in short, snappy articles. My review of the journal was focused on runs we have from the early 1990s and from 2001-2008. Most of those articles were in black and white, with a great deal of attention paid to Japanese revenue stamps used on the peninsula, as well as articles about the Korean War. Space is taken up by many tables and covers, and that appears to be one reason articles are so brief. I appreciate the fact there is no advertising.

A more recent issue, from November 2008, is in our holdings. The cover is in color (not the rest of the issue) and there is a lengthy article featuring censored and military postal history that is enhanced by many postal history images.

The society's webpage illustrates stamp issues of both governments since roughly 2001, and the cover page and index of each issue of *Korean Philately* since 1995 are shown. It is unfortunate nothing more of the periodical is shown.

For information on membership and the society see the webpage at Korea Stamp Society.



TOP: The February, 2008 issue of *Korean Philately* has the third in a series of articles on Japanese military mail in Korea, new issue listings for South and North Korea, and stories about the Plum Blossom definitives and postal stationery.

BOTTOM: August, 1987, features articles about municipal revenues, a discovery at CAPEX, and a cachet maker.

Thank You for a Job Well Done



We all owe a huge thank you to Ron Hill, who is turning over the reins of the editorship of this journal after five years of dedication and hard work.

Ron brought years of commercial publishing experience with him to the job and the improvements he made will leave a lasting footprint on the appearance of the journal. He also has shown a knack for cajoling members to write articles. The standards he set won *Scribblings* several national awards.

Ron continues to be active as a volunteer with the library, as editor of the *Journal of Cuban Philately*, as a docent with Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Art, as a facilitator with the University of Denver OLLI program and with various Park County railroad and historical organizations. The Cuban journal has won a number of national and international awards and most recently a large vermeil at Indonesia 2012.

by Joe Lambert

What Inventive People Will Do...

A considerable number of years ago, when first I encountered the Washington-Franklin series and expressed dread at dealing with the varieties, I was told, "This was when the Bureau of Engraving and Printing learned to make stamps." There certainly was a progression of papers (including experimental papers), watermarks, perforations, and printing methods during the 10 years when the series was produced. Following that progression makes understanding the series easier and more enjoyable.


The use of single line watermarked paper began in 1910, taking the place of the double line watermarked paper which had been in use since 1895. Early uses included a number of stamps perforated 12, the coil stamps perforated 8 ½, and then, in 1914, the perforated 10 series (which also gave rise to the perf. 10 Panama-Pacific varieties, Scott #401-404). The perf. 10 watermarked stamps included a series of coil stamps printed on flat plates, and the first of the coil stamps printed on rotary presses (Scott #448-458), as well as the regular issues denominated 1¢-50¢ (Scott #424-440).

Then, in late 1916, the Bureau switched to unwatermarked paper. The 10 gauge perforator was still in use, and thus we have the perf. 10 unwatermarked regular issues denominated 1¢-\$5.00, Scott #462-480. There were also unwatermarked imperforates, Scott #481-485, and some perf. 10 unwatermarked rotary press coil stamps, Scott # 486-497.

However, in early 1917, the Bureau decided that regular issue stamps perforated 11 would be easier for consumers to separate than those with perf. 10. So in March 1917 the perf. 11's were issued. The unwatermarked perf. 10's had a life of only about six months, so they are scarcer than the watermarked variety of perf. 10's, which lasted for more than two years.

The certificate on the right shows how some inventive soul decided that perforating one of the (fairly common) unwatermarked imperforates of the period to make it into a perf. 10 unwatermarked stamp with unusually nice margins would be a good plan. The expertizers thought not.

This is one more way that cheaters will attempt to fool collectors. Beware. Had this stamp not been unusually nice appearing, it might have been undiscovered for a very long time.



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No. 00086515 9/18/2002


Professional Stamp Experts
P.O. Box 6170, Newport Beach, CA 92658


Authentication Committee

We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which the photo is attached with seal and are of the opinion that:

| Cat # | Issue | Denom. | Color |
|--------|-------|--------|----------------|
| US#483 | 1917 | 3c | Reddish Violet |

"it is genuine unused, o.g., never hinged imperforate with
FAKE PERFORATIONS."





For The Expert Committee

A Scott 483, issued imperforate, was altered to appear to be a perf. 10 Scott 464, which is worth about \$100 more. An expertizer pulled the plug on this one.

The Prez' Observations

S-o-o-o, the question is "How many times have you heard that old adage, "Beware of strangers bearing gifts.?" Colloquial expressions such as this have made their way into our vocabulary since time immemorial, probably beginning as early as one King Priam in Asia Minor about 1200 B.C., when the Greeks made him an offer that he couldn't refuse! Or the adage could have crept into the language about a millenium later when King Herod was trying to figure out what those three wise men/magi/zorastrians/astrologers were doing running around in the desert outside Bethlehem.

Anyway, most of us have been raised to beware of such strangers. But I'm here to tell you about one such stranger whom you should embrace. He's a gray-haired philatelist



residing in the northwestern parts of this country, with a passionate interest in postal rates who has authored major studies on U.S. rates. I speak of Tony Wawrukiewicz. The reason you should give him a big bear hug when you meet him is not because of his renowned rate studies, but for a more recent accomplishment that he has introduced into the philatelic world. And that is a complete, digitized, electronic version of the U.S. Postal Bulletin from 1880 to 1971.



Tony Wawrukiewicz has given a remarkable gift to all philatelists.

This was apparently a labor of love that he began many years ago, without funding, but with a vision. His "gift" to us is a fully searchable database of the thousands upon thousands of pages of the U.S. Postal Bulletin that can be found at the website www.uspostalbulletins.com. It does not cost anything to belong to the website or enter into its

searches. Once you begin searches, you realize that its OCR (optical character recognition) capabilities permit every word in every issue to be searched. And those records can amount to thousands of entries by the U.S. Post Office at the tip of your finger.

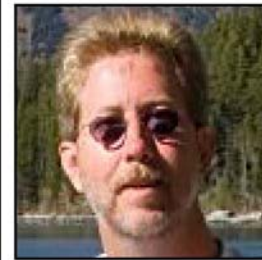
I was particularly intrigued that I was able to find some information on Porto Rico in the early 1900s. I typed in search words and there were the entries for the individual years that I wanted before I could say "Rumplestiltskin." Not only were single instances of the keywords provided, but more importantly, everywhere the search word appeared in that specific bulletin was highlighted. In other words, the little screen to the left *prevents* you from missing any entry found in that postal bulletin.

To Tony, a magnificent thank you for the "gift" that serves an ever evolving philatelic/stamp collecting database.

And by the way, another person bearing gifts has

provided an in-depth discussion in the pages of this issue on an enhancement to our online catalog. That person is our webmaster, Travis Searls. And the gift is your accessibility, via your home computer, to our periodicals database and individual issue holdings.

To all, a most enjoyable holiday season, and best wishes for a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.



RMPL webmaster Travis Searls has worked some of his magic by adding new listings to our website.

Sergio

RMPL Members Receive High Honors

Two of our members have received some of the highest honors their peers could bestow for work in their professions and in the community.

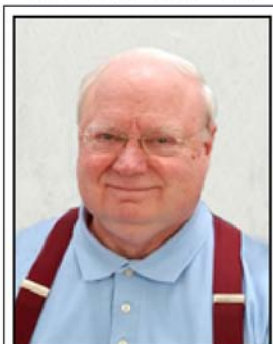
Dave and Glory Weisberg are the Villager Newspaper's Man and Woman of the Year. This is mainly due to their non-profit activities. Dave, a member of the RMPL Board of Directors, is also deeply involved with Cancer League of Colorado and is the treasurer of the Cancer League Foundation.



Glory and Dave Weisberg

Dave is also the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Computer-Aided Design Society for his work in the field of computer graphics throughout his career. In particular, the organization noted he is one of the founders of the Computer Graphics Pioneers organization, a group he led as president for three years in the 1990s.

Ron Mitchell has been elected to the Broadcast



Ron Mitchell

Professionals of Colorado Hall of Fame for his body of work in broadcasting from 1960 to 1996, but primarily for his years as a field reporter at KBTU/KUSA. He is the first field reporter in Colorado to be so honored. His contributions to the RMPL, and to the University of Denver as an adjunct instructor of broadcast journalism, were also a factor.

BULK LOT AND SUPPLIES AUCTION RESULTS

More Than \$25,000 Raised for RMPL!



AUCTION STATISTICS

- \$25,355 realized
- 97.2% of all lots sold
- 59 floor bidders
- 46 mail bidders
- 40% of lots had mail bids
- 21 lots did not sell

The RMPL annex was full of bidders and lots for the sixth annual bulk lots auction.

Parking lots were full and on-street parking was at a premium on Saturday, October 13, as nearly 60 bidders gathered for the library's sixth annual bulk lots auction. The event raised \$25,355, an amount topped only by the 2011 auction at Rocky Mountain Stamp Show which featured the collection of superb U.S. formed by William Stolfus.



Erl Fossom was one of the auctioneers. Two of his helpers are in the background, Dave Weisberg and Frank Leitz.

All the money will be used for library expenses because the organization has no paid workers.

There were about 50 bidders last year, and the increase could partially be attributed to a new twist, as philatelic supplies were put up for bid separately in the "garage" portion of the library annex.

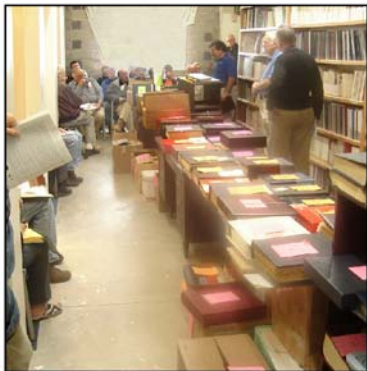
In what has to be a huge understatement,

RMPL President Sergio Lugo said he was "pleased."

David Weisberg is the library's auction manager, so please thank him the next time you see him.

Dave and Bill Crabbs have already started work on the next auction.

All the lots were donated by members and friends of the library. This auction provides proof that RMPL's volunteers take care to maximize the benefits of each donation.



The supplies part of the auction was held in the "garage" section of the annex.

ARIPEX 2013 CHANGES VENUE, DATE

Our friends with the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs have elected to move the location of ARIPEX 2013 to the Phoenix area .

The show has been held in Tucson and Phoenix, in alternate years, and the 2013 show was scheduled for Tucson

in January.

ARIPEX, which will be in Phoenix for at least the next five years, will be held at the Mesa Convention Center from April 19-21, 2013.



SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the library and 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. Contact Jim Kilbane if you would like to present a program.

email: aurora_80017@yahoo.com

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

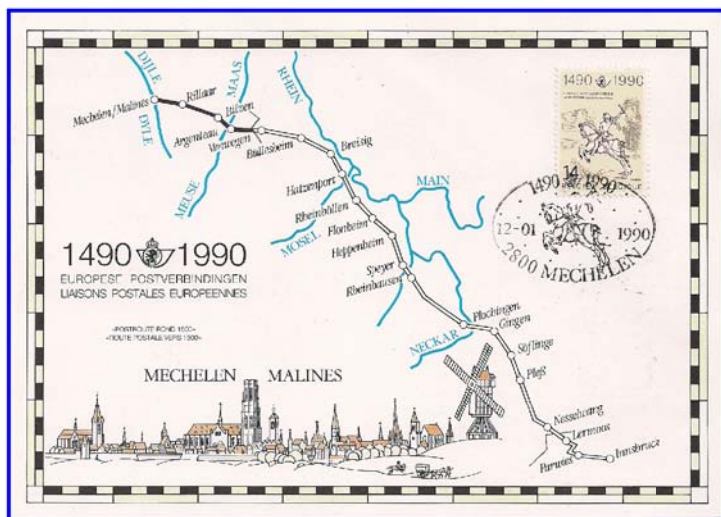
NOVEMBER 10, 9:00 AM

European Postal Connections 1490 - 1990

Including

The Thurn & Taxis Postal Service

by Tonny Van Loij



This PowerPoint presentation will tell the story behind the world's first public-access mail service, a European postal service that included the Austrian and Hungarian Empires and the Spanish Court.



**Northern
District
1865**



**Southern
District
1859**

DECEMBER 8, 9:00 AM

The First 20 Years of Mother's Day

by Art Lizotte

May 2, 1934 saw the issuing of the "Mother's Day" stamp, commemorating the 20th anniversary of Mother's Day. During the 20 years since the first presidential proclamation on May 10, 1914, Mother's Day established its place among other American holidays and had seen a World War.

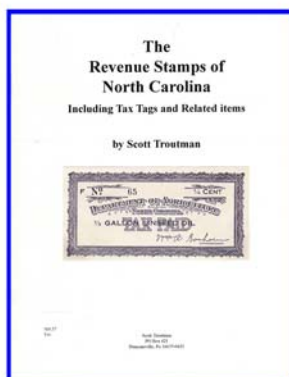


Its humble beginnings in a Methodist Church in West Virginia took Anna Jarvis on a journey no one would have expected, partly by her own passion as the founder of the holiday. There was a controversy over who founded the holiday and a Farley's "scandal" surrounding the stamp. Even the painting's artist, James Whistler, one of our Famous Americans, will be part of this story. Join us to discover the history of one of America's (and the world's) most cherished holidays as told thru postal history.

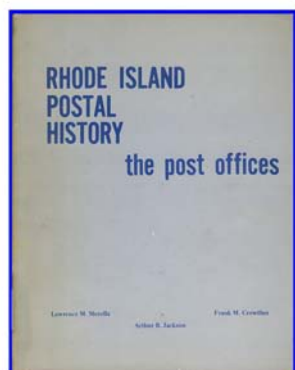
WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?

UNITED STATES

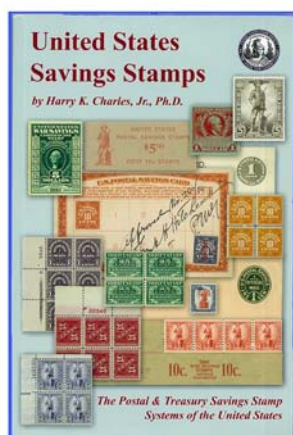
Chicago's Mail: An Anthology of Postal History Articles Focusing Upon the Community's Growth, Its Interests, and Its Attitudes, by Harvey M. Karlen
Machine Cancellations, no author or publisher given



The Revenue Stamps of North Carolina, Including tax tags and Related Items, by Scott Troutman

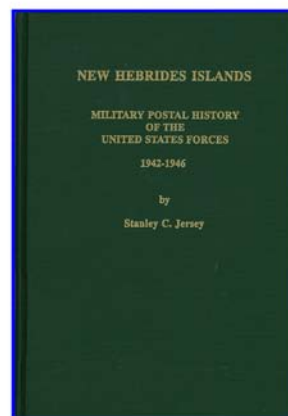


Rhode Island Postal History: the post offices, by Lawrence M. Merolla, Frank M. Crowther, and Arthur B. Jackson
United States Savings Stamps: The Postal & Treasury Savings Stamp Systems of the United States, by Harry K. Charles, Jr.



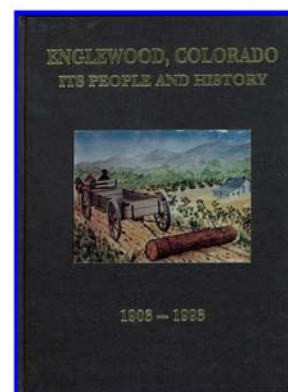
AUSTRALIA and OCEANIA

The Bicentennial of Australia (with stamps), published by the Bega [Australia] Philatelic and Numismatic Society
The Flora and Fauna of Australia (with stamps), published by the Bega [Australia] Philatelic and Numismatic Society



New Hebrides Islands: Military Postal History of the United States Forces 1942-1946, by Stanley C. Jersey

COLORADO

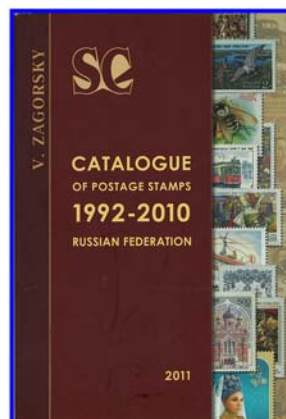


Englewood, Colorado: It's People and History, 1903-1993

EUROPE



U.S. Contract Mail Routes by Water (Star Routes 1824-1875), by Hugh V. Feldman



Catalogue of Postage Stamps 1992-2010, Russian Federation, edited by V. B. Zagorsky
Československo 1945-1992, Specializovaný Katalog 1998, published by Pofis

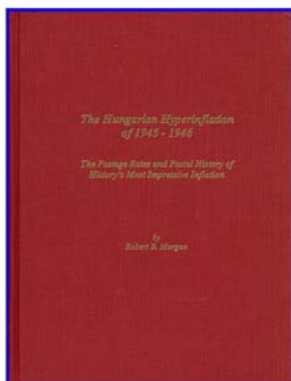


ASIA

Korean Postage Stamp Catalogue, 19th Edition (1997), published by the Korean Philatelic Co.

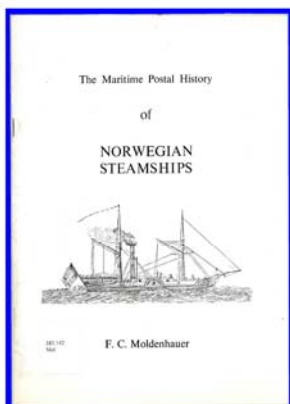
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EUROPE, continued



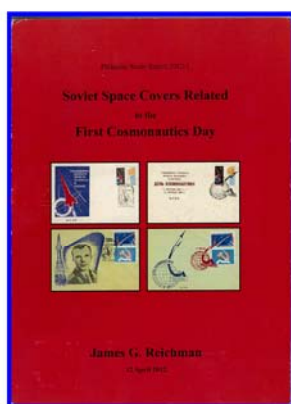
The Hungarian Hyperinflation of 1945-1946: The Postage Rates and Postal History of History's Most Impressive Inflation,
by Robert B. Morgan

Katalog Znaczków I Całostek Ziem Polskich 1859-1995, Tom I,
by Michał Jankowski and Paweł Wohl
Oficjalny Katalog Znaczków Pocztywch Polska 1994,
published by Postmark



The Maritime Postal History of Norwegian Steamships, by F. C. Moldenhauer

Soviet Space Covers Related to the First Cosmonautics Day, 12 April, 2012, by James G. Reichman

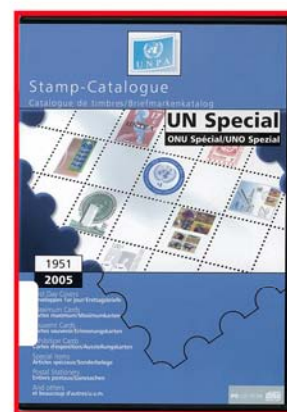


SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Catalogo de Sellos Chile, by Manuel Del Villar



Haiti 1881-1906, by Nils Färnström



UNITED NATIONS

United Nations Special Stamp Catalogue, 1951-2005, published
by the United Nations Postal Administration

TOPICAL



Serie Postal Permanente México Turístico, by Lisa M. David Ascencio and Eugenio D. Treviño Alemán



Checklist of Dragons on Stamps, by Felice Vainer
Puentes: Librando Obstáculos (Bridges: Overcoming?)
Obstacles, by David Braun
Royal Wedding Stamp Catalogue and Checklist, 1982,



WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?

MISCELLANEOUS

Fell's Profitable Stamp Guide (pub. 1951), by Franklin R. Bruns

How to Operate a Mail Order Stamp Business, published by the Largentiere Co. (1947)

Seventy-Fourth American Philatelic Congress Book, 2008

Twenty-Ninth American Philatelic Congress Book, 1963

AUCTION CATALOGS

Classic Romania, catalogue for a Corinphila auction
September 2011



India Specialised, catalogue for a David Feldman auction
May 2011

Österreich Italia, catalogue for the Corinphila Auction
September 2011

Postal Auction No. 63, catalogue for the Unitric [Asian]
Philatelic Company auction July 2012

Public Auction 288 Stamps and Covers, catalogue for Status
International auction July 2012

NON-PHILATELIC (Railroads)

*Stations of the New Jersey Short Line Railroads, Railroad
Station Monographs, Number 2*, by Edward H. Weber
and William F. Rapp

NON-PHILATELIC

*The Centennial President [of the International Olympic
Committee]*

Fodor's Israel, 1974

The Mapmakers, by John Noble Wilford

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2012

7:00 PM

All members are welcome!

Wanted

Want to buy or trade Kenmore Stamp Company materials, including stamps and albums, etc. Anything Kenmore. Doug Crowe (805) 582-2355.

NEW MEMBERS

The RMPL is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined the library in the past two months.

Marvin D. Albery, Lakewood, CO - Collects classic 1840 - 1940 and United States.

James Green, Goleta, CA - Greenbridge Philatelics - Collects U.S. and world wide postal history.

Joseph Lanotte, Aurora, CO - Collects United States.

Brenda Otwell, Englewood, CO - Collects Britain and error stamps.

Steve Pearson, Wheat Ridge, CO - Collects many things.

John Peters, Parker, CO - Collects U.S. (1850-1990), Canada, U.N., Europe.

William T. Shipley, Lakewood, CO - Collects U.S., U.S. possessions, trains, and Vatican.

Thomas Wiersma, Colorado Springs, CO - Collects United States and Germany.

DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following members have made donations to the library over the past two months. We thank each and every one who has contributed.

Paul Albright

John Bloor

Mark Bonino

Barbara and James

Browning

Carmel Bush

Roger Cichorz

William Crabbs

George Custard

Mrs. Jary Dailey

Don Dhonau

Bill Douglass

Roe Emery

Greg Frantz

Mary French

Donna Glodava

Leland Greb

Jack A. Harlan

James Holland

Alan Kutcher

Joe Lambert

Arthur Lizotte

Janice Maddock

Gary McIntyre

Helen Murphy

Steve Nadler

Joe and Tina Neri

Bill Porter

Russell Powers

William Plachte

David Reitsema

Steve Schweighofer

Lloyd Steinman

George Srack

Ken Stone

Richard Truly

George Vantrump, Jr.

Martin Wilkinson

Dale Zusi

WESTPEX GIVES \$25,000 TO NEXT U.S. INTERNATIONAL

Judy and Ed Jarvis are holding an oversized check for \$25,000, a gift from WESTPEX to World Stamp Show-NY 2016. The photo is intended to refresh your memory about World Stamp Show-NY 2016, scheduled for May 24 through June 4, 2016.



Judy and Ed Jarvis hold the check given by WESTPEX to World Stamp Show-NY 2016.

The once-in-a-decade international show held in the United States is rapidly approaching, and the organizing committee needs your help in the way of volunteers and donations. More information on the show and volunteer needs may be found in the next column on this page.

Another reason for showing the picture is that the Jarvis' deserve special recognition. Ed is the chairman of WESTPEX, while Judy is a WESTPEX director and a team leader. Ed has had the good fortune of chairing that show for twelve years. It is widely regarded as the best stamp show in the country, in large measure because of the efforts of the WESTPEX organizing committee, a band of faithful and dedicated stamp collectors who want to help assure that the health of the hobby is sound.

Ed is also a member of the RMPL, and has been for nearly a decade. He joined after a visit here wowed him to no end as to what is possible with dedicated volunteers.

He continues to speak highly of the RMPL, and I speak highly of him, partly because we share in another facet of life. We were both infantrymen in Vietnam, and Ed managed to receive an Order of the Purple Heart for his efforts.

Sergio Lugo
RMPL President



World Stamp Show-NY 2016 is recruiting people to help before the show begins. Organizers are circulating a list of things volunteers can do. Take a look, and consider getting on board:

Meet and greet people.

Speak to groups about World Stamp Show-NY 2016.

Write grants to corporations and businesses to support the show.

Help process large mailings.

Donate postage.

Write about WSS-NY2016 for your local newspaper or publication.

Make phone calls to selected people for donations to the show.

Serve as a mentor to a young collector over the next four years.

Teach about stamp collecting to school groups.

Solicit financial donations to support the show.

Serve as your city's official WSS-NY2016 representative.

Be the representative of WSS-NY2016 at your hometown show.

Volunteers to work at the show itself will be recruited beginning next year. Go to www.ny2016.org to sign up.



Big Two-Club Auction!

The Arapahoe and Denver Stamp Clubs will hold a joint auction at the RMPL annex on Monday November 19 at 7:00 PM.

Lots are from club members, and everyone is invited to take part in the sale.



Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Thursday 2:00 - 8:00 PM. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Phone: 303.759.9921

NOVEMBER 2012

- Nov 3 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Nov 3 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 TOPIC - Topical Philatelists in Colorado
- Nov 7 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club
 6:30 PM trading, 7:30 PM meeting / program

Second Saturday at the RMPL

- Nov 10 - 9:00 AM
 Program by Tonny Van Loij
 "The Thurn and Taxis Postal Service"
- Nov 10 - Meeting - 9:30 AM
 Postmark Collectors Club
- Nov 10 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Mexico/Latin America Study Group
- Nov 10 - Meeting - 1:00 PM
 Colorado Postal History Society
- Nov 12 - **Closed, Veterans Day**
- Nov 14 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Nov 15 - Meeting - 6:30 PM
 Denver Postcard Club
- Nov 15 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 RMPL Board of Directors
 All members are welcome!
- Nov 17 - Meeting - 9:30 AM
 Metro Denver Young Stamp Collectors Club
- Nov 18 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Great Britain & Commonwealth Clctrs Club
- Nov 19 - Auction - 7:00 PM
 Two-club auction. All are welcome.
- Nov 22 - 24 - **Closed, Thanksgiving**
- Nov 27 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

DECEMBER 2012

- Dec 1 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Dec 1 - Party - 1:00 PM
 TOPIC - Topical Philatelists in Colorado
- Dec 5 - Aurora Club - see Dec 17
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
- Dec 8 - Meeting - 9:00 AM
 Program by Art Lizotte
 "The First 20 Years of Mother's Day"
- Dec 8 - Joint Meeting - Christmas Party - 10:00 AM
 Mexico/Latin America Study Group
 Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists
- Dec 12 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Dec 13 - Meeting - 6:30 PM
 Denver Postcard Club
- Dec 15 - Meeting - 9:30 AM
 Metro Denver Young Stamp Collectors Club
- Dec 16 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club
- Dec 17 - Joint Holiday Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Aurora Stamp Club, Denver Stamp Club,
 Church of the Ascension, E. 6th & Gilpin
- Dec 24 - 25 - **Closed, Christmas**
- Dec 31 - Jan 1 - **Closed, New Years**

Meeting times and places sometimes change. It is best to call the library or the club to confirm the place and time. A calendar of reserved club times is kept by Operations Manager, Don Beuthel, at the library. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Don (303-755-9328) of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled by Don well in advance.

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