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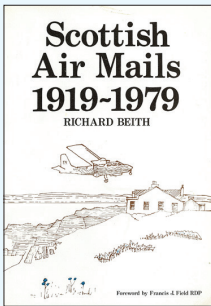
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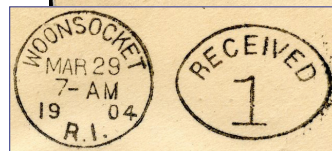
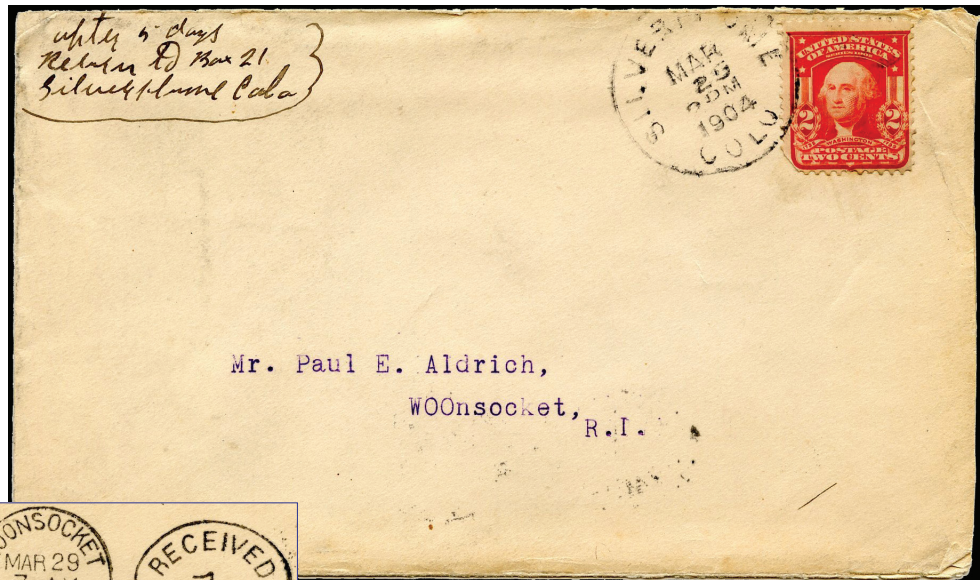
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From Silver Plume, Colorado

by Paul M. Holland

It's the hidden nuggets that make collecting Colorado postal history interesting. I recently came across this item. The cover seems to be a rather ordinary one, franked with Scott #319 and mailed from Silver Plume, a small mining town near Georgetown, on March 25, 1904.

However, it's the accompanying letter sent by James A. Blanton to Paul E. Aldrich, businessman and investor, that makes it special. Aldrich and his brother Edwin had extensive mining interests in the Silver Plume and Cripple Creek areas, and Blanton helped manage work for them at Silver Plume from 1900-1905. **Silver Plume Colo. March 25th, 1904**



Cover mailed from Silver Plume, CO to Woonsocket, RI on March 25, 1904. Backstamps are shown at 75% (left).

Here is a transcript of the letter:

Mr. Paul E. Aldrich
Woonsocket, R.I.

Dear Mr. Aldrich,

Your letter of the 19th is received also drafts to the amount of \$419.35 of which you will please find enclosed receipts for same many thanks for same.

One of the men at work at the Narragansett got sick came down sent up another man said the rock is pretty hard.

I did not have the Apex tunnel measured so cannot tell just

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Knowledge is better when shared. Consider writing an article for Scribblings about your favorite philatelic topic.

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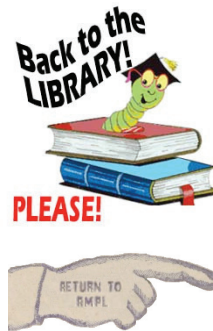
RMPL Summer Picnic Is a Family Affair

The annual Library summer picnic will be held Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Library gardens.

The RMPL will provide plates, silverware, drinks, and meat for grilling, as well as buns and condiments.

Attendees are asked to bring a side dish of your choice. A bakeoff competition will again be held, to see who brings the best dessert.

Bring the whole family for a fun event you won't want to miss!



- » Books are on loan for two weeks.
- » If you call before the due date, you may renew for two more weeks
- » Please print your name and telephone number legibly on the check-out card.

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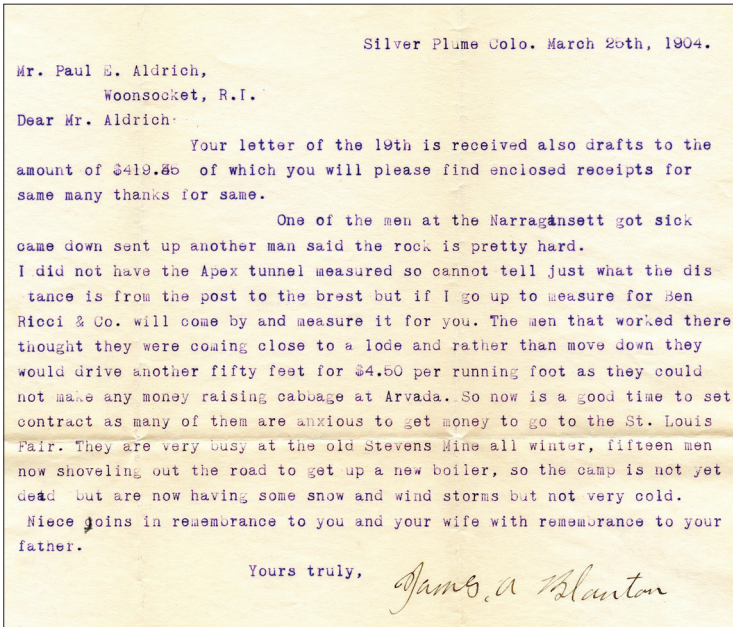
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From Silver Plume Colorado, cont.



what the distance is from the post to the brest (sic) but if I can go up to measure for Ben Ricci & Co. will come by and measure it for you. The men that work there thought they were coming close to a lode and rather than move down they would drive another 50 feet for \$4.50 per running foot as they could not make any money raising cabbage in Arvada. So now is a good time to set contract as many of them are anxious to get money to go to the St. Louis Fair. They are busy at the old Stevens Mine all winter, fifteen men now shoveling out the road to get up a new boiler, so the camp is not yet dead but are now having some snow and wind storms but not very cold.

Niece joins in remembrance to you and your wife with remembrance to your father.

Yours truly,
James A. Blanton

Original typed letter signed by James A. Blanton and sent to Paul E. Aldrich. (Cropped from a full page.)

Mining is integral to an understanding of Colorado history, and contemporary correspondence from this period is important as original source material for ongoing research. For example, the above letter from March 25, 1904 fills a gap between March 11th (HM 64033) and April 25th (HM 64034) in correspondence between James A. Blanton and Paul E. Aldrich in the “Edwin and Paul A. Aldrich Papers 1888-1917” held at the Huntington Library, Pasadena CA. Another archive of Aldrich family letters 1896-1907 is held at the Beinecke Rare Books and Manuscript Library, Yale University, New Haven CT.

Edwin and Paul E. Aldrich Papers – Finding Aid – Page 6				
Box 2: 1899 - 1904 Mar. (continued)				
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1902, Nov. 12	Aldrich, Paul E.	James A. Blanton	Woonsocket, R.I.	HM 64031
1903, Oct. 24	Blanton, James A.	Paul E. Aldrich	Silver Plume, Colo.	HM 64032
1904, Mar. 4	Blanton, James A.	Paul E. Aldrich	Silver Plume, Colo.	HM 64033
1904, Mar. 11	Blanton, James A.	Paul E. Aldrich	Silver Plume, Colo.	HM 64034
Box 3: 1904 Apr. - 1917				
Date(s)	Author	Addressee	Location	Call number
1904, Apr. 25	Blanton, James A.	Paul E. Aldrich	Silver Plume, Colo.	HM 64035
1904, June 6	Blanton, James A.	Paul E. Aldrich	Silver Plume, Colo.	HM 64036

A portion of the listing of Aldrich papers at the Huntington Library.

The history of mining in Colorado is much more than exhilarating stories of riches pulled from the ground and legendary characters, such as those depicted in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. Here, a study of Colorado postal history and its accompanying correspondence can provide us with important “real world” insight on both daily mining operations, and the lives of early Colorado miners.

Building Computer Databases of Philatelic Information

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Knowledge is power! Or more precisely, possession, and an understanding, of data not readily available to others normally gives a collector a competitive advantage. Developing philatelic databases enriches understanding of a selected area, provides the means for sharing information, and affords the opportunity to take advantage of market situations.

Scattered throughout the philatelic literature are accounts of how some dedicated collectors have searched historical holdings of auction catalogues to develop private databases of listings, and sales of items of interest. These databases have then been mined for postal history and traditional philately stories.

Analysis of data has led to discoveries previously overlooked. It has also enabled collectors to capitalize on their private knowledge, by identifying advantageous buying opportunities with regard to price and availability.

Whatever the motivation underlying the development of a personal database, the question is how one goes about starting, developing and maintaining a database of items of interest. This brief note is about the use of the Internet for collecting information, but the collecting and housing methods have more general application.

Database Development

The author has developed four large databases over the past decade. The area of interest is used worldwide postal stationery wrappers, and the motivation arose because there is very little available literature on this philatelic subject.

In September 2003, I commenced the daily hand-collecting of used wrapper images listed for sale on the Internet site eBay. This site is but one part of the spectrum of markets for philatelic material, but it is a large, growing, continuous, transparent, and available worldwide market place to anyone with Internet access.

The size of this database has reached 37,000



Dr. John K. Courtis

wrapper images categorized and alphabetized by country and by Higgins & Gage "E" catalogue number.

These images are housed within several computer folders. Retrieval speed and accuracy of items is almost instantaneous. Images are displayed in extra-large icons enabling comparison and study. A more detailed discussion of the methodology followed can be found in Courtis (2013).

A separate database was developed a few years later collecting Specimen wrapper images and sales. With a few exceptions there is virtually no literature on specimen wrappers.

The sales realizations of specimen wrappers show a remarkable variability and serve as a demonstrable need for guidance from a

contemporary postal stationery catalogue.

It was not until March 2006 that I decided to commence a database of used wrapper sales transactions, and this has now reached 14,500.

The data collected is the wrapper sold by country and E number (e.g., USA E28), the realization figure in USD, the number and identities of bidders, the vendor and vendor's country location.

The information contained in these databases has enabled the author to write a number of country-specific studies and identify wrappers that are "common," those that are elusive, or those that have never appeared. It also enables me to examine realized prices for any wrapper type, and thereby identify underpriced opportunities.

Someone suggested I consider non-post office wrappers as another field of study, and this led me to develop a fourth database.

In December 2006 I started saving images of worldwide "private" wrappers. These are wrappers bearing adhesives, paid markings or meters that have not been issued by the post office, and are therefore postal history and not postal stationery. From a somewhat lethargic start, this database has grown to 4,600 images, of which there are some beautiful examples.

This database has enabled me to look at different postage rates applied to this class of mail for different countries, to explore aspects of social philately, and to identify possibly unique items of postal history.

Maintenance

Collection of images is performed in two-month tranches. In the course of capturing the daily images it is possible that duplication can occur over the collection period, so when such wrappers are identified, any duplicates are removed.

Anecdotally, only 15% of listed wrappers sell on average on any one day, so some vendors cause their unsold listings to be rolled over to a fresh listing period of seven days or thereabouts.

Another activity is to crop out any unnecessary scanned margins or background, leaving only the image of the wrapper. A third form of maintenance is to check that "E" numbers

attached to images are correct to minimize clerical errors in the data.

The most significant concern for anyone wanting to take on this task of collecting images, no matter what philatelic topic is of interest, is the personal time commitment. I spend about an hour a day, on average, on all these data-gathering and maintenance activities.

A collector interested in a subject with well-defined boundaries, such as a particular stamp or series, the first day covers of a particular country, or official pre-adhesive lettersheets, will require less time.

Conclusion

Anyone with the time, inclination, internet access and a strong interest in a philatelic topic can develop a personal database from whatever source that can provide them with the relevant data.

The Internet auction and sales sites of eBay, Delcampe, and APS StampStore are but some opportunities for capturing the images of interest.

Traditional philatelic houses that issue regular auction catalogues can be used for realizations, but with more difficulty in scanning the images (if items are illustrated), and some copyright considerations need to be explored.

[Editor's note: Copyright laws are different in countries of the world, and they can be very complicated in the United States. There are many Internet sites that give guidance.]

Personally, I feel it is important to impart private knowledge obtained from database analyses for the benefit of all. It is not the databases per se that are important, but rather how they have been mined for usable information. One major revelation from the country-specific analyses is the seeming elusiveness of later post office issues of wrappers, a fact not previously realized by members of many philatelic study circles.

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RMPL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting of May 21, 2015
Prepared by President John Sinski

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

All Board members present except David Weisberg.

The March Board Minutes, previously sent to Board Members, were approved.

FOR THE RECORD ITEMS:

- o Next Board meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2015.
- o Ellengail Beuthel, our librarian, provided a summary job description for the RMPL librarian. Although she is not ready to retire yet, she suggested we consider hiring a part-time experienced librarian to replace her.

Financial Report:

April 30, 2015 Balance Sheet, March/ April Check Register, and March and April Income/ Expense Reports were reviewed.

Old Business:

- RMPL mortgage on 2048/7070 was discussed. We are attempting to verify the balance with the family holding the mortgage.
- RMPL By-Laws recommended changes should be available to the Board by the next meeting.
- Organizational Chart structure for Board Officers, Directors, and Volunteers was discussed and will be further covered in the July meeting.
- Website update is moving forward and should be ready for review soon.

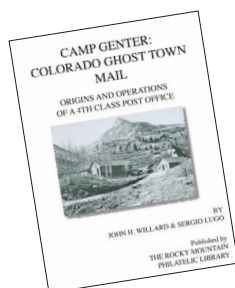
- Trash services (dumpster) contract is near completion.
- Howard Benson is continuing efforts to establish a cleaning contract for RMPL.
- RMPL Picnic was set for Saturday, August 22.

New Business:

- Report on the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Indicated great results including:
 - » Several new memberships.
 - » Several donations received.
 - » 10 copies of Paul Lee's book sold.
 - » Other RMPL books sold.
 - » Multiple tours to the RMPL campus.
 - » Three boxes of excess books provided to the New Mexico library group.
 - » Paul Lee's nice presentation at RMSS banquet.
 - » \$36,000 ending bids at our silent auction
- RMPL Large Lot Auction will be in October.
- CHERPEX Stamp Show will be the last weekend of September at Jefferson County Fairgrounds.
- New RMPL members were approved by Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

RMPL Publications available ... Our newest book



Camp Center: Colorado Ghost Town Mail

by John Willard &
Sergio Lugo

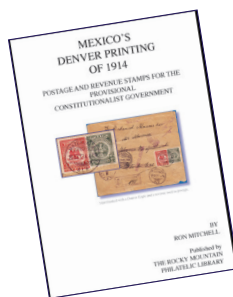
\$50 postpaid in the U.S



Danish Øre Bicolor Issues

by Peter Berg

\$40 postpaid in the U.S



Mexico's Denver Printing of 1914

by Ron Mitchell

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Parks Postmarks & Postmasters by Paul R. Lee II

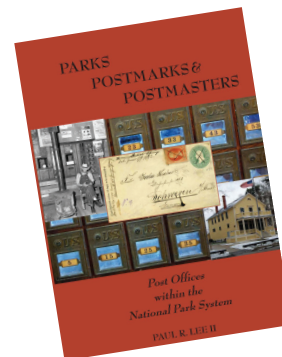
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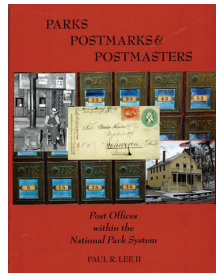
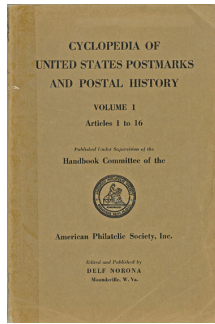
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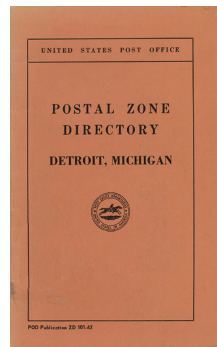
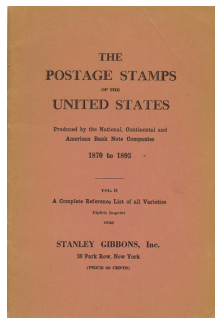
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UNITED STATES

1967 National Zip Code Directory: More than 35,000 Listings



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Official 1982 Blackbook Price Guide of United States Postage Stamps, Fourth Edition (1982)
Parks, Postmarks & Postmasters: Post Offices Within the National Park System, by Paul R. Lee II



The Postage Stamps of the United States Produced by the National, Continental and American Bank Note Company 1870-1893, Volume II; A Complete Reference List of all Varieties (1933), published by Stanley Gibbons, Inc.
A Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands (Including the Trust Territories), by Robert T. Murphy
Postal Zone Directory Detroit, Michigan (April 1962), published by the United States Post Office Department

AFRICA

Officiele Catalogus 1987: Belgie Congo Zaire, Ruanda Urundi, Rwanda, Burundi, Europa
Südwestafrika: Die Postwertzeichen und Irhe Entstehung, by G. Hoffmann-Giesecke



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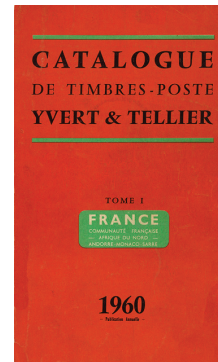
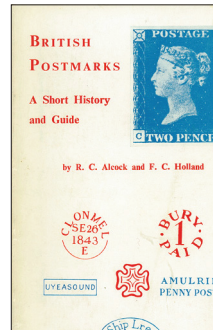
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Le Timbre et la Poste a Tahiti, by R.H. Houwink

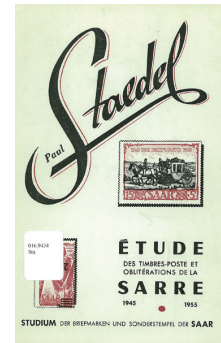
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The History Colorado Center Denver
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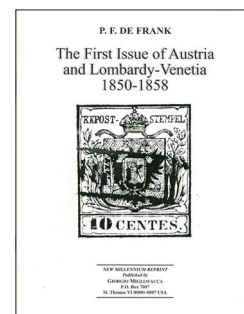
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British Postmarks: A Short History and Guide, by R.C. Alcock and F.C. Holland
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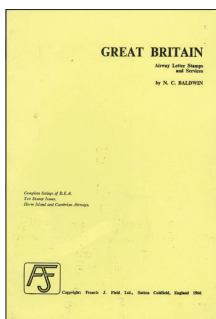
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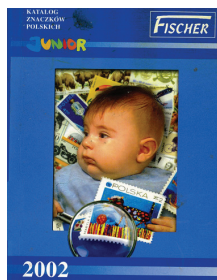
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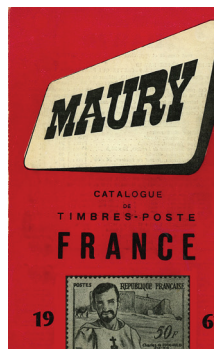


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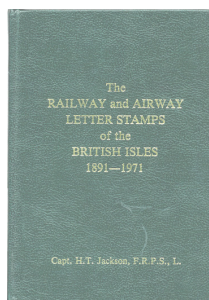
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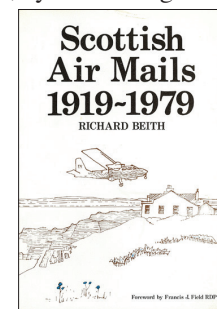
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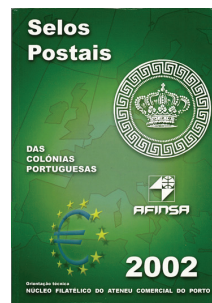
The Railway and Airway Letter Stamps of the British Isles 1891-1971, by H.T. Jackson

Roman States First Issue Forgeries, by Fritz Billig



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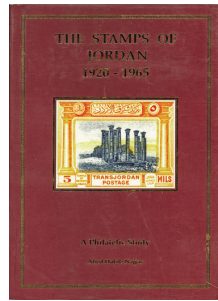
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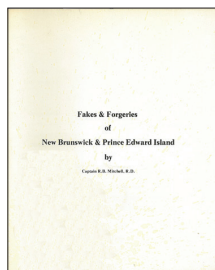


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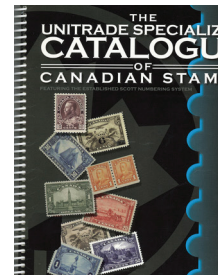


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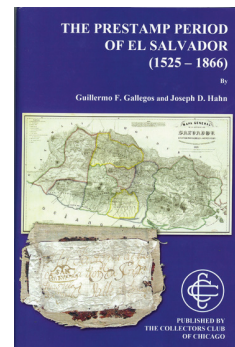
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CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

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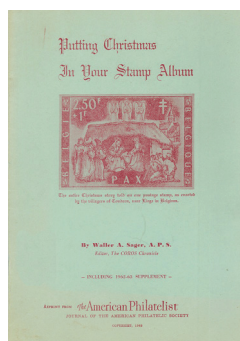
TOPICAL

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Handbook of Tennis Postmarks, by L.M. Yerkes



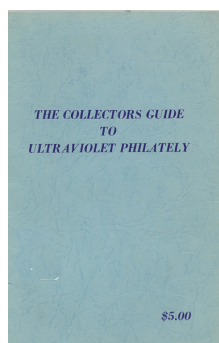
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Putting Christmas in Your Stamp Album, by Waller A. Sager

MISCELLANEOUS



The Collectors Guide to Ultraviolet Philately (1974), published by Collectors National Stamp Service

Filatelistisk Ordbog [Philatelic Dictionary], by Erna Pedersen

AUCTION CATALOGS

The 2014 Fall Sale: United States, British Commonwealth & Foreign Stamps ..., catalog for an H.R. Harmer auction October-November 2014

The ABC Auction, catalog for a Michael Aldrich auction December 2013

Auction Sale, catalog for an R. Maresch & Son auction February 2015

The Brigham Collection of Canada: Back of the Book 1875-1978, Sheets 1857-1957, catalog for a Brigham auction November 2014

British Columbia & Vancouver Island: the Jack Wallace Collection, catalog for an Eastern Auctions Ltd. auction October 2014

Canada and British North America: the Harvey Poole Collection, catalog for an Eastern Auctions Ltd. auction October 2014

The Collector's Series Featuring United States, Canada & BNA Colonies, General Foreign, Collections, catalog for a Spink auction January 2015



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London 2015 Europhilex Rarities Auction, catalogue for a Heinrich Kohler auction May 2015

NAPEX 2014 Stamp Show Auction and Space and Autographs Auction [two catalogs bound together], catalog for a Regency Superior auction June 2014

Saint Louis Stamp Expo Auction, catalog for a Regency Superior auction March 2015

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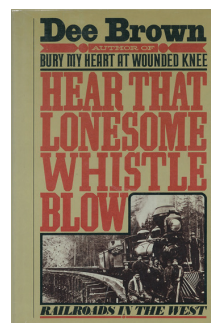
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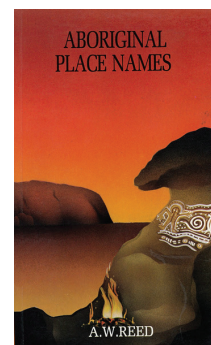
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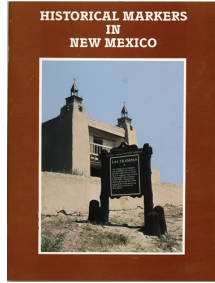
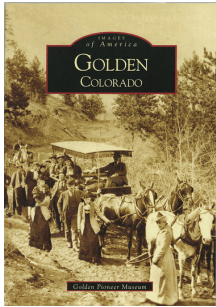
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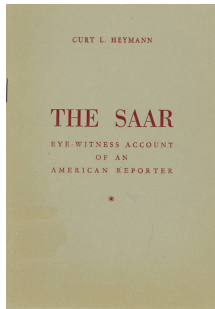


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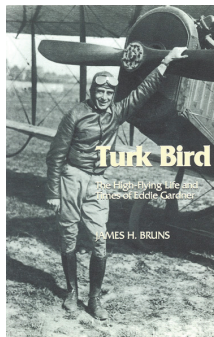
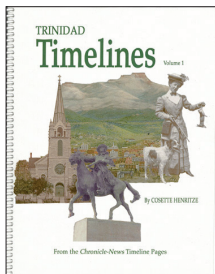
A Chinese-English Dictionary, by R.H. Mathews
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Golden Colorado, published by the Golden Pioneer Museum
Historical Markers in New Mexico, by Stanley M. Hordes and Carol Joiner
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The Saar: Eye-Witness Account of an American Reporter, by Curt L. Heymann
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Trinidad Timelines, Vol. 1, by Cosette Henritze
Turk Bird: the High-Flying Life and Times of Eddie Gardner, by James H. Bruns

AUCTION NEWS

RMPL Silent Auction Results Set a New Record

by David Weisberg
 Auction Manager

The silent auction at May's Rocky Mountain Stamp Show set a new record as final bids totaled \$35,905, with the United States material alone raising \$26,500. Subsequent to the show, RMPL members additionally purchased several thousand dollars worth of unsold lots. Of the 30 books of lots available at the show, just seven remain.



Scott No. 2



Scott No. 38



Scott No. 245

Some of the key results included a used U.S. Scott No. 2 that sold for \$500, more than half catalog; a mint hinged Scott No. 38 that sold for \$800, and one that sold for \$900. A regummed \$5 Columbian, Scott No. 245, sold for \$650, or about half catalog for a no-gum version of this stamp.

Foreign lots did reasonably well, with Germany and Papua New Guinea nearly selling out. Some nice France material remains among the unsold lots now available at the Library.

The mystery lot sold for \$200.

We are already accumulating material for next year's silent auction. As an example, we will have a beautiful Canal Zone lot, the first page of which catalogs nearly \$1,900.

Work has also started on the Large Lot auction planned for this fall. Details to follow!



World Stamp Show NY2016

May 28-June 4, 2016
 Javits Center

In Celebration of Stamps!



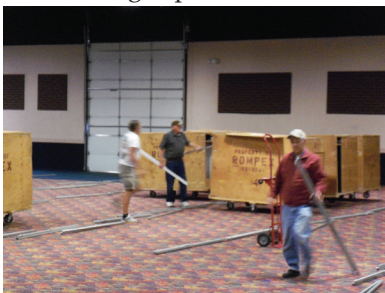
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show No. 66

Article and Photography by William Crabbs

This year's RMSS began with something different, a seminar on South African Philately. Seminar day was like any other day this May, with rain, rain and more rain. Attendees had gathered early for breakfast; you had to wait in line, as there were many wanting food. After a sumptuous breakfast the introductions began at the Seminar. There was standing room only for much of that first day of the Rocky Mountain Stamp show.

Meanwhile, in other parts of the hotel, crews of volunteers are hard at work setting up frames, tables, banners and everything else it takes to put the show on.

Tonny van Loij arrived early along with Rich Palestro to lay out the floor and unpack frame components. Soon other volunteers arrived to start setting up the frames; even our help for "pack in/pack out" jumped in to lend a hand to get the rows of frames set up before the first exhibit is mounted.



The first job: Unpack the frames from their crates and set 'em up.

Stan Luft was there to number all the frames; you can't mount an exhibit if your frame doesn't have a number. Jeff Modesitt and Steve McGill labored over rows and rows of frames, aligning the frames to the rigid specifications of Tonny's layout. Then a beer break, because you can't work without taking time off for a beer!

After setting up and numbering the frames, and alignment to make sure all is correct, the dealers arrive. Off goes the help to start moving the dealers into the show.

Shortly after the dealers start to set up the pizza arrives. The show cannot expect our volunteers to work on an empty stomach.

Time to mount exhibits!

Sherri Jennings and Jerry Eggleston have all the exhibits sorted and ready to be mounted by more volunteers, ready and waiting.

Ron Lampo has been busy adding signs to the tables; A&D Stamps goes here, DK Stamps goes there, and Joe Neri goes up against the wall.

Over at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library booth there are tables to move, boxes to set up, banners to put up, and cash registers to plug in in order to get ready for the Library's largest-ever stamp auction. Three days of bidding, checking, checking again, and checking a third

time to make sure your bid remains the highest on the books, before the auction closes on the third day at high noon.



Youngsters kept Don Dohnau busy.

At the Youth Table, Don Dohnau has been opening boxes and sorting pencils, scratch paper and everything else to host the many young adults who will stop, learn, and become tomorrow's stamp collectors.

Opening day, collectors started lining up by 9:00 a.m. for the opening bell at 10.



People started lining up early so they could get into the show and be the first to look for treasures at the bourse.

Door monitors, Mike Milam and Bob Miller, are armed with resources, words of encouragement and directions of all kinds for patrons to the show.

Just inside the door, Rusty Morse is busy sticking postage on envelopes and affixing show cancels.

Many, many others are busy making last minute adjustments to their tables, getting ready for the show to open ding!

On with the show!

Friday was very busy for most of the day, and Saturday was just as busy as Friday, but as the day wound down others were getting ready for that evening's banquet. The guest speaker was Paul Lee, who was giving a talk on his

new book about National Parks Post Offices. During the banquet, John Bloor and Dalene Thomas handled the presentation of awards to the winning exhibits. Master of ceremonies, Steve McGill, the show President, handed out the grand award to Richard Maisel.



Steve McGill congratulated Richard Maisel, winner of the grand award.

It was sunny on Sunday morning, May 17th, and the day looked promising as even more people were gathered waiting for the doors to open on the last day of the show.

The floor was busy most of the morning, especially as the noon closing of the Silent Auction approached. Last bids were put in as the Auction closed. The auction lots were squirreled away to another room as the next part of the auction started: sorting the lots and determining winners.



The lots of the winning bidders in the Silent Auction were sorted in a small room away from the noise of the show. Sorting took two hours. Bidders could then pick up their winnings.

Once the lots were sorted, they were brought back to the Library's table, and winners were able to pick up and "pay dearly for their winnings."

As the afternoon wound to a close, Mike Milam announced that the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show would be closing in 15, then five, minutes.

More volunteers arrived to start taking down exhibits, dismantling exhibit frames, and helping to move out dealers anxious to get on the road to their next show.

At the What's in Your Attic? table, equipment and catalogs were stored for next year's event. The youth table, after hours of helping kids learn about stamps, also packed up for next year's return.

Dave Weisberg was seen packing the remaining auction lots to be taken back to the RMPL, for winning bidders to pick them up later in the week.

Version 66 of the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show drew to a close. [Ed note: Yes, we started in 1949!]

RMSS South African Seminar

By Tim Bartshe

This year at RMSS, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa, an all-day seminar was held on Thursday with 13 separate speakers from around the country, and the world, specializing in African philately.



A look inside the meeting room where the South African Seminar took place.

Organized by Colin Fraser and hosted by Tim Bartshe, it was an immensely successful event, with 15 to 25 persons in attendance all day.

Following a hosted cocktail hour, some 30 persons attended a buffet dinner held on site next door to the seminar room at the hotel.



Otto Peetoom (left) and Ed Grabowski look over an exhibit on the show floor which was entered by a South African Philately Seminar attendee.

It is hoped that such events can be scheduled in the years ahead, as it brings many people into the venue, and brings philatelic knowledge to a much broader audience. Many thanks to Steve Schweighofer for his help in setting up the rooms and dinner. Without his help this would not have been possible.



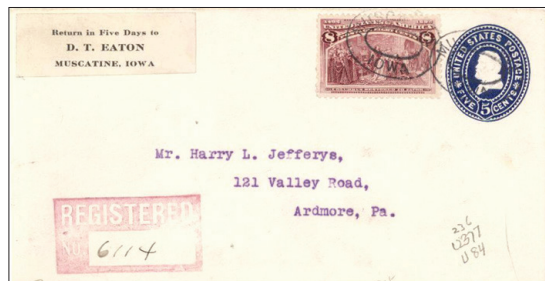
Courtesy of Bjorn Kristian Wang

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the RMPL 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. His email is <aurora_80017@yahoo.com>.

**The programs begin at 9 a.m. and are over by 10 a.m.
Doughnuts and coffee are complimentary, and all are welcome.**



July 11, 9 a.m.

Registered Mail 1867-1911

by Jim Kilbane

Jim will show the various steps in the process of receiving, recording and delivering of the registered mail from 1867 through 1911.

August 8, 9 a.m.

*Those Magnificent Men in Their
Flying Machines*

by John Bloor

When the Wright brothers demonstrated their aircraft in Europe in 1908-1909, they took the continent by storm. In the enthusiasm that followed, pilots and their aircraft competed in air meets throughout Europe. The early history of these events in France will be presented and illustrated, along with some of the postcards and labels that were available as souvenirs.



RMPL Videos Online and on DVD

POPCORN TIME!



Cook up some popcorn and watch a video produced by the RMPL. Look over the list on the right and pick one or two!

- » U.S./German Seapost
By Sergio Lugo
- » United States National Parks
By Paul Lee
- » The Lore and Legend of Dragons
As Told by Postage Stamps, by Lynne Toews
(You'll love the ending of this!)
- » A History of Scouting, by Frank Leitz
- » Scouting Activities, by Frank Leitz
- » The Security Elements of Postage Stamps,
Part 1, By Steve Dixon
- » Jewish National Fund: Labels with a Purpose
By Dasa Metzler
- » Tasmania, Part 1: Pictorial Stamps 1899-1900
By Ron Hill
- » Tasmania, Part 2: Pictorial Stamps 1901-1913
By Ron Hill
- » RMPL Youth Stamp Club
By Don Dhonau

Visit rmpldenver.org and click on Videos in the left column.

A DVD with nine of the presentations is available at the library for \$5, or through the mail for \$7.

NEW MEMBERS

The RMPL is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined the library in March, April and May.

- Chuck Howard**, Arvada, CO - Collects general U.S.A.
- Leigh Jones**, Evergreen, CO - Collects U.K., Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji.
- Richard E. Linde, McLean, VA** - Collects general worldwide.
- Frederick C. Miller**, Englewood, CO - Collects U.S. and Egypt
- Stephen J. Pero**, Oak Harbor, OH - Collects Plate Blocks and Vatican Postal History.
- Lawrence Snee**, Golden, CO
- Phillip Zook**, Colorado Springs, CO - Collects Plate Number Coil.s, U.S., and Japan.

DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following members made donations to the library in March and April. We thank each and every one who has contributed.

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Air Label
Collectors Club
Patrick Appelhans
Bransford Banks
Ellengail Beuthel
Craig Buhlman
Lewis Bussey
Tom Byrnes
Eric Carlson
Roger Cichorz
Peter Colwell
Manuel Davis
Laurence DeMuth
Peter Ditlow
Greg Frantz
William Frear
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Robert Guttsmann
Ron Hill | Charles Klein
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Stanley Luft
Anthony Marks
Patricia Merrill
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Georgio Miglivacca
Helen Morgan
Thomas Moss
William Plachte
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James Reichman
Owen Robb
Jon Rummel
Lauren Sternburg
Richard Stucky
David Weisberg
Amy Wieting
Martin Wilkinson
Richard Winter |
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 16, 2015
7 p.m.

All members are welcome.

If you're looking for postcards like this one ...



Dance your way over to the Denver Postcard & Paper Summer Show 2015!

Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 15200 W. 6th Ave in Golden.

Friday, July 17 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\$5 admission is good for both days.
Show this announcement and get \$1 off the admission.

- Food available on site • Door prizes daily • Plenty of free parking •

Contact Dede Horan at (303) 667-6212



World Stamp Show New York 2016 is less than a year away and it promises to be a lifetime experience. Saturday, May 28 to Saturday June 4. The RMPL will have a booth and we hope to see you there!





Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday 2 - 8 p.m.. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Phone: (303) 759-9921

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 at the library by Howard Benson, Operations Manager. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Howard at (303) 521-6216 of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled by Howard well in advance, for philately-related meetings.

JULY 2015

July 3 - 4 Fri - Sat

**RMPL Closed Friday and Saturday
4th of July Holiday**

July 8 Wed- Meeting - 7 p.m.

Denver Germany Stamp Club

July 9 Thu - Meeting - 2 p.m.

Cherrellyn Stamp Club

July 9 Thu - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Denver Postcard Club

July 10 Fri - Meeting - 7 p.m.

Austria-Hungary Club

Second Saturday at the RMPL

July 11 - 9 a.m.

Program by Jim Kilbane

Registered Mail 1867-1911

July 11 Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.

Mexico/Latin America Study Group

July 11 Sat - Picnic - 5 p.m.

Aurora Stamp Club

July 16 Thu - Meeting - 7 p.m.

RMPL Board All members welcome.

July 18 Sat - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club

July 22 - Wed - Meeting - Noon

Denver Stamp Club



Want to learn something about those Austrian revenues rattling around in your collection? Steve Schweighofer's been studying them since the 1980s and he's presenting a program about them at the July 10th Austria-Hungary club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library annex. You're welcome to attend!

AUGUST 2015

Aug 1 Sat - Meeting - 1 p.m.

Topical Philatelists in Colorado

Aug 5 Wed - Meeting - Aurora Stamp club

6:30 p.m. trading, 7 p.m. meeting

Second Saturday at the RMPL

Aug 8 - Meeting - 9 a.m.

Program by John Bloor

*Those Magnificent Men in Their
Flying Machines*

Aug 8 Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.

Mexico/Latin America Study Group

Aug 8 Sat - Meeting - 11:30 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists

Aug 12 Wed - Meeting - 7 p.m.

Denver Germany Stamp Club

Aug 13 Thu - Meeting - 2 p.m.

Cherrellyn Stamp Club

Aug 13 Thu - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Denver Postcard Club

Aug 14 Fri - Meeting - 7 p.m.

Austria-Hungary Club

Aug 15 Sat - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club

Aug 22 Sat - Meeting - 1 p.m.

Colorado Postal History Society

Aug 22 Sat - Picnic - 6 p.m.

Annual Library social. Join us!

(Details on page 2.)

RMPL Annual Summer Get-together

Aug 26 Wed - Meeting - Noon

Denver Stamp Club

