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A Real Long-Distance Runner!

by Gregory Frantz

This amazing cover traversed three continents, an ocean and many rivers. It probably traveled on land and on water, farther than any other known cover and without being forwarded. It went from San Francisco CA (latitude 37° N, longitude 122° W) to Nikolayevskan-Amur, Siberia, Russia (53° N 140° E), right on the other side of the Pacific Rim. But it never crossed the Pacific.

Here's how I worked out this cover's routing:

1. Departed San Francisco on September 4, 1880 at 1 p.m.; arrived in New York September 7, by transcontinental railroad.



2. Left New York on September 7(?); arrived at Hamburg, Germany on September 13.

The rest of my explanation is with maps on pages 4 and 5.

Here are backstamps on the cover that gave important clues to the routing:



Sept 15. Circular date stamp used in Pozan. This is a digital recreation of the way the strike may have looked.



Sept 18. Some of this Moscow cds was obliterated because it was struck over the cancel applied in Pozan.

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

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From the President



John Sinski

Great News! We are going to pay off our mortgage on the building next door.

It's actually two buildings attached to each other. One of them is 2048 So. Pontiac Way and faces Pontiac. The other is 7070 E. Asbury. It faces the street behind the main Library, East Asbury.

This will save us over \$1800 per month in operating expenses plus a lot of interest. The payoff is possible because of the excellent record-breaking results of our silent auction at this year's Rocky Mountain Stamp Show.

There is more information about the payoff in the Board Summary on page ten.

We have received some excellent donations in the past couple of months. This has provided a significant increase in lots for our coming Large Lot Auction in October. It appears we're going to have another record-breaker.

We have also received a donation of more recent U.S. stamps (mint singles and plate-blocks) as well as postage for mailings.

We could use some more volunteer help working the Library front desk. Normally volunteers work three-hour shifts.

Tonny Van Loij has done an excellent job of building and maintaining our nice garden area; however, he must give it up, so we could use some volunteers to occasionally do a little gardening.

John

A Real Long-Distance Runner!, cont.



There are six circular date stamp strikes on the reverse of the cover. Two of them are from the town of Brest, Russia, leaving five markings with valuable clues to the routing.



Sept 16, Brest, Russia.



Sept 24, Circular date stamp from Perm, Russia.



Oct 3, Irkutsk, Russia.

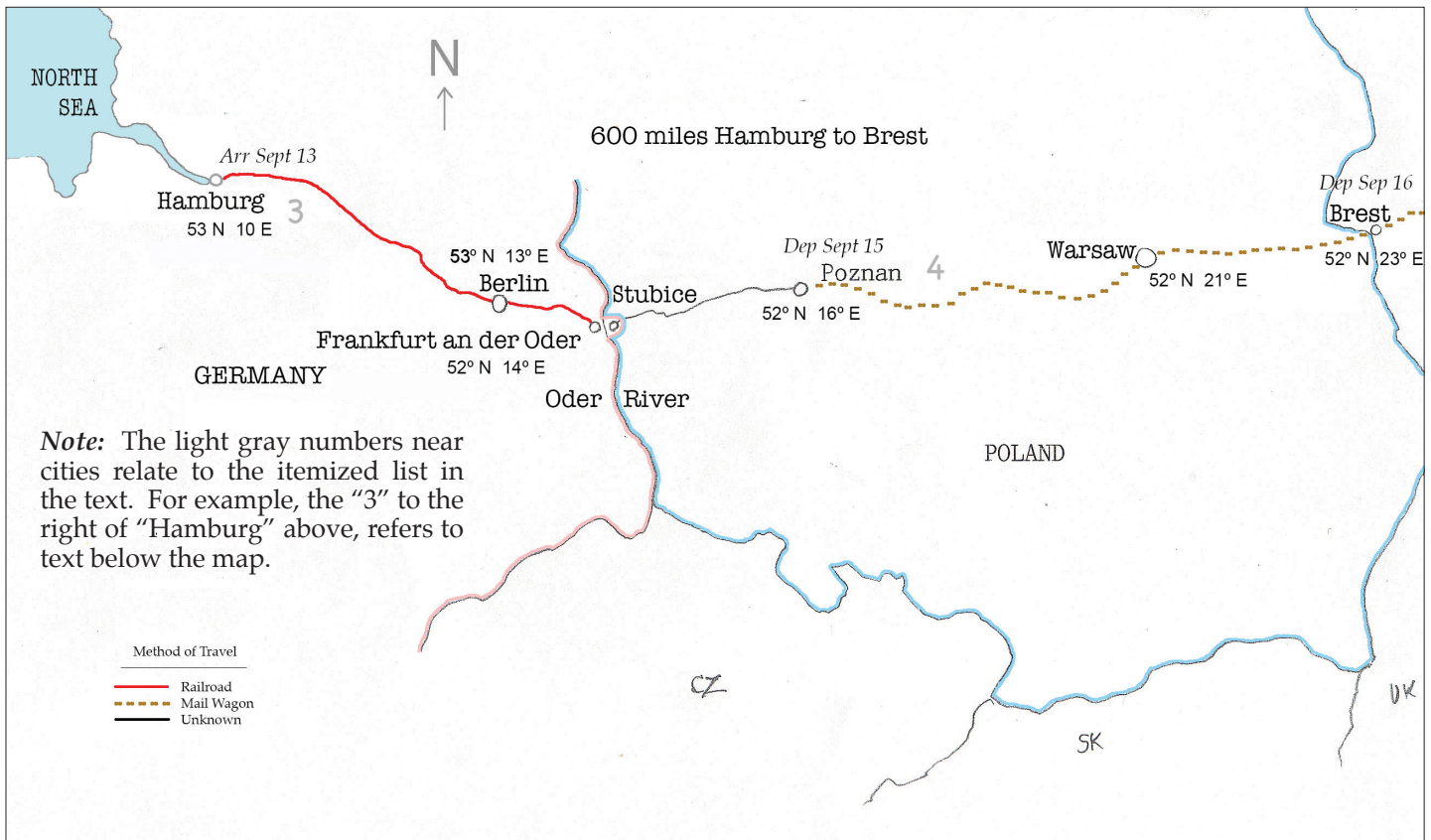


The red line represents the mail routes established before 1880 that allowed a letter to be delivered on the other side of the world from San Francisco.

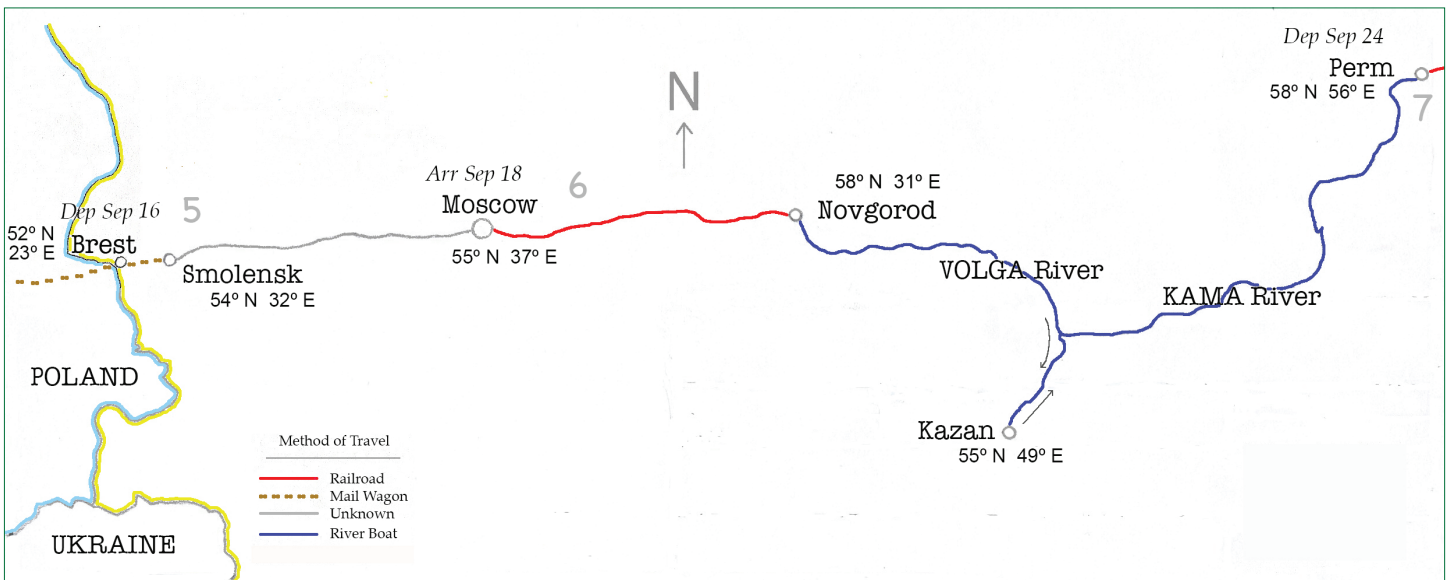
Around the World in 80 Days, by Jules Verne, was published in 1873. Just 7 years later, it took the letter from San Francisco to Nikolayevsk-an-Amur, Russia, somewhere in the neighborhood of 90 days to travel two-thirds of the way around the earth on established mail routes, a trip that may not have been possible in mail pouches when Verne wrote his adventure story.

The distance across the Pacific Ocean (4,454 miles) is about one-quarter of the route across the Atlantic, Europe and Asia. It was as much as 13,000 miles shorter than the Atlantic route. Unfortunately for postal customers, there apparently was no steamer company with a mail contract that regularly traveled between San Francisco and Nikolayevsk-an-Amur or Vladivostok in 1880.

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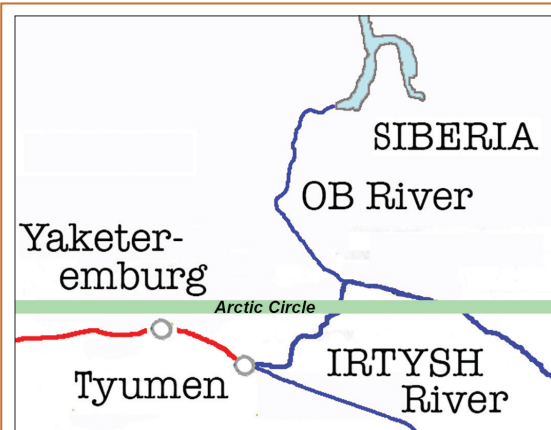
3. Departed Hamburg, went through Berlin to Frankfurt an der Oder and across the Oder River to Stubice. The cover departed Poznan, Poland on September 15 via mail wagon No. 28 (the Warsaw-Brest Line) and arrived at Brest, Poland.
4. Departed Brest on September 16 via Smolensk mail wagon, arrived at Smolensk, Russia.
5. All Siberian mail was routed through Moscow. Departed Smolensk and arrived in Moscow on September 18. From Moscow, it was probably taken by rail to Nizhnii-Novogorod on the Volga river, then by steamer to Kazan, and then changed ships and went to Perm via the Kama river.
6. Departed Perm on September 24 and was taken to Yekaterinburg by (railroad) car No. 81. Here it crossed the Ural mountains.





7. Transported, probably by rail, to Tyumen, which was later a stop on the Trans-Siberian Railway. It then traveled by river to Tomsk, then taken overland by carriage to Achinsk, and then through Krasnoyarsk to Irkutsk. It arrived on November 3, according to a circular date stamp with a posthorn, which incidentally is the earliest known. The journey from Yekaterinberg to Irkutsk took more than a month.
8. From Irkutsk, the cover went by steamer across Lake Baykal, then by rail to Chita, a distance of 560 miles. From there, it would normally go to Sryetensk for a steamer trip on the Amur River to its destination but the steamers only operated from May to the end of September. There were no roads to Nikolayevsk-an-Amur (the next destination) but in winter mail was transported on occasion by sleigh. One would follow the river down to Kabarovsk, where travel turned south to Vladivostok, the new naval station, or to the north, past Blagovyeshley to Nikolayevsk-an-Amur. Nikolayevsk-an-Amur was the naval base until 1871 when it was transferred to Vladivostok, a more ice-free port.

Russia developed an extensive rail system, but river and canal systems were developed earlier, and still frequently used in the 1880's. It's difficult to give the total mileage traveled, but I would estimate that this cover traveled between 16,000 and 18,000 miles, given all the twists and turns in Russia. It's unlikely that another cover traveled on land and water, without being forwarded, further than this one.



An enlargement (*left*) shows the **Arctic Circle** as a green line. The cover crossed it twice, once on the **Irtysh River** (2,600 miles long), then on the **Ob River** (nearly 2,300 miles).

The cover to **Nikolayevsk-an-Amur** traveled on or over some very impressive geography.

A major river on the journey was the **Volga**, sometimes called the National River of Russia. It is about 2,300 miles long.

The **Kama River** (1,000+ miles) then took our cover to Perm.

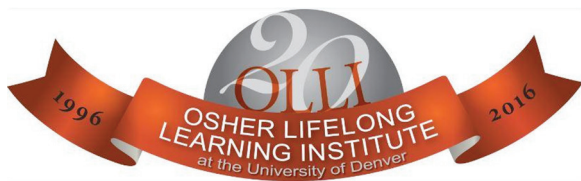
The next river, the **Amur**, took it to its final destination, perhaps on a sleigh because the river froze over in winter. The **Amur** is one of the 10 longest rivers in the world at nearly 1,800 miles.

OLLI Classes Taught by RMPL Members

by Ron Mitchell

The RMPL continues to take part in the University College of the University of Denver's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). That sounds like a mouthful, but it's a solid, straightforward program of classes for lifelong learners, and stamp collectors certainly all fit into that category.

Organizers are proud that the program is celebrating its 20th anniversary, a sign of success at more than 120 campuses across the country where OLLI is hosted.



The library's sessions are called "World History Through Stamps." There will be eight meetings on Wednesday mornings beginning September 16th at the Harvest Bible Chapel, 3651 So. Colorado Boulevard (just south of Hampden on So. Colorado Blvd.). That's the OLLI South location in the Denver area.

For information about registration, go to <universitycollege.du.edu/olli/>

There is a \$100 fee for each eight-week session, which allows you to take as many classes as you like. There are many other topics available besides the one covered by the RMPL.

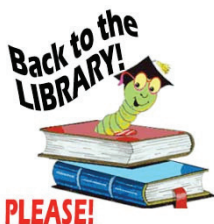
In "World History Through Stamps," the subject will be

surveyed from the standpoint of stamps issued by various postal administrations.

The facilitator for the RMPL sessions is Steve Nadler, and he has coordinated a list of titles of programs and their presenters:

- Sept 16th: Introduction and overview of the program, including introductions of the presenters.
- Sept 23rd: No class.
- Sept 30th: *Afghanistan 1920 to the Present*
Steve Nadler
- Oct 7th: *Why Honor and Hate Stamped Jefferson's Reputation*
Jack Van Ens
- Oct 14th: *Modern History of New Zealand*
Jeff Modisett
- Oct 21st: *History of Indo-China to Vietnam*
Richard Aspnes
- Oct 28th: *The Development of Air Transportation in Canada Through the Use of Semi-Official Airmail*
John Bloor
- Nov 4th: *Indian Treaties with the United States*
Sergio Lugo
Also, a field trip to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library
- Nov 11th: *Physics - The History of the Discovery of Light*
Steve McGill

- Books are on loan for two weeks.
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- Please print your name and telephone number legibly on the check-out card.
- Our members and volunteers thank you.



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Large Lot Auction Coming on Saturday, October 24th

by David Weisberg, Auction Manager

This year's Large Lot Auction will have some differences from past years; no more split sessions with the morning activity crammed into the old garage area.

We will have just one session, beginning at 12:00 noon in the main meeting room and ending with one checkout at the end of the entire auction.

What will not change is the great bargains we have every year, including multiple lots of United States and foreign mint and used stamps. Most are sorted in glassines or on stock pages. This is a great way to fill in those missing spots in your worldwide collection.

Speaking of worldwide collections, this year we will have the largest collection the RMPL has ever auctioned. It

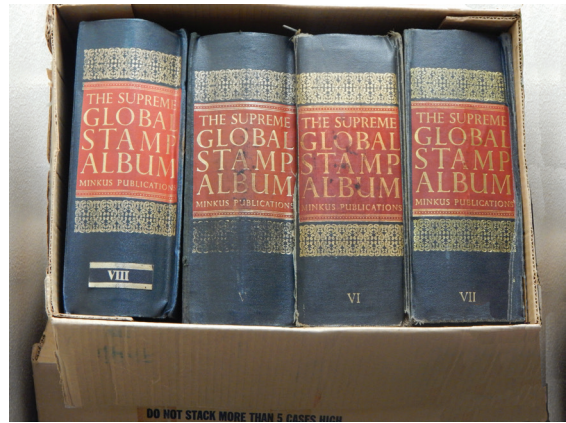


Auction Manager Dave Weisberg stands in a hallway filled with lots ready for the sale October 24th and shows off a small part of the largest lot the RMPL has ever auctioned.

consists of 16 Minkus Global albums with perhaps as many as 100,000 different stamps up to 1982. We estimate the value to be \$15,000, and we have a starting bid of just \$750.

There are also three separate collections of quality pre-WWII material, each valued at \$12,000 and with starting bids of just \$900.

All the lots in the Large Lot Auction will be available for viewing starting about noon on Monday, October 19th.



Frankly, the condition of the albums in the largest lot ever offered in an RMPL auction leave much to be desired. There are about 100,000 stamps in 16 of these dilapidated binders that Dave estimates are worth \$15,000. He has set a minimum bid of \$750.

Local Lad Makes Good - Edits Postal Card Catalog

by Mike Milam



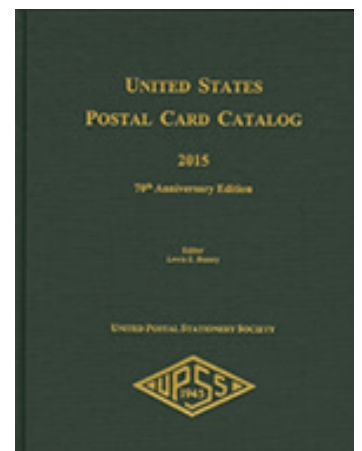
Lew Bussey, well-known national exhibitor and local postal stationery collector, is mentioned in a June 25 article in *Linn's Stamp News* titled "United Postal Stationery Society Publishes 2015 'United States Postal Card Catalog.' The *Linn's* article says, "The 2015 catalog, edited by Lewis

E. Bussey with the help of other collectors, celebrates the 70th anniversary of the United Postal Stationery Society." The article mentions that the new catalog includes several improvements, including new scans and updating.

When contacted about the article, Bussey said he was

also editor of the 2005 and 2010 editions, and he "tweaked a bunch of stuff, revised pricing, improved a number of areas, etc. It's tough getting information from the USPS these days, as well as the dearth of new cards over the last few years, . . ."

According to *Linn's*, both the hardcover and loose-leaf editions are \$54 for members, and \$66.50 for non-members, and are available from the UPSS Publication Office at upsspubs@aol.com.



Post Office Made U.S. Economic Engine Purr

By Rev. Dr. Jack R. Van Ens

Prologue

In the 21st century, people get concerned about religion because it often becomes divisive. In the early 19th century, however, Protestant Christianity permeated every sector of American society. For instance, with the teaching of the Bible, prayer in the classroom, learning by rote from readers (textbooks) steeped in biblical morality, the 10 commandments posted alongside pictures of Washington in schools, etc., public education was essentially Christian education, and few feathers were ruffled over it.

The 19th century Post Office, because of the spoils system, was very powerful. People took sermons on earnest labor and worked them out in their jobs, including Post Office employees.



Jack Van Ens



What key dynamic created a robust U.S. economy in the early 19th century? Many believe that self-made Americans were the pistons that fired up a mercantile economy in the 1820s. Small-town shopkeepers worked long hours. New England mill workers produced items purchased in the U.S. and traded overseas. Farmers' milk production rose like a rocket. Crops brought bumper harvests. Each of these constituencies rolled up their sleeves as the U.S.'s industrial might boomed.



A church was never far away in typical American towns like Albany, NY in the early 1800s.

Folklore conditions us to believe that early 19th century shopkeepers, mill workers and farmers flexed economic

muscle, based on the credo: "If it's (an economic advance) meant to be, it's up to me!" Above all else, hard work produced a strong economy.

What's seldom noted and often forgotten, however, is the major role the Post Office played in making America's economic engine hum.

With Protestantism dominating religious life in the early 19th century, worshippers heard sermons that mixed what God wrought in life with their hard work. Divine grace and human gumption blended to inspire churchgoers. Preachers delivered sermons on texts such as "Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9). Old-fashioned gumption counted with God.

Historian Michael Kazin dubs faith in God and in the benefits of hard work the "Jesus and Jefferson" conviction. Worshippers combined "religious with secular values. The latter—the Jefferson part—esteemed frugality, rural origins, hard work, self-reliance, local control, tight community ties, a strong sense of honor, doing the right thing..." (A Godly Hero: the Life of William Jennings Bryan, 2006, p. xiii).

Thrift, pluck and God's blessing made the nation's economic engine purr.



What other popular belief served as a cog, making the economic engine rev up? Prior to the Civil War, a majority of Protestants embraced a rosy view of the future, called post-millennialism. They expected that Christ's return to earth would be the culmination of a progressive age, the Millennium. The Millennium functioned as a metaphor for an age in which business boomed, science furnished creature comforts, and inventions made life easier. During the Millennium and before Christ's return on earth, Americans would benefit from moral improvement, economic progress, and a sizeable increase in personal and national fortune.

What "the self-made American brimming with a rosy economic future" myth misses is the vital dynamic that created wealth in the 1820s: the Post Office.

Mill workers felt isolated, locked in their morning-to-dusk work. Daily, farmers had to stay near the cow herds to

milk them. Shopkeepers' long hours didn't allow them to fraternize with other business owners outside their locales. Each of these self-made American blocs suffered from a malady that slowed economic growth: cultural isolation. In the 1820s, they enjoyed little mobility. Citizens stayed close to home or place of business, to get their work done. Communication moved only as fast as a galloping horse.



An early 19th century mill worker in America.

In 1831, Alexis de Tocqueville, a French visitor who analyzed American religious and economic trends, referred to the Post Office as "a great link between minds" that helped civilize "the heart of the wilderness."



Pulitzer prize winning historian Daniel Walker Howe tells why the Post Office, rather than self-made Americanism, was the vital cog in the roaring American economic engine. "... The post office pushed for improvements in transportation facilities and patronized them financially when they came. The same stagecoaches that carried passengers along the turnpikes also carried the mail, and the postmaster general constantly pressed the stages to improve their service.... Contracts for carrying mail helped finance the early steamboats as well as nurture the stagecoach industry" (What Hath God Wrought: the Transformation of America, 1815-1848, p. 226, 2007).

Mail stoked economic fires. The Post Office delivered letters and, even more, newspapers that forged kinships

between merchants. Farmers learned how competitors prospered in neighboring towns and states after reading newspapers sent from these destinations. Factory laborers proudly believed their work impacted the national economy, because newspapers headlined this news.

The Post Office built a national communication system. Efficient transportation lowered traveling time. The Post Office's efficiency increased in order to get the mail to its destinations more quickly. The office of Postmaster General was the top job in the presidential Cabinet, and it carried the most political clout among Cabinet heads.

In the 1820s, the Post Office had more employees than the combined peacetime armed forces and the workers in the rest of the federal government.

Historian Howe recounts, "Between 1815 and 1830, the number of post offices grew from three thousand to eight thousand, most of them located in tiny villages and managed by part-time postmasters" (p.225).

Today, even though citizens write fewer letters tucked in envelopes with postage stamps on them, a "vast majority" expect mail to be delivered to every address in the country, reports the United States Postal Service in a February 23, 2015 study.

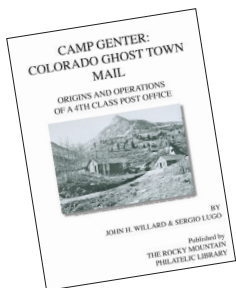
People who stay in touch build public spirit. Public spirit thrives when citizens invest in a positive future. Confident self-made Americans work harder.

What has been a key ingredient in a robust economy? It's in the mail.

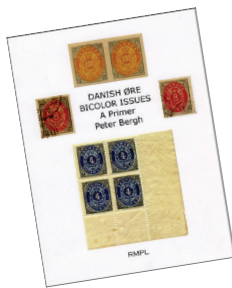


The first U.S. stamp showing a postal worker doing his job was the 2¢ value from the 1869 pictorial issue, the Post Rider.

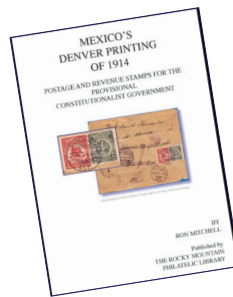
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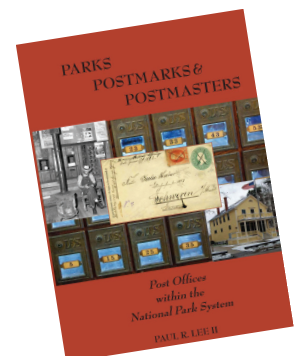
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RMPL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting of July 16, 2015

Prepared by President John Sinski

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

All Board members present except for Roe Emery. Roger Rydberg, Ron Mitchell and Steve Pacetti were also present.

The May Board minutes were distributed and approved.

FOR THE RECORD:

Next Board meeting: Thursday, September 17

Financial Report:

- June 30, 2015 balance sheet and the May/June Check Register and Income/Expense reports were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- RMPL Mortgage (2048/7070) – A meeting with the mortgage holder defined differences in balance. The Board authorized Treasurer Blatherwick to pay off the mortgage once the exact amount is finalized, using his discretion of accounts used.
- Organization Chart and Volunteer List – Comments forwarded to Operations Manager before meeting. No added comments.
- Webmaster / Website – Website in test mode. Catalog

function not ready yet. The new website will be ready soon.

- Trash Services – Dumpster delivered, and will be emptied every two weeks.
- Cleaning Services – A cleaning person was found for monthly cleaning of both buildings.

New Business:

- Memo of Agreement – between American Topical Association (ATA) and RMPL to work together in “producing quality philatelic-related audio-visual presentations” was presented and will be voted on during the next meeting.
- RMPL Large-Lot Auction – to be held in October will be one session in our meeting room. A premium lot will be a 16-volume Global Supreme Album (Minkus) including 80,000 to 100,000 stamps (estimated value of \$15,000 and minimum bid of \$750).
- 2016 World Stamp Show, NY City – Ron Mitchell will represent RMPL with a table and a 16-page framed panel telling the library’s story. He will have book giveaways and will showcase and sell our publications. There will be a Special Edition of Scribblings to hand out at this show.
- New RMPL Members were Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The Cherrelyn Stamp Club
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A Word about Scribblings

About 20 years ago, one of our founders, Jack Willard, wrote an article about one of his specialties and asked the co-editors, Don Beuthel and Roger Rydberg, if they would include it in the next issue. Our readers liked it, and the tradition of carrying a lead article by one of our members about their specialty was born.

That article format has nothing to do with the library in that it is not RMPL “news” and usually is not connected with an event, but it gives members a chance to showcase their collecting interests and library research is often involved, as evidenced by last issue’s story about a cover from Silver Plume.

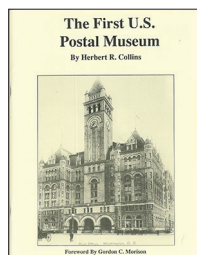
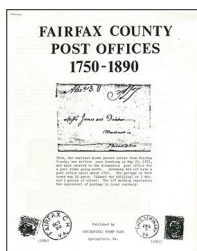
We encourage you to contribute an article of your own, and if resources from the RMPL are involved in the preparation, so much the better. Mike Milam, our editor, would be happy to help. Lead articles are about 600 to 850 words, and illustrations are a must. If you wish, you can provide the items for pictures, and we’ll prepare them for publication.

Now, all you have to do is pick a topic from your collection and write about it. We look forward to seeing it!

WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES

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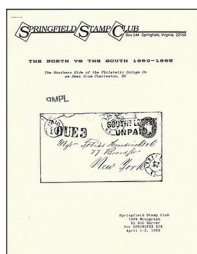
Chicago's Main Post Office Building: The World's Largest, by Emmett E. Cooper Jr.



Fairfax County Post Offices 1750-1890, published by the Springfield, VA Stamp Club

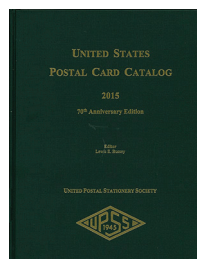
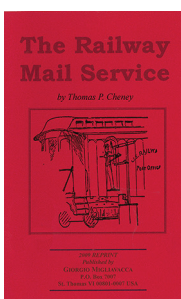
The First U.S. Postal Museum, by Herbert R. Collins

Handbook & Checklist of New Jersey DPO's, published by the New Jersey Postal History Society



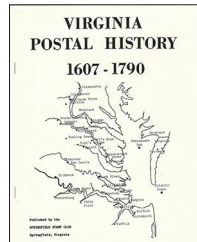
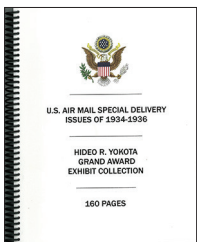
The North vs the South 1860-1865: The Southern Side of the Philatelic Goings on as seen from Charleston, SC, by Bob Karrer, Springfield Stamp Club

The "R.P.O.": What Was It?, published by the Springfield, VA Stamp Club



The Railway Mail Service, by Thomas P. Cheney

United States Postal Card Catalog 2015: 70th Anniversary Edition, edited by Lewis E. Bussey

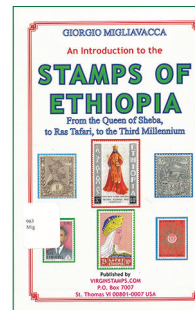


U.S. Air Mail Special Delivery Issue of 1934-1936: Grand Award Exhibit Collection of Hideo R. Yokota

Virginia Postal History 1607-1790, by Robert Lisbeth

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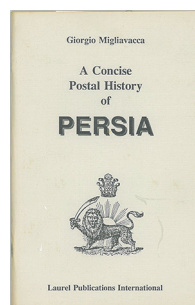
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Azerbaijan: A Guide to the Identification of Forgeries, Forged Overprints, Forged or Doubtful Postmarks and Other Problem Stamps, by J. Barefoot



A Concise Postal History of Persia, by Giorgio Migliavacca
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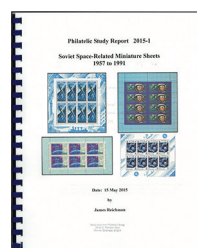
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The Americas: Including Fine sections of Chile, Chile-Peruvian War, Essays and Proofs of De La Rue and Bradbury Wilkinson, catalog for a Christie's Robson Lowe auction May 1989

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Chicagopex Stamp Auction, catalog for a Regency Superior auction November 2014

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The Confino Family Collection of United States Stamps, 1847-1933, catalog for a Cherrystone auction July 2015

The Curtis Collection: United States 20th Century & Air Post Issues, catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction February 2015

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Egypt & Sudan, Stamps & Postal History: the Peter A.S. Smith Collections, catalog for a Corinphila auction May 2015

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The "Knob Hill" collection (Florex 2014; United States and Confederacy), catalog for a Daniel Kelleher auction December 2014

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The Morris Everett Collection of Confederate States Postal History, catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction October 1993

Napex Stamp Show Auction, catalog for a Regency Superior auction June 2015

New York Public Auction #351: the Michael Bakwin Collection of Used United States 1847-1947, catalog for a Matthew Bennett auction February 2015

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Philatelic Auction, catalog for a Warwick & Warwick auction May 2015

Rare Stamps & Postal History of the World, catalog for a Cherrystone auction May 2015

The Robert J. Cooley Gold Medal Collections of Cayman Islands and Great Britain Line Engraved Issues, catalog for a Shreves auction September 1995

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Sescal Stamp Show Auction, catalog for a Regency Superior auction October 2014

Sets, Singles, Postal History & Collections of the World, catalog for an H.R. Harmer auction June 2013

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Stamp Auction 177: Europe & Overseas, catalog for a Corinphila auction February-March 2013

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United States Carriers and Locals Featuring the Gordon Stimmel Collection, catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction June 2015

United States Stamps and Covers: Lots from Sales 1084, 1085, 1089 and 1090 reoffered on behalf of 38 consignors, catalog for a Robert A. Siegel auction June 2015

The Westpex Sale: Public Auction no. 52, catalog for a Schuyler Rumsey auction April 2013

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NON-PHILATELIC

Facts about Iceland, by Ólafur Hanson

History of the Mountain Training Center, Study No. 24, by John C. Jay



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.**

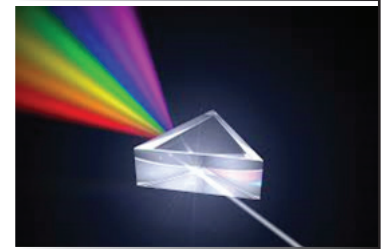
September 12, 9 a.m.

The Discovery of Light, by Steve McGill

This is a presentation about the discoveries of physicists, chemists, astronomers and academics who have made key discoveries concerning the nature of light.

Light is a physical property of the universe that we usually take for granted because of its pervasiveness; however, an understanding of the true nature of light has been gained over many centuries, and that has led to fundamental revisions in our knowledge of particles at the quantum level, as well as in the largest structures in the universe.

The presentation will highlight these discoveries, the men and women involved, and the implications of the resultant theories. There are numerous philatelic links to the people and events covered which are discussed in the presentation.



October 10, 9 a.m.

Collecting Postcards for Their Postal and Social History by Steve Nadler

A survey of postcards with an eye to their influence on social and postal history.

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 joined the library in June and July.

Edward Anderson, Denver, CO - Collects U.S. and first day covers

Larry Bush, Parker, CO - Collects U.S.

Cory Carmack, Eastlake, CO - Youth Member - Collects Transportation and Super Heros.

Christopher J. Cox, Boulder, CO - Collects Atmospheric Optics, Weather, and Lighthouses.

Stan Doten, Highlands Ranch, CO - Collects U.S.

Rob Driver, Highland Ranch, CO - Collects U.S.

Peter Fessenden, Highlands Ranch, CO - Collects U.S.

Kaye Moss, Denver, CO

Randy Neil, Overland Park, KS - Collects Confederate States, US 20th Century Postal History, Philatelic Literature, Monaco, Christmas Seals, Precancels.

DONATIONS

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

Eleanor Allen	Longmont Stampers
Bradford Banks	Carl Love
Jon Bennett	Stanley J. Luft
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Donald E. Beuthel	Anthony Marks
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Steve Bonowski	John McIntyre
Craig Buhlman	Gary McIntyre
Marsha Camblin	Greg Merrill
Heidi Carmack	Dasa Metzler
Beverly Carrigan	Sue Middleton
Roger Cichorz	Giorgio Miglivacca
Peter Colwell	Robert Miller
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Ernesto Cuesta	Helen Morgan
Tom Czapla	Thomas R. Moss
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Lisa Davenport	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Neri
Manuel Davis	John Pfeiffer
Denver Postcard Club	William Plachte
Peter Ditlow	Thomas Pollard
Stan Doten	Charles Reed
William Downing	James Reichman
Preston Driggers	Lisa Rupert
Cindy Eck	Scandinavian
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Joe Lambert	Martin Wilkinson
Sharon Loeffler	Hideo Yokota

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2015

7 p.m. - All members are welcome.

World Stamp Show



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.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sept 2 Wed- Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club
6:30 p.m. trading, 7 p.m. meeting

Sept 5 - 7 Sat-Mon
RMPL Closed Saturday - Monday
Labor Day Holiday

Sept 5 Sat Meeting - 10 a.m.
Scandinavian Collectors Club
(This meeting will be held even though the library will be closed.)

Sept 9 Wed- Meeting - 7 p.m.
Denver Germany Stamp Club

Sept 10 Thu - Meeting - 2 p.m.
Cherrellyn Stamp Club

Sept 10 Thu - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Denver Postcard Club

Sept 11 Fri - Meeting - 7 p.m.
Austria-Hungary Club

Second Saturday at the RMPL

Sept 12 - 9 a.m.
Program by Steve McGill
The Discovery of Light

Sept 12 Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.
Mexico/Latin America Study Group

Sept 17 Thu - Meeting 7:00 p.m.
RMPL Board Meeting
All members are welcome.
Please join us!

Sept 19 Sat - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club

Sept 20 Sun - Meeting - 2 p.m. - Great Britain
and Commonwealth Collectors Club

Sept 22 Tue - Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Rocky Mtn. Stamp Show Committee

Sept 23 Wed - Meeting - Noon
Denver Stamp Club

OCTOBER 2015

Oct 3 Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.
Scandinavian Collectors Club

Oct 3 Sat. - Meeting - 1 p.m.
Topical Collectors in Colorado

Oct 7 Wed - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club
6:30 p.m. trading, 7 p.m. meeting

Oct 8 Thu - Meeting - 2 p.m.
Cherrellyn Stamp Club

Oct 8 Thu - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Denver Postcard Club

Oct 9 Fri - Meeting - 7 p.m.
Austria-Hungary Club

Second Saturday at the RMPL

Oct 10 - Meeting - 9 a.m.
Program by Steve Nadler
*Collecting Postcards for Their Postal and Social
History*

Oct 10 Sat - Meeting - 10 a.m.
Mexico/Latin America Study Group

Oct 10 Sat - Meeting - 11:30 a.m.
Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists

Oct 12 Mon
RMPL Closed Monday
Columbus Day Holiday

Oct 14 Wed - Meeting - 7 p.m.
Denver Germany Stamp Club

Oct 17 Sat - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club

Oct 18 Sun - Meeting - 2 p.m. - Great Britain
and Commonwealth Collectors Club

Oct 19 - 23 Mon - Fri - Auction Lot Viewing
Begins about noon Mon - then regular Library
hours the rest of the week.

Oct 24 Sat - Large Lots Auction
All in one session - starts at noon
Meeting room in the Library Annex

Oct 27 Tue Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Rocky Mtn. Stamp Show Committee

Oct 28 Wed - Meeting - Noon
Denver Stamp Club