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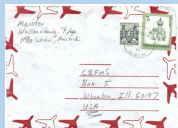
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ARMISTICE DAY

by Charlie Freise

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow we gave our today." - Rudyard Kipling, *The Old Issue*

There are many reasons for the start of World War I. The match that lit the powder keg was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his pregnant wife, Sophie, on June 28, 1914, in Sarajevo, Bosnia. The "Great War" began on July 28, 1914, with the countries of the Central Powers comprised of Austria-Hungary, Germany, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire facing the Allied Powers comprised of France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Romania, Japan and later the United States. World War I is notable for many firsts. It was the first war where submarines, airplanes, tanks, blood banks, plastic surgery, and chemical weapons were used in modern warfare.



Figure 1 - Flanders Field, American Cemetery, Waregem, Belgium.



Figure 2 - A French SPAD S.XVI two-seat biplane reconnaissance aircraft, flying over Compiègne Sector, France ca. 1918. Note the zig-zag patterns of defensive trenches in the fields below. Photo courtesy of the San Diego Air and Space Museum Archive.

er intelligence information (See Figure 2 - above) allowing the Allied Powers to exploit weaknesses in the German line. By the end of the war, the Allied Powers had produced five times as many aircraft as the Central Powers.

The brutal engagements between the Allied and Central Powers ravaged the countryside. The fields, forests and farmland were destroyed, leaving a barren, cratered landscape (See Figure 3 - top of page 5). The spring of 1915 brought forth the first bright red flowers from the ravaged land. The flower, known as the Flanders poppy is actually classified as a weed.

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A basic membership with the RMPL is \$25 per year and includes book checkout privileges and six issues of *Scribblings*. Call for more information.

Officers and Directors may be contacted through the RMPL.

From the Desk of the President - by the Editor



It is with a saddened heart that I report the death of Don Buethel, one of ten original founding members of the Library. He served as the first President of the Library and was an active member for 30 years. He exhibited his collections world-wide and won a number of awards. He was an accredited judge

for the National Topical Association. He passed away on the morning of October 11, 2021. Ellengail, his wife served as our librarian for 26 years, passed away in July 2019. A special feature highlighting the life and career of Don Buethel will appear in the next issue of *Scribblings*.

I also report the death of Marge Carlson, wife of Eric Carlson, on October 13, 2021. Eric Carlson is a long time Library volunteer, a current member of the board, and President of the Cherrelyn Stamp Club.

A special memoriam is found on page 4 of this issue to honor Clavin Timpe, the Library Volunteer Coordinator. Calvin passed away unexpectedly in July 2021.

Tonny recently returned from an extended trip to Europe and wishes to express his deepest sympathies to the Buethel, Carlson and Timpe families.

Tonny would like to express his heartfelt appreciation to all the volunteers who dedicate their time and effort in maintaining the current level of services provided to its members. Additional volunteers are urgently needed to sustain these services. The unexpected loss of Calvin Timpe, the Library Volunteer Coordinator, has had a noticeable impact on library operations. Recently the Library had to close due to the lack of a volunteer able to manage the front desk and sales. Without a new influx of volunteers instances like this may become more frequent. If you are able to volunteer some of your time each week to assist at the Library please call: 303-759-9921.

The Library will be closed on:
Thanksgiving Day, November 25th
Christmas Eve, December 24th
Christmas Day, December 25th
New Years Eve, December 31st
News Years Day, January 1st

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 26, 2022



for the 4th Annual RMPL Country and Cover Lots Auction. There is no buyers premium and plenty of interesting material for all collectors. Auctions are a major source of funding for the RMPL. Your participation is important to the Library and greatly appreciated.

Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library **SWAP MEET** **BUY SELL TRADE**

A great way to inexpensively add to your collection and have fun in a social setting.

January 22, 2022 | 11:00AM - 3:00PM

The Library Annex

2048 S. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224

Meet fellow stamp enthusiasts.

Enjoy free coffee and a snack.

How can I participate?

- ☉ Rent a table for \$10 and set up your wares (only 10 tables available to RMPL members, first come first served.)
- ☉ Join the community table (no charge) where others will be buying, selling and trading.

Contact **John McFarlane**,
piperjohn165@gmail.com
for table rentals and questions.

★ ★ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ★ ★

➔ **The Library is searching for a new bookkeeper.** Eddie Hackstaff has filled in temporarily until a permanent bookkeeper is found. The position requires an individual with good computer skills and familiarity with Quick Books for Non-Profit. If you are interested or know of someone interested in the position please call 303-759-9921.

➔ **The 2022 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show** The 2022 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show committee is planning for next year's show. With some of our members retiring, our workforce is greatly depleted. We are looking for an infusion of new blood in many roles to help ensure a successful stamp show, both from a planning standpoint and 'on the ground' at the show. We need volunteers to manage the registration desk, assist with floor management, help with cachet sales and we need a hearty team to set up, and take down the exhibit display frames. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ron Lampo at chairman@rockymountainstampshow.com.

➔ **Library Volunteers Needed!** We need additional help in almost every area of RMPL operations, especially back-ups for publishing and stamp mart operations. If you are interested in becoming more active with the RMPL, whether it is helping publish *Scribblings*, sorting donations for our stamp mart, or helping with library maintenance please contact the Library at 303-759-9921.

➔ **Second Saturday programs:** Sponsored by the RMPL, the Second Saturday programs are generally about an hour long and focus on a specific subject. The subject matter is not limited to philately. Attendance is open to anyone who has a desire to learn something new about a specific subject, or enjoys discovering something new about an area of philately unfamiliar to them. If you are interested in presenting a Second Saturday program please contact Jim Kilbane at: aurora_80017@yahoo.com

In Memoriam: Calvin Timpe
(November 14, 1953 - July 15, 2021)

By Paul Domenici



Calvin Timpe, the Volunteer Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library unexpectedly passed away on July 15th at the age of 67 due to complications from COVID-19.

He was a native of Colorado, born in Denver on November 14, 1953. He was adopted by his parents the month following his birth. His parents settled in Sterling, CO, where they purchased a farm. His father was a veterinarian and Calvin developed a love of animals at an early age while helping his father. He was active in the 4-H, F. F. of A., the Scouts and was a youth stamp collector. His father instilled in him a love of trains. Calvin enjoyed taking train rides and made plans for a 14-day rail trip across Canada in May 2022.

Calvin graduated from Sterling High School in 1972 and attended Northeastern Junior College until 1974. He went on to attend the University of Wyoming majoring in Pharmaceutical Science. He graduated in 1978 and would later earn his doctorate. He was employed as a Pharmacist for Albertson's until his retirement in 2019.

Soon after retiring he returned to his boyhood hobby of stamp collecting, joined the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, and became a volunteer. He learned how to manage the front desk and started to sort stamps from Costa Rica. In time he was sorting more than a dozen countries from South and Central America. He accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator in March 2021.

Calvin was one of those rare individuals who did not hesitate to lend a hand. When asked for help he would reply, with a smile, "Yes, I can do that."

Although Calvin never exhibited any of his material, and like most of us he did not possess a world-class collection, he sure loved collecting stamps. He was a valuable, dedicated, active volunteer and a good friend to everyone at the Library. Calvin's time working at the Library was tragically cut short. His presence at the library, as well as his exceptional work ethic, will be sorely missed.

Volunteer Recognition

The Library recognizes the volunteers who worked so hard over the spring and summer to clean the garden area. With the Library closed during COVID the area became overgrown with weeds and some of the trees and shrubbery died. Special thanks go out to: John Blanyer, Jerry Hager, Sergio Lugo, Jeff Modesitt, Andy Murin, Steve Schweighofer, Mitch Slovt, Simon Slovt.

The construction of the Stamp Coordinator Storage Annex is complete thanks to the work of Andy Murin.

New computers were installed in the Library and a new flat screen smart TV was placed in the Meeting Annex room. These upgrades bring the Library into the 21st century. Joe Lanotte, Rich Palestro and Steve Schweighofer worked on the TV installation and computer upgrades.

A special thanks to Steve Schweighofer and Tonny Van Loij for managing the routine maintenance requirements for our two 40-year-old buildings. We cannot forget to compliment and thank Richard Coil

and Paul Domenici for their work keeping up with the routine cleaning of the Library. If you are interested in helping with the maintenance (plumbing, electrical, landscaping and cleaning) please call 303-759-9921.



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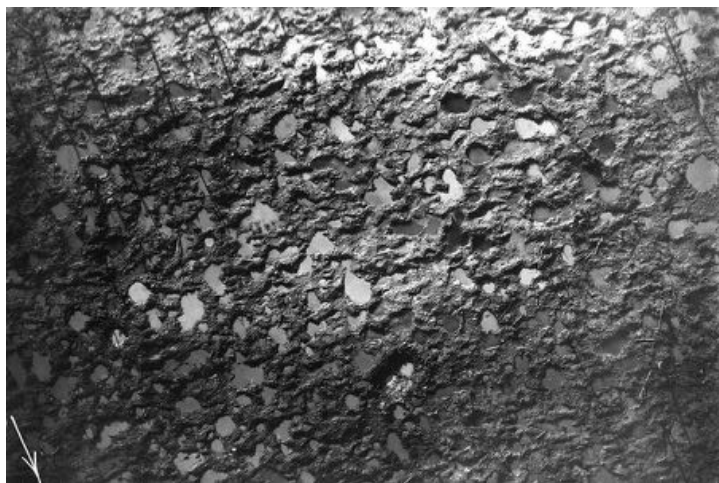


Figure 3 - Aerial photo of a cratered battlefield. The dark diagonal lines are the shadows of the few remaining tree trunks. Photograph courtesy of the National World War I Museum, Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

The tenacious nature of the brilliantly colored flower allowed it to survive and carpet the landscape (See figure 4 - right). We have the Canadian poet, soldier and physician John McCrae (1872-1918) to thank for penning his famous poem, "In Flanders Fields." (See figure 5 - below). The Flanders poppy is recognized as the symbol of remembrance and Armistice Day.



(Figure 4 - Canada, 2015, Scott #2836I)



(Figure 5 - Canada, 1968, Scott #487)

On July 1, 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, Great Britain reported a total of 57,000 casualties, with 19,000 killed. On September 15, 1916, during the battle of Flers-Courcelette the first tanks were introduced on the battlefield. By the end of the war Great Britain had produced more than 2,000 tanks, France produced over 3,000, and Germany produced 20 (See figure 6 - below).



Figure 6 - United States World War I propaganda postcard "Huns don't like these tanks and if you buy more Liberty Bonds they will like them less."

The Germans were able to salvage British and French tanks for research purposes and use on the battlefield.

At the height of the war the British postal system was dealing with an additional 12,000,000 letters and 1,000,000 parcels of varying sizes each week. It was imperative for the mail to be delivered in a timely and efficient manner to maintain the morale and welfare of the soldiers in the trenches. The British postal system was able to deliver a letter to a Field Post Office within two days (See figure 7 - below). World War I created many challenges for the postal systems around the world. From civilian and military prisoners of war (See figures 8 and 9 - below), hospitals and regular mail (See figures 10, 11, 12 and 13 top of page 6), the sheer volume of letters and packages was overwhelming.



Figure 7 - British Postal Museum Archive Photograph - Mail sorted at Field Post Office - 1918.



Figure 8 - Belgian Civilian Detainee War Cover - 16 June 1915, with violet civil detainee marking.

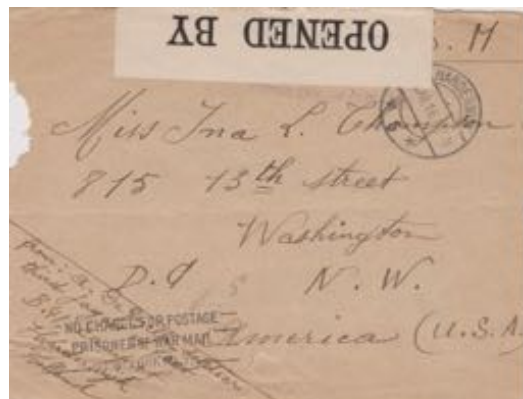


Figure 9 - Belgian Prisoner of War Cover - Camp Harderwijk, Netherlands - December 1916, censor tape, violet auxiliary marking and "no charges for prisoner of war mail" auxiliary marking.

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Figure 10 - United States - Officers Mail with censor mark, April 2, 1918, Co K 3rd Pioneer Inf.,



Figure 12 - United States - Sailors Mail, January 8, 1918, U.S.S. New Orleans straight line cancel.



Figure 11 - United States - Soldiers Mail with War Relief Stamp and censor mark, December 15, 1918, Co F, 161st Inf., APO 727, AEF, France.



Figure 13 - United States - Nurses Mail with censor mark, February 24, 1919, A.B.H. 48, La Baule, France.

The United States entered the war on April 6, 1917 (See Figure 14 - below), turning the tide of the war. In the 19 months of United States involvement in World War I more than 2,000,000 American soldiers served on the battlefields of Western Europe. This number includes more than 22,000 professional female nurses recruited by the American Red Cross, over 10,000 of whom served near the Western Front. Although military commanders wanted to keep the female nurses out of danger it was soon realized many more lives could be saved if wounds were treated near the front rather than at the base hospitals located further away. Despite the improvement in medical care more than 115,000 American lives were lost.



Figure 14, United States, 2018, Scott #5300

In Compiègne, France, on November 11, 1918, at 5:45 A.M. the Allied Powers and Germany signed an armistice agreement for the cessation of hostilities to begin at 11:00 A.M. Although shelling continued on both sides until nightfall the armistice ended the bloodiest, most destructive conflict up to that

time. Over 30 countries were involved and almost 65,000,000 individuals were mobilized. The casualties of the war were staggering with between 15 - 22,000,000 million military personnel and civilians killed from all causes with an additional 20,000,000 suffering wounds and illness.

Many countries have changed the name from Armistice Day to Remembrance Day; in the United States it is recognized as Veterans' Day. This year, on November 11th, people around the world will gather in solemn ceremonies to mark the 103rd anniversary of the end of World War I. In silence we shall recall those who sacrificed their lives and remember the staggering loss of life that

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HOLIDAY STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES

by Charlie Freise



(Figure 1 - United States, 1962, Scott #1205)

The United States released its first Christmas stamp on November 1, 1962; in Pittsburgh, PA. (See figure 1 - left). The decision generated a great deal of controversy concerning the separation of church and state. Multiple attempts to legally bar the production of a Christmas stamp were unsuccessful and many complaints were received concerning the "uninspired, modest design." Jim Crawford submitted the stamp design featuring a wreath, two candles and the words "Christmas 1962" on a red and green background. Initially,

350,000,000 copies of the stamp were printed, the highest production for a special stamp up to that time. Demand far exceeded expectations and supplies quickly sold out. By the end of 1962 almost 863,000,000 copies were printed and distributed. The Post Office has issued holiday stamps every year since 1962, some are shown here. (See figure 2 - below).



(Figure 2 - United States, 1968, Scott #1363
2016, Scott #5144
2002, Scott #3687
2015, Scott #5021)

The population of the United States is remarkably diverse and many different religions are represented. The first Hanukkah stamp was issued in 1996. The stamp features a colorful, stylized menorah (See figure 3 - right) designed by Hannah Smotrich. Hanukkah is an eight-day "celebration of lights" commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the 2nd century B.C. The celebration begins on the 25th day of the ninth month in the Hebrew calendar. This may occur any time from late November to late December. The festival is observed by lighting a menorah (a candelabrum with nine branches). Additional festivities take place including singing songs, playing the game of dreidel and eating oil-based foods such as latkes and sufganiyot (a round jelly donut, or in Germany a "Berliner"). The stamp was released on October 22, 1996, in Washington, D.C., with



(Figure 3 - United States, 1996, Scott #3118)

over 100,000,000 copies printed. Since 1996 fourteen additional Hanukkah stamps have been issued; a few are shown on below. (See figure 4 - below).



(Figure 4 - United States, 2004, Scott #3880
2009, Scott #4433,
2018, Scott #5338,
2011, Scott #4583)

Kwanzaa is an important African cultural holiday not associated with a particular religion. The Post Office issued the first Kwanzaa holiday stamp in 1997. The stamp was designed by self-taught artist Synthia Saint James, and released on October 22, 1997, in Los Angeles, California. Over 133,000,000 copies of the stamp were printed (See figure 5 - left). The Swahili word Kwanzaa means "first" and signifies the first fruits of the harvest. The celebration focuses on the principles of sharing and enjoying the fruits of labor, recommitting to the collective achievement of a better life for the family, the community and people. Representing the "seven principles" are the seven candles of the "mishumaa saba." In the center, a black candle represents African peoples everywhere.

On the left are three red candles representing the blood of the ancestors. On the right three green candles symbolize earth, life, and the ideas and promise of the future. The stamps are very popular and fourteen additional Kwanzaa stamps have been released since 1997. Some are shown below (See figure 6 - below).



(Figure 5 - United States, 1997, Scott #3175)



(Figure 6 - United States, 2011, Scott #4584, 2013, Scott #4845, 2018, Scott #5337, 2020, Scott #5531)

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Several years after releasing the first stamps commemorating Hanukkah and Kwanzaa the Post Office issued the first stamp commemorating the Muslim "Eid" holiday (See figure 7 - below). Designed by Mohammed Zakariya, an Islamic calligrapher, the stamp features the phrase "Eid Mubarak" in gold Arabic script on a blue background. "Eid Mubarak" translates into English as "blessed festival" or "may your religious holiday be blessed," and can be applied to the two most important festivals on the Islamic calendar, Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. The festival of Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting which is observed by offering special alms with prayers, decorating the home, preparing sweet dishes, exchanging gifts, and visiting friends and family. Eid al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) marks the end of the annual pilgrimage to



(Figure 7 - United States, 2001, Scott #3532)

Mecca and usually lasts four days. Sweets and gifts are given and extended family are welcomed and visited. The first Eid stamp was released on September 1, 2001, in Des Plaines, Illinois, with a total printing of 75,000,000 copies. As with other holiday stamps it proved to be very popular and additional variations on the central design have been issued since. (See Figure 8 - below).



(Figure 8 - left to right, United States, 2009 Scott #4416, 2011 Scott #4552, 2013 Scott #4800, 2016 Scott #5092)

On October 5, 2016, the Post Office issued the first stamp commemorating the Hindu festival of Diwali. The stamp design was a collaborative effort between Greg Breeding (design), Sally Andersen-Bruce (photographer) and William J. Gicker (art director). The stamp features a traditional oil lamp (diya) resting on a gold background lending a simple yet elegant appearance (See figure 9 - left). Diwali is usually celebrated on the eve of, or on the new moon, occurring between mid-October and mid-November. It is a major festival celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and some Buddhists, usually lasting five days. The celebration is symbolized as the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Many prepare for the festival by cleaning, renovating, and decorating their



(Figure 9 - United States, 2016, Scott #5142)

homes with "diyas" and "rangolis" (colorful patterns traditionally made with rice powder, colored sand and flower petals). Over 30,000,000 stamps commemorating the Hindi holiday of Diwali were printed.

Every year thousands of suggestions for new stamps are received at the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee. The ultimate goal of the Committee is to create a stamp program reflecting America, from the events and people that bind the nation together to the diversity of cultures that form the foundation of our country. The United States Postal Service produces stamps that celebrate all aspects of American culture and recognizes that some individuals may disagree with design selections made. With the variety of stamps available customers always have choices and options.

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December is
"Write a Friend Month"

December is a cold season filled with short days and long nights. "Write a Friend Month" is designated for people to take a few moments to share their words with others. With the spread of technology the art of writing letters has almost vanished. Sending a friend a quick note using a nice commemorative, or holiday, stamp promotes the stamp collecting hobby. Some additional national days of recognition in December are:

- December 1 - National Pie Day
- December 4 - National Cookie Day
- December 9 - National Pastry Day
- December 13 - National Cocoa Day
- December 15 - National Cupcake Day
- December 28 - National Chocolate Candy Day
- December 31 - National Champagne Day








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, aurora_80017@yahoo.com, if you are interested in presenting a program.**

November 13, 2021- 9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Gary Withrow

"A Study of Airmail-Specific Envelopes"

The program is an overview of envelope designs from around the world that were intended to be used for airmail services.

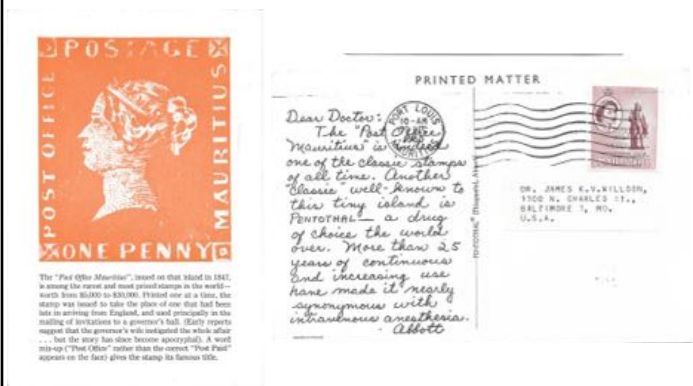


December 11, 2021- 9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Roger Cichorz

"Dear Doctor Advertising Postcards"

A presentation, and overview, of the history surrounding the medical advertising cards that began around the turn of the 20th century. The program will focus on the Abbott Laboratories Pentothal cards and others with a Nordic theme from the 1950s and 1960s, the heyday for this type of advertising before television took over.



The Kids Are Back!

The Denver Young Collectors are back to meeting in person, masks are required for all participants.

The program is supported by the Library with collecting supplies and materials donated by collectors and Library members. A nearly endless supply of on- and off-paper stamps are provided for children to expand their collections and interests. All of the materials, supplies, and stamps are provided free to participating children.

The three adult mentors, Don Dhonau (Program Director), Dan Nieuwlandt (Mentor) and Charlie Freise (Mentor) introduce children to the basics of stamp collecting through short 15 - 20 minute presentations followed by a 30 - 45 minute hands-on activity designed to reinforce the lesson from the presentation. After completing the program and activity plenty of time is left for the children to search through the "treasure tubs and cartons" of loose stamps and covers as well as a wide variety of topical stamps in binders.

The Denver Young Collectors are grateful for the generous donations and support provided by the Library and its membership. If you happen to visit the Library in the morning of the third Saturday of every month, why not drop in and see the children in action.





Covering the World



Interesting covers from around the world.

By John Bloor

Discovering a Lady of Society

Cover and write-up contributed by Charlie Freise

One lazy afternoon while browsing eBay for undiscovered treasures, I came across this unassuming airmail cover from Managua, Nicaragua. The cover was sent by airmail from Nicaragua on September 1, 1937 addressed to Mrs. Ira Clifton Copley at Coronado, California. It was received there on September 3rd and forwarded to Aurora, Illinois. The eBay seller advertised it as having the first Nicaraguan stamp commemorating the sport of baseball; it is on the back of the cover. There are two auxiliary markings on the reverse, one advertising Nicaragua's delicious produce, the other promoting the Pan-American Highway. While these are interesting it was the airmail stamp (Nicaragua, Scott #C187) on the front that attracted my attention.



In the early 19th century, the border between Nicaragua and Honduras was agreed upon using the legal principle of "uti-posseditis" (as you possess you shall continue to possess). However, some border territory remained in dispute until 1906 when King Alphonso XIII of Spain dispensed Solomonian justice and awarded most of the region to Honduras. Nicaragua accepted the decision but the animosity between the countries continued to simmer. On July 30, 1937, Nicaragua issued a set of seven airmail stamps for use on mail to foreign destinations (Scott #C186-C192) featuring a map of the region. In the top center of the map a small area is annotated "Territorio en Litigio." (Territory in Dispute). When the first of the new airmail stamps reached Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, the people started rioting and an angry mob stormed the Nicaraguan Embassy. Honduras demanded the retraction of the stamps but Nicaragua refused. It took the intervention of Mexico, Costa Rica, and the United States to avert a war. The region returned to its unresolved status until 1960 when the International Court of Justice, in The Hague, reaffirmed the decision of King Alphonso.

Examining the cover further I became curious and wanted to know more about Mrs. Ira Clifton Copley (Chloe Davidson Warley Copley). Chloe was the second wife of Colonel Ira Clifton Copley, a well-known and respected publisher, utility tycoon, politician and founder of the Rush-Copley Medical Center (formerly known as the

Copley Memorial Hospital) in Aurora, Illinois. They were married in 1931 and for their honeymoon they traveled to France on their yacht "Happy Days." Chloe Copley was very active in the performing arts scene of Los Angeles, particularly with the symphony. She was a member of the Southern California Symphony Association and the Hollywood Bowl Association. She also traveled extensively, especially after the death of her husband in 1947. She passed away in 1949, with two surviving step-sons and a daughter from a previous marriage.

The Copley's primary residence was a 12,000 square foot mansion in Aurora, Illinois, listed on the U.S. National Historic Register. The family resided there during the summer months and spent the winter months in Coronado, California, on their yacht "Happy Days", with a crew of 32. In December 1936, the yacht was permanently moored at Glorietta Bay, part of the Coronado Yacht Club. "Happy Days" was the largest yacht, at 200 feet, berthed



Picture of the Copley's yacht "Happy Days." Ed Fletcher Papers, MSS 81, Special Collections and Archives, UC San Diego.

there surpassing the 87-foot schooner of Ed Parley and John Barrymore's 120-foot diesel yacht.

In September, 1937, the Copley's purchased the Eisner House for \$800,000 as a Los Angeles winter home. At the time this was the largest recorded real estate purchase in Los Angeles. The Eisner House is a two-story, 40-room, 16,000 square foot mansion located in Hancock Park. The home was built in 1925 at a cost of \$177,452, requiring 17 tons of steel and more than 800 barrels of concrete. In 2015, Antonio Banderas and Melanie Griffith sold the home for nearly \$16,000,000.

From the postmark dates on the cover and the above information, it appears that neither the sender nor the Coronado post office knew about the purchase of the Eisner house; perhaps the sale had not yet been finalized. The sender presumed they would be on "Happy Days". Alternatively, the Copley's might not yet have moved to California for the winter so the forwarding was correct.

For a few hours of eBay browsing I found an airmail cover addressed to a wealthy lady of society, with multiple auxiliary markings, the first Nicaraguan stamp commemorating baseball and a stamp that almost started a war.



Second Chloe Copley cover, another eBay find, mailed from Nicaragua addressed to Chloe Davidson Copley, Yacht "Happy Days" Los Angeles, California, dated July 8, 1937.

New Publications for our Members

UNITED STATES

ESPER Presents Children's Books About People of Color and Their Connection to United States Stamps, by M. Rosina Major

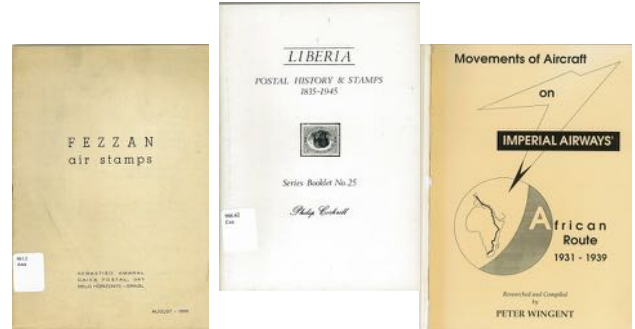
A Postal History of Mississippi: Stampless Period 1799-1860, Volume II, by Bruce C. Oakley, Jr.

Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps, 39th Edition (2012), published by the United States Postal Service

Scott U.S. First Day Cover Catalogue [and Checklist], 2009

UNITED STATES TERRITORIES

The Postal Stationery of the Canal Zone, edited by Irwin J. Gibbs

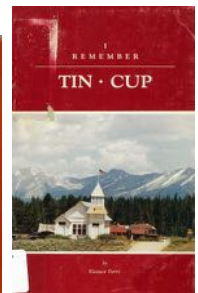
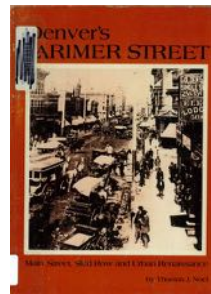
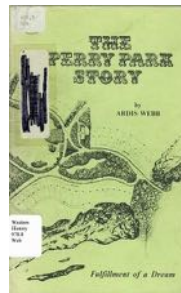
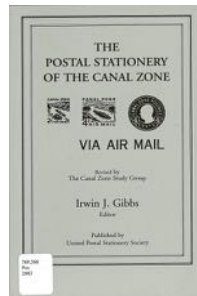
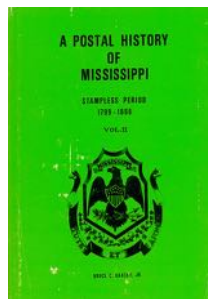
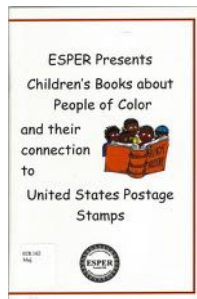


AFRICA

Fezzan Air Stamps, by Sebastião Amaral

Liberia: Postal History & Stamps 1835-1945, by Philip Cockrill

Movements of Aircraft on Imperial Airways:



COLORADO

Colorado's Colorful Characters, 1975 and 1981 Editions, by Gladys R. Bueler

Denver's Larimer Street, by Thomas J. Noel

A Guidebook to Historic Sites in the Parker Area, by F. B. McLaughlin

I Remember Tin Cup, by Eleanor Perry

My Favorite Ghosts: Excerpts from the Fourteen Book Series on Ghost Towns and Mining Camps in Colorado, by John K. Aldrich

The Perry Park Story, by Ardis Webb

Pioneers and Politicians: 10 Colorado Governors in Profile, by Richard D. Lamm and Duane A. Smith

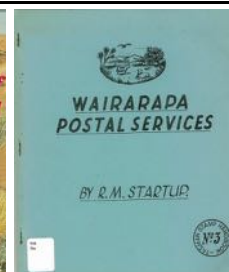
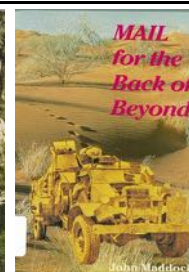
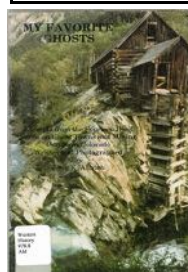
AUSTRALIA and OCEANIA

A.C.S. Colour Catalogue, New Zealand Stamps

The Chapman Collection of Australian Postage Stamps, by Ray Chapman

Mail for the Back of Beyond, by John Maddock

Wairarapa Postal Services, by R.M. Startup



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ASIA

Anatolia, by Menachim Max Mayo

Catalog of the Chinese Liberation Area Stamps, by Meiso Mizuhara

Do you Know What Kind of Guy He Was? [Postage Stamps, Covers, Special Cancels About Y. Gagarin; in Russian], by A. Miles

The French Post Office in Yokohama, by Jun Ichi Matsumoto

Inland Routing Markings of Japan in the 1870s, by Matsumoto Jun Ichi

Japanese F.D.C. Catalogue (1977)

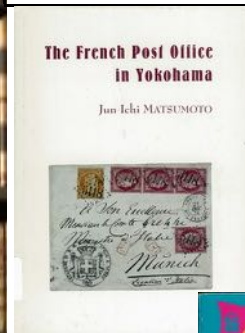
Japanese Postage Stamps in the Manufacture

Korean Kingdom and Empire Philatelic Catalog and Handbook, by James W. Kerr

The Navy of our Motherland, by B.A. Орлов

Postage Stamps of Korea 1884-1956

Sails Over the Ocean, by Y.A. Druyan



EUROPE

1922-Ireland-1972, by Robson Lowe

Briefmarken-Katalog Deutschland 1963, by Richard Borek

Catalogo Enciclopedico Italiano 1994/1995, 1995, and 1995/1996 editions

Catalogue de Timbres-Poste: Soixantième Année, Tome I: Union Française, Andorre, Monaco, Saare, published by Yvert & Tellier

Catalogue de Timbres-Poste: Soixante-Sixième Année, Tome I: France, published by Yvert & Tellier

Catalogue Spécialisé Illustré les Timbres Poste du Luxembourg: Avec les Cotations des Timbres Europa



EUROPE (continued)

Ceres First Day Cover Catalogue, XXXII edition (1994)

Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps, by Robson Lowe. Vol I Europe, Vol II Africa, Vol III Asia, Vol V North America

Grosser Deutschland Schleuderflug-Katalog (Katapultpost) 1933, by Kurt Kayssner

Katalog und Handbuch der Deutschen Luftpost 1919-1932, by Gunter Otto

Michel Deutschland-Spezial Katalog: Band 1: 1849 bis April 1945

Neuer Ganzsachen-Katalog: Europa, by Fritz A. Beyer

Oflag II' Woldenberg [in Polish], by Józef Bohatkiewicz

Les Postes aux Armees de la Guerre Franco-Allemande de 1870-1871, by Steven C. Walskey

Repubblica di San Marino: Catalogo dei Francobolli 1877-1995

Schätze in der Briefmarken-Sammlung: Plattenfehler Österreichs von 1850 bis Heute

New Publications for our Members

CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA

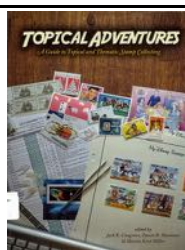
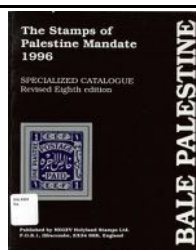
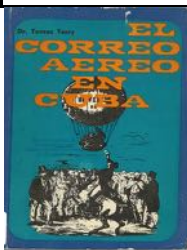
Who's Who on the Postage Stamps of Costa Rica, by Albert F. Kunze

CARRIBEAN

Contribucion a la Historia de la Aeronautica y el Correa Aereo en Cuba, by Tomás Terry

MIDDLE EAST

The Stamps of Palestine Mandate, 1996 Specialized Catalogue, by Michael H. Bale



TOPICAL

Coat of Arms Stamps: the Historical Story of the Coat of Arms, by Mamoru Mori

Commemorative Space Covers from the Archangelsk Collector Club, 1962-1966, by James G. Reichman

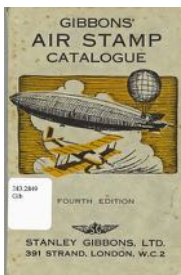
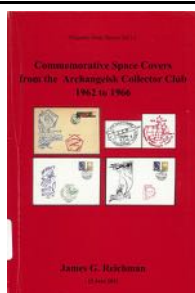
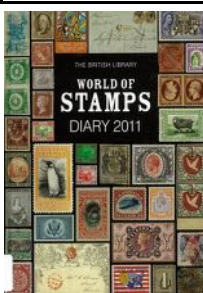
Topical Adventures: A Guide to Topical and Thematic Stamp Collecting, published by the American Topical Association

Världens Sportfrimärke: Kataloghandbok över Världens alla Sportfrimärken med 500 Avbildningar, by Carl-Olof Enhagen

The World of Map Stamps [in Japanese], by Minoru Takagi

POSTCARDS

Code de Collectionneurs de Cartes Postales Illustrées, by Henri Barthélemy



MISCELLANEOUS

Airborne: A Heritage Stamp Collection [in English and French]

The British Library World of Stamps Diary 2011

Dead Letters: Delivering Mail from a Pennsylvania Ghost Town, by Jessica Weible

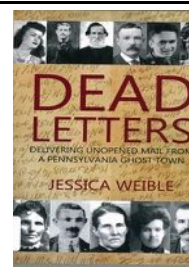
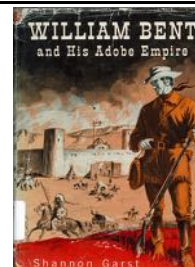
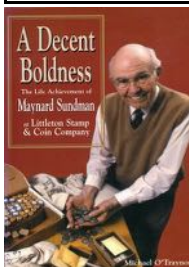
A Decent Boldness: The Life Achievement of Maynard Sundman at Littleton Stamp & Coin Company, by Michael O'Traynor

Gibbons' Air Stamp Catalogue, 4th Edition (1936)

Luchtpostcatalogus van Nederland en Overseeze Rijksdelen (1998)

Michel Zeppelin- und Flugpost Spezial-Katalog 1995

The New American Stamp Catalog (1961), published by Minkus Publications



NON-PHILATELIC (Railroads)

Railroads of Central & South America

NON-PHILATELIC

Capitol's Who's Who for Denver and Colorado: A Reference Work

Pilots of the Air Mail, by Philip Lee Wright and John Prentice Langley

William Bent and his Adobe Empire, by Shannon Garst

Notes from the Editor

I have had time to recover from the stresses of my first issue of *Scribblings* and can reflect on the lessons learned. Behind the scenes is a great group of volunteers dedicated to ensuring every issue of *Scribblings* reflects positively on the Library. One does not realize the efforts required to publish an issue until directly involved in the process. From the tireless efforts of the proofreaders, to those compiling the lists of donations, new publications, new members, mailing lists and labels, dues notifications, preparing auction catalogs, recording the Library Board minutes, maintaining the calendar of events, soliciting presenters for the Second Saturday Programs and the team stuffing the envelopes to mail our journal. My efforts to publish *Scribblings* would have been fruitless if not for the support of these volunteers: John Bloor, Paul and Regina Domenici, Jim Kilbane, Roger Rydberg Steve Schweighofer, Gary Withrow and especially for the advice of Jeff Modesitt, our former editor. Thank you; I could not have done it without your help.

Charlie Freise

DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following societies, clubs, and individuals made donations to the Library since the last donation listing. These donations were made from July 22, 2021 through September, 22, 2021. Thank you!

SOCIETY AND CLUB DONATIONS

International Cuban Society

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Cheryl Beuthel	Anne Mahoney
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Notes from the Librarian

The Librarian would like everyone to use our books more often. They get lonely if they are not handled frequently. Are you searching for information on pre-cancels, perfins or forgeries? We have many books on these subjects and much more. Everyone should take some time and check out (no pun intended) the wide variety of publications available on our shelves.

While many of our books are written in English there are quite a few in other languages as well. Recent acquisitions include publications in French, Spanish, Polish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Czech, Greek, Hungarian and a smattering of other languages. Sometimes the only way to discover information about your stamp is to go to a book written in the language of the country your material is from. Maybe you can find that elusive bit of information in a foreign language book! Translation services are available online and through the APS.

Having said that, the Librarian also requests that once you are finished perusing a book to please place it on the end of a table or, better yet, return it to the front desk volunteer for later reshelving. In some instances a patron may return a book to a shelf but in the wrong location. This makes it very difficult for the next patron to locate a book if it has been mis-shelved. A mis-shelved book is a lost book. Thanks in advance for your use of the library.

Sherri Soraci-Jennings

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members who have joined the library through September 30, 2021.

Donald L. Scanlon, Aurora, CO

David Paddock, Marietta, GA - collects Scandinavia, Canada, and some Latin America

Jennifer Marie Keating, Colorado Springs, CO - new collector

Bob Ross, McConnelsville, OH - WWII ration collector, general U.S., WWI and WWII collector, Canada, Canal Zone, pre-cancels, and perfins

Gregory Miller, Smithtown, NY - collects air mail, special delivery, Canal Zone, and U.S. 1903 series

Jason Hatt, Elizabeth, CO - collects revenues and old postal history

Patsita Jiratipayabood, Aurora, CO - new collector

Please Note: New members and membership renewals received after October 15, 2021 will be acknowledged in the January 2022 issue.

RMPL Board of Directors Meeting - July 22, 2021

RMPL Board of Directors Meeting September 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Jim Kilbane, Steve Schweighofer, Bill Douglass, Rod Haenni, Rich Palestro, Eric Carlson, Gary Withrow, Paul and Regina Domenici. Guests included Sherri Soracci-Jennings, Charlie Freise and Ken Luke.

Opening Remarks: Jim Kilbane thanked:

- 1) Andy Murin and a group of volunteers for creation of the storage room and cleaning the lot next door.
- 2) Steve Schweighofer and Joe Lanotte for obtaining and installing the new audio/visual (A/V) equipment.
- 3) Rich Palestro for assisting with the electrical installation of the A/V equipment.

Financial Report: Bill Douglass provided a detailed statement of Y.T.D income and expenses.

- 1) At this time, Vanguard investments totals \$242,061.20. As of 8/31/21, checking account balance was \$117,739.66.
- 2) Per GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles), a non-profit entity should determine the dollar amount deemed depreciable. A motion was approved to depreciate any item above \$5000.
- 3) Bill introduced the idea of a financial audit in 2022. Since the last RMPL financial audit was in 2019, the Board agreed to follow GAAP recommendations to be audited every 3 years.

OLD BUSINESS

Scribblings: Editor Charlie Freise will include several notices in the next issue:

- 1) RMPL will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
- 2) A volunteer is urgently needed to perform book keeper duties utilizing Quick Books program for non-profits.

Technology:

- 1) The A/V equipment in the meeting room currently does not allow for wireless connection to the TV screen. The system is operational using an HDMI cable.
- 2) Because Century Link internet quality is insufficient, Steve will contact Comcast and request a free installation assessment. After Comcast provides a quote for cable connection, Steve will approach the two neighboring businesses and ask about splitting the cost.

Roof (2048): Rich Palestro presented three bids to replace all of the flashing and recoat the entire surface of the roof. A motion was approved to spend up to \$20,000 to repair the roof of 2048.

Security: Rather than track down missing keys or change the locks, a motion was approved to change the alarm codes and only known key holders will receive the

new codes.

NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous Operations - Steve Schweighofer:

- 1) The open ditch between RMPL property and storage is covered with weeds and not draining well. Because it travels through RMPL property and then to the east. Steve agreed to contact the County and determine who is responsible for maintenance.
- 2) A motion was approved to spend up to \$200 to dispose of old electronics.

Non-members purchasing stamps: A motion was approved stating only Library members are allowed to purchase material or stamps from library sales books. Children are excluded from the membership requirement.

Bylaws: To make the Bylaws more accessible to members, it was decided that a laminated copy will be stored at the front desk. *Scribblings* will include a notice announcing the Bylaws are available upon request.

Final thoughts: Gary Withrow suggested:

- 1) Having a process in place to hold a video conference if the Board needs to meet in between sessions.
- 2) More formality is needed when the Board votes via email (i.e., in addition to the vote outcome, Board members should be informed of the vote count.) Erik Carlson introduced the idea of adopting a RMPL policy and procedure document. To be discussed at the next meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is November 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Domenici, Recording Secretary

The 1857 Tiflis Stamp

This is one of the most interesting-looking rare stamps in the world and one of the oldest surviving stamps from the Russian Empire.



The stamp originated in the city of Tiflis, now part of Georgia. It was printed on a metallic sheet with embossed lettering. The stamp looks more like an ornamental design found on a book, ceiling or paneling.

Until 2014, there were only five examples known. A collector in New Zealand purchased an old collection of stamps at an auction for about \$2,500. While going through the album he discovered this unusual stamp and it took almost three years for the stamp to be certified as genuine. The collector sold the stamp at auction in 2017 for \$215,000, quite a nice profit. The collector's discovery of this stamp brought the total to six known examples.

Library Calendar of Events



The RMPL Operations Manager, Steve Schweighofer, maintains a calendar of reserved club times. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Steve (steve.schweighofer@comcast.net) of any updates or changes. Requests to reserve meeting space and time for philatelically related meetings other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled with Steve well in advance. Call the Library or the appropriate club to confirm the place and time.

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NOVEMBER 2021

- Nov 6 Sat**-Meeting 10 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Nov 6 Sat**-Meeting 1 PM
TOpical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- Nov 9 Tue**-Meeting 7:30 PM
Collectors Club of Denver
New members welcome
- Nov 10 Wed**-Meeting 7 PM
Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Nov 11 Thu**-Meeting 2 PM
Cherrelyn Stamp Club
- Nov 13 - 9:00 AM**
Second Saturday at the RMPL
 Presenter: Gary Withrow
 Title: "A Study of Airmail-Specific Envelopes"
- Nov 13 Sat**-Meeting 10 AM
Mexico/Latin America Club
- Nov 14 Sun**-Meeting 1 PM
Denver Postcard Club
- Nov 18 Thu**-RMPL Board of Directors Meeting 4 PM
Open to all!
- Nov 20 Sat**-Meeting 9:30 AM
Denver Young Collectors
- Nov 21 Sun**-Meeting 1 PM (email to confirm)
Great Britain and Commonwealth Collectors Club
- Nov 24 Wed**-Meeting 11 AM
Denver Stamp Club
- Nov 25 Thu**-Thanksgiving Day - Library Closed
- Nov 27 Sat**-Meeting 10 AM
Postmark Collector's Club

DECEMBER 2021

- Dec 4 Sat**-Meeting 10 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Dec 4 Sat**-Meeting 1 PM
TOpical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- Dec 8 Wed**-Meeting 7 PM
Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Dec 9 Thu**-Meeting 2 PM
Cherrelyn Stamp Club
- Dec 11 - 9:00 AM**
Second Saturday at the RMPL
 Presenter: Roger Cichorz
 Title: "Dear Doctor Advertising Postcards"
- Dec 11 Sat**-Meeting 10 AM
Mexico/Latin America Club
- Dec 11 Sat**-Meeting 11:30 AM
Rocky Mountain Aero and Astrophilately Club
- Dec 12 Sun**-Meeting 1 PM
Denver Postcard Club
- Dec 14 Tue**-Meeting 7:30 PM
Collectors Club of Denver
Bring light refreshments for Holiday Party
- Dec 18 Sat**-Meeting 9:30 AM
Denver Young Collectors
- Dec 19 Sun**-Meeting 1 PM (email to confirm)
Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club
- Dec 22 Wed**-Meeting 11 AM
Denver Stamp Club
- Dec 24 Fri**-Christmas Eve - Library Closed
- Dec 25 Sat**-Christmas Day - Library Closed
- Dec 31 Fri**-New Years Eve - Library Closed
- Jan 1 Sat**-New Years Day - Library Closed

**The Library will be closed on November 25th,
 December 24th, December 25th, December 31st and January 1st**