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THURN AND TAXIS - MY PASSION

by Tonny Van Loij

The Thurn and Taxis family was involved in the receipt, handling and delivery of European mail since the latter part of the 15th century (see Figure 1).

Living in Borneo, Northern Italy, the family was servicing the mail for the Roman Curia and the Republic of Venice. As the family became more heavily involved in the postal services they contracted, according to the Habsburg Treasury logs at Innsbruck, Austria, to deliver the mail for the Habsburg family.

Following the marriage of Maximilian I of Habsburg to Mary of Burgundy (1477), he took possession of Burgundy and then Flanders. Around 1490 references are found to Maximilian's introduction of mounted couriers on the routes linking Austria, France, Rome and the Netherlands. Postal stations were located approximately every 5 miles and mounted couriers were always on duty awaiting the arrival of their colleagues (see Table 1).



Figure 1 - this Belgian souvenir sheet, not valid postage, was a free insert in the program for the 2000 International Stamp Show in Belgium commemorating 500 years of postal service in Europe.

Contracted Mail Delivery Timetable

Route	Summer	Winter
Brussels - Paris, France	44 hours	54 hours
Brussels - Blois, France	60 hours	72 hours (3 days)
Brussels - Lyons, France	96 hours (4 days)	120 hours (5 days)
Brussels - Innsbruck, Austria	132 hours (5.5 days)	156 hours (6.5 days)
Brussels - Toledo, Spain	288 hours (12 days)	336 hours (14 days)
Brussels - Granada, Spain	360 hours (15 days)	432 hours (18 days)

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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 Tonny Van Loij



This past year has gone by so quickly it seems we missed something along the way. Looking back it was hard to believe the number of library members we lost this year to COVID or other various reasons. Frank Leitz, a long-time member of the library and active volunteer passed away in late September 2022.

The Library had a very successful year financially. This is directly attributable to Paul Domenici and Gary Withrow and the countless hours they dedicate towards preparing, organizing and conducting the Library auctions throughout the year.

Earlier in the year the air conditioning unit on the Annex building was replaced. Steve Schweighofer, and his son-in-law, were able to complete this project at a significant savings.

The Library continues to receive many donations from individuals and organizations. We recently received the estate holdings of Harold Eason, a remarkable accumulation of significant philatelic material. The Library must retain the collection for a period of three years before we can offer the material in one of our auctions.

Last, but not least, I wish each member and volunteer a wonderful, healthy and prosperous New Year. I hope everyone has the opportunity to search for philatelic treasures and expand your collections. I will be thinking of you while I am out of the country visiting relatives, dealers, researching and gathering information for members of the Library.

See you all in January.

Tonny Van Loij
President

HOURS OF OPERATION

In the event of inclement weather the Library may close unexpectedly. Prior to venturing out, particularly when it is snowing, it is advisable to call ahead and make sure the Library is open.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANK LEITZ



Frank Leitz, a long-time member and volunteer at the RMPL passed away on September 28, 2022. We will miss his wonderful sense of humor and work ethic.

Frank was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he obtained his doctorate in Chemical Engineering. His mission in life was to provide people with drinkable water. He did this for America, Israel and much of the middle-east. He was an internationally respected desalination expert with 42 years service at the Bureau of Reclamation.

He volunteered with the Boy Scouts and was a collector of philatelic material related to the Scouts and flags and was a member of TOPIC. His extensive Boy Scout collection is now housed in the RMPL Special Collections Room.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Additional help is needed 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 NEEDED

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. Please contact Jim Kilbane at: aurora_80017@yahoo.com for more information.

2023 ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP SHOW

This is the first call for volunteers to step up to the plate and commit a few hours of their time to help at next year's stamp show. A number of individuals have come forward for the 2023 RMSS and this is greatly appreciated. However, additional volunteers are needed to manage the registration desk, assist with floor management and help with cachet sales. We also need a hearty team to set up and take down the exhibit display frames. Please contact Ron Lampo at chairman@rockymountainstampshow.com for more information on volunteering.

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The couriers were required to ride day or night and maintain an average speed of one mile per hour, otherwise their compensation was reduced (see Figure 2). Keep in mind, during this period there were few paved roads, no highways, no rain gutters or drainage systems and no snowplows.

Figure 2 - Thurn and Taxis Postal Time Table, Augsburg, Germany, 1796. Courtesy of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.

On March 1, 1501, while at Ghent (the Netherlands, present day Belgium) Philip the Handsome issued a proclamation appointing Francis Taxis as "Chief et Maistre des Postes" with a daily stipend of 20-pence. By this act the Archduke elevated Francis Taxis to the rank of Captain and Master of the Posts as a replacement to Olivier de Jamars (see Figure 3).

Throughout this period, the mounted couriers had the exclusive privilege of using the post horn. The horn was used to announce their arrival as they approached the next postal station. This alerted the waiting couriers to prepare and be ready to depart without loss of time. The couriers also had the benefit of "laissez passer." While traveling at night couriers would approach towns where the gates were closed. The courier would blow the post horn and the gates were opened to permit the courier a safe place to rest.

During the early 16th through the 18th centuries most mail delivery made by the Taxis family was for the purpose of exchanging information between the royal families and courts of Austria, Spain and the Netherlands. In the latter part of the 17th century it became feasible for business owners and private individuals to send mail through the postal system (see Figure 4).

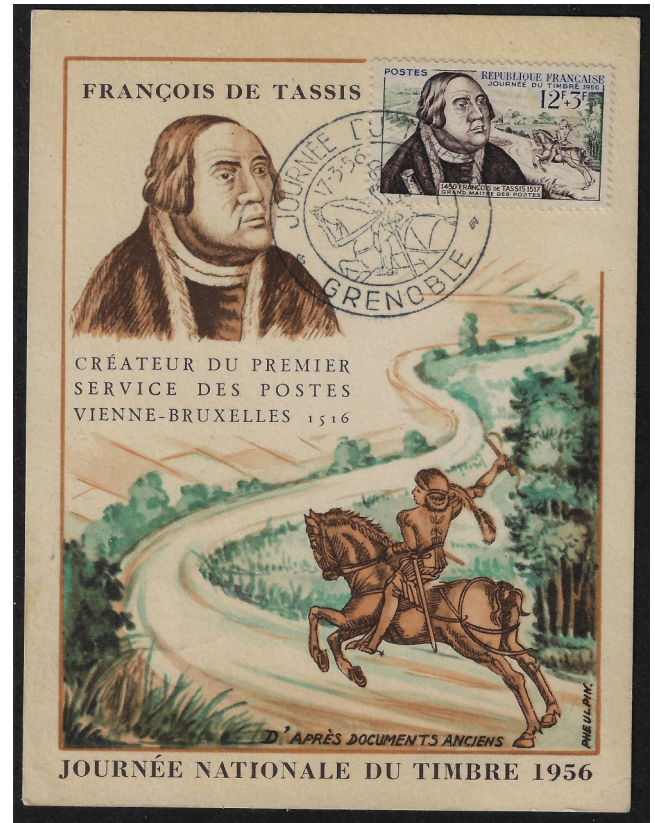


Figure 3 - French Maxi card commemorating Francis of Tassis, creator of the 1st postal service between Vienna and Brussels, 1516, in service for Maximillian of Austria. Issued for the 1956 National Stamp Day.



Figure 4 - Folded letter dated June 25, 1685, mailed from Amsterdam to Antwerp. Both cities were part of the Spanish Netherlands.

The Taxis Postmasters General, all from the same family, were masters in procuring postal contracts with individual kingdoms and countries. These contracts were important since there were many small, individual states that possessed their own local postal delivery systems. The Taxis contracts detailed the rights to use the main roads for their postal couriers, post offices, and delivery but they could not deliver mail to other private postal services. Taxis couriers had to use designated border crossings when entering and leaving a country (see Figure 5).

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Figure 5 - Folded letter mailed June 25, 1735 (lower left) by Mr. Kellner who had a pastry business and delivered goods to several royal families. The route this letter took was from Eisenach - Cologne - Aachen (a Bishopric of Liege in present-day Belgium).

In the category of Thurn and Taxis postal history all mail consisted exclusively of stampless letters. It was not until 1852 that Thurn and Taxis began issuing their own postage stamps. Additional printings, in differing values and colors, occurred in 1852-1858, 1859-1860, 1862-1863, 1865 and 1866, for a total of 32 different stamp issues (see Figure 6).

On July 1, 1867, the Thurn and Taxis postal system was bought out by the North German Confederation. The compensation paid to Thurn and Taxis was get-

ting too expensive and the North German Confederation thought they could deliver the mail at a lower cost. As many postal customer were in possession of Thurn and Taxis stamps they were permitted to continue to use the stamps for a period of two months.

The most sought after pieces of Thurn and Taxis postal history are letters mailed from a small town, preferably to China, with a cancellation date as close as possible to August 31, 1867. This is the last date the Thurn and Taxis stamps were valid for postal use. These postal history items are the crown jewels of a Thurn and Taxis exhibit. The most recent example sold in Switzerland, at auction, for the astonishing sum of €20,000 (about \$21,000).

(Editors Note: Tonny Van Loij has been exhibiting Thurn and Taxis postal history material for the past five years. His exhibit has received three gold medals and one large gold medal consecutively. He probably has the most extensive collection of Thurn and Taxis reference materials, books and catalogs in the country. There are few collectors in the United States who exhibit Thurn and Taxis postage stamps and he has never seen an exhibit exclusively related to the postal history. He imagines the main reason is the information is only available in German and the historical archives containing records, logs and documentation are in Europe.)



Figure 6 - Folded letter with Thurn and Taxis stamps mailed from Oppenheim, Germany to Palermo, Sicily. Postage, 21 Kreuzer to the Swiss border, was paid by the sender. The remaining postage was paid by the recipient. The letter traveled from Oppenheim to Mainz and by rail to Worms (Germany, receiving cancel to the left) to Basel (Switzerland receiving cancel in upper left) by post coach, then on to Como, Firenze and Livorno Italy. From there the letter traveled by ship to Palermo, Sicily (receiving cancel center right).

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.*

January 14, 2023 - 9:00 AM

Presenter: Gary Withrow

Title: "Iraq C1-C8, Where can a Stamp Take us?"

A look at Iraq's first airmail issues and where an investigation of one of them takes us.



February 11, 2023 - 9:00 AM

Presenter: Steve Nadler

Title: "Maps on Stamps"

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Covering the World



"Pitman Canadian First Flight Cover to Lundy Island"

by John H. Bloor

The cover (see Figure 1) for this issue was provided by Roger Cichorz. He is a member of the RMPL and is on the library committee of the Scandinavian Collectors Club; the SCC library is housed at the RMPL. Roger is also a collector of Lundy Island stamps and postal history. He was the editor of "The Lundy Collectors Club Philatelic Quarterly" from 1980 until the beginning of 1999. Much of the information here is paraphrasing of material that Roger wrote (ref. 1, 3).

The cover is a Canadian first official flight cover from Rimouski (Quebec) to Sept Iles (Quebec) in December 1936. It is franked with Scott Canada C4 (ref. 2), a Lundy ½-puffin stamp and a diagonal bisect of the 1d Atlantic Coast Air Services (ACAS) "large map" stamp (ref. 3). The C4 stamp paid the rate from Rimouski to Sept Iles. The cover then went on to Braunton, North Devon (since air service was requested; surface mail went through Barnstaple, North Devon). The bisected large map stamp paid the ½d letter carrier rate charged by ACAS. The ½p ACAS stamps were available but would not have fit on the covers due to their large size (see Figures 2 & 3), ACAS was later renamed Lundy Atlantic Coasts Airlines (LACAL). They issued smaller half penny airmail stamps (see Figure 4). The ½-puffin stamp paid the Lundy letter rate for incoming mail.

The bisect is cancelled with an ACAS type Cb cancel (ref. 5, p. 190). The Lundy ½ puffin stamp was struck with a Lundy type Bb cancel (ref. 5, p. 173). There is a Canadian Sept Iles transit cancel on the back of the cover.

The cover was produced by Samuel Pitman, a British collector who prepared many special event covers (ref. 1). ACAS bisect usage is rare and limited to a few Pitman-prepared event covers during the 1936-37 period of proper use of the ACAS "large maps" before they were replaced by the smaller LACAS air stamps issued in July 1937. The individual Pitman covers are each rare since it is thought that he prepared only a few - less than five and perhaps only one or two - of each.

This is a very attractive (and rare) cover combining a common Canadian first flight cover with a rare usage of early airmail stamps related to Lundy Island. Lundy lies 19 km off the east coast of Devon, United Kingdom, in the



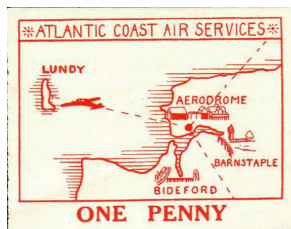
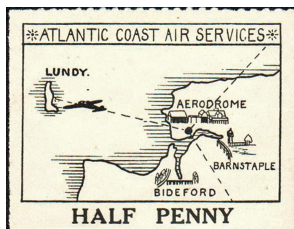
Figure 1 - Canadian First Official Flight cover to Lundy Island.

Bristol Channel. At times it has been privately owned but is now part of the Landmark Trust (ref. 4). It has been issuing local stamps (a.k.a. carriage labels) since 1929. Lundy stamps are perhaps the most widely collected of the local stamps.

For further information about Lundy stamps and postal history, you need look no further than the RMPL. Our holdings include most of the books and journals related to Lundy as well as many publications related to other local stamps. According to Roger, who has donated much of the Lundy material, The RMPL Lundy collection "... is probably as good a holding of Lundy Philatelic Literature as [the] APRL".

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Figures 2, 3 & 4 (left to right) - ½p and 1p Atlantic Coast Air Service (ACAS) stamps, ½d Lundy Atlantic Coasts Airlines (LACAL) stamp.

The 1916 - 1922 Coinage Stamps of Madagascar

by Charlie Freise

France experienced shortages of precious metals used for minting coins during the French Revolution (1789 - 1799). Similar shortages occurred during the Franco-Prussian War (1870-1871). In both these instances emergency low value bank notes were issued to satisfy the demand for coinage.

The United States experienced the same metal shortages during the Civil War. Rather than issuing small denomination bank notes, John Gault invented the first encased stamps in 1862. In this case a postage stamp was placed on a piece of strong cardboard, or inserted in a copper capsule, enclosed by a sheet of mica. An advertisement was placed on the reverse of the encased postage (see Figure 1).



Figure 1 - Encased postage stamp featuring an advertisement for Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Image courtesy of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.

During World War I many countries faced critical shortages of metals. France, once again, was not immune to this problem. Individuals were hoarding precious metals (gold, silver and copper) while non-ferrous metals were reserved for weaponry and supporting the war effort. The shortage of coins became such a problem that municipalities and chambers of commerce in France were authorized to issue emergency low value bank notes secured by deposits in a bank.

On September 12, 1916, the Governor General of Madagascar, Hubert Garbit, authorized the use of postage stamps to satisfy the need for low value coins. The face value of the postage stamps were official fiduciary values and an indisputable payment system.

New postage stamps were glued on a piece of strong cardboard by the official printing office. The image of a dog, drawn by a Mr. Turlot, appears on the back of the cardboard (see Figures 2 and 3). Tests were conducted using the 10-centimes, 25-centimes and 2-Franc stamps. The 10c stamp had the French value imprinted on the reverse, no value was printed on the 25c and 2f stamps. Later issues would have the French and Malagasy values reflected on the reverse (see



Figures 2, 3 and 4 - Madagascar, 1908-1928, Scott #84, #91 and #102 glued to cardboard backing with the image of a dog on the reverse. Note the backing on the 10c stamp features the value along the right margin whereas the 25c stamp does not. The French and Malagasy values appear on the reverse of the 50c stamp.

Figure 4).

The Bank of Madagascar was established in 1926. Prior to this date all banknotes came from France. The new stamps were distributed to the public and valued against 5 ecus (the old piastre or ariary Malagasy currencies) or deposits in the Banque de France. The "stamp money" retained the low values of the nickel coins (5c, 10c and 25c) and the "silver sowers" with values of 50c, 1f and 2f. Used "stamp money" could be returned to the Post Office and exchanged for banknotes from the Banque de France. A minimum value of 5f was required to complete the exchange.

It was important that the "stamp money" retained the monetary terms used by the Malagasy before the introduction of French currencies. A majority of the Malagasy population, about 95%, lived in the rural countryside and almost exclusively used the smaller coins and banknotes. It was not uncommon for the Malagasy to refuse large denomination bank notes (50f or higher). They absolutely hated the 20f bank notes.

Generally, the Malagasy will give a nickname to everything and everyone. The new "stamp money" quickly earned the name "vola alika" or "dog money." This nickname was no more flattering in Malagasy than it was in French.

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In the later part of 1917, new "stamp money" was placed into circulation with values ranging from 5c to 2f. Who made the decision to issue a new set of stamps is unknown, but given the "dog money" nickname it is obvious why the change was made. The new issues feature the image of the zebu, a breed of humpbacked domestic cattle (see Figure 5).



Figure 5 - Madagascar, 1908-1928, Scott #82, #84 and #91, glued to cardboard backing with the image of a zebu on the reverse. Note each of the stamps feature the values in French and Malagasy on the reverse.

The new stamps were favorably received by the Malagasy. The zebu was a principal source and sign of wealth. The animal shared in the daily tasks of transporting goods as well as trampling the rice fields before stitching the sacks. Not a family event (marriage, birth, death) or collective right such as the *fama-dihana* (reversal of the dead), *ex-voto* or *tsakafara* (lifting of a taboo) or *bilo* (exorcism) was accomplished without the sacrifice of a zebu. Immediately, the new "stamp money" received a nickname from the Malagasy, "*vola omby*" or "beef coin."

Despite the new design on the back, there were other problems associated with the condition of the "stamp money" that required attention.

The Malagasy usually dressed in "*lamba*" a large white, or colored, toga without pockets. Individuals wore a small purse suspended by a cord around the neck. Coins, banknotes and other items were carried in the purse and owners usually held the purse in a tight hand.

The "stamp money" was simply regular postage stamps glued to an unprotected, un-encapsulated, cardboard backing. As the "stamp money" was passed from hand-to-hand it did not take long for the cardboard and stamp to get dirty. Eventually the values

and colors faded on the "stamp money" to the point where they were refused in transactions.

In late 1917, a trial solution to the wear and tear was attempted. During the printing process, before trimming and cutting, a coating of varnish was added to both sides of the "stamp money" (see Figure 6). The application of the coating was quite expensive and took a long time.

Although the protectant was waterproof it proved to become quite sticky when held in the hands. The paper coins became sticky and quickly became even dirtier. The trial, which proved to be inconclusive, was quickly abandoned.



Figure 6 - Madagascar, 1908-1928, Scott #102 and #113, with Zebu back and varnish coating.

The last issue of "stamp money" occurred after July 1918. These backings included the word "cents" and had smaller value numbers. The Madagascan "stamp money" is not common and examples command a premium at auction. As usual, forgeries abound and one has to be careful when purchasing examples.

There is more to discover about the Madagascar coinage stamps and I hope to expand on this article in a later issue.

I thank Luc Monteret for his excellent presentation on the "Timbres Monnaie de Madagascar" from November 2020. Without his research and publishing of this information the "stamp money" of Madagascar would have remained unknown to me.

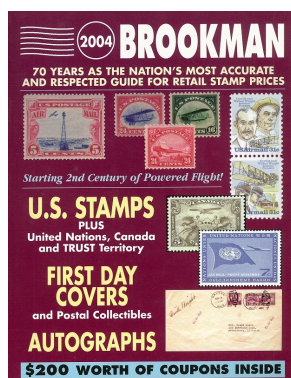
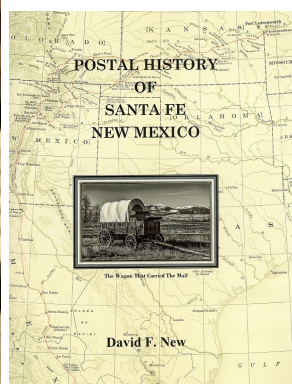
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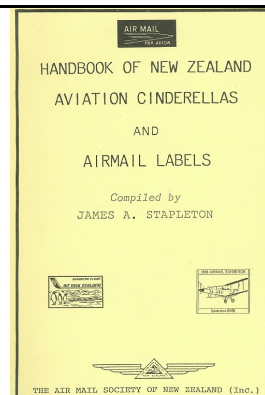
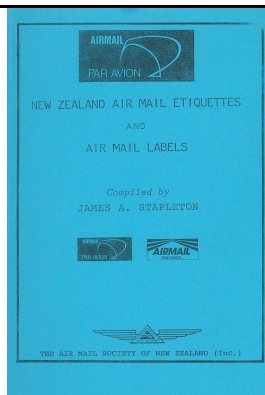
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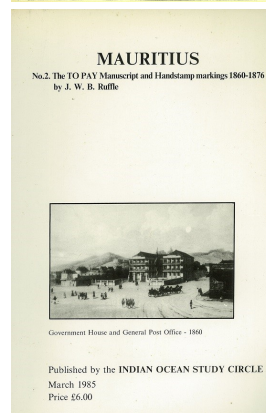
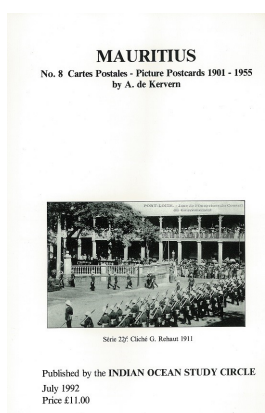
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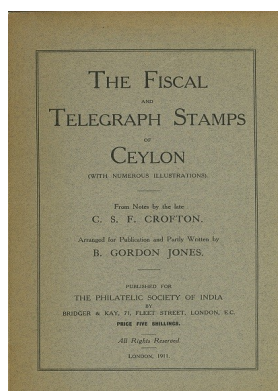
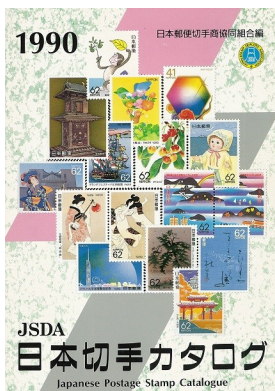
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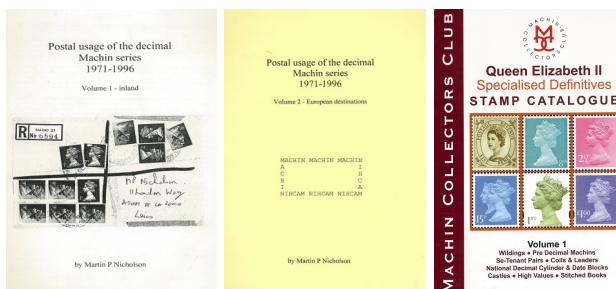
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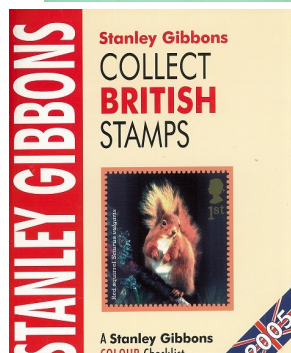
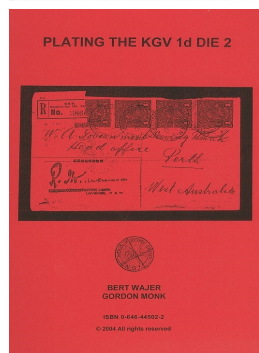
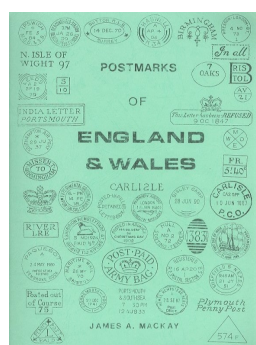
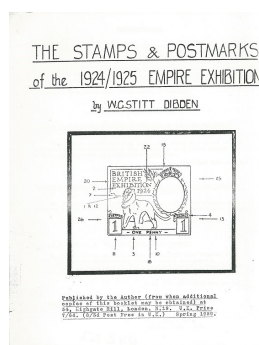
London Fancy Geometric Postmarks: (Early Combined Daters and Obliterators 1880-1909), by Stanley F. Cohen

The Maltese Cross Cancellations of the United Kingdom, by R. C. Alcock

The Pioneer Stamps of the British Empire, by Bertram W. H. Poole

Priced Check List of Barred Numeral Cancellations of England and Wales Stamps of Great Britain

Stamps of Great Britain Issued in Rolls and the Machines Which use Them: An Historical Survey Including a Check List of the Rolls Issued Since 1938, by C. M. Langston and H. C. Corless



Discovering British Postage Stamps, by C. W. Hill

The Dollis Hill Find: Great Britain: Mechanisation of the Mail and Phosphor Trials on Wilding Portrait Stamps 1958-1972, by Edward Klempka

New Publications for our Members

EUROPE (continued)

The Redhead: A Collector's Guide to Shading the Stamps of the One Penny Red George V., Side Face Issues of Australia 1914-1922

A study of the King George VI Postal Issues: Study Paper No. 12 Barbados,
by F. R. Saunders

The Surface Printed KGV 1d Side Face Issue Variety Catalogue, by G. R. Monk

UK Taxes Marks for International Mail 1875-2000: Usage and Listing, by Ken Snelson

Uniform Penny Post: Hand Struck Paid Postage Stamps of England and Wales 1840-1853, by Steve Walker

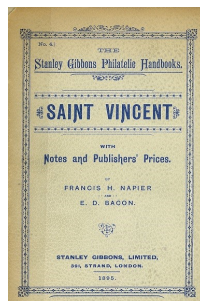
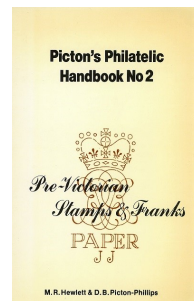
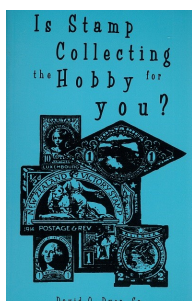
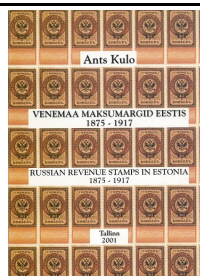
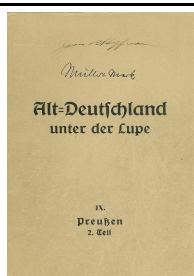
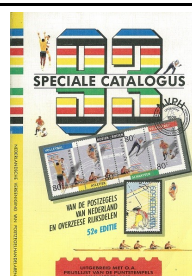
Walter Morley's Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of the British Colonies, compiled by Walter Morley

MIDDLE EAST

Aden Censor Marks, 1914-1919, by M. A. M. Graham

NORTH AMERICA

Postal Information, Published by the Canada Postmaster General



SOUTH AMERICA

Postal Registration in British Guiana, by M. R. Rego

CENTRAL AMERICA

The "Town" Cancels of British Honduras; 1880-1973, by Edward F. Addiss

CARIBBEAN

(Single Book) Bahamas Postal Stationery, by Graham Huey, & *Jamaica Postal Stationery,* by Thomas Foster

The Encyclopaedia of British West Indies Postmarks, King George VI, by David Horry

The History of the Sailing Packets to the West Indies, by Leonard E. Britnor

The Postal History of Soufriere, St. Lucia, by Robert Devaux

(Single Book) Postal Markings of the Turks & Caicos, by Mike Wilson & *Caicos Islands Adventures,* by Gale Raymond

The Posts of St. Lucia, by Geoffrey G. Ritchie

The Royal Mail Steam Packets to Bermuda and the Bahamas, 1842-1859, by M. H. Ludington

TOPICAL

Breast Cancer: Fund the Fight. Find a Cure, published by the United States Postal Service

Space-Related Kaluga Philatelic Commemorations - 1957-1991, by James G. Reichman

MISCELLANEOUS

Die Erfindung der Briefmarke: Entwürfe und Probedrucke aus der Sammlung, F. A. Philbrick und dem Pressen-Fund

Is Stamp Collecting the Hobby for You? by David O. Dyer, Sr.

Most Influential Philatelists, published by Linn's Stamp News

RMPL Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting November 22nd, 2022

Board Members Present: Tonny Von Loij, Jim Kilbane, Bill Douglass, Rich Palestro, Eric Carlson, Steve Schweighofer, Paul and Regina Domenici, Gary Withrow (via ZOOM),
Absent: Rod Haenni,
Guests: Bryan Trigg

The meeting was called to order at 3:59 pm.

Treasurer: Bill Douglass presented and the Board approved the detailed statement of YTD financials.

As of October 31, 2022

Checking account: \$101,462
First Bank Savings account: \$34,309
Vanguard account: \$299,252
Current assets: \$437,996
Fixed assets: \$ 641,075
Total assets: \$779,345

IRS Form 990 was submitted on November 14. Bill moved \$34,315 from savings and \$15,685 from checking to a First Bank liquid asset account. Petty cash was eliminated. A motion was passed to approve the YTD financials.

Old Business

Financial:

- 1) 2023 Budget: Preliminary budget was reviewed with multiple suggestions for aligning projected income and expenses. Board members will submit further budget recommendations to Bill and a revised budget will be sent to the Board for authorization via email.
- 2) The following motions were approved:
 - a) Move money from the checking account to the capital improvement account.
 - b) Eliminate the book lending fund.
 - c) Establish a scholarship donation fund.
- 3) Motion passed to permit President, VP, Treasurer, and Operations Manager to have signatory rights for the checking and money market account.
- 3) As the government and other entities require credit cards vs. check payment, the Board approved and Tonny obtained the following credit cards with the maximum purchase amounts:

- a) Tonny Van Loij, President: \$5,000 per month (amount determined by the need to fund the \$5,000 annual scholarship).
- b) William Douglass: Treasurer \$1,500 per month.
- c) Joe Lanotte: Audio \$1,500 per month.

Standard rental agreement Eric presented a standardized rental agreement for outside dealers/clubs who conduct business in our meeting room. The Board will review at the next meeting.

Space utilization committee (Steve, Rod, Gary): No new needs identified.

Internet upgrade: Steve: Because conversion to Xfinity is beyond our budget, Joe Lanotte is investigating the possibility of utilizing T-Mobile.

RMPL website migration: Roger Rydberg resigned as webmaster of the RMPL website. Gary Withrow graciously accepted the webmaster role.

Security cameras- Rather than installing security cameras, a motion was approved to re-key all outside locks for \$600.00 and maintain an accurate record of key possession.

Special Delivery of Dreams Scholarship (Gary, Rich, Regina): The RMPL is proud to announce the "Special Delivery of Dreams Scholarship" which was published on the **BOLD.org** website as of Nov. 22. (BOLD.org is a no-charge national scholarship management platform). Eligible students must be enrolled in a 2-year program or certified trade school beginning Fall 2023 or Spring 2024. Preferred applicants are stamp collectors or family members of stamp collectors. Information on the RMPL scholarships will be in the next issue of *Scribblings* and multiple philatelic publications. Application deadline is March 1, 2023. Applicants may apply at **BOLD.org**:
<https://bold.org/scholarships/special-delivery-of-dreams-scholarship/>

School Community Outreach: This project promotes philately in high schools by using postcards as a basis for student essays. Recommendation made to form a committee to follow up. Members of a committee will read the essays and publish the best 2 in *Scribblings*.

Handicap access progress: Steve Schweighofer, the Board approved a \$7,945 bid to install an ADA-compliant wheelchair ramp in the parking lot for the Annex at 2048 S. Pontiac Way.

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October Auction results: Paul : All 275 large lots were sold. Gross income: \$32,114, Net income \$28,200. Thank you to those who supported the October auction.

Status of the new postal museum area: Gary: Three glass cases were installed and all memorabilia inventoried. Coming soon: Tonny is donating an authentic Belgian postal uniform.

New Business

Extending Library hours: Member feedback received requesting later hours at least one evening a week. Motion passed to experimentally open every Thursday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM **beginning March 1st** as daylight hours expand. Attendance will be tracked and success re-evaluated after three months.

Opportunities for increasing membership: Bryan Trigg recommends appealing to younger members in national historical societies. Suggestions include publishing an introductory article in historical society newsletters, emphasizing our extensive reference material and our auction website or hosting a membership table at RMSS, separate from the auction table.

Conclusion: Needed: Presenters at the Second Saturday program in 2023, please contact Jim Kilbane @ aurora_80017@yahoo.com.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19th, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Domenici
Recording secretary

AMAZON SMILE CHARITABLE DONATION PROGRAM

The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library is a registered member of the Amazon Smile Program.

Register your account, select the RMPL as your charitable organization and we will receive 0.5% of your authorized purchases as a donation.

This is a simple no-cost way of supporting the library and all of our educational programs.

Thank you for your support!



The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library is proud to announce the establishment of the "Special Delivery of Dreams" scholarship program. The scholarship is funded by philatelists and targeted towards philatelists and members of philatelic families!

With the ever-increasing cost of higher education and level of education required to be successful in a chosen career, the RMPL is sponsoring two \$2,500 scholarships. The scholarships are available for 2-year college programs and trade school students. Applications for the 2023 year must be received by March 1, 2023. The winners will be announced by March 30, 2023.

Visit <https://bold.org/scholarships/special-delivery-of-dreams> for details and application instructions.

For further information contact the RMPL scholarship committee at rmpl-scholarship@gmail.com.

Additional questions or requests for follow-up material may be directed to Gary W Withrow at: withrowgw@yahoo.com or the RMPL at 2038 S. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224.

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 September 8, 2022 through November 21, 2022. Thank you!

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Jonathan Bennett	Richard Moore
John Bloor	Joe Neri
Thomas Cantrall	Alexander Papp
William Douglass	Richard Porto
Roe Emery	Brian Pugh
Nolan Flowers	David Reitsema
Cheryl Ganz	Melvin Roghair
Robert Gibson	Dick Seeley
David Goss	Gary Shaver
Don Hillger	Webster Stickney
Charlie Johns	Jack Van Ens
Gary McIntyre	Cassandra Zawojek
Dasa Metzler	
Helen Milam	

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Steve Schweighofer is busy removing duplicate catalogs to make room on the shelves. We have so many wonderful donations they simply will not fit unless we make more room. He's also finding books that are not quite where they should be on the shelves and he's keeping the librarian busy re-cataloging them.

Daryl Schmitt is busily working in the periodicals room. She is making sure the journals can be found. If you are looking for a magazine article, the periodicals room is much easier to use now.

Paul Albright has been keeping up our vertical files. He decides exactly where each article should be placed. We have files on everything from different topicals and many aspects of philately to geographic locations. Paul has sorted thousands of articles. He's been a great help.

All of these volunteers help the library run smoothly. Their assistance is appreciated!

Sherri Soraci-Jennings

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members who have joined the library from September 27, 2022 through December 1, 2022.

Jeff Allen, Denver, CO - collects US FDCs

Biswajit Das, Aurora, CO - collects India and India States

Steve Hefte, Leadville, CO - collects US and foreign

Jim Keen, Kiowa, CO - collects US and Germany

Marjorie Limerick, Centennial, CO - collects US and Canada

Jacques Machol Jr., Denver, CO

Phil Sage, Highlands Ranch, CO

Ted Smith, Elizabeth, CO - collects US, Israel, Newspaper and Railroads

Beth Tallmadge, Lakewood, CO - collects Postcards

Please Note: New members and membership renewals received after December 1, 2022 will be acknowledged in the next issue of *Scribblings*.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to all of the readers who responded to the "Heraldic Lion" article in the last issue of *Scribblings*. Collectors of Swedish stamps generally refer to the "Heraldic Lions" as "Standing Lions." Roger Cichorz and Steve Lund, current and past president's of the Scandinavian Collectors Club, provided additional information to assist in identifying the various printing varieties of the stamps. Collectors of Swedish stamps generally refer to the "Heraldic Lions" as "Standing Lions."

Roger Cichorz mentioned there are plenty of reference materials available at the RMPL to aid in researching stamps from Sweden and other Scandinavian countries. The Scandinavian Collectors Club is an excellent source of information and the club welcomes anyone interested in expanding their philatelic interests.

Steve Lund provided an excellent source of information related to collecting, and researching the stamps of Sweden: <https://www.facitstamps.se/sv>.

As always, the Library is looking for individuals willing to volunteer a few hours of their time during the week to assist. The number of volunteers available to assist in the day-to-day operation of the Library directly impacts the potential of expanding its hours of operation on a permanent basis.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season, a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Charlie Freise

Scheduled Library 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.

Hours of Operation:
 Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Closed Sundays and Holidays
 Phone: (303) 759-9921
 Email: rmp1@qwestoffice.net

JANUARY 2023

- Jan 7 Sat** - meeting 10 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Jan 7 Sat** - meeting 1 PM
Topical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- Jan 8 Sun** - meeting 1 PM
Denver Postcard Club
- Jan 11 Wed** - meeting 7 PM
Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Jan 12 Thu** - meeting 2 PM
Cherrellyn Stamp Club
- Jan 14 Sat - 9AM**
Second Saturday at the RMPL
 Presenter: Gary Withrow
 Title: "Iraq C1-C8, Where can a Stamp Take us?"
- Jan 14 Sat** - meeting 10 AM
Mexico/Latin America Club
- Jan 14 Sat** - meeting 1 PM
Colorado Postal History Society
- Jan 15 Sun** - meeting 1 PM
Great Britain and Commonwealth Collectors Club
- Jan 19 Thu** - meeting 4 PM
RMPL Board of Directors (visitors welcome)
- Jan 21 Sat** - meeting 9:30 AM
Denver Young Collectors
- Jan 24 Tue** - meeting 7 PM
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee
- Jan 25 Wed** - meeting 2 PM
Denver Stamp Club
- Jan 28 Sat** - 10 AM
RMPL Book Sale

FEBRUARY 2023

- Feb 4 Sat** - meeting 10 AM
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- Feb 4 Sat** - meeting 1 PM
Topical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- Feb 8 Wed** - meeting 7 PM
Denver Germany Stamp Club
- Feb 9 Thu** - meeting 2 PM
Cherrellyn Stamp Club
- Feb 11 - 9 AM**
Second Saturday at the RMPL
 Presenter: Steve Nadler
 Title: "Maps on Stamps"
- Feb 11 Sat** - meeting 10 AM
Mexico/Latin America Club
- Feb 11 Sat** - meeting 11:30 AM
Rocky Mountain Aero and Astrophilately Club
- Feb 12 Sun** - meeting 1 PM
Denver Postcard Club
- Feb 18 Sat** - meeting 9:30 AM
Denver Young Collectors
- Feb 19 Sun** - meeting 1 PM
Great Britain and Commonwealth Collectors Club
- Feb 20-24 Mon-Fri** - normal Library hours
RMPL live auction viewing of lots
- Feb 22 Wed** - meeting 2 PM
Denver Stamp Club
- Feb 25 Sat** - live auction 11 AM
- Feb 28 Tue** - meeting 7 PM
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

Saturday, January 28th, 2023
RMPL Book Sale, beginning 10:00 AM
 Offering various duplicate philatelic related books (many British) as well as quite a few railroad and western history books.

Saturday, February 25th, 2023
Beginning 11:00 AM
RMPL 5th Annual Country, Cover and Postcard Lots Auction
Over 400 lots - No Buyers Premium