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New Earliest Known Use (EKU) of the 1924 Mount Everest Expedition Red Advertising Marking

by Eddie Hackstaff

One of my collecting specialties is Himalayan climbing expedition mail. Of all the Himalayan expeditions, the British 1924 Mount Everest expedition created the most identifiable mail of any mountaineering expedition. They used four distinct expedition advertising markings, an expedition label and an expedition postcard.

The "advertising marking" was used exclusively on the expedition postcards that promoted the film documenting the expedition. Captain John Noel, the official photographer of the 1924 British Expedition to Mount Everest, created each of the expedition advertising markings (*figure 1*), labels (*figure 2*) and postcards. He was responsible for the use of the expedition markings on the mail. There were very few uses of the expedition marking within Tibet and they are considered very rare.



left, figure 1, red expedition marking used exclusively in India.

right, figure 2, blue label used on mail advertising the expedition.

This article focuses on the use of the expedition marking in red ink, it was used exclusively in India. An estimated 40,000 postcards were mailed with the red marking. These postcards are considered common, but a wonderful collectible of mountaineering history.

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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



Hello to one and all.

It's amazing how fast time flies. Have you noticed summer is almost over? Temperatures are going up giving us the opportunity to spend lots of time in an air-conditioned room.

Looking back at the first half of the year much has happened. Paul Domenici, Gary Withrow and their volunteers did a tremendous job on the two auctions we had so far this year. I thank everyone who generously donated extra money and materials for these auctions. It is very much appreciated. Our 18th Annual Large Lots auction is scheduled for October 28, 2023.

As mentioned in the previous *Scribblings*, we purchased a new copier and scanner for the main library, replaced my medieval-era computer and we switched Internet provider to T-Mobile. CenturyLink was unable to help us get 5G services. A very big thank you goes out to Joe Lanotte for setting this up (what a pain!).

We decided to consolidate membership materials and processing to the main Library. Paul Domenici volunteered to handle this and spent many hours with Joe Lanotte updating the programs and listings. We now have the ability to access membership information immediately to address issues related to renewals and payments.

The RMPL celebrated its 30-year anniversary near the end of August. I hope you were able to attend the open house and have a good time.

You will see in the finance report that we are healthy. However, membership is low and costs are going up. We have some new ideas to increase membership.

Enjoy the rest of summer and we hope to see you soon.

Tonny Van Loij
President

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

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

In Memoriam

Joseph Calvin Lambert, Jr.
February 26, 1945 - July 9, 2023



Born on February 26, 1945, in Columbus, GA, Joe was the son of Dora McGehee Lambert and Major General Joseph Calvin Lambert, Sr. His thirst for knowledge led him to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned a B.S. in Chemistry. He was commissioned as an officer in

the US Navy where he served with distinction. Later, he attended the Harvard Business School and obtained an M.B.A.

Joe was elected Chairman of the Republican Party in Denver. He made significant contributions to the State of Colorado. He served in notable positions in the Governor's Energy Office and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment as Deputy Executive Director and CIO.

Aside from these activities, Joe was heavily involved in philately. He was a member and President of the Denver Stamp Club for nearly a decade. He was an active stamp dealer for many years, focusing his research-oriented mind on US classics, US stamps in general and the Washington Franklin series in particular.

He was an early member of the RMPL and supported the foundation with philatelic and financial donations that helped in the continued growth of the organization. He helped the RMPL establish its reference collection of fakes and forgeries. Joe served as an RMPL appraiser and would readily do such appraisals at the drop of a hat. He consistently volunteered to help at the "What's In Your Attic" booth at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show.

Joe was a devoted father. He shared his children Joseph III, Joshua (deceased), Jed and Kristin Hendler with his former wife and enduring friend Shirley Lambert. His grandchildren Lauren, Tyler, Teodoro, Elena, and Beaumont were a constant source of joy in his life. Over the past 16 years, Joe found love and companionship with Kendall Sansing and her daughters, Jenn Goldberg and Kathryn Sansing and their families.

Donations may be made to Angel Eyes, an organization that supports families impacted by sudden infant loss. Visit www.angeleyes.org.

LIBRARY EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

With the change in Internet service provider the email address for the Library has changed. Our new email address is: rmpldenverco@gmail.com.

AARP SMART DRIVER CLASS

Are you a driver aged 50 or over? Would you like to receive a discount on your auto insurance? Would you like to learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment? If so, then consider attending the AARP Smart Driver Class at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. The class is four hours long and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (please bring your membership card) and \$25 for non-members (cash or check only, credit cards cannot be accepted). The class is scheduled for October 11, 2023, from 9:45 AM to 2:00 PM. Please arrive no later than 9:45 am. To register for the class please call (303) 906-5197.

PSGSA MEMBERSHIP OFFER



The Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa is offering **FREE** one-year memberships for new applicants. As a member you will receive the award-winning journal *Forerunners*, published three times per year. If you have an interest in the Greater Southern Africa philately and postal history go to www.psgsa.org and email piperjohn165@gmail.com to be added to our rolls.

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Moving? Do you have a new telephone number? Do you have a new email address? Please remember to notify the Library with your new contact information by calling the Library at 303-759-9921, or email your contact information to: rmpldenverco@gmail.com.

2024 ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP SHOW

This is a continuing call for volunteers to commit a few hours of their time to help at next year's stamp show. Volunteers are needed to manage the registration desk, assist with floor management, setting up and taking down the exhibit frames, mounting exhibits and assisting with cachet sales. Contact Andrew Kelley at stamps@andrewkelley.net for more information on volunteering.

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figure 3, cover postmarked Darjeeling, India, dated 6 AUG 24, with red expedition marking from Rongbuk Glacier Base Camp.

I recently purchased an expedition postcard on eBay (figure 3) for a good price and set it aside along with several other expedition postcards I already had. During a recent Colorado cold spell I took some time to inspect my cards. I paid particular attention to the mailing dates in order to update the census on my website. The date on this card wasn't very clear; on second inspection it intrigued me. Prior to this finding, the earliest known use (EKU) for the red expedition marking from Darjeeling, India, was recorded as 16 August 1924. This isn't a rare date, but it is very desirable from a collecting standpoint. This card appeared to be dated "6 AUG 24."

Initially my thought was the "1" of "16" wasn't well inked and not visible. After completing a high-resolution scan, I still couldn't see any hint of a "1" in the date stamp. My next steps were to work the geometry of the location of the "6." This resulted in showing that the "6" on this card was located in the middle of where the "16" would be on the other cancellation examples. This clearly established there was no missing "1."

It was time to get a second opinion. With rare stamps this meant getting a Certificate of Opinion from an organization like the American Philatelic Society (APS) Expertizing Service. The problem being this is a low value item (maybe \$40) and I was looking for

an opinion on a date for an expedition marking for a census that only I maintain.

I reached out to Ken Martin, Expertizing Director for the APS, and asked what was appropriate when looking for a second opinion on this type of item. I was very surprised with how quickly he responded and after exchanging a few emails with the details and images he informally agreed with me that the cancel was dated 6 AUG 24, a new EKU!

But that's just part of the story. Something still didn't seem right. I pulled up my census of expedition covers mailed from Tibet (figure 4) and the last mail sent from Captain Noel was on 1 August 1924. Could Captain Noel have sent expedition mail from Yatung, Tibet, on 1 AUG 1924? Could he then have sent mail from Darjeeling, India, six days later on 6 AUG 1924? I dug into my books to map out a route (figure 5) and develop a possible time-line.

Using documentation from the 1921, 1922, and 1924 Mount Everest expeditions and Google Maps, I estimated the travel distance between Yatung, Tibet, and Darjeeling, India, at approximately 120 miles. The expedition used ponies to carry equipment, the pack loads on the individuals were most likely light. It's very reasonable to travel 20 or more miles per day, so this might fit the time-line.

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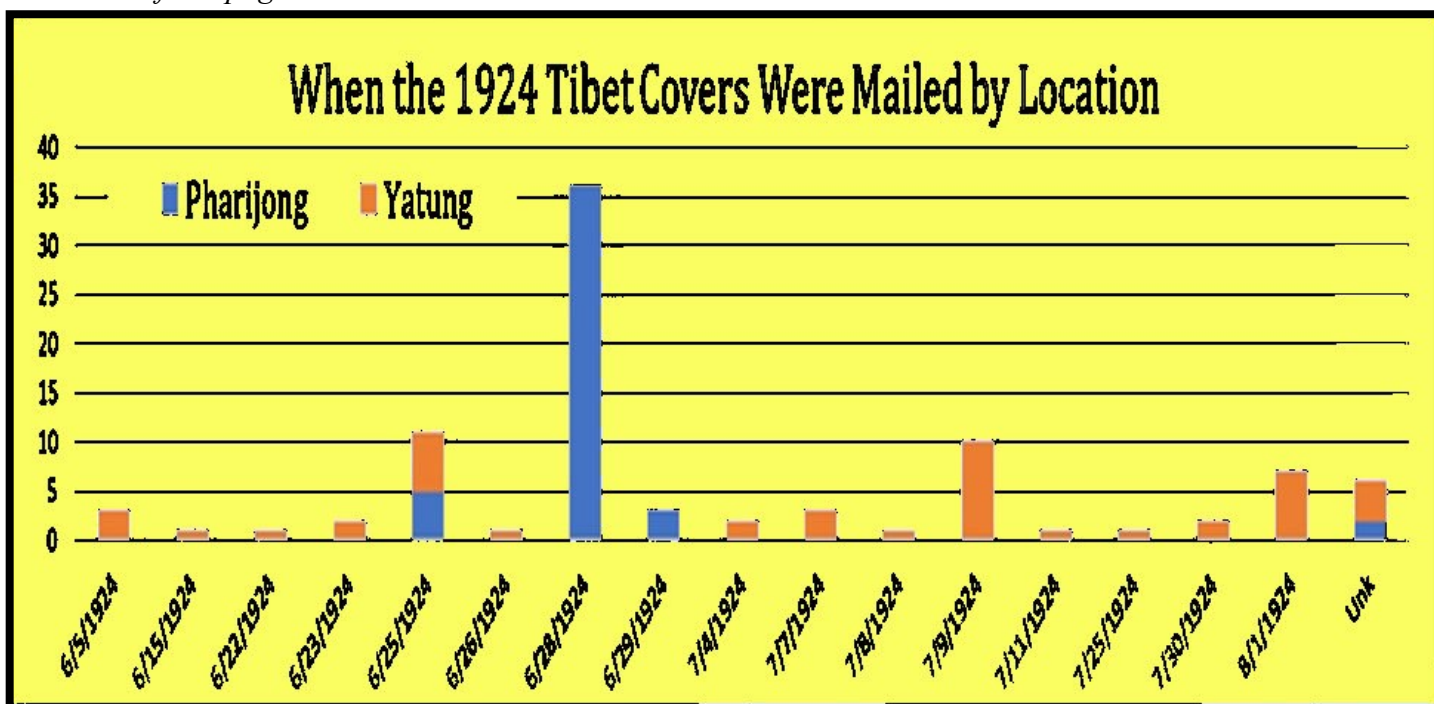


figure 4, author's personal census of British 1924 Mount Everest expedition covers from Tibet.

Most of the expedition travelled between Yatung and Darjeeling in six to seven days. This included social stops with acquaintances along the way. Here are a few assumptions:

- ◆ After leaving Tibet (Jelep La or Natu La pass) the route is mostly downhill.
- ◆ After leaving Tibet, the path is in good shape and well-maintained. The 1924 Tractor Expedition drove from Darjeeling to Natu La, just north of Jelep La.
- ◆ The individuals are in good shape and have had several days rest in Yatung.
- ◆ No social stops along the way.
- ◆ Most of the British expedition members were met in Kalimpong. Automobiles drove the members the remainder of the route to Darjeeling. It can be assumed that Captain Noel was also provided this courtesy.
- ◆ Captain Noel could have left the last batch of mail in Yatung with the host to mail after they had left, possibly as early as 31 JUL 1924.

With these assumptions, it is reasonable to assume Captain Noel was in Darjeeling by 6 AUG 1924 and started mailing the first batch of thousands of post-cards.

If you are interested in more details about the expedition mail from these amazing expeditions, please visit my web site at: <http://www.hackstaff.com/stamps.htm>.



figure 5, return route of the expedition.

FDR on Stamps of Monaco

by Paul M. Holland

I have a passion for items related to President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a stamp collector [1], as well as an interest in finely engraved French-area items, including die proofs and VIP imperforates [2, 3]. My favorite French-area stamp, depicting FDR with his stamp collection, is the 1947 airmail stamp from Monaco (Scott C16). The stamp was issued in conjunction with CIPEX, the centenary of United States postage stamps.

Shown below are images of the sunken die proof of Monaco Scott #C16, found in my collection, and a copy of the original White House photograph of FDR used by the stamp engraver (*figures 1 and 2*). An additional closeup comparison of FDR's left hand, holding a stamp, is included.



(top, figure 1, sunken die proof of 1947, Monaco, Scott #C16.)

bottom, figure 2, official White House photograph of FDR holding a stamp with close-up comparisons of his left hand.)



Often touted as an error stamp, FDR's left hand appears to show six fingers. The original photograph clearly shows that FDR's so-called "sixth finger" is in fact the sleeve of his white shirt.

Curiously, even the *American Philatelist* (*figure 3*) appears to have fallen for this myth as reflected in the cover story published in its November 2017 issue [4]. In the article, the Monaco stamp is compared to the wrong photograph of FDR with his stamp collection. Although an original artist's sketch is shown, it differs significantly from the final stamp. Clearly, the photograph shown in *figure 2* much more closely matches details in the actual stamp.

(figure 3, cover image of the November 2017 issue of the *American Philatelist*.)



In the lower right corner of the stamp are found the names of the stamp designer Pierre Gandon (1899-1990) and engraver Gabriel-Antoine Barlangue (1874-1956). The letters following each name are the Latin abbreviations for "delineavit" and "sculpsit" respectively. Both men were prolific designers and engravers of important French and French-area stamps.

Perhaps it is ironic the article in the *American Philatelist* blames Barlangue [sic] for the six-fingered "error" while consistently misspelling his name. What now seems clear is that when engraving FDR's left hand, Barlangue used a very similar pattern of stippling (small dots) on both FDR's fingers and in depicting the shadowing inside his shirt sleeve. This resulted in the amusing illusion that FDR has six fingers on his left hand, thereby making for a good story.

Gandon and Barlangue were key figures when nine engraved stamps from Monaco, honoring the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, were issued in December 1946. The set of stamps include regular issues, a semipostal, airmail stamps and an airmail semipostal stamp (Scott 198-202, B93, C14-C15 and CB6). The stamps feature oval portraits of FDR along with the harbor at Monte Carlo, the palace and overview maps of Monaco.

Gandon is credited with the design for seven of the stamps, Barlangue with the other two. A variety of different engravers were used. All of these stamps are affordable for worldwide stamp collectors.

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The stamps were printed in sheets of 25 stamps, 5 x 5, on pre-gummed paper using a rotary press. The two triangular stamp designs were printed tête-bêche to better utilize the available space. Following the usual custom, 40 sheets (or 1,000 stamps) were left imperforate for archival purposes and museum collections. The remaining imperforate stamps were cut up for distribution to VIPs as philatelic souvenirs. It should be noted that VIP imperforates were typically cut out for distribution somewhat roughly, certainly not by philatelists.

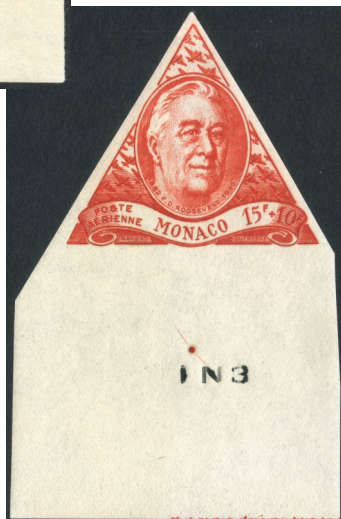
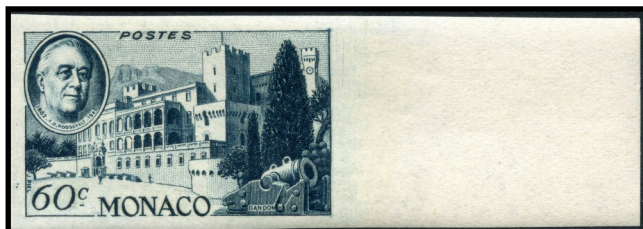
Having a strong interest in engraved preproduction items for French-area stamps, it is these scarce imperforates that are of special interest to me. I'm fortunate in having special VIP imperforates of all of these FDR stamps in my collection. Furthermore, all of my examples show full sheet margins, whereas VIP imperforates from the interior of sheets do not.

My triangular stamps with a large portrait oval of FDR giving the dates of his birth and death (1882-1945) are shown (*figures 4 and 5*). Both were designed by Pierre Gandon, with the 10c regular issue engraved by Charles Mazelin and the 15F + 10F airmail semipostal stamp engraved by Charles-Paul Dufresne (1885-1954). It should be noted that these are the very first triangular stamps to depict Roosevelt.

Also of interest is the code "I N 3" in the lower sheet margin. Printed at the bottom center of each sheet of stamps, this was used from 1933-1964 to indicate important printing information, where "I" stands for

"indicatif" (French for indicative), "N" is an unique identifier for the press operator, and "3" shows that printing press #3 was used.

Right margin VIP imperforates of 1946 FDR stamps from Monaco are shown in *figures 6 - 9*. The stamps depict various views of the harbor and palace in Monte Carlo. The 30c stamp, showing a view of the harbor, was designed by Gabriel-Antoine Barlangue, although curiously Gandon's name also appears. The 60c regular issue stamp shows the palace in Monte Carlo. This stamp was designed by Gandon and engraved by Jules Piel. The 2F + 3F semipostal stamp showing another view of the boat harbor was designed by Gandon and engraved by René Cottet. Finally, the 5F airmail, which provides a virtually identical view of the harbor as the 30c, except for the addition of an airplane is solely attributed to Barlangue.



(left, figure 4, 1946, Monaco, Scott #198.

right, figure 5, 1946, Monaco, Scott #CB6.)

(top to bottom:
figure 6, 1946, Monaco, Scott #199.
figure 7, 1946, Monaco, Scott #200.
figure 8, 1946, Monaco, Scott #B93.
figure 9, 1946, Monaco Scott #C14.)

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My top margin VIP imperforates of the 1946 FDR stamps from Monaco are shown below (figures 10, 11 and 12). These were all designed by Gandon and feature various aerial view maps of Monaco. The 1F and



(left to right:

figure 10, 1946, Monaco, Scott #201.

figure 11, 1946, Monaco, Scott #202.

figure 12, 1946, Monaco, Scott #C15.)

3F regular issue stamps were engraved by Raoul Serres, the 10F airmail by Emile Feltesse.

As a specialist collector of the Franklin D. Roosevelt era, broadly defined, I have a strong interest in history and enjoy collecting items from FDR's personal stamp collection, signed correspondence from the FDR White House and his cabinet members, plus related items, including stamps depicting FDR. Especially appealing to me is the fact that stamp collecting was FDR's primary means of relaxation from his day job, mainly, rescuing the country from the Great Depression and saving the world from fascism during World War II.

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ANNOUNCING TWO NEW RMPL VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

by Sergio Lugo

These are among the finest videos we (Joe Lanotte, Gary Withrow and myself) have managed to produce after a three-year hiatus due to COVID. We were unable to meet consistently, faced electrical and equipment breakdowns and welcomed a third member to our team - Gary Withrow. Once we began working on new video productions we realized our skills and proficiency had degraded. The learning curve hindered our attempts to integrate new production features and techniques while completing these two new projects.

The Syndicator Condor Video: A presentation on the Syndicator Condor airline and related postal history of Brazil (Author: Sergio Lugo, Videographer: Gary Withrow).

The Syndicator Condor airline was a competitor to Pan American from 1927 - 1941. This is the third rendition of a presentation shown during the March 2023 American Air Mail Society ZOOM meeting. The original video was 90 minutes in length. It has been reduced to 58 minutes. The final version is available for viewing on the RMPL YouTube site and the RMPL website under "publications." The original 90-minute version is available on the AAMS YouTube site.

The 1869 U.S. Pictorial Issue Video: A presentation by local area collector, Jerry Hager, focusing on the post-Civil War 1869 issues of the United States (Author and Narrator: Jerry Hager, Videographer: Gary Withrow). The original presentation was reduced from 65 minutes to 45 minutes. The Wyoming Stamp Club, in Cheyenne, is credited with Jerry's presentation. The video is available for viewing on the RMPL YouTube site and the RMPL website under "publications." This video is highly recommended to all, whether a beginning or advanced collector.

We hope you enjoy these new videos and urge you to share and promote them with other collectors.

Thank you for supporting the RMPL Video Production Team, Sergio Lugo, Joe Lanotte and Gary Withrow.





Covering the World



Camp Chemical, Texas ??

by John H. Bloor



WILLIAM R. WELCH,
2124 31st Ave. So.
Seattle, Washington

This is an attractive World War II patriotic cover from 1942. It is franked with a plate number single of the 3¢ National Defense Issue cancelled June 4, 1942, at Freeport Texas. There is also a “Freeport, Tex. Camp Chemical Branch” marking dated Jun 1, 1942; and a “First Day Postal Service”. There is a return address for William B. Welch, Seattle, on the back. Since the cover is not addressed to him, he may have been a dealer who serviced the cover.

Freeport is in Brazoria County in southeastern Texas, on the Gulf coast southwest of Galveston. In the late 1930s, Dow Chemical Company, based in Midland, Michigan, wanted to expand to the Gulf Coast. Freeport was selected because of its favorable proximity to natural resources (magnesium and bromine from seawater, natural gas and salt domes) and to the Gulf with a large harbor.

Construction supplies arrived in Freeport in March 1940 and construction of the plant to extract magnesium from seawater was completed in January 1941. This was the first time that the ocean had been “mined” for a metal.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the government asked Dow to increase its production of magnesium. To accomplish this, a second plant was built further north, near Velasco. As the size of the Texas Division of Dow increased, housing for those who built and worked in the plants became more difficult to find. This led to the construction of Camp

Chemical, beginning in February 1942. It was completed in one month.

Camp Chemical eventually included 2,000 cottages, each 256 square feet, for married workers; and 46 barracks, each housing 120 single men. The town also had a grocery, drug store, beauty parlor, barber and other shops, a laundry, a jail and a post office. It was the largest town in Brazoria County.

Camp Chemical was never intended to be permanent. Dow purchased land near Freeport on what was once the Abner Jackson plantation and began to build the town of Lake Jackson. By the end of 1943, residents began to move into the town. Shortly after the end of the war, Camp Chemical was razed to provide space for more chemical plants. The post office existed for four years, from around February 1942 to early 1946. Does anyone have another cover with a Camp Chemical postmark or addressed to Camp Chemical?

Several references at the RMPL indicated that the Freeport post office was created in 1912 and is still extant. Consequently the “First Day Postal Service” marking refers to the Camp Chemical Branch. Camp Chemical was not included in any of the lists of Texas post offices in the Library, perhaps because it is a branch. One reference says that it doesn’t list branch post offices.

That’s it for this issue. Send me interesting covers!

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.*

September 9, 2023 - 9:00 AM

Presenter: Steve McGill
**"Queen Elizabeth
 Philatelic Retrospective"**

This presentation will focus on the developments within British stamp evolution during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The evolutionary nature of United Kingdom stamps is viewed through the changes in definitive stamp artistic design and the technical advances made to create a "Stamp Identity" that would enable automated letter processing equipment to function. The Queen's reign coincided with many profound letter processing developments with her stamps at the forefront.



October 14, 2023 - 9:00 AM

Presenter: Steve Nadler
**"Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon:
 Kingdom of Bhutan "**

This program is an overview of the early period (1962 -1976) of Bhutan's postage stamps. The country is known for its creative development of unusual postage stamps. The stamps were largely dismissed by the philatelic community when they first appeared. However, several countries have followed Bhutan's leadership: Austria, Switzerland and France just to name a few. At first, the Scott Catalog refused to list the stamps but as they were found postally used, that changed.



CHERPEX

The Cherrelyn Stamp Club is proud to host the annual Cherpex Stamp Show.

September 29th and 30th, 2023

Fri - 10 AM - 5 PM, Sat - 9 AM - 5 PM

**Veterans of Foreign Wars
 (VFW) Lodge**

**15625 West 10th Avenue
 Golden, CO 80401**

Directions from US 6 - Exit West Colorado Mall, turn right on Indiana and follow Indiana until you see a large sign "CAR WASH," turn left just before the sign onto McIntyre Street. The VFW Lodge is on your right.

For additional information contact
 Ken Luke at safetyluke@hotmail.com

NewMexPEX 2023

The New Mexico Philatelic Exhibition

October 28th and 29th, 2023

Sat - 9 AM - 5 PM, Sun - 9 AM - 4 PM

**Meadowlark Senior Center
 4330 Meadowlark Lane, SE
 Rio Rancho, NM**

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**Albuquerque Philatelic Society
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Our 18th annual postage stamp show with exhibits, door prizes, dealer tables, a "What's in Your Attic?" table and lots of stamps.



**Free admission,
 parking and gifts**

LIBRARY BOARD ELECTIONS

by John Bloor

Since the library was founded in 1993, 30 years ago (!), it has been staffed by volunteers. The volunteers who work with collectors who visit the library or buy stamps, and those who do the behind-the-scenes work of nourishing our collections, breaking down donations, and maintaining our three buildings, all donate their time and energy for the satisfaction of supporting stamp collecting.

The people who serve as Library officers are also volunteers. This includes the elected President, Vice President, Operations Manager, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, four Directors and the Treasurer who is appointed. Every three years the RMPL has an election to select the ten members who will decide the path of the library over the next three years.

The election is next January. Although some of the incumbents are running again, we need members who are willing to be candidates for these seats. We particularly want members who are active volunteers and have not previously been on the Board to bring fresh minds to the management of the library. The time commitment is small - one Board meeting, in the late afternoon to early evening, lasting 1 - 2 hours every other month.

As a Board member, you get the low-down on what is happening at the library. You will help make decisions which will guide the library for its next 30 years. If you are interested in participating, please let us know.

You can reach me, John Bloor, at aerophil59@yahoo.com or 303-588-6809; or Erl Fossum at erlfossum@aol.com or 303-973-6083. You may also leave your name at the library front desk and we will contact you.

Applicants need to provide a photograph and a short statement (150 words) describing your background and why you want to run. These will be published, along with a ballot, in the next issue of *Scribblings*.

18th Annual RMPL Annual Large Lots Auction **A LIVE AUCTION**

Presented by The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library
(This is a "one-session" auction)

Location: Meeting Room
2048 S. Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224

Beginning at 11:00 AM
Saturday, October 28th, 2023



**NO BUYERS
PREMIUM**



**OVER 270
LOTS!**

This auction features 272 lots of stamps or covers in albums, on album pages, in stock books, commemorative or thematic collections, bulk cover lots, miscellaneous philatelic material, supplies (assorted empty albums and pages, stamp mounts, etc.), ephemera and philatelic books.

The catalog and scanned images of lots are available for viewing anytime at:
www.rmplauctions.org

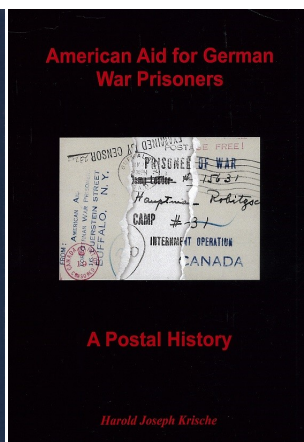
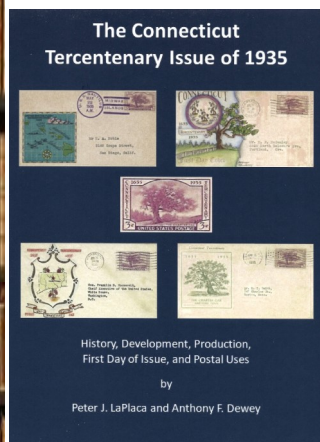
New Publications for our Members

UNITED STATES

The 50th Anniversary of "The Match of the Century": A Philatelic Look,
by Michael Schumacher

American Aid for German War Prisoners: A Postal History, by Harold Joseph Krische

The Connecticut Tercentenary Issue of 1935: History, Development, Production, First Day of Issue, and Postal Uses, by Peter J. LaPlaca and Anthony F. Dewey



UNITED STATES (continued)

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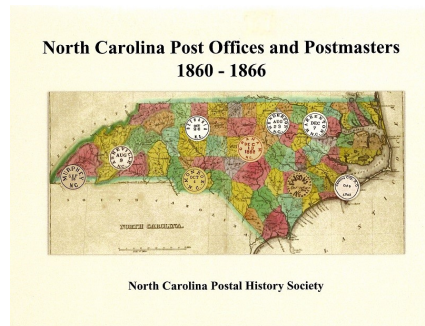
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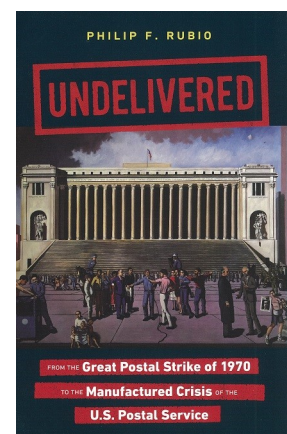
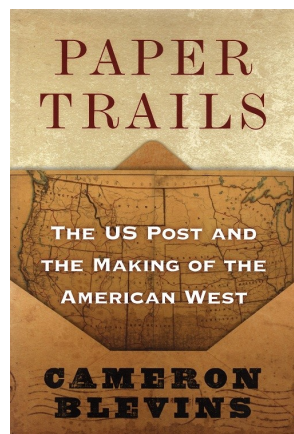
The Making of United States Stamps,
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The Man Who Won the West: Mexican War 1846-1848, by David F. New

Missouri, Gateway to the West: 1797 - 1847,
by David F. New

North Carolina Post Offices and Postmasters, 1860-1866, by The North Carolina Postal History Society

Paper Trails: The US Post and the Making of the American West, by Cameron Blevins



New Publications for our Members

ASIA

Checklist of Japanese Scenic Cancellations

People's Republic of China Stamp Catalog

EUROPE

Postage stamps of Lithuania

The Postal and Monetary History of Latvia, 1918-1945, by N. Jakimovs and V. Marcilger

Schweiz-Suisse-Svizzera, Liechtenstein

The Stamps of Switzerland: 1843-1854, by Freiherr G. Von Girsewald

SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil cancellations 1843-1889 (Exhibit)

The First Airmail Flight Across the Andes, 5 August, 1919: An Account of the Discovery of the Flight, With Illustrations of the Covers Carried, by John Pringle

TOPICAL

A philatelic history of the Olympic Games, by Ernest Trory

Philatelic Specialists Look at Aerophilately What's first?: From Abacus to Zebra, the First Time Topics are Depicted on Postage Stamps, by Jack Gray

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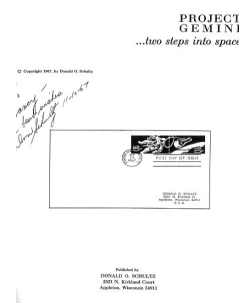
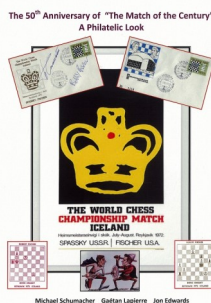
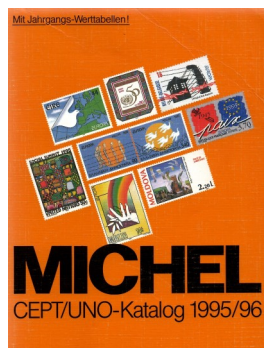
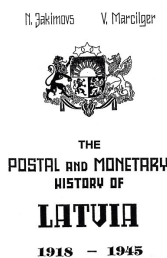
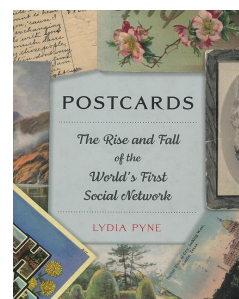
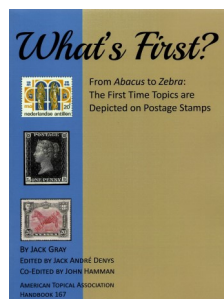
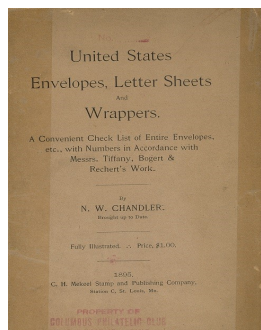
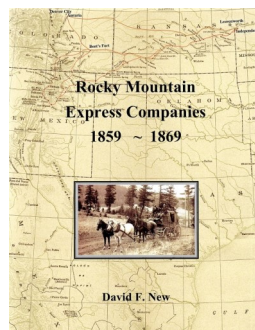
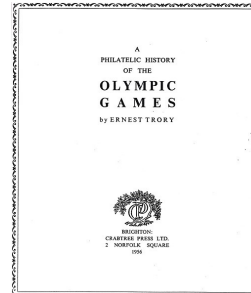
Project Gemini--Two Steps Into Space, by Donald O. Schultz

Stamp Collecting Notes, by W. S. Lincoln

Unfolding the Envelope: Twelve Personal Appreciations

Philatelic Specialists Look at Aerophilately

Edited by David Penny, 2006



RMPL Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting July 20, 2023

Board Members Present: Tonny Van Loij, Jim Kilbane, Rich Palestro, Eric Carlson, Steve Schweighofer, Gary Withrow, Rod Haenni, Paul and Regina Domenici. Visitors: Alex Papp, Charlie Freise, Ken Luke and Joe Lanotte

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Treasurer: Review and discussion of financial statements by Bill. A unanimous motion was passed to approve the July financials.

Treasurer's report (Bill Douglass):

As of June 30, 2023

- ◆ First Bank Checking account: \$112,430 (May \$76,407)
- ◆ First Bank Savings account: \$50,171 (May \$50,129)
- ◆ Vanguard account: \$328,918 (May \$318,091)
- ◆ Current assets: \$494,270 (May \$447,446)
- ◆ Fixed assets: \$644,417 (May \$641,075)
- ◆ Total assets: \$840,168 (May \$789,925)

OLD BUSINESS

May Auction recap (Paul Domenici): The May auction at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show realized a gross income of \$49,675. The net profit was approximately \$41,000. Although there was superb material and the auction website enhanced exposure, the major factor contributing to such success was having an actual presence at the show. Because costs are increasing and stamp shows are having difficulty staying afloat, a unanimous motion was approved to give a \$1,500.00 donation to the RMSS. Gary and Paul expressed appreciation to everyone who participated in the May auction. The October auction is now online.

2024 Special Delivery of Dreams Scholarship Committee report (Gary Withrow): Alex Papp is a new addition to the scholarship committee. The RMPL will fund two \$2,500 scholarships with an application deadline of February 1, 2024.

Follow up on the approved purchase of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) (Paul Domenici): Thirteen volunteers have signed up for AED training. Bill has a contact at the Fire Department who can recommend training options. The next steps are pending the result of Bill's inquiry. Once volunteers can be trained to use the devices, an AED will be purchased for each building.

2024 Board of Directors election (Tonny Van Loij): John Bloor is spearheading the nomination committee. Nominees in the queue will need to submit photos

and biographies to be published in the November-December issue of *Scribblings*. The election is scheduled for January 2024.

Follow up on Paul Lee's *Parks, Postmarks and Postmasters* revised book publication (Jim Kilbane): The option to print and bind the revised edition is about \$130.00 per book. Jim will follow up and report the cost to print on demand. Other possibilities in consideration are offering the revised book online or just publishing the amended pages.

RMPL's 30th anniversary open house on August 26th (Paul Domenici): The RMPL 30th anniversary open house invitation was included in the July-August *Scribblings*. RSVPs are being tallied at the front desk. All Board members are expected to help at the event.

NEW BUSINESS

New email address (Joe Lanotte): Changing Internet service provider resulted in a change to the RMPL email address to rmpldenverco@gmail.com. Tonny will send an email blast to all members notifying them of the new address. Internet services are now provided by T-Mobile at a significant savings.

Declining membership, recruiting and brainstorming (Paul Domenici): Suggestions include advertising in various senior community newsletters, giving a gift certificate for memberships, offering an incentive for current members to recruit new members to join, publishing an informational article in the Denver Post, and doing live presentations at senior communities.

Budget for replacing AC and heating units (Steve Schweighofer): The AC and heating units in 2038 are in good shape despite being 25 years old. The upcoming budget should include money to replace them in the future. Several options were discussed without a decision. Steve will explore the possibility of getting a single large unit and report at the next meeting.

Proposal to convert slides to digital format (Charlie Freise): The Library has more than one thousand 35 mm slides containing philatelic material. If converted to digital format, the image can be published on the website, used in PowerPoint or as Adobe PDFs. A decision was made for a committee (Joe Lanotte, Eric Carlson, and Charlie Freise) to inventory the slides and determine which would be of the most interest if converted into a digital format.

The next meeting is on September 21, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Domenici

Recording Secretary

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 May 15, 2023 through July 18, 2023. Thank you!

SOCIETY AND CLUB DONATIONS

Denver Postcard Club

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

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NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members who have joined the library from May 15, 2023, through July 15, 2023.

Eric Chrisman	Eliot Wong
Robert Lokart	Yarden Yarkoni
Thomas Muller	

Please Note: New members and membership renewals received after July 15, 2023, will be acknowledged in the next issue of *Scribblings*.

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.

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 Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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SEPTEMBER 2023

Sep 2 Sat - meeting 10 AM
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
Sep 2 Sat - meeting 1 PM
 Topical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)

Sep 9 Sat - 9AM
Second Saturday at the RMPL
 Presenter: Steve McGill
"Queen Elizabeth Philatelic Retrospective"

Sep 9 Sat - meeting 10:30 AM
 Mexico/Latin America Club
Sep 10 Sun - meeting 1 PM
 Denver Postcard Club
Sep 13 Wed - meeting 7 PM
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
Sep 14 Thu - meeting 2 PM
 Cherrelyn Stamp Club
Sep 16 Sat - meeting 9:30 AM
 CYPHER Stamp Club
Sep 21 Thu - meeting 4 PM
 RMPL Board Meeting (visitors welcome)
Sep 27 Wed - meeting 2 PM
 Denver Stamp Club



Don't forget to join us for the 18th Annual Large Lot auction on October 28th.

OCTOBER 2023

Oct 7 Sat - meeting 10 AM
 Scandinavian Collectors Club
Oct Sat - meeting 1 PM
 Topical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
Oct 11 Wed - meeting 9:45AM
 AARP Smart Driver Class
Oct 11 Wed - meeting 7 PM
 Denver Germany Stamp Club

Oct 14 Sat - 9 AM
Second Saturday at the RMPL
 Presenter: Steve Nadler
"The Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon: The Kingdom of Bhutan"

Oct 12 Thu - meeting 2 PM
 Cherrelyn Stamp Club
Oct 14 Sat - meeting 10:30 AM
 Mexico/Latin America Club
Oct 14 Sat - meeting 1 PM
 Rocky Mountain Aero and Astrophilatelic Club
Oct 15 Sun - meeting 1 PM
 Denver Postcard Club
Oct 21 Sat - meeting 9:30 AM
 CYPHER Stamp Club
Oct 23 Mon - Oct 27 Fri - 10 AM - 2 PM
 18th Annual Large Lot auction viewing
Oct 25 Wed - meeting 2 PM
 Denver Stamp Club
Oct 28 Sat - 11 AM
 18th Annual Large Lot auction

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

AARP Smart Driver Class, October 11, 2023, 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM
CHERPEX Stamp Show, September 29, 2023, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
September 30, 2023, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
NewMexPEX 2023, Stamp Show, October 28, 2023, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
October 29, 2023, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM