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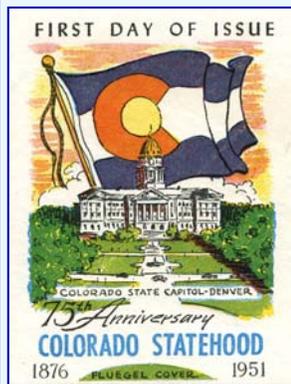
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## Is This The World's Largest Un-Cut Press Sheet?



Almost 21-feet in length, this mint scroll of 2008 Olympic stamps from China was recently viewed at the library. Attilio Catanzano and his wife, Cathy, received this item as a gift from a business associate in China. Known as the Olympic Great Volume (or "long volume") the sheet is contained in a plastic tube which is enclosed in a beautiful presentation box.

The official stamp issue includes 128 individual pieces, a combination of postage stamps and pictogram logos of the XXIX Olympiad. The scroll, a combination of traditional Chinese culture and the modern Olympic spirit, was produced in a limited edition of 50,000 sets.

Attilio carefully removing the stamp set from its protective tube using a pair of white cotton gloves included with the set.

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Details of some of the items included on the Olympic Great Volume issued for the XXIX Olympiad.

## World's Largest Un-Cut Press Sheet?

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Authorized by the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG), the Olympic-themed stamp scroll -- the longest of its kind - - was unveiled in Beijing in November 2008. The scroll, ratified by the China Post and issued by the Beijing Stamp Company, comprises images of the Olympic Emblem, mascot Fuwa, and 38 Olympic Pictograms as well as 128 characterized Olympic stamps.

At 6.33 meters, the scroll is the longest one in China's history, beating the previous record of 5.28 meters for a memorial stamp-scroll for a famous painting called "Qingmingshanghetu."



The stamp scroll in Beijing on its day of issue.

## World University Games in Harbin, China

George Killian, RMPL member and President of the International University Sports Federation, attended the February 2009 Winter Games in the city of Harbin, China. Athletes from 48 countries competed in the Games. A First Day ceremony was held there for the two diamond-shaped stamps shown here. Where is Harbin? Harbin is located in northeast China and historically has been an important trading center with Mongolia and Russia. (see map)



Two new stamps introduced at the World University Winter Games 2009 showing the games' logo and mascot, DONG DONG.

NOTE: Next issue of *Scribblings* will feature the stories of two other RMPL members who started their stamp collecting as children in China. One was born in Harbin, China and later grew up in Shanghai.

## *The Prez' Observations - Sergio Lugo*

**Good day, everyone:!**

**A**nd it is a lovely day here in Colorado, this 5th day of June, 2009. Hope the day found you as well wherever you were and whatever you were doing.

The hustle and bustle of the Library continues. Numerous book donations were received and are detailed in other pages of this *Scribblings*. For those of you who missed the *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* magazine of the 1920's to 1960's, we now have almost a complete run thanks to a devoted Oklahoma member who will remain unnamed, but hardly overlooked when he shows up here! By the time you've read this, we'll have begun our electrical rewiring - and that will be continuing for several weeks after it begins on June 20th. Also, by the time you read this, the Board's meeting (next page) of June 18th will have passed. If there is anything in the notes of that meeting that you'd like to discuss, please feel free to contact me (or any other member of the Board) to voice your concerns or comments about the proceedings.

Numerous visitors made the trek to the Library during the course of the past two months since our last issue. Despite having lost some long time members, we have a net gain of membership of 7 to 10, "swelling" our ranks to about 490. Among those visitors were dozens in attendance at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show as well as visitors from one of the premier auction houses in the country and representatives of the Czech Society, the Cuban Society, the France and Colonies Society and the APS and APRL. While we were not directly involved, we understand that the exhibiting workshop staged by the APS just prior to ROMPEX was well received and very well done.

Speaking of the APRL, it looks like we are well on the way to the online "union" catalog, of which there has been much discussion over the past several years. Keeping our fingers crossed that it will be pulled off,

a demonstration of how the union catalog functions will be held at the philatelic librarians meeting at StampShow 2009 in Pittsburgh, PA in August. If all goes as planned, however, the RMPL holdings of about 7,000 books will be merged with the 20,000+ of the APRL providing online search capabilities of the combined titles of both libraries. Plans also call for the introduction of some of the holdings of the Postal History Foundation in Tucson, Arizona. In effect, the complete holdings of two of America's philatelic libraries (and more) will soon be available online for the world to behold. It'll be a magnificent advance over the days when our fingers had to do the walking in isolated libraries. And hopefully the union catalog will expand as other philatelic libraries discover the value and join the new combined catalog. Those of you attending the StampShow should take the time to attend the philatelic librarians demonstration. And, while you're at it, do stop by and say hello to Vice President Jim Kilbane who will be manning the RMPL Booth, as well as Board member Don Dhonau who will be encouraging future generations of stamp collectors into the hobby at the Stamp Camp table.

Which brings me to my closing remarks. We have a lot to look forward to in our pastime - camaraderie, good friendship, lively discussions, reasonably priced acquisitions, travel, educational presentations, leisure time pursuits and much, much, more. Take the time and opportunity to share it with friends and acquaintances both at the library, at your local stamp clubs, and especially during the upcoming month of October - **Stamp Collecting Month**.

And it's still a great day. - Sergio

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A variety of accomplishments and achievements in the prior quarter were acknowledged at the quarterly meeting of the RMPL Board. Those included: (a) purchase of new chairs for the library; (b) selection of David Weisberg as the RMPL's APS representative; (c) silver medal award at NAPEX for Scribblings, (d) meeting with representatives of the H. R. Harmer Auction firm for future collaborative partnering; (e) board member Roger Cichorz' cleanup of the newly acquired chairs as well as the RMPL's carpeting, (f) and the new business cards for board members by Roger Rydberg.

The financial report of Treasurer Bob Blatherwick shows the RMPL in healthy financial condition as the result of the work of front desk volunteers, membership renewal activity of Roger Rydberg, and auction and stamp sales results by David Weisberg and Howard Benson and their respective volunteers. The latest financial report (through May, 2009) is available to any RMPL member requesting it. Front desk volunteers are reminded to promptly, but carefully, enter incoming receipts in the cash register.

Selected highlights of individual committees included: (1) Membership has grown to 488 members, an increase of roughly 10 since December, despite the loss of members due to non-renewals or death; (2) photo copying of stamps for the DANISH ORE BICOLOR book has impeded production of the book; (3) the Technology Committee is revising the RMPL web site to a more state-of-the art display, with anticipated completion in the next two months; current plans for the posting of procedures for on-line checkout, and (4) assembling of the 2010 silent auction is proceeding. The 2009 silent auction was a large success with about \$7,300 sold, followed by another \$1000 - \$1200 in sales after the close of the auction. The annual bulk lot auction is tentatively being planned for October.

No decision to hire an auditor was made. Rather, the Treasurer will solicit firms that do small organization audits in the effort to better determine costs. The board will make a decision regarding an audit agency in its last quarterly meeting of 2009 for the beginning of the 2010 calendar year. Likewise, no decision was reached regarding Scandinavian related materials and their retention by the RMPL or transferal of all records to the Scandinavian Collector's Club Library. Action

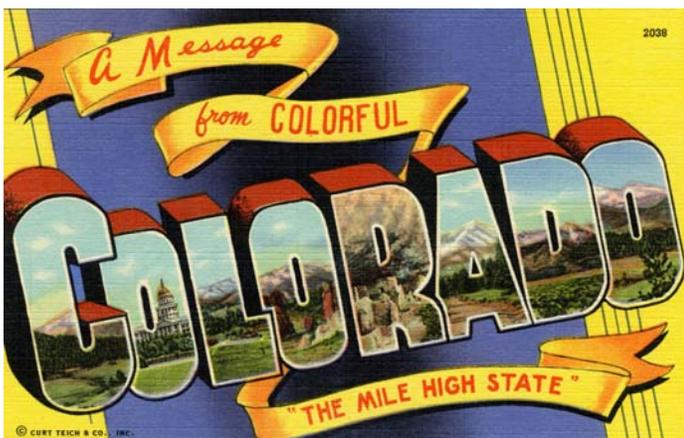
on this matter is deferred until the next Board meeting, when SCCL policies regarding lending and checkout procedures to RMPL members are clarified. Under the topic of new business, a preliminary analysis of the production costs of *Scribblings* was presented and provided to the board. That was prepared for future board consideration of options comparing hard copies of *Scribblings*, as compared to electronic transmittal.

The subject of an additional shed was discussed, both as a means of resolving additional storage needs as well as a place to store SCCL periodicals. This matter will be explored further, particularly zoning considerations, before a decision is made to purchase another shed. A proposal for building a completely new roof was very briefly reviewed, but its projected cost of as much as \$38,000 led to tabling the matter. The board did agree, however, to create a reserve fund for roof repairs and replacement.

The large scale donations of several generous benefactors (including the most recent of the John Aycrigg estate) was discussed, particularly with regard to their release dates with a view of the Board's long term policy. No decision was reached by the Board as to its long term policy regarding such donations (i.e. disposal by RMPL auctions, by well recognized auction houses, individual collector sales, or disposal by outright sale to stamp firms). The RMPL Board will continue to discuss the subject in future meetings. Vice President Jim Kilbane will be staffing the RMPL table at StampShow in Pittsburgh, and will be in attendance at the demonstration of the union catalog - which we have been assured will be operational by then (mid August). The Board approved the policy written by Director Jan Belle with regard to the Library's checkout policy.

In conclusion, a discussion was held about the 2010 National Topical Stamp Show to be held in Denver. It was agreed to make the RMPL available for small on site meetings of some of the organizations participating in the show as well as for Library tours. *Scribblings* Editor Ron Hill will advise those groups who inquired about this at the recent ATA show in Dayton, Ohio.

The next meeting of the RMPL Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009 - all are welcome



## 17th Annual Rocky Mountain States Post Card Show

Friday, July 17, 2009 Noon-8:00 pm  
Saturday, July 18, 2009 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds,  
Golden, Colorado

# What Are You Doing On Colorado Day This Year?

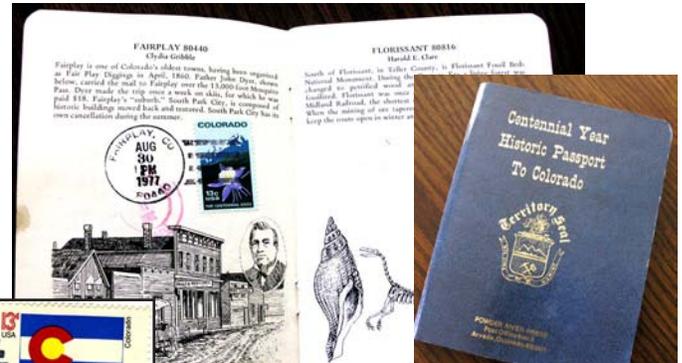
On July 4, 1876, at the World's Fair in Philadelphia, on the 100th anniversary of the birth of the United States of America, Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the US, announced that Colorado would become the Centennial State on **August 1, 1876**. If you went to school in Colorado you probably remember that every August 1 was a state holiday. Then it was moved to the first Monday in August. Finally, it quit being an official holiday in 1985.

But in 1976, no Colorado stamp was issued on the Centennial. There was a 3c Colorado stamp issued in 1951 on the 75th anniversary; a 13c Colorado state flag stamp issued in February 1976; and the next year, in May 1977, a 13c statehood commemorative was finally issued.

## If You Won't Do It, We Will

Realizing that there was to be no centennial stamp for the Centennial State in 1976, a group of private citizens formed the Committee to Commemorate Colorado and issued the first *non-stamp*. 14,128 of the original design of the *non-stamp* were printed on May 7, 1976. The *non-stamp* proved so popular that on June 14, 1976 the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Committee officially endorsed it and a second design was made that included the CCBC logo. The second issue was released on July 8, 1976 with 86,174 stamps printed.

August 1, 1976 dawned cold and grey and the state was in shock from the devastating Big Thompson flood the night before. But the *non-stamp* served as a symbol of pride as Coloradans honored the Centennial each in their own many different ways.



Above: *Centennial Year Historic Passport To Colorado*. One of many private ventures promoting the state. Each page contains views of historic towns where stamps and post marks can be added by visitors. (courtesy: Rusty Morse)

Left: RPO Souvenir cover with cachet. *Colorado Day* (August 1, 1976) *Centennial Steam Powered Passenger Train Excursion, Denver, Colorado to Laramie, Wyoming*.



1876 - 1976  
COLORADO CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE NON - STAMP

ABOVE:  
The original design of the *non-stamp*.  
To the right, newspaper announcement.

Right & Below: sheet of the second design with the CCBC logo added.



1876 - 1976 COLORADO CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE NON - STAMP

**Centennial 'non-stamp' issuance set**

Ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday on the west steps of the State Capitol to mark public sale of the "non-stamp" endorsed by the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission.

Participating will be Stephen R. Datz, chairman of the Committee to Commemorate Colorado; and Alexis McKinney, vice chairman of the Centennial Commission.

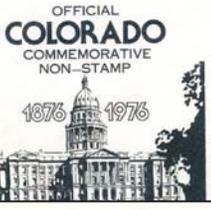
The first sheets of non-stamps will be presented to members of the Colorado Legislature, the Colorado Labor Council and the United Veteran's Council.

The non-stamp was developed by the Committee to Commemorate Colorado and stamp collectors here because the government didn't issue an official commemorative stamp marking Colorado's 100 years of statehood. The non-stamp is not a postage stamp.

The non-stamps will be on sale Thursday at the downtown May-D&F store, the only location where first-day cancellations will be available. They also will be on sale at Hatch's Gift Store in the University Hills Shopping Center.

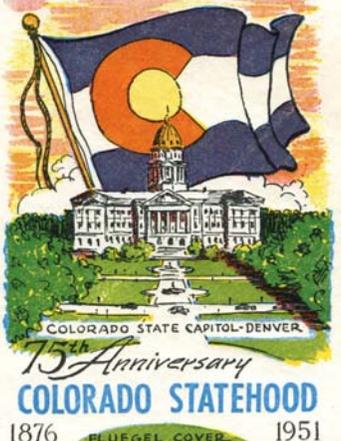
The non-stamps also may be obtained by writing directly to the Committee to Commemorate Colorado, P.O. Box 932, Denver 80201. The price of the sheets will be \$1.50, plus 35 cents postage if ordered through the mail. The first day covers will be \$1.25.

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1876 - 1976

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1876 FLUEGEL COVER 1951

Statehood August 1, 1876 & August 1, 1976

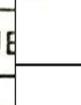


3c U.S. POSTAGE

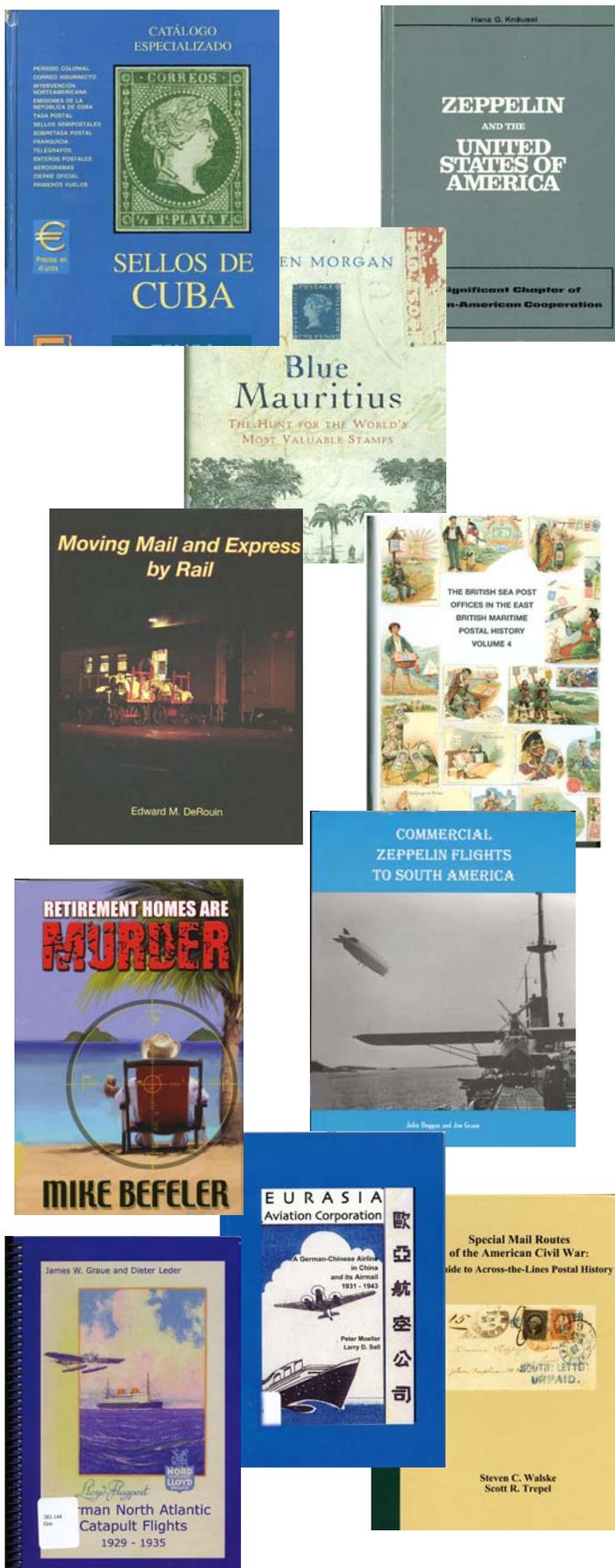


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## WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?



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- A Catalog of Philadelphia Postmarks, 18<sup>th</sup> century to present, part 1: domestic origin markings*, by Tom Clarke
- Charles A. Lindbergh: a Biographical and Philatelic Study*, by Walter Curley
- The Forwarding of Mail by the U.S. Post Office Department, 1792-2001*, by Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz
- Greetings: Postal History of the Selective Service and the Draft, 1917 to 1976*, by Russ W. Carter
- Guide for Identification of the Third Definitive Bureau Series, Franklin-Washington: U.S. Postage Stamps of 1908-1921*, by E.B. Henson
- A Guide to U.S. Design Numbers 1847-1947*
- Handbook of Naval Postmarks*, edited and published by Joseph M. Hale and Charles A. Emerson (1939)
- A History of the Railway Mail Service Together with a Brief Account of the Origin and Growth of the Post Office Service and a Sketch Showing the Daily Life of a Railway Mail Clerk*
- The I.D.C., an Informative and Descriptive Catalogue of Hawaii Stamps and Related Issues*, by Joe D'Assis
- The Legendary Persian Rug and Other High-Value Civil War Revenue Stamps*, by Thomas C. Kingsley
- Merchant Steam Vessels of the United States 1790-1868: "The Lytle-Holdcamper List", main volume + supplements 1, 2, and 3.*
- Military Postmarks of Territorial Alaska*, by Richard W. Helbock
- Moving Mail and Express by Rail* by Edward M. DeRouin
- Napp's Numbers: a Study of the Plate Number Combinations Created by Overprinting of U.S. Postage Stamps for Use in the United States Possessions and Administrative Areas, 1899-1946*, by Joseph M. Napp
- Naval Postmarks of Territorial Alaska*, by Richard W. Helbock and Don S. Dimpsey
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- The Post Office Seals of the United States*, by Adam Perkal and Seymour Kazman
- Records and Policies of the Post Office Department Relating to Place-names*, compiled by Arthur Hecht and William J. Heynen
- Seapost of the U.S.A.*, by Roger Hosking
- Self-sufficiency at All Costs: Confederate Post Office Operations in North Carolina 1861-1865*, by Richard F. Ridgway
- South Carolina Postal History and Illustrated Catalog of Postmarks*, by Harvey S. Teal and Robert J. Stets
- Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps and Covers [DVD]*, Scott Publishing Co.

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- Special Mail Routes of the American Civil War*  
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- The Turbulent Decade: Georgia's post offices, 1860-1869*,  
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- United States Meter Stamps: First Days and Earliest-Known Uses*,  
by Douglas A. Kelsey
- United States Stamped Envelopes, third edition*  
by Scott Publications
- United States Supplementary Mail*, by Leonard Piszkievicz  
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*Usage [DVD]*, by Alan Berkum
- Zeppelin and the United States of America: a Significant Chapter*  
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- Airmails of the Republic of South Africa, 1961-1981:*  
*a Chronological Listing Including Flights in S.W.A.*,  
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*Information of the Country Between the Zambezi*  
*and the Limpopo, Once Known as Southern Rhodesia*,  
Jon and Jenifer Barry

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Samuel J. Mills
- Colour-Illustrated Stamp Catalogue of China, 1878-1949*,  
edited by Shiu-Hon Chan
- Commemorative Space Covers from Collector Clubs of the Soviet*  
*Union, 1957-1980 [DVD]*, by James Reichman
- Eurasia Aviation Corporation* by Peter Moeller and Larry D. Sall
- Japanese Post Offices in China and Manchuria*, by John Mosher
- Mongolian Postage Stamp Catalogue, Catalogue Issues from*  
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- Victoria Postal Stationery, 1869-1917*, by Carl L. Stieg

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- Bayou Salado: the Story of South Park (revised edition)*,  
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- Colorado Mining: a Photographic History*, by Duane A. Smith
- Hunting the Ghost Towns*, by H. Glenn Carson
- John Gregory Country: Place Names and History of Ralston*  
*Buttes Quadrangle, Jefferson County, Colorado*, edited  
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*of the West*, by John Burke
- Machine Cancellations in Colorado Beginning in 1930*,  
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- Meeker: The Story of the Meeker Massacre and the Thornburgh*  
*Battle, September 29, 1879*, by Fred H. Werner

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- The AMG Story*, by Harry W. Wilcke
- Austria Netto katalog: Amtliche Ganzsachen ab 1861: Österreich*  
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- The British Seapost Offices in the East: British Maritime Postal*  
*History*, by Hector Proud
- Encyclopaedia of the Maltese Cross Cancellations of Great Britain*  
*and Ireland, Volumes 1 and 2*, by S. David Rockoff and  
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- German North Atlantic Catapult Flights 1929-1935*  
by James W. Graue and Dieter Leder
- The King George VI Large Key Type Revenue and Postage High*  
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- The Postage due of Bosnia-Herzegovina During its Occupation and*  
*Annexation by the Austro-Hungarian Empire: 1914-1918*,  
by David Herendee
- Royal Mail: the Story of the Posts in England from the Time of*  
*Edward IV to the Present Day*, by F. George Kay

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- Grenada: Operation Urgent Fury: the Postal History Including*  
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*1983 to 7 June 1985*, by Gale J. Raymond *Correo*  
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*in Brazil*, by William Victor Kriebel
- Cuba, 1898-1899: Estaciones Postales Militares Durante la Guerra*  
*Hispano-Americana (U.S. Military Post Offices During the*  
*Spanish-American War)*, by Pedro M. Rodriguez
- Cuba y su Historia Postal*, by Pedro Manuel Rodriguez Collazo
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*and Historical Information of the Various Districts, part I*,  
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- Palestine: the First Local Overprints; a Specialized Survey and Study  
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- The Postage Stamps of Palestine, 1918-1948*, by David Dorfman
- The Postal History of the Transition Period in Israel, 1948: Vol. II  
The Emergency, Local, and Private Postal Services, Part 1  
Jerusalem and Safad Postal Services in the Transition Period*,  
by Zvi Shimony, Yeremiyahu Rimon, and  
Itamar Karpovsky
- The Postal History of the Transition Period in Israel, 1948:  
Vol. III – Israel Foreign Postal Links*, by Shaim Shamir  
and Marvin Siegel
- The Postal History of the West Bank of Jordan (Judea and Samaria)  
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- The Turkish Post in the Holy Land*, by F.W. Pollack
- Palestine Mandate Postmarks*, by David Dorfman

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by Frederick Tomlinson
- The Postal Stationery of Canada: a Reference Catalogue*,  
by Nelson Bond

### **POSTAL HISTORY**

- American Stampless Cover Catalog, Vol. II*, edited by  
David G. Phillips
- Back of the Envelope – Revisited, [DVD]*, by James Reichman
- A Book of Postal History*, by Ernst M. Cohn
- Combat Infantry Mail: a Catalog of Postmarks Used by World  
War II U.S. Infantry Divisions*, by Richard W. Helbock
- Florex Postal History Seminar*
- Philately and Postal History: an introduction*,  
by Col. Leonard A. Smith Jr.
- The Post*, by Alan James
- The Postal History of New Hampshire: the Post Offices and  
First Postmasters from 1775 to 1985*, by Chester M.  
Smith, Jr. and John L. Kay
- The Postal History of the Powell Bros. Livestock Emporium*,  
from the collection of Norman Alan Cohen
- Prisoners of War, Internees, and Refugees in the European Theatre  
of World War II: Postal History*,  
by H.F. Stitch and W. Stitch
- Handbook of Holy Land Philately: the Stamps of Palestine I.  
the Stamps Issued During the Period of Military  
Administration (1918 to 1<sup>st</sup> July 1920)*,  
by Werner Hoexter

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- Baseball Stamps, Autographs: Baseball Memorable Moments*,  
by Elten F. Schiller
- Collect Ships on Stamps*, by Peter Bolton
- International Geophysical Year, ATA handbook No. 24*,  
by A.M. Hodson
- Lery's Boy & Girls Scout Cachet Covers of the United States:  
Volumes I & II 1910-1960, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*,  
by Jay L. Rogers
- Maps on Stamps Checklist*, compiled by the  
Cartophilatelic Society
- Stamp Collecting, Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Series  
Stamp Finder: Universal Stamp Identifier, Standardized  
Topical Codes*, by USID, Inc.
- Topical Postal Stationery, a Seminar*, by Dalene Thomas
- Veterans and the Military on Stamps*, United States Postal Service

### **MAPS**

- Atlas of American History*, Rand McNally & Co.
- Atlas of the North American Indian*, by Carl Waldman  
and Molly Braun
- Atlas of World History*, Rand McNally & Co.
- Historical Atlas of the American West*, by Warren A. Beck  
and Ynez D. Haase
- Mapping America's Past: a Historical Atlas*, by Mark C. Carnes  
and John A. Garraty, with Patrick Williams
- The Modern World: Today's Atlas for Stamp Collectors*,  
by Kenneth A. Wood
- National Geographic Society Atlas of World History*,  
by Noel Grove
- Satellite Atlas of the World*, pub. by the National  
Geographic Society (non-circulating)

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Brian J. Birch*, by Brian J. Birch
- Blue Mauritius: the Hunt for the World's Most Valuable Stamps*,  
by Helen Morgan
- The Congress Book 2007, 73<sup>rd</sup> American Philatelic Congress Book*,  
APS Stampshow 2007
- Courrier Recupere: Accidents d'Avion (Recovered Mail: Airplane  
Crashes), 1918-1978*, by Henri L. Nierinck
- A Directory of Post Cards, Artists, Publishers and Trademarks*,  
by Barbara Andrews
- Europe Catalogue, Vol. 5, Northern Europe 2007/2008*,  
published by Michel
- North Atlantic Packets: Departures and Arrivals 1818-1840*,  
by James R. Pullin
- Retirement Homes are Murder (fiction)* by Mike Befeler
- UPU Specimen Stamps*, by James Bendon

## *North Atlantic Packets: Departures & Arrivals, 1818-1840*

by James R. Pullin  
Reviewed by John H. Bloor

As stated in the subtitle, this book is "A study of American sailing packets' departure and arrival dates between the ports of New York – Liverpool and New York – London prior to the coming of steam." These sailing ships (packets) were responsible for carrying mail between the United States and Europe during the early years of our country. The book is important because, for the first time, it assembles information about the packet mail service in a form readily accessible to historians. Even more significant is that the author obtained the data from primary sources (newspapers, shipping records), making it as accurate as is possible. The period covered begins with the organization of the shipping lines and ends when the packet service was at its peak. Although packets continued to sail for another 30 or 40 years, their business – mail, freight, and passengers – was gradually eroded by the larger and faster steamships.

There were six packet lines, the Black Ball, Red Star, Dramatic, and Blue Swallowtail connected New York and Liverpool while the Red Swallowtail and Black X lines plied the waters between New York and London. The first part of the book describes each of these lines, providing details about the formation of the lines and about the ships that they used. There are pictures of many of the ships as well as of the folded letters that they carried, all in color. For me, these were the most interesting chapters.

The second part consists of the sailing tables. Although less enlightening to the casual reader, the information given will help many collectors and historians understand the markings on stampless folded letters carried by the ships. Even this part provides interesting reading since Pullin includes descriptive material about the markings, the letters, and the schedules. It also includes U.S., Canadian, and British rate information and describes the handling of international mail in the United States and Great Britain. Overall, the actual sailing tables and suggestions on how to use them comprise about 40% of the book while 60% is devoted to the history of the packet lines and of international mail during this period. The balance of the book, about 11 pages, includes an extensive bibliography, list of illustrations, and a detailed index.

If you collect stamps, you won't find any here since the book ends in the year that Rowland Hill introduced postage stamps. For historians, postal and otherwise, though, this book contains much useful and interesting information. In another vein, genealogists tracing relatives coming from Europe can use the tables to identify the ships on which their ancestors traveled. And for the rest of us? The extensive background provided by Pullin makes for great reading. Give it a try. You can borrow it from the RMPL today.

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following have made donations to the library in the past two months. Thank you.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to those who have joined the library in the past two months:

**David L. Straight** – St. Louis, MO  
American Philatelic Society Vice President.

**Steve Lund** - St. Paul, MN

**Sharon Varian Loeffler** – Tulsa, OK  
Collects "Soviet Bloc", Greece, Austria, Eastern Europe, Iceland, and Greenland.

**Jack German** – Arvada, CO  
Collects Postal History and Post Marks.

**Richard Owens** – Aurora, CO  
Collects U.S. Mint and Used.



## SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the library and attract a friendly group of folks who are interested in a specific subject or who are interested in learning more about an area of philately that may be new to them. Contact Jim Kilbane if you would like to present a program.

e-mail: [aurora\\_80017@yahoo.com](mailto:aurora_80017@yahoo.com)

**The programs begin at 9:00 AM and are over by 10:00 AM.**

**Doughnuts and coffee are complimentary and all are welcome.**

**JULY 11**

### *Early Colorado Postal Markings*

by Tony Van Loij



This is a program showing cancels used in 1859 Kansas Territory (Auraria), and Denver City, KT, through 1863 (Colorado Territory). This collection shows about 60 covers including territory covers, mining towns, fancy cancels, and ghost towns.

**AUGUST 8**

### *Newfoundland Finds*

by Dwight Monberg

The presentation I will give consists of the history before the first Newfoundland stamp, some of the wacky finds that I have discovered, and some of the culture of the times. I am a collector of U.S. modern, Canadian, and Newfoundland stamps. I collected Newfoundland stamps by accident because I wanted to collect Canadian and U.S. modern only. When I started to do research on Newfoundland stamps, I was hooked. The research I did for this presentation has opened my eyes as to why we need to research the stamps we collect; there are many stories behind them and many of them are interesting. Newfoundland stamps are very collectable and a lot of history is behind every one of them. I hope one day I can visit this Province and take myself back in time to imagine what this culture was. Come, be informed, and enjoy.

## STAMP SHOWS - AND THE WINNERS ARE:

### NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW - Dayton, Ohio, June 12-14, 2009



Tonny Van Loij receiving the Europa Study Unit Award and the ATA Chapter 5 Incentive Award from Dalene Thomas at the ATA National Topical Stamp Show in Dayton, Ohio. Tonny also won Silver for each of his two exhibits.

**Dalene Thomas - GOLD**

*Pharos-The Lighthouses of the World*

**Tonny Van Loij - SILVER**

*Europa Stamps, The first 40-Years*

*SILVER European Union and its Institutions*

**Ronald Hill- SILVER**

*Science & Medicine on Stamps of Cuba*

### **NAPEX - Washington D.C.**

**June 5-7, 2009**

**Dalene Thomas - VERMEIL (Single Frame)**

*Laundry Day 1880-1920*

**Paul Albright - GOLD (Periodicals)**

*Posthorn, Volume 65*

**RMPL - SILVER (Newsletters)**

*Scribblings, Volume 16*

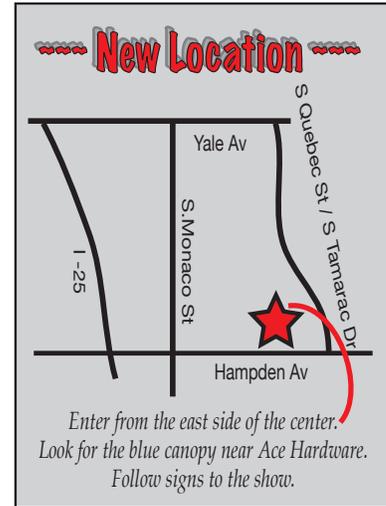
# APEX 2009

## SEPTEMBER 12 - 13, 2009

~~ COME JOIN US ~~  
~ NEW LOCATION ~  
~ NEW SHOW DATES ~

**TAMARAC SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER**  
7777 EAST HAMPDEN AVENUE  
HAMPDEN AV AT TAMARAC ST

1-25/Hampden Av. Exit - East 2 miles  
~~ Enter on east side of center near Ace Hardware ~~  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



# POSTAGE STAMP SHOW

Information From: Aurora Stamp Club, P.O Box 31931, Aurora, CO 80011 303.341.9997  
Sergio Lugo - lugopspe@msn.com

## APEX 2009--Call for exhibits

Aurora Philatelic Exhibition – September 12-13 (Saturday and Sunday), 2009  
At the Tamarac Square Shopping Center

There will be 30 frames for exhibits – but we need exhibits to fill them. Exhibitors will be competing for various awards. This is an excellent chance to put together your first exhibit or, if it isn't your first time, to try out something new.

- ➡ Prospectus (exhibiting rules) and entry forms are available from me or at the RMPL.
- ➡ The deadline for entering an exhibit is September 4, 2009.
- ➡ Frames hold fifteen 8 ½" x 11" pages. Exhibits can be from 1 to 10 frames.

Contact John H. Bloor for questions or more information.  
e-mail: [aerophil59@yahoo.com](mailto:aerophil59@yahoo.com) Phone: (720)-529-5942

## TRY EXHIBITING – YOU'LL LIKE IT!!



## What's Happening at the RMPL...

*"Come and Enjoy the Activities"*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday 2:00 - 8:00 PM. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Phone: 303.759.9921

**Meeting times and places sometime change. It is best to call the library or the club to confirm the place and time. A calendar of reserved club times is kept by Don Beuthel at the library. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Don (303-755-9328) of any changes or updates.**

### JULY 2009

**July 1** - Meeting, Aurora Stamp Club  
6:30pm trading, 7:30pm meeting-program

**July 4-5-6** -  
**Library Closed Independence Day**

**July 8** - Meeting - 7:00pm  
Denver Germany Stamp Club

**July 11** - 9:00-10:00am  
**Second Saturday at the RMPL**  
Program by Tonny Van Loij  
*Early Colorado Postal Markings*

**July 11** Meeting - 10:00am  
Mexico/Latin America Study Group

**July 11** - Meeting - 11:30am -USS Colorado Ch  
Universal Ship Cancellation Society

**July 18** - Meeting, 9:30am-Noon  
Metro Denver Young Stamp Coll. Club

**July 22** - 7:30pm - Israel Stamp Club

### AUGUST 2009

**August 5** - Meeting, Aurora Stamp Club  
6:30pm trading, 7:30pm meeting-program

**August 8** 9:00-10:00am  
**Second Saturday at the RMPL**  
Program by Dwight Monberg  
*Newfoundland Finds*

**August 8** - 10:00-11:00am  
Mexico/Latin America Study Group

**August 8** - 11:30am  
Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists

**August 12** - Meeting, 7:00pm  
Denver Germany Stamp Club

**August 26** - 7:30pm  
Israel Stamp Club

## NOTE:

### Summer Club Activities

Many stamp clubs hold special events in the summer and do not hold regular meeting in July and August. Visitors and members should confirm with individual clubs about the time and place of their activities.

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