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## Largest Known Collections: III

by  
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We complete our listing of the largest known collections in the hobby...

Restaurants, Japanese	Milt Wolf, DE	1511	7/00	Satin	Mike Prero, CA	865	11/05
Restaurants, Mexican	Milt Wolf, DE	4083	7/00	Savings & Loan	Mike Prero, CA	12854	11/05
Restaurants, NOriens	Bob Smith, KY	310	3/06	Scenic Places	Judi Wittwer, AZ	2948	8/97
Restaurants, NYC	Bob Smith, KY	2847	3/06	Scotties	Cheryl Crill, CA	844	4/05
Restaurants, Oriental	Opal Calhoun, CA	2654	10/88	Sea Horses	Chester Crill, CA	171	8/95
Restaurants, Pizza	Bill Scott, CAN	181	10/88	Sea Shells/Clams	Cheryl Crill, CA	341	4/05
Restaurants, Seafood	Marie Dobson, OR	2125	9/05	Sears, Roebuck	Pat Mains, KY	97	5/00
Restaurants, Shoney's	Wally Mains, KY	82	11/05	Sets	Bill Furlong, NV	9205	?
Restaurants, Specialty	John Clark, FL	235	11/05	Sets, Foreign	Marie Harbison, PA	148	4/93
Restaurants, Tea Rms	Duane Ready, PA	158	12/05	Shamrocks	Duane Ready, PA	393	12/05
Restaurants, Top Of	Chester Crill, CA	288	11/96	Sheboygan Match C.	Mike Prero, CA	2	11/05
Rex Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	6	11/05	Sheep/Rams	Chester Crill, CA	537	4/05
Rhode Island	Bob /Mary Bush, RI	3568	5/01	Sheraton	Frank Lawton, CA	1462	10/88
Rodeo	Judi Wittwer, AZ	314	5/01	Ship Lines	Sid Barlow, ENG	2640	1/02
Rodeway Inns	Ralph Brann, IN	54	4/93	Ships, Tall	Mike Prero, CA	1289	11/05
Roller Rinks	Ralph Brann, IN	25	4/93	Shoes/Shoe Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	824	7/96
Roller Skating	Richard Giardini, CO	81	2/06	Shriner's	Chester Crill, CA	32	4/05
Roses	Chester Crill, CA	662	4/05	Signet	Judi Wittwer, AZ	302	8/03
Rotary International	Sid Barlow, ENG	4	1/02	Silver Dollars	Jim Moffett, CA	264	6/93
Royal Can. Legion	Bill Scott, CAN	1284	6/01	Singapore	Mike Hubbard, MI	693	7/05
Royal Flash	Andy Anderson, MO	9301	7/96	Skating (all)	Mike Samuels, DC	101	11/05
Royal Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	3	11/05	Ski Areas	Mike Prero, CA	187	12/99
Rt. 66	Dick Mettler, WA	830	11/00	Slovenia	Mike Hubbard, MI	587	7/05
Safe-T-Flaps	James Benes	5	10/01	Smokers	Ellen Gutting, NV	678	10/00
Safety Tabs	Les Hufford, OH	30	8/93	Smokey the Bear	Ed Brassard, WA	22	12/00
Sailfish	Chester Crill, CA	302	4/05	Snakes	Chester Crill, CA	105	4/05
Sam Taub's Ring	Don Marquette, AR	178	5/01	Soda	Wayne Eadie, NY	925	11/05
San Francisco area	Greg Lund, CA	13809	11/05	Sonesta Motels	Ralph Brann, IN	65	4/93
Santas	Chester Crill, CA	141	6/93	South Africa	Mike Hubbard, MI	1310	7/05

## The President's Message

The convention registration form in the last issue of our bulletin was a refreshing reminder that summer is fast approaching....It is not too early to start thinking about 'Summer in Sandusky'. The members of the Forest City club are busy preparing for this year's activities and are looking forward to your visit. Wayne Eadie and his Time and Place Committee are putting the final touches on a presentation for a proposed site for 2007. It would be great if Wayne could also tell this year's business meeting that a club has volunteered to host the convention in 2008. So far, the Time and Place has not received any bids for the 68th RMS Convention. Wayne awaits your letter!

RMS President,

*Morris Pasternak*

## Thanks!

I just want to thank all those that attended the Swapfest in Tampa for caring so much when I had my little ER "event". Very special thanks and gratitude go to Frank Denzler and especially Bob Hofacker, my guardian throughout....you are both very special to me. Also, more thanks to all of you for helping celebrate "that" birthday at the cookout! It was great fun and scrumptious cake..... all made the sting of that "zero" I so dreaded less biting! This crazy hobby has a bunch of wonderful people I'm lucky enough to call "friends".

With heartfelt thanks,

*Kathie Williman*

### ATTENTION ALL AMERICAN ACE COLLECTORS

Clem Pater has sold his Ace collection to me. As a consequence, I have all but 90 Aces to apportion out to as many collectors as possible for .50 cents each. All interested parties please send me, as soon as possible, your updated want list with your name, address. And phone number. I will contact you and make arrangements to get them to you no later than the RMS convention this August.

The American Ace list will continue. Any color photographs of unlisted Aces that you can send me would be greatly appreciated.

For more information contact Ervin (Toby) Messmer, 5930 Mary Ingles Highway, Melbourne Ky 41059 (859-441-3339).  
e-mail [toby@choice.net](mailto:toby@choice.net)

I also have the complete Royal Stationary set of girls' names, a total of 432 Aces.

Contact me with your bid. Deadline is June 1st, 2006

### THE RMS BULLETIN

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South Carolina	Billijo Piper, KY	480	7/05	Trademarks	Mike Prero, CA	256	11/05
South Dakota	Win Lang, CA	496	4/93	Trader Vic's	Fred Houk, FL	68	8/05
Southwestern Match	Clem Pater, OH	35	12/05	Trains	Marie Harbison, PA	249	4/93
Souvenir	James Willard, MD	173	2/06	Travelodge	Frank Lawton, CA	966	10/88
Space	Fred Houk, FL	104	8/05	Trees (no palm)	Chester Crill, CA	481	6/93
Spain	Mike Hubbard, MI	1266	7/05	Trucklines	Bob Smith, KY	5212	3/06
Sphinx	Chester Crill, CA	29	4/05	Trucks, Forklift	Art Houser, NY	47	5/93
Sporting Events(book)	Seymour Shedlow, IL	198	5/01	True-Color	Tom Valachovic, FL	226	11/05
Sports (no Jewelites)	Charlie Specht, IL	3789	9/93	Tulip Match Co.	James Benes, NJ	1	10/01
Squirrels	Cheryl Crill, CA	107	4/05	Turkeys	Chester Crill, CA	93	12/99
Stamps	James Willard, MD	126	2/06	Turtles	Chester Crill, CA	198	4/05
Stagecoach	Duane Ready, PA	132	12/05	Typewriters	Ellen Gutting, NV	45	9/00
Standard Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	10	11/05	U.S.O.	Mike Samuels, DC	82	7/05
Star Match Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	300	10/87	U.S.S.Mississippi Conj.	James Willard, MD	153	2/06
Statler Hotels	Ralph Brann, IN	45	4/93	Uncle Sam	Chester Crill, CA	57	4/05
Statue of Liberty	Sid Barlow, ENG	26	1/02	Uniglo	Dorothy Fry, OH	10360	10/05
Steamboats	Chester Crill, CA	242	12/99	Union Blor-R-Match	Clem Pater, OH	32	12/05
Stickybacks	Dan Bitter, OK	198	7/00	Union Match Co. (no footer)	Frank Lawton, CA	23	10/88
Stop Lites	Fred Kuecke, CO	39	4/93	Union Match Quality	Tom Valachovic, FL	8	11/05
Stouffer's	John Clark, FL	228	11/05	Union Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	120	10/88
Superba Quality	Seymour Shedlow, IL	1	5/01	Unions	Art Houser, NY	750	9/97
Suns	Chester Crill, CA	731	4/05	United Engineering	Mike Prero, CA	11	11/05
Super-Slim Box, Univ.	Andy Anderson, MO	222	7/96	Universal Safety-First	Judi Wittwer, AZ	33	10/89
Superba Quality	Seymour Shedlow, IL	1	5/01	Universal XL	Mike Prero, CA	92	11/05
Superior Motels	Ralph Brann, IN	169	4/93	Utah	Win Lang, CA	248	4/93
Swans	Chester Crill, CA	204	4/2005	V.F.W.	D. Longenecker, PA	2847	11/05
Swastikas	Seymour Shedlow, IL	3	5/01	VD	Seymour Shedlow, IL	26	5/01
Sweden	Mike Hubbard, MI	1786	7/05	Vegetables	Chester Crill, CA	370	4/05
Switzerland	Mike Hubbard, MI	2112	7/05	Velvet	Judi Wittwer, AZ	3	5/01
T.G.I. Friday	Wayne Eadie, NY	87	11/05	Vending Co./machines	Ellen Gutting, NV	270	9/00
Taiwan	Mike Hubbard, MI	512	7/05	Vermont	Win Lang, CA	571	6/97
Tattoo	Rich Greene, NJ	58	9/05	Village Inns	Tom Gray, IA	165	6/97
Taverns	?, CAN	1132	9/93	Virginia	Win Lang, CA	1169	6/97
Taxi	Mike Prero, CA	692	11/05	Vista-Lite	Dave Hampton, CA	264	10/88
Tennessee	Win Lang, CA	984	6/97	Volcanoes	Chester Crill, CA	24	4/05
Terrorists	Mike Samuel, DC	49	11/05	Wagons/Carriages	Marie Harbison, PA	356	4/93
Texas	Win Lang, CA	2405	4/93	Walgreen Drug Stores	Seymour Shedlow, IL	123	5/01
Texas Centennial	Stuart Bergman, TX	19	6/93	War Relief Societies	Mike Samuels, DC	164	11/05
Texas Road House	Randy Waite, OH	30	6/00	Washington	Win Lang, CA	1215	6/97
Thank You's	Mel Garrett, KS	2339	6/93	Washington, DC	Marie Harbison, PA	860	4/93
Theatres	Don Marquette, AR	115	11/05	Waterfalls	Ed Brassard, WA	210	12/00
Theatres (live)	Chester Crill, CA	179	4/05	Watermelons	Jim Moffett, CA	2	6/93
Thunderbirds	Carmine Arpino, CT	253	7/05	Weddings	Dave Kennaday, PA	2765	12/00
Tigers	Cheryl Crill, CA	287	12/99	West Virginia	Win Lang, CA	489	6/97
Tikis	Don /Carol Fisher, WA	702	4/00	Westin Hotels	Bill Furlong, NV	419	4/93
Title Co.'s	Jo Wilding, TX	85	5/93	Whales	Chester Crill, CA	278	4/05
Tobacco	Mike Prero, CA	2471	11/05	Whiskey	Bill Evans, MI	385	9/05
Tobacco Stores	Jo Wilding, TX	381	1/99	Willens & Co.	Mike Prero, CA	161	11/05
Toilets	Don/Carol Fisher, WA	101	7/00	Windmills	Dan Bitter, OK	419	7/99
Totems poles	Chester Crill, CA	115	12/99	Wine	Bob Oliver, FL	347	10/87
Towns (CA)	Jack Benbrook, AZ	1261	7/01	Wisconsin	Jim Radoff, WI	11134	11/05
Towns (CAN)	Tom Valachovic, FL	3215	11/05	Witches	Cheryl Crill, CA	26	4/05
Towns (same name)	Bob McMillan, FL	916	4/01	Wolves	Chester Crill, CA	179	4/05
Towns (US)	Tom Valachovic, FL	32091	11/05	Woodies	Dan Bitter, OK	10084	11/05
Towns (US-40s)	Tom Valachovic, FL	5386	11/05	World Fairs	Paul Moyer, CA	1479	12/93
Towns (WI)	Seymour Shedlow, IL	961	5/01	World Fairs, Alaska '67	Don Marquette, AR	1	11/05
Tractors/Fm Equip.	Tom Gray, IA	2391	11/05				

# County Seats/Small Towns

by Mike Avitt

I'm getting close to having covers from all of Iowa's county seats. There are 99 counties, but I will need 100 covers to have all the county seats. How can that be? Well, because Lee County has two county seats (I don't know why, and I don't want to know), Keokuk and Fort Madison.

But small towns are tricky, too. Stringtown, Iowa, is a church, a cemetery, and a gas station (now closed), but a Stringtown cover was produced. Kent, Iowa, was a town but unincorporated around 1996. Hopeville is a town that never incorporated. Leslie was completely erased with the construction of Interstate 35 in the 1960s.

My county, Ringgold County, Iowa, has ten towns, with Mount Ayr being the county seat (pop. 1,800). The population of the other nine towns ranges from 400 to 39. Three of these towns lost their post offices in the 1990s. Since the Clinton Motel closed in early September 2005, there is only one business in the entire county that advertises through matchbooks, Lynn's Sinclair.

The county to our south, Worth County, Missouri, is the least populated county in Missouri, and its county seat, Grant City, is only 926 strong. Country Corners advertises via matchbook, but that is the only one I know of. Worth County has five towns.

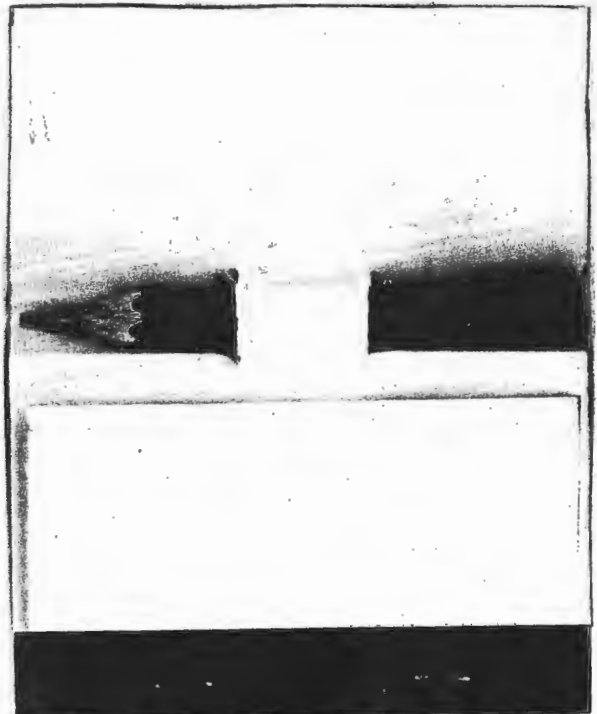
It is very rare for a small town in this area to produce a matchcover. But, I still find older ones, sometimes at estate auctions. It isn't common to find covers at auctions, but when I do there are often small town covers in the mix. I have my best luck at antique malls in northern Missouri. The malls there are more likely to have covers than in Iowa, and everything is cheaper in Missouri. I am currently collecting small town covers from Iowa and Missouri. I collect by county, and I still don't have 100% of any one country, but I'm getting close!



## WHAT'S NEW

By Joe DeGennaro

Over the years as the "flick of the Bick" and other disposable lighters became popular and then more and more people stopped smoking, establishments stopped buying matches, and the match companies had to diversify. They began to sell other merchandising items including coasters, napkins, fans and even t-shirts and pins. Since places still wanted something to give to their customers, and business cards weren't enough, match companies came up with mints and toothpicks in matchboxes. They also came up with the idea of putting little note pads in matchbooks with the thought that people could use them to write important info, like somebody's phone number for instance. On a recent visit to my friends at ADMATCH their President showed me something they had come up with to take this one step further. Sure you've got a pad to write on but, alas, nothing to write with. ADMATCH has now added a pencil (see cover below, both inside and outside) to the book so that you now will have all of the necessary tools to get and keep important info or phone numbers. They've had a number of orders so far but whether these will catch on is still to be seen. I personally think they're a great idea and I've been carrying one with me since I got them. Keep an eye out for them and let me know if you come across any. Happy Hunting!





# Around The World

## 2005 Coin Box Set From India

Here's a set that has a double appeal. It's all about ancient coins! So, if you happen to be a coin collector, this set might be especially nice, *especially* if you actually had these coins. Imagine the display possibilities!

This set of five boxes was produced by Liberty Match Company, in Kovilpatti, and marketed by ITC Ltd., in Kolkata. These are nice quality boxes, measuring 4 1/2" x 2 1/4", and have a good finish to them (not rough or Jute-like, as is seen in many foreign boxes). Each box features a different silver coin pictured against a purple satin background. The opposite panel gives a little history of that particular coin.

Pictured are:

1. Silver Rupee from 1586 A.D. (Indian)
2. Maruyam Karshapana from 272 B.C. (Indian)
3. Silver 4 Drachm piece from 41 B.C. (Greek)
4. Silver Jital from 1220 A.D. (Mongol)
5. Silver Denarius from 31 B.C. (Roman)

*[Special thanks to Krishna Rastogi, India, for sending this in]*



# HOBBY HISTORY

## The Original Attendees at the September 12-14, 1941 Pocasset Meeting

[This is from early RMS correspondence, undated. The Pocasset meeting, although referred to in the minutes of that meeting as the "Second Annual Collectors' Convention", was the meeting where RMS was officially formed...Thanks to Helen Hollmann, PA, for this listing.]

-Linda Calhoun (never joined)  
-Gilbert White  
-E. Sawtell  
-A. Polick  
-Mary Neill  
-J. O. Simmons  
-Carroll Nallen  
-E. A. Perkins  
-John Weinbeck  
-Wilbur Hill (never joined)  
-Emery D. Metcalf  
-E. M. Cooper  
-Marj. Parker  
-Dorris P. Gagnon  
-Russelle Mc Lean  
-C. Glazier  
-Charles Morris  
- Dr. C. J. Higgs  
-George Weeks  
-Frances Bonham  
- - - -Ackerion (unreadable)  
-Ken Riggs  
-Esther Lockard  
-Camille Polick  
-F. Walton  
-F. J. Ryan  
-F. Glover  
-Bird Morris  
-Mrs. Eva Higgs  
-Bob Lockard  
-Harry Steitz

-Paul Schaeffer  
-A. Hudson  
-H. Van Buren  
-Bob Jones  
-F. Kearsley  
-Mrs. Kearsley  
-Tom Torrent

*If you compare this list with the list we ran in the last issue, you'll see that many of these people joined RMS as its first fifty members.*

### Collections...continued from p. 3

World Fairs, Bruss. '58	Don Marquette, AR	21	11/05
World Fairs, Cal.Pac. Ex	Don Marquette, AR	24	11/05
World Fairs, Can.. '67	Don Marquette, AR	70	11/05
World Fairs, Chicago '33	Bill Evans, MI	41	9/05
World Fairs, G.Gate. Ex.	Mike Samuels, DC	92	11/05
World Fairs, Mont.Expo	Bill Evans, MI	82	9/05
World Fairs, Mos. '80	Don Marquette, AR	1	11/05
World Fairs, NY '39-40	Don Marquette, AR	448	11/05
World Fairs, NY '64-65	Bill Evans, MI	106	9/05
World Fairs, Nash. '82	Don Marquette, AR	9	5/01
World Fairs, NOrl. '84	Don Marquette, AR	5	11/05
World Fairs, Pac.Int'l	Don Marquette, AR	1	11/05
World Fairs, Paris Int. E.	Don Marquette, AR	1	11/05
World Fairs, S.Ant. '68	Don Marquette, AR	16	11/05
World Fairs, Seattle '62	Bill Evans, MI	12	9/05
World Fairs, S'kane '74	Don Marquette, AR	71	11/05
World Fairs, Tex. Cent.	Don Marquette, AR	8	11/05
World Fairs, Tulsa Expo	Don Marquette, AR	4	11/05
World Fairs, Vancou.Ex	Don Marquette, AR	60	5/05
Wrestlers	Seymour Shedlow,IL	3	5/01
Wrigley Gum	Ray Vigeant, CT	80	1/99
Wyoming	Win Lang, CA	499	6/97
Yacht Clubs	Chester Crill, CA	122	12/99
Yugoslavia	Win Lang, CA	108	6/97
Zip Codes	Terry Rowe, OH	10387	9/05
Zoos/Animal Parks	Riche Greene, NJ	75	1/01

That concludes this round of the "Largest Known Collections". We'll do it again in five years. Keep counting!

*Note: This is about as big as the listing is going to get. It already requires three issues to run. So, please understand that I'm excluding categories that are too narrow, too exotic, little interest, etc. [It's all subjective on my part, I admit, but I have to draw a line somewhere]...Thanks for your input!*

## History 101

## "The Vikings"

...When you heard *that* during the Terrible Centuries, 800-1100, you ran for your life!...And with good reason! Ah, the Vikings! They're always a popular topic in the classroom. Now, they can be a popular category in your collection, as well, but you might want to know a little more about those big, cuddly, fun-loving Scandinavians.

The classic Vikings came from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark during the 300 years from 800-1100. They were there before that, of course, but by 800 there was an overpopulation problem, and many were second, third, and fourth sons with no way of getting ahead in their society, because, under Viking inheritance customs, everything went to the older son. Added to that, especially in Norway and Sweden, there was a lack of available farm land. What to do? What to do?

By the beginning of the Viking Age, or "Terrible Centuries", the Vikings were the best sailors and shipbuilders in the world. Thus, combining need with skill, the first recorded Viking raid was in 783, on a monastery on the English coast. Returning loaded down with plunder, one can well imagine how that set the example to other Vikings seeking to find fame and fortune. Interestingly, monasteries remained the favorite target of Vikings for the next three centuries, because they knew there wouldn't be any soldiers there and because Medieval monasteries were often used as vaults by local nobles.

An example of a typical Viking raid was one that involved a Viking fleet of 62 ships that started from the Loire River in France in 859. A typical Viking ship was 70' long and 16' wide and carried 100 men. They looted the Spanish coast, entered the Mediterranean, pillaged villages along the N. African coast,

burned the Italian city of Pisa, and went as far as Egypt before turning for home. By the time the fleet returned home in 862, 40 ships had been lost, but the survivors were set for life.

Once the Vikings started raiding, they quickly established a reputation for terror, rape, and mayhem. Initially, at least, Viking raiders characteristically worked solely as individuals. Once a warrior's boots hit the beach, he was on his own. Whatever he could





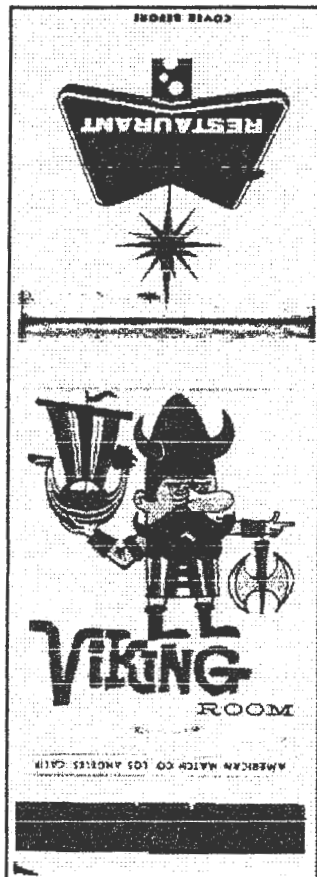
# Are Coming!"

bring back to the ship was counted as his. Backed up by their Norse religious beliefs that exalted the hero and promised immediate entrance into Valhalla for any who fell with a sword in his hand, these Vikings fought with complete abandon. They were called "berserkers", which is where we get the word "berserk." After taking over a village, weary raiders would sometimes kick back and relax, playing with the local children—tossing infants into the air and catching them on the ends of their spears!

They had a number of interesting customs, in fact. Men commonly washed up in the morning from the same tub of water, going in turn by rank. Each would wash his face and hands and blow his nose in the water...and then pass the tub to the next man. Too gross? OK, about a little human sacrifice? Nothing on the scale of the Mayans, Aztecs or Incas, just occasionally. Oh yes, wives were expected to be killed and buried with their husbands. *[I wonder if that went for ex-wives?...I just had a shiver go down my spine...locked up for eternity with my ex-wife!]*.

Amidst their watery wanderings, the Vikings made a number of discoveries and contributions in history. Most famous of these was the discovery of N. America, first by Biarni Heriulfson in 986, and then by Leif Ericson in 1001...both of these basically 500 years before Columbus. In 1960, Canadian park rangers discovered the remains of the New Foundland colony that Ericson had attempted to start (the Vikings were chased out by the Indians). Earlier, Leif's father, Eric the Red, had discovered Greenland c. 985. The Vikings also discovered Iceland; settled in Ireland, Iceland, Greenland, SE Britain, and Normandy; founded the city of Dublin; started the countries of Iceland and Russia; gave us words such as: 'Tuesday' (Tiw's Day), 'Wednesday' (Woton's Day), 'Thursday' (Thor's Day), and 'Friday' (Frigga's Day; Odin's wife); and they were one of the first to use trial by jury. All this, remember, while they were still technically a primitive people—uncivilized. And by the way, they never wore those horned helmets! That stereotype came from a 19th century opera.

So, you may want to keep an eye out now for those covers of Aella, Einar, Eirik, Gunnbjorn, Raknar, Sigmund, Snorri, Thorstein, Vika...



[ Based on the 1,894 known collectors in the hobby - taken from my database - as of this writing - July, 2005]

<u>Addresses</u>	<u>First Names</u>
- 324 people live on streets (17.10%)	- 91 Robert's (4.80%)
- 261 people live on drives (13.78%)	- 63 William's (3.32%)
- 244 people live on avenues (12.88%)	- 56 John's (2.95%)
- 228 people live on roads (12.03%)	- 47 James's (2.48%)
- 127 people live on P.O.B.s [ha ha] (6.70%)	- 46 Michael's (2.42%)
- 89 people live on lanes (4.69%)	- 38 Richard's (2.00%)
- 72 people live on courts (3.80%)	- 37 David's (1.95%)
- 38 people live on circles (2.00%)	- 32 Thomas's (1.68%)
- 34 people live on boulevards (1.79%)	- 31 Charles's (1.63%)
- 27 people live on ways (1.42%)	- 28 Al's (1.47%)
- 21 people live on places (1.10%)	- 26 Don's (1.37%)
- 12 people live on terraces (.63%)	- 25 Ed's (1.31%)
- 7 people live on trails (.36%)	- 24 George's (1.26%)
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- 36 people live on or in "Oak" something! (1.90%)	- 22 Gerald's (1.16%)
- Nobody lives on Pine Street!	- 21 Mary's (1.10%)
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- 10 people live at 25 something (1.31%)	- 21 Joseph's (1.10%)
- 9 people live at 7 something (1.00%)	- 18 Frank's (.95%)
- 9 people live at 19 something (1.00%)	- 18 Paul's (.95%)
- 8 people live at 6 something (.42%)	- 18 Steven's (.95%)
- 8 people live at 38 something (.42%)	- 17 Ron's (.89%)
- 8 people live at 623 something (.42%)	- 14 Jack's (.73%)
- 7 people live at 5 something (.36%)	- 12 Fred's (.63%)
- 7 people live at 131 something (.36%)	- 12 Douglas's (.63%)
- 6 people live at 4 something (.31%)	- 12 Dorothy's (.63%)
- 6 people live at 15 something (.31%)	- 12 Jeff's (.63%)
- 6 people live at 105 something (.31%)	- 12 Patricia's (.63%)
- 6 people live at 118 something (.31%)	- 12 Ruth's (.63%)
- 6 people live at 115 something (.31%)	- 11 Dan's (.58%)
- 5 people live at 11 something (.26%)	- 11 Peter's (.58%)
- 5 people live at 26 something (.26%)	- 11 Katherine/ (.58%)
- 5 people live at 48 something (.26%)	Catherine
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- 177 people live in apartments (10.01%) (not counting POB addresses)	- 10 Scott's (.52%)
	- 10 Harold's (.52%)
	- 10 Helen's (.52%)
	- 10 Ralph's (.52%)
	- 10 Susan's (.52%)
	- 9 Barbara's (.47%)
	- 9 Wayne's (.47%)
	- 8 Brian's/ (.42%)
	Bryan's
	- 8 Chris's (.42%)

## For Fun

- 8 Gregory's ( .42%)
- 8 Terry's ( .42%)
- 7 Henry's ( .36%)
- 7 Norman's ( .36%)
- 7 Gary's ( .36%)
- 7 Marie's ( .36%)
- 7 Jennifer's ( .36%)
- 6 Bruce's ( .31%)
- 6 Jane's ( .31%)
- 6 Janet's ( .31%)
- 5 Andrew's ( .26%)
- 5 Anthony's ( .26%)
- 5 Kevin's ( .26%)
- 5 Susan's ( .26%)
- 5 Evelyn's ( .26%)

### Last Names

- 16 Smith's ( .84%)
- 10 Williams's ( .52%)
- 9 Wright's ( .47%)
- 8 Anderson's ( .42%)
- 8 Martin's ( .42%)
- 7 Miller's ( .36%)
- 6 Brown's ( .31%)
- 6 Bush's ( .31%)
- 6 Campbell's ( .31%)
- 6 Johnson's ( .31%)
- 6 Jackson's ( .31%)
- 6 Stephens's ( .31%)
- 6 Wolf's ( .31%)
- 5 Thompson's ( .26%)

### Both Names

- 2 Robert Bush's ( .10%)
- 2 Richard Thompson's ( .10%)

### Internet

- At least 369 people have e-mail
- AOL is by far the most common service provider
- Jeff Berry has the longest address:  
*schmidlapindustries@earthlink.com*
- Glen Edwards has the shortest:  
*Ihre@aol.com*

## UNITED EASTERN SWAPFEST DISPLAY CATEGORIES

June 21-25, 2006

Plaza Hotel, Hagerstown, MD

### AMCAL:

**Berks County MC:** Spot Strikers

**Connecticut MC:** Combos

*[covers & albums]*

**Empire MC:** NY & NJ Port Authorities

*[covers only/no albums]*

**Forest City MC:** Judge's Choice

**Garden State MC:** Face of Abraham Lincoln

*[covers only]*

**Huggable Bears MC:** Bears

**Keystone/Lehigh MC:** Race tracks

**Liberty Bell MC:** June Holidays

**MARVA MC:** F-S Hotels-MD-VA-D.C.

*[covers only]*

**New England MC:** Non-commercial aircraft

*[no albums]*

**Penn-Ohio MC:** Politicians

*[no sets, no presidents]*

**Trans Canada MC:** Best Canadian

**Tri-State MC:** Swimming pools

*[covers only]*

**UES:** 1st Time Winner

**UES:** Open

**UES:** Most Creative

## New Listing - 7ups

Bill Hubbard, TN, has just put out a brand new listing of 7up covers, boxes and more...and it's beautiful! There are 304 listed, all with dazzling color scans. Lots and lots that I've never seen before. Plus, samples of 6 miscellaneous sets are pictures and listed as 'Misc.' since they make reference to 7up but aren't actually affiliated with the company. Wrapping it all up is a nice picture of a 7up Pull Quick or Pull Match ashtray. The cover is bound with spiral plastic and comes with a history of the 7up Bottling Company.

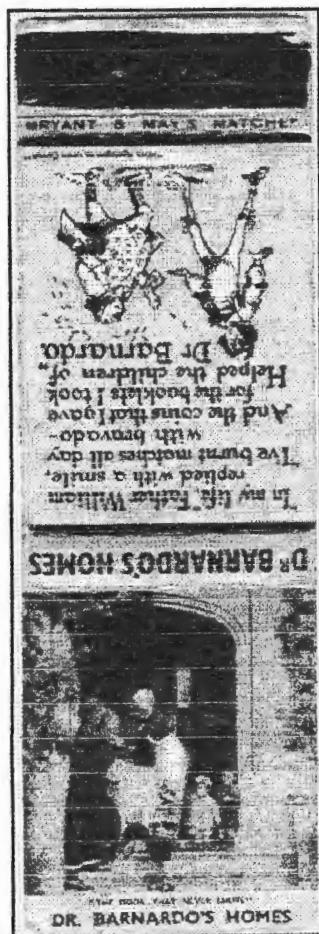
\$25 includes shipping. Please contact: Bill Hubbard, 1501 Lookout Dr., Memphis, TN 38127. *Nice!*

## The Fascinating Story

*[Ed. I've had the two covers shown here for a number of years, and I had a hunch that the story behind this organization might make for good reading, but I couldn't find any information. Then, several month's ago, Dr. Barnardo's Homes were mentioned in one of Ken Ryesky's 'Matchbooks In The Lawbooks' columns, and that finally prompted me to try again...and this time I found their web site!]*

Thomas John Barnardo, a lad of 16, set out for London to train as a doctor. A few months after arriving, an outbreak of cholera swept through the East End killing more than 3,000 people and leaving families destitute. Thousands of children slept on the streets and many others were forced to beg after being maimed in factories. Thomas soon (1867) set up a ragged school in the East End, where poor children could get a basic education. In 1870, Barnardo opened his first home for boys in Stepney Causeway. He regularly went out at night into the slum district to find destitute boys. One evening, an 11-year old boy, John Somers was turned away because the shelter was full. He was found dead two days later from malnutrition and exposure and from then on the home bore the sign 'No Destitute Child Ever Refused Admission'.

Victorians saw poverty as shameful as a result of laziness or vice. However, Thomas Barnardo accepted all children and stressed that every child deserved the best possible start in life, whatever their background - a philosophy that still inspires the charity today. Barnardo later opened the Girls' Village Home in Barkingside, which housed 1,500 girls. By the time a child left Barnardo's, they were able to make their own way in the world - the girls were equipped with domestic skills and the boys learnt a craft or trade. Thomas Barnardo strongly believed that families were the best place to bring up children and he established the first fostering scheme when he boarded out children to respectable families in the country. He also introduced a plan to board out babies of unmarried mothers. The mother went into service nearby and could see her child during her time off.



By the time Thomas Barnardo died in 1905, the charity he founded ran 96 homes, caring for more than 8,500 children. Residential care emphasized children's physical and moral welfare rather than their emotional wellbeing. Some homes housed hundreds of children and staff sometimes were harsh and distant. Many adults who grew up in the homes look back with affection and believe the charity was a true family. Others remember loneliness, bullying and even abuse. Child emigration was extended to Australia after the First World War as it was still seen as an appropriate response to the social problems of the day, even if by today's standards the practice seems cruel. These ideas continued largely unchallenged until after the Second World War when the emphasis shifted towards keeping children and their families together in the community.

The war marked a turning point in Barnardo's development and the history of childcare in the UK. Evacuation ought 'charity children' and 'ordinary' middle and upper class families into contact with each other and they gained a greater understanding of their circumstances. The disruption of war also improved understanding of the impact of family break ups and effects on children brought up away from home. Then in 1946, a national report on such was published,

## of Dr. Barnardo's Homes

prompting a revolution in childcare. For the first time, children were acknowledged as the nation's responsibility. This report paved the way for the Children's Act of 1948, which placed the duty of caring for homeless children and those in need on local authorities.

So, during the 1940's and 1950's, Barnardo's began working more closely with families. The charity awarded grants to families in difficulties because the breadwinner was unable to work due to illness or an accident. In the mid 1950's it developed a plan to house whole families affected by ill health, housing problems, unemployment and crime.

The 1960s were a time of radical change for Barnardo's. Single parenthood was becoming more acceptable; greater use of contraception meant that there were fewer unwanted children, and improved social security benefits meant that it was no longer necessary for parents to hand over their children to Barnardo's. The number of children received by Barnardo's was decreasing and so a commitment was made to cut down on residential services and develop new work with disabled children and those with emotional and behavioral problems. The charity changed its name in 1966 to Dr. Barnardo's. By the end of the decade plans were made to close down large numbers of homes and to convert them into specialist units.

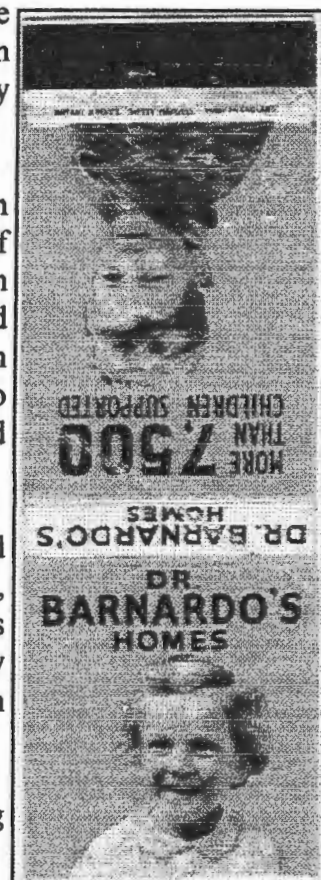
From the 1970s onwards, Barnardo's continued to expand its work in fostering and adoption, and family centers were set up in communities to support families in deprived areas. They set out to help families facing problems such as unemployment, poor health, bad housing and poverty, with the aim of defusing the stress and tension that might lead to family breakdown and child abuse. Barnardo's pioneered schemes for young juveniles and disabled children and throughout the 1980s and 1990s developed new areas of work in response to public concern over issues such as child sexual abuse, homelessness and children affected by HIV/AIDS.

In the 1990s, society became aware that a significant number of children in residential care homes in the UK during the last century were victims of physical and sexual abuse, neglect and discrimination. Some of those children were among the 350,000 cared for in Barnardo's homes between the 1870s and 1980s, and when the facts were known, they were immediately dealt with. In 1988, the organization changed its name from Dr. Barnardo's to Barnardo's to reflect the contrast with its Victorian past. The last traditional-style home closed in 1989.

Today, Barnardo's runs over 357 services across the UK helping children and young people in need. Barnardo's also works with families in a variety of ways, including fostering and adoption, disability and domestic violence. It also works within communities through its work with child poverty and the Better Play scheme. And, Barnardo's research department works to promote excellence in childcare in the UK find out more about the work they do.

[ <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/howeare/history/index.jsp> ]

....A fascinating story...and isn't it fascinating what you can get out of collecting matchcovers!



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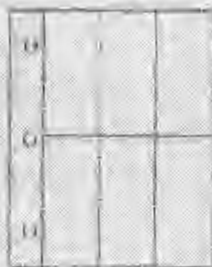
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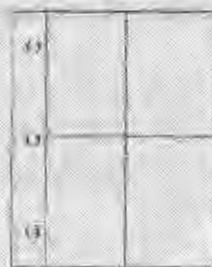
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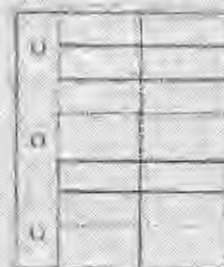
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8 pockets 1 1/2" x 5 1/2"



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6 pockets 2 1/2" x 5 1/2"



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Holds 4 Match Covers in  
4 pockets 3 7/8" x 5 1/2"



Size & Order # MC Midgens  
Page is 8 1/2" x 11"  
Holds 14 items in  
14 pockets 1 1/2" x 5 1/2"

Qt	Size	Price	Total
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	MC #30's	.25	\$
	MC #40's	.25	\$
	MC Midgens	.25	\$
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## Meet Anuradha Gupta

I am Mrs. Anuradha Gupta, a phillumenist with not a very significant and huge collection, holding the title of the first & only woman matchbox/label collector of INDIA from the coveted LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS since 1993. I am 38 and started collecting when I was in standard eleven. At that time, I could not even think of that there are more people into this field across the globe. I was of the opinion that it is my own individual unique idea. I used to cut skillets (Indian skillets) and used to paste them in the files. With the passage of time, I came in contact with Mr. Krishna Rastogi from India who has been a serious collector, and he provided me with all the fundamental knowledge of international standards of this collection. Later on, with the help of another Indian collector, Mr. Rakesh, I took the membership of British MatchLabel And Booklet Society (BML&BS). As arranging fee in dollars was a tedious work, I left the club after remaining its member for three years. However, I kept on increasing my collection gradually through local sources. Well, now I have more than 30,000 boxes/labels/skillets/books from 53 countries. My dream is to have at least one box, label, skillet and matchbook of each and every country. I am eager to trade with collectors all over the world.

You can contact Anuradha at [omnipresentgod@rediffmail.com](mailto:omnipresentgod@rediffmail.com)



## A Peek At Other Bulletins

*[based on current issues on hand as of this writing]*

- Angelus MC:** *[Apr-Jun 2006]* 15 pages, club business, Quarterly Combo, Movies on Matchcovers, Who Did That?, ads, raffle, auction.
- **Badger State MC:** *[Mar-Apr 2006]* 6 pages, club business, Chinese New Year, Grandpa Munster, Wisconsin Lore and Legends, ads.
- Berks County MC:** *[Apr-May 2006]* 4 pages, club business, ads.
- Connecticut MC:** *[Winter-Spring 2006]* 9 pages (full color), club business, Starting a New Category, Collecting and Collectors are Alive and Well! member info update form, ads.
- Denver Strikers MC:** *[Mar-Apr 2006]* 4 pages, club business, Coming In Like a Lion! April Fools, Going Out Like a Lamb.
- Empire MC:** *[April 2006]* 8 pages, club business, Are Camel 30's No Logo Covers Coming Back?, New Covers and Boxes Around Town, RMS Convention Pre-Registration form and info.
- Forest City MC:** *[Feb. 2006]* 6 pages+ convention flyers and info, club business, Riverboats, 20-strike Music Covers listing.
- Garden State MC:** *[Spring 2006]* 6 pages, club business, Tobacco Page, The Holidays, Brew Pub listing.
- Great Lakes MC:** *[Mar-Apr 2006]* 10 pages, club business, New Combos, Wax Museum Covers, These Matches Are Not For Striking, Giant Matchbook Notepads.
- Huggable Bears MC:** *[Spring 2006]* 8 pages, club business, Bear Postcards, Bear Hard Rock Cafe Pins.
- Liberty Bell MC:** *[Feb. 2006]* 8 pages (full color, magazine-style, very slick!), club business, Diamond Jubilee, The Oldest printed Advertising Matchbook Extant, Setting the Record Straight, ads.
- Lone Star MC:** *[Mar-Apr 2006]* 8 pages, club business, Yosemite: California's Gem, Conestoga Wagons, Barbara Mandrell, ads.
- Long Beach MC:** *[March 2006]* 8 pages, club business, Bindle Stiffs and Friends, March of Dimes and Dime Box, Extinguished Match, drawing, auction.
- MARVA:** *[March 2006]* 8 pages, club business, new finds, Ideas For Promoting The Hobby, Area Leads, On The Road Again.
- New England MC:** *[Jan-Feb 2006]* 4 pages (1 color), club business, Court of the Two Sisters, Dempsey's Restaurant.
- Philly-Qebec Enrg. MC:** *[Jan-Mar 2006]* 16 pages (4 color, magazine style), club business, in French.
- Sierra-Diablo MC:** *[April 2006]* 8-pages, full color, club business, Radio City Music Hall, Fuller Brush Man, Seita, San Simeon's Heart Castle, Foreign or Not?, ads, drawing, auction.
- Tobacco Club:** *[March 2006]* 6 pages+color insert, club business, miscellaneous new finds, Are Camel 30's No Logo Covers Coming Back?
- Trans Canada MC:** *[Feb. 2006]* 12 pages (full color, magazine style, very nice!), club business, Hudson Bay Company, Provinces set, History of the Canadian Match Crate, Part 11, auction.
- Windy City MC:** *[Jan-Feb 2006]* 6 pages, club business, Phil. Bessler, Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen

*[Ed. note: In case you're wondering why some clubs may not appear here from issue to issue—I may not be on that club's current bulletin mailing list, that club may only issue a quarterly bulletin, that bulletin may have arrived too late to include, etc.]*

## What Am I Doing?!

Some people collect for investment. Some collect for pleasure. Some folks do it to learn about history. And some people "save things" because it helps them to fill a gaping hole, calm fears, erase insecurity. For them, collecting provides order in their lives and a bulwark against the chaos and terror of an uncertain world. It serves as a protectant against the destruction of everything they've ever loved. Are we getting too deep here? Well, haven't you ever wondered why some people are 'collectors' and some aren't? I thought it might be interesting to take a look at a scientific explanation of 'what makes us tick'.

"Most people have a collection of some kind at some point in their lives. Indeed, historical studies show that acquiring and retaining objects, even when they are not necessary for survival, is not only nearly universal, but also has been part of human behavior since the earliest human societies. Yet despite the ubiquitous nature of this trait, very little is known about what drives humans to collect.

By studying patients who developed abnormal hoarding behavior following brain injury, neurology researchers in the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A Carver College of Medicine have identified an area in the prefrontal cortex that appears to control collecting behavior. The findings suggest that damage to the right mesial prefrontal cortex causes abnormal hoarding behavior by releasing the primitive hoarding urge from its normal restraints. The study was published online in the Nov. 17 [2003/2004] Advance Access issue of the journal *Brain*.

Hoarding behavior is common among animals; around 70 species hoard and mostly they hoard food, which makes sense from a survival standpoint. Studies of hoarding behavior in rodents have shown that collecting is driven by certain primitive structures deep in the brain and most mammals, including humans, share these subcortical regions.

"But human collecting goes beyond items that are solely useful for survival," said Steven Anderson, Ph.D., UI associate professor of neurology and lead author of the study. "People often collect art or stamps or pretty much anything. Clearly there is some higher structure in humans that modulates the collecting drive and that's what we think we have tapped into."

The UI team studied 86 people with focal brain lesions - very specific areas of brain damage - to see if damage to particular brain regions could account for abnormal collecting behavior. Other than the lesions, the patients' brains functioned normally and these patients performed normally on tests of intelligence, reasoning and memory.

A questionnaire completed by a close family member was used to identify problematic collecting and the behavior was classified as abnormal if the collection was extensive; the collected items were not "useful" or aesthetic; the collecting behavior began only after the brain injury occurred; and the patient was resistant to discarding the collected items.

The questionnaire very clearly split the patients into two groups - 13 patients who had abnormal collecting behavior and a majority (73 patients) who did not. Unlike normal collecting behavior such as stamp collecting, the abnormal collecting behavior of these patients significantly interfered with their normal daily life. Patients with abnormal collecting behavior filled their homes with vast quantities of useless items including junk mail and broken appliances. Despite showing no further interest in the collected items, patients resist attempts to discard the collection.



## The Psychology of Collecting

To determine if certain areas of damage were common to patients who had abnormal collecting behavior, the UI researchers used high-resolution, three-dimensional magnetic resonance imaging to map the lesions in each patient's brain and overlapped all the lesions onto a common reference brain.

"A pretty clear finding jumped out at us: damage to a part of the frontal lobes of the cortex, particularly on the right side, was shared by the individuals with abnormal behavior," Anderson said. "Our study shows that when this particular part of the prefrontal cortex is injured, the very primitive collecting urge loses its guidance.

"This finding sheds some light on a ubiquitous, nearly universal human behavior that we really don't know much about, and we can use this as springboard to think about normal collecting behavior." Anderson added that the findings also may have implications for understanding certain neurological conditions such as obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) where abnormal collecting behavior occurs but the patient has no readily detectable brain defect.

"Patients with OCD and some other disorders such as schizophrenia, Tourette's syndrome and certain dementias, can have similar pathological collecting behavior but we don't have a pointer to locate where in the brain the problem is occurring," Anderson said. "Our hope is that our findings with these brain lesion studies will lead to insights in these conditions as well."

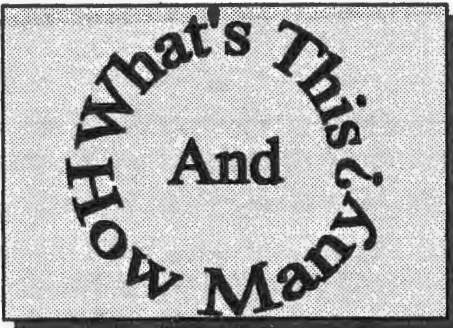
*[Anderson's co-authors on the study were Antonio Damasio, M.D., Ph.D., the Maurice Van Allen Professor of Neurology and head of the department, and Hanna Damasio, M.D., UI Foundation Distinguished Professor in the Department of Neurology. [http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub\\_releases/2004-12/uoi-bri121504.php](http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2004-12/uoi-bri121504.php)]*

Well, *now* how do you feel about your collecting?! Like a bug, probably! Actually, the study above is only focusing on *abnormal* collecting behavior...so that lets us out...*Well, most of us, anyway. It is interesting to find, though, that there is apparently an area of the brain that controls the 'collecting impulse'. Obviously, that area is much more 'highly developed' in our case compared to people who are not collectors [poor souls!].*

It does make sense, though, even to us non-scientific types, doesn't it? The more you meet other people who collect, the more you find that there's a very high percentage of those people who collect more than just matchcovers...They're into *a lot* of other stuff! The vast majority of us aren't simply 'matchcover collectors'...we're just 'collectors'! And, most of us can probably trace that collecting interest far back into our childhoods. I can. I always collected things—baseball cards, horned toads, marbles, and on and on. Now, as an adult, I collect matchcovers...and old books...and *Scientific American* magazines...and business cards...and...Well, you get the idea.

Did someone drop us on our respective heads as infants? Apparently not. *Now* we know the answer. The next time someone giggles and asks you why you collect matchcovers, here's your response.

Drawing yourself up to your full height [*hopefully this means that you will be able to look down on that person*], you give him or her a haughty 'Because I have a highly developed prefrontal cortex, you ninny!' Ah, life is sweet!

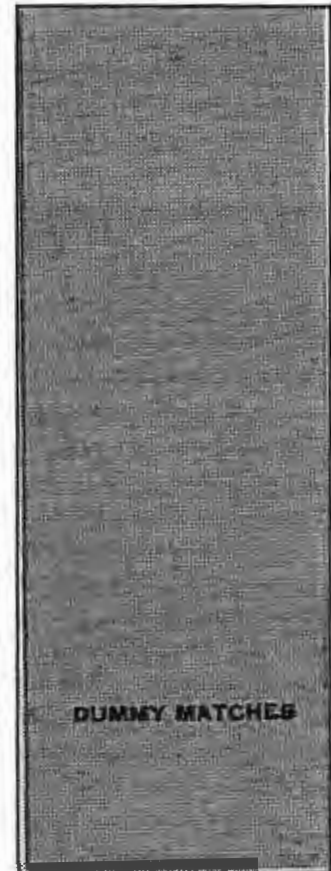


[No input yet on the Mail Box column in our last issue]

## Dummy Matches

John Mathot, MA, happened to send me this scan of a Magno Quality flat, which is nice in itself, but I was more struck with the "DUMMY MATCHES" printed on the inside. It seems to me that I've seen that on the *outside* of an old cover (I've run it in one of the bulletins before). It looked like a trademarked name, but why would it be set up like that if it was simply to refer to a salesman's sample. Anyone have an info to shed on this?

*If anyone has a definitive answer, please let us know....And, if you have a question about a set or series, send in a clear pic and details, and we'll see what information we can garner from our readers.*



## KNOW YOUR COVERS!

### Contact Sets

A *Contact Set* is a set of covers that form a bigger picture when put side-by-side. They were introduced prior to WW II. They're sometimes referred to as Panoramas. The late Jim Moffett's collection numbered 144 such sets.

Pictured here are two of the covers from the famous 1930s Filippo Berio set. The early issues of *Contact Sets* are 20-strikes, but the majority are much newer sets consisting of 30-strikes. I don't believe I've ever seen a 40-strike set.

They're quite a show-stopper when such set's covers are set up as a display.



### My Most Prized Cover

My favorite cover is the Giant, the biggest match ever, with a 1936 Buick ad on it for the Joe Louis/Max Schmeling fight. I am a big fight fan but loved the Buick ad and the fact that it was a Giant and dated. *[Giant is reduced here]*

*Barry Turner, M9*



# CLUB CRUISIN'

## THE TOBACCO MATCHCOVER CLUB

The Tobacco Matchcover Club was formed in late 1997 and officially started with its first bulletin in January 1998 (bulletin #2 was scheduled be released last month). Four issues a year are planned. There were so many tobacco covers currently being made that it has put new life into the hobby; consequently, there seemed to be a need for a club dealing exclusively with this category. Most of the clubs in the hobby touch on tobacco covers, but, to do them justice, many of us felt they needed their own club. Thus, the club focuses on past and present, domestic and foreign Tobacco issues...and there are a lot of them! There is usually a club meeting at AMCAL and RMS.

Current club officers are: East Coast Director - Joe DeGennaro, West Coast Director - Janet Johnk, International Director - Bill Scott, Sec/Treasurer - Penny Smith, Editor - Shirley Sayers.

The bulletin includes sections on new issues as well as golden oldies from the past...and those great sets. If its tobacco-related, sooner or later an article will show up in the bulletin. And it certainly doesn't look as if this bulletin will run out of material to cover in the foreseeable future! Tobacco-related covers are still one of the two really hot categories in the hobby...and in the industry.

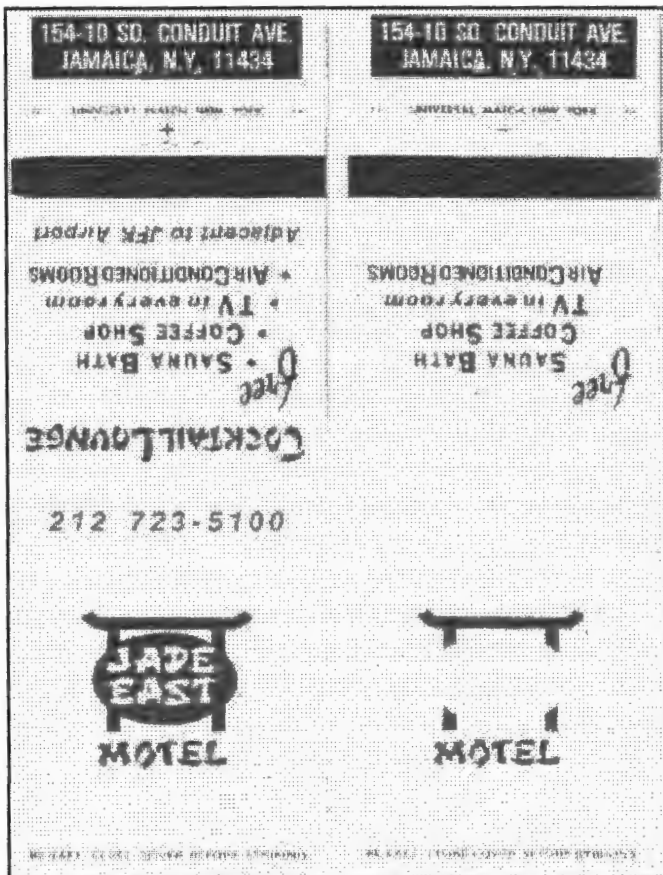
If you are interested in joining The Tobacco Matchcover Club, please contact Penny Smith, 2063 Grange Hall, Fenton, MI 48430 (pennypepsis@aol.com) or attend one of the meetings at the conventions and sign up there! Dues are \$10.00 per year.

## The Mail Box

**Jimmy Gambacorta, DE:** I was given a batch of wonderful match-books and match boxes but they smell mil-dewey. Does any collector know how I can get ride of that smell?



**Tony Kuzniewski, NY:** *Tony sent in this nice example of missing text—in this case, it's all the red—from a cover. Shown here are the correct and error covers.*



**Duane Ready, :** Just received the RMS Bulletin and noticed the item on page 21 from John Mathot - "similar minds came up with the same design at three different companies"... Being a collector of billiard covers, I looked closely at these and concluded that these are too closely alike to be just so coincidentally. I looked at my own covers and

discovered a fourth company (Eddy Match Company Limited Canada) with the same design as well. Also, I notice other (identical to the naked eye) designs also used by multiple companies in my billiard collection. I don't know the answer, but these companies were, in my judgment, working off the same master design.

**Barbara Dixon, OH:** Hi Mike, I got my roster today and article on Coney Island. The match-covers are from the Coney Island here in Cincinnati Ohio. The Island Queen ran from coney to Cincinnati until it burned in the forties. I have one of the covers pictured. I guess you have to be from Cincy to know about our Coney on the Ohio River it is still going strong today. You do a good job on the bulletins. I enjoy reading them.

*Ed. Groan!*

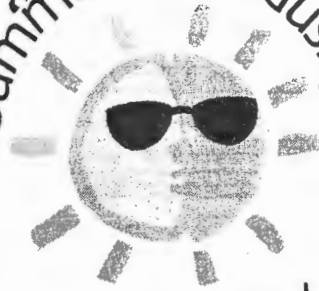
**Krishna Rastogi, IND:** I am very much pleased to receive No. 519 March/April and to look the articles inside. Specially I am affected from the Russian Zodiac Set. I have got the set from Russia and was not sure what they are. Just thanks to you that you distinguish them as the zodiac set. Therefore the bulletin is very useful to all of us.

*Also, Krishna is looking for the following RMS Convention covers, any size, I believe:*

1959-1970  
1972-1975  
1977  
1980-81  
1984  
1988  
2003-2005

*I don't have them as I don't collect them, but I'm certain that many of you do, especially from the more recent years. How about doing a favor for our member in India? Krishna regularly supports the Bulletin with input and is a really serious collector [must have an exceptional prefrontal cortex! ha ha]. Send 'em to: Krishna Rastogi, Opp. Agrawal Bhawan, Alinagar Street, Gorakhpur-273001 INDIA*

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**Procurement** – Donations of covers and boxes would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to Carry Van Tol, 402 Cowan Dr. Elizabeth, Pa. 15037 E-Mail: [tollhouse@libcom.com](mailto:tollhouse@libcom.com)

**Raffle Prizes** – Donations of raffle prizes would also be greatly appreciated. Please send them to Carrol Mazur, 3366 Salt Springs Rd. SW, Warren, Ohio 44481 E-Mail: [babamaz@aol.com](mailto:babamaz@aol.com)



**Auctions** – You are allowed 10 lots as long as space is available. Send your list only of the 10 lots with a S.A.S.E to Pat Shappell, 109 Wood Lane, Reading, Pa. 19606 E-Mail: [patshapp@aol.com](mailto:patshapp@aol.com) There will be four auctions beginning Wednesday. We are pleased that Wray Martin will once again conduct the auction.

**Awards** – Any local club or person presenting any award (plaque, trophy, certificate etc.) please inform Larry Kozak, 3470 Hunter Dr., North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 by May 1<sup>st</sup>. E-Mail: [lartzak@ameritech.net](mailto:lartzak@ameritech.net)



**Displays** – The next issue of the RMS Bulletin will list who and what clubs are giving awards and the category for each award. **BE INVOLVED – WE WANT TO SEE WHAT GREAT ITEMS YOU HAVE**

**Convention Program Book** – Rates are: Full Page - \$40, Half Page - \$25, Quarter Page - \$15, Patron Ad - \$3. Make checks payable to the Forest City Matchcover Club. Mail your ads and payment by May 1st to Cookie Lewis, 317 Aiken Rd., New Castle, Pa. 16101 Cookie must have camera ready art.



**Dealer Tables** – Collectors interested in selling matchcovers and boxes are invited to rent a table or tables on a daily or weekly basis. For rates, information or to book your space contact Glenn Lewis, 317 Aiken Rd., New Castle, Pa. 1610. E-Mail: [faithemc@thesafety.net](mailto:faithemc@thesafety.net)

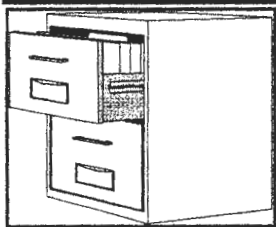


**Bowling and Golf Tournament** – If you are interested in participating in the Bowling Tournament on Wednesday Morning, August 23<sup>rd</sup> contact Terry Rowe, 1509 S. Dugan Rd., Urbana, Ohio 43078. E-Mail: [trowerms@ctcn.net](mailto:trowerms@ctcn.net) . If you would like to participate in the annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday Morning, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

contact Bob Borton, 2583 Wexford Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43221. E-Mail: [bortonpi@netwalk.com](mailto:bortonpi@netwalk.com).



**Club Meetings** – Any club wishing to meet during the convention should inform Larry Kozak, by May 1<sup>st</sup>, which day and time you prefer. Every effort will be made to accommodate your scheduling preference.



## Bits & Pieces

**A Lindbergh Cover** sold for \$1,675 on ebay on Jan. 16th. [from *The Liberty Bell Crier*, Febr. 2006]

**Long Beach MC** reports that their membership is up from last year! (347 to 358). When you got it, you got it!

**Matchorama Listing is available.** Larry Cole, NY, has created an alphabetically-ordered list which will index into the following Matchorama numbers - 8131-8752. The list was created using Microsoft Excel. The list can be e-mailed to collectors for free; they must have Excel installed on their computer in order to open the file. A hard copy of the list is available by mail for \$1 to cover postage and printing. The list is 13 pages long when printed and weighs 2.5 ounces. Contact Larry with any questions or concerns. Larry Cole, 140 Ralph Ave., White Plains, NY 10606 (914-761-3607) lgcole@hotmail.com

**UES AUCTIONS...**Grant Gehringer reports that the UES auctions are already full. No room for any more lots.

### **Answer to Last Issue's Matchcover Mystery**

*"The first 28 RMS Bulletins were not called bulletins; what were they called?"*

Helen Hollmann, PA, got it — 'Letters'

### **Matchcover Mysteries: # 63**

*"What Match Co. did Ivar Kreuger form just before his death?"*

Answer in our next issue.

## Hobby Glossary

**Allenco Match Co.** - New Zealand match co. (1969-mid-1980s)

**Allis Press, The** - Pre-War Kansas City, MO printing company responsible for a number of old covers. There are 30 currently listed.

**Allubox** - Swiss box trademark.

**AMCAL** - Associated Matchcover Clubs of California; it hosts an annual convention each May, currently in Fresno.

**Ambassador** - Diamond Match Co. 30-strike trademark.

**AMCCS South Australian Branch** - Australian club; 1964-present.

**America's Own** - U.S. match company, c. 1930s.

**American Ace** - Originally a West Virginia Match Corp. trademark (1933), it reappeared as a Universal Match Co. box trademark (1977-). 12,000 listed as of 3/05.

**American Clipper** - Diamond Match Co. box trademark

**American Legion** - Large fraternal category. 1,019 listed as of 3/05.

**American Match Co. (I)** - Old 1920s-1930s Chicago manufacturer. 28 covers currently listed.

**American Match Co. (II)** - A later Ohio manufacturer (1956-1975); purchased by Maryland Match Co. No relation to earlier company of same name.

**American Pullmatch Co.** - An Ohio manufacturer (1936-1939); it produced Pullmatches.

**American Quality** - Early American Match Co. footer (1922-1930s). 27 currently listed.

# FLASHBACK!

[April 1953 RMS Bulletin]

“COLLECTING CANADIAN COVERS” by Clarence A. Gilson-26 Dundurn So., Hamilton, Ont, Can.

As your Canadian reporter, I do not have too much to write about as we in Canada do not go in for large scale advertising as they do in the United States, but every once and awhile we do turn up something good in the way of covers, and they already have started to emerge. The first one, by the Grand House Hotel as a commemorative of the Coronation, has a picture of the Queen with a gold border around picture and a crown over her head, a purple background with the wording “CORONATION, H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH.” Hotel ad is on the front shown through parting purple drapes and a red tip to cover under the advertisement. This is a fine cover for any collection. We expect more business houses to issue similar covers, and, as they come out, you will hear of them in this Bulletin.

“NEW MATCHES BY OHIO MATCH CO.” - Warren Delk, 1117 22nd Street, Des Moines 11, Iowa

Thanks to Mr. Clarence Doll, representative of the Ohio Match Co., Des Moines, Ia. for the following information about new matches made by Ohio Match Co.

Since Ohio's advent into the field of virkotype printing, some real beauties have emerged. To name a few: 1. NAVAJO LODGE, Ruidoso, New Mexico. There are three different- BE/WE, GN/WE and BN/TN. Picture of Lodge on front. 2. THE NEW OAKS, Minnesota City, Minn. Two of these- GN/WE and BN/TN. 3. HOTEL SERONJA, AZORES AIR TRANSPORT STATION. Two different- DGN/WE and DGN/TN. Pictures of a group of transports flying over mountains. 4. QUANAHA, ACME & PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. On front- picture of old Chief Quannah Parker of the Comanche tribe, whose mother, Cynthia Parker, was a white woman, and a devout hater of the white man.

Ohio has come out with its first series of Girlie matches - this time the Vargas Girlies - five (5) to the set and first numbered 331-1 through 331-5. They are difficult to describe but terrific to see.

Also, by Ohio, is a Safety Series numbering 9 different with appropriate slogans accompanying each design:

1. Taint Funny - Don't clown around here. 2. This'll floor ya - keep floors clean. 3. Look out - Keep you mind on your work, it's safer. 4. Be sure they're not just down - But out. 5. Don't go home from work like this - Practice safety. 6. Watch your step - Walk, don't run. 7. I'm really a careful worker - It was my first accident. 8. Don't stick your nose into moving machinery - You may be sorry.

For the Christmas season of 1952, Ohio had about a dozen different designs, and they will be used again in 1953. One of these was of 30 Stick size in multi-color. Too many to describe because of limited space, but these are desirable items worthy of interest.

All tips of Ohio matches are waterproof except the white, which, is waterproofed, won't retain color. The company uses the waterproof striking surface in tan or gray.

Empire Match Co. Chicago: Tom Barber of Chicago has come up with a 'find' in the way of match company that was never included in the “Manufacturers' & Agents Imprint” book. It is an “Empire Quality” cover, four and three-fourths inches long. No design but all print, and made for Jordan Brown & Sons, Chicago. This is an 'oldie' as the date on cover is “Wed., Nov. 20, 1929.” Has anyone information as to when this company began and ended its business career?

The first 1953 RMS Convention set seen thus far has been printed by Geo. Loveless. A BEAUTY!

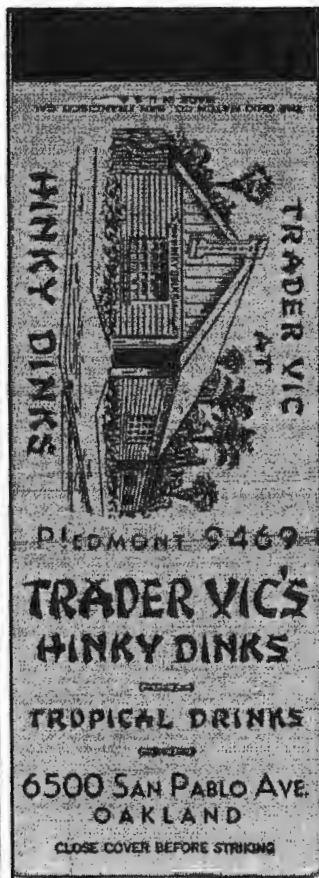
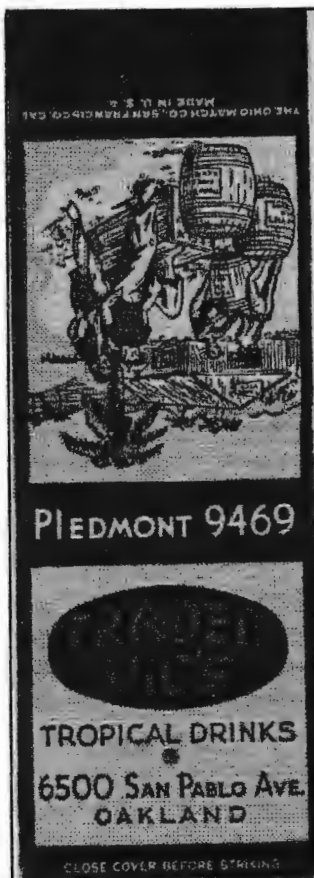
# Trader

"It all started when Victor Jules Bergeron was a waiter at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel and owned a grocery store on San Pablo Avenue in Oakland. His son - Victor, (Jr.) - grew up loving the food business, living with the family in an apartment above the store and helping out downstairs. A childhood accident cost him a leg, but left him with a penchant for telling colorful stories.

In 1932, with a nest egg of \$700 and carpentry help from his wife's brothers - plus his mother's pot-bellied stove and oven - the ebullient Victor built a cozy pub across the street from the store and called it Hinky Dink's. His pungent vocabulary and ribald air made him a popular host, as did his potent tropical cocktail concoctions and delicious Americanized adaptations of Polynesian food.

Soon one of the most popular watering holes in Northern California's Bay Area, the place attracted sophisticated urbanites like writers Herb Caen and Lucius Beebe. By 1936, when Caen wittily wrote that the "best restaurant in San Francisco is in Oakland," Vic had become "The Trader" and Hinky Dink's had become "Trader Vic's," complete with a showpiece Chinese oven. Its South Pacific theme "intrigues everyone. You think of beaches and moonlight and pretty girls. It is complete escape," Vic said at the time. Among Trader Vic's more tantalizing legacies is the original Mai Tai, the bracingly refreshing rum cocktail he created at the restaurant in 1944 and introduced to the Hawaiian islands in the 1950s. Tahitian for "the very best," Mai Tai became the slogan for his entire operation.

In creating his new cocktail, Trader Vic employed what was becoming the ever-present hallmark of all his food and beverage recipes: a light touch, meant to enhance but never disguise nor overpower the



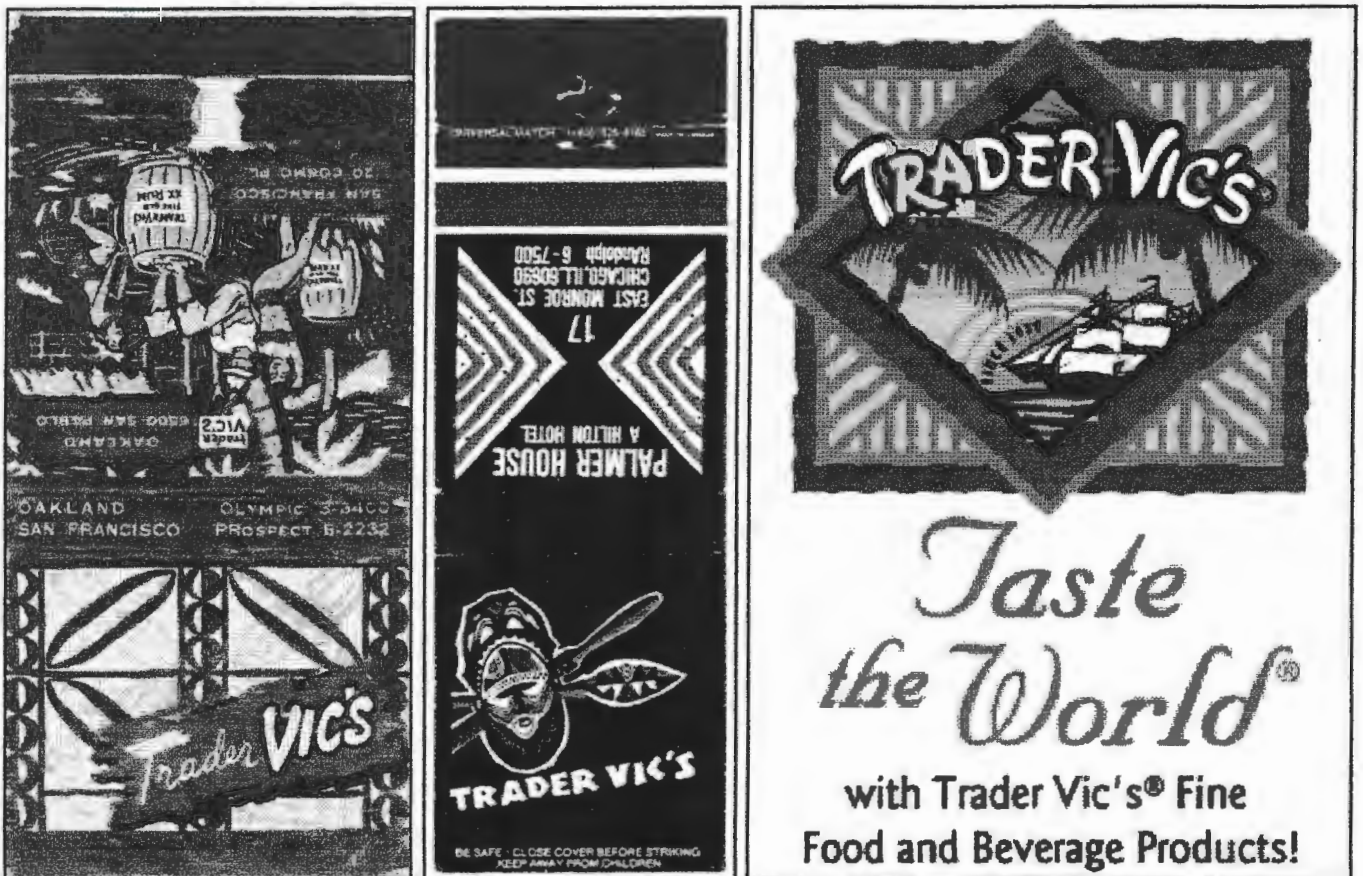


# Vic's

fine original taste of his main ingredients. All of his recipes reflect the man's own personality: distinctive, lighthearted and memorable.

By 1946, the world had beaten a path to Vic's door, prompting Lucius Beebe to write in an introduction to "Trader Vic's Book of Food and Drink" published by Doubleday that year: "Trader Vic's is ... more than an Oakland institution. Its influence is as wide as the Pacific and as deep as a Myrtle Bank punch. Vic's trading post is long on atmosphere, and it is possible for the ambitious patron with a talent for chaos to get into more trouble with obsolete anchors, coiled hausers of boa-constrictor dimensions, fish nets, stuffed sharks... Hawaiian ceremonial costumes, tribal drums, boathooks and small bore cannon than the waiters can drag him out of in a week." The Trader eventually opened 25 Polynesian-style restaurants around the world, and several Señor Pico Mexican restaurants. His son, Lynn Bergeron, eventually took over the restaurant operation and remains Chairman Emeritus of Trader Vic's Restaurant Company. The Trader's eldest daughter, Jeanne B. Hittell, is retired, having served for many years on the Board of Directors and as Secretary/Treasurer of the Trader's companies. Daughter Yvonne E. Seely, is also retired after decades of dedication to charity work on behalf of Trader Vic's." [http://www.tradervics.com/trader-1.html]

I only recently became a Trader Vic's collector, myself, so I currently can only lay claim to 15 different covers, but Fred Houk, FL, reported having 51 as of April 2001. There is no listing. Will there be more Trader Vic's covers in this anti-smoking era...doubtful, although you'd think that such establishments would see the advertising advantage of giving out matches, irrespective of smoking.



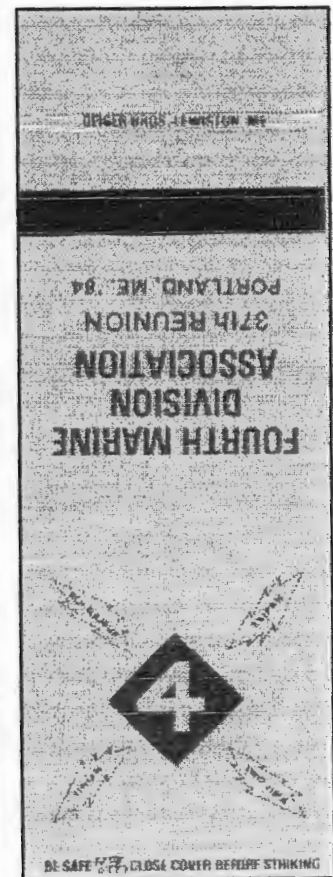
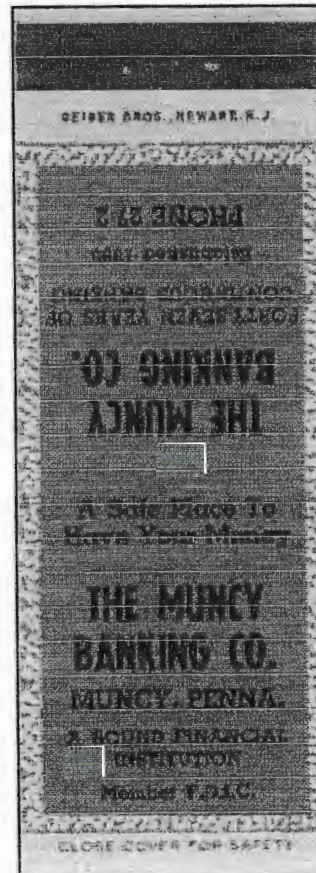
*Taste  
the World<sup>®</sup>*  
with Trader Vic's<sup>®</sup> Fine  
Food and Beverage Products!

## Geiger Bros.

Today, Geiger Bros. is the nation's largest family owned and managed Promotional Products distributor, but I became interested in the name as a manumark on old covers.

The company was founded in 1878, when brothers Andrew and Jacob took over their father's two-room print shop in Newark, NJ. A staff of 4 (the brothers, a printer, and a bookkeeper) produced a small line that included advertising calendars, fans, and greeting cards. The second generation brothers, Frank, Charles, and George, entered the company in the early 1900s. They added date books and diaries to their expanding line. Frank's two sons, Ray and Frank, joined the business in the 1930s. Frank led the firm into the distribution of advertising specialty products made by other companies [and that's where the matchbooks come in]. Meanwhile, Ray acquired the renowned Farmers' Almanac™ becoming its 6th editor and tireless promoter for 60 consecutive years. Ray and Frank moved the company to Lewiston, ME, in 1955. Since then, the Geiger facility has been expanded four times to its current 140,000 foot size. Two of Ray's sons manage the company today. Gene is CEO and President and Peter Geiger is Executive V-P and editor of the Farmers' Almanac. Under their guidance, the company has experienced unprecedented growth over the last decade and has earned numerous business and civic honors. Currently, it is leading the industry's push toward e-commerce. More than 500 employees work in Lewiston and in field offices supporting a sales force of some 450 promotional counselors in nearly every state. [<http://www.geiger.com/11About/110GeigerHistory>]

Apparently, Geiger Bros. didn't put out many matchbooks early on, although it is issuing many more today. I do the listing on Geiger Bros. covers and only have six older ones listed [from the 1930s-1940s]. There are 33, total, currently listed, but I have a stack of unlisted...so I'd estimate 50-55, right now.



## RMS Convention Display Rules

### CATEGORIES:

1. Single (Two[2] of same may be shown to illustrate inside)
2. Sets & Series
3. Military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Military camps & bases, Military & veterans hospitals—no military credit unions; Major & Minor Political)
4. Sports
5. Transportation
6. Lodging (Hotels, Motels, Inns, Cabins)
7. V.I.Ps & Entertainment (movie stars, movies, theme parks, Casinos, etc.)
8. Thematic (bears, fairs, gaming, top hats, etc.)
9. Businesses/Products/Svcs (all financial institutions, dept./drug stores, funeral homes, laundries, etc.)
10. Eating & Drinking Places (restaurants, bars, grills, drive-ins, etc.)
11. Open Entry (any entry that does not fit into the other categories)
12. Foreign
13. Display only (no RMS awards given, but displays are eligible for non-RMS club, individual, and memorial awards)

### DISPLAY ENTRANT RULES:

1. Anyone entering a display must be a paid up member of RMS.
2. Displays can consist of used or unused match-covers, full-books, or matchboxes. (Salesman's samples, flats, mutilated covers, loose labels, and loose pages are permitted only in category #14-Display.)
3. There are no restrictions as to the title size, title placement, or other added material on a display as long as the entire display is no more than 720 sq. inches in any dimensional combination—that is, 24" x 30", 20" x 36" (not including the frame). Any display exceeding 720 sq.

inches shall be charged as two displays.

4. Each display shall bear the name and address of the entrant on the back of the display. This information shall be covered with opaque paper or a card. The number of the category in which the display is to be entered shall be on the outside of the opaque paper or card. This must be done prior to entering the display.
5. Each display **SHALL** be covered with transparent material to inhibit removal of covers. (The chairperson wishes it to be known that all reasonable care will be taken to safeguard displays, but neither the chairperson nor RMS assumes any responsibility, either legal or moral, for their integrity).
6. Displays shall adhere to the criteria of the category in which they are entered.
7. Entrants may enter no more than two (2) displays in any category. A maximum of ten (10) displays per membership can be entered.

***DON'T FORGET! COMPLETE RMS DISPLAY RULES, DISPLAY CATEGORIES, AND CLUB AWARDS ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT "CONVENTION CENTRAL" ON THE RMS WEB SITE***

### Club/Individual Awards Slated for Presentation at the 2006 RMS Convention..so far!

- Angelus:** Best Combo Display
- Forest City:** Judge's Choice Award
- Girly Club:** Best Girly Display
- Liberty Bell:** Best Amusement Park Display
- New England:** Best Coffee & Coffee related

And that's all I've been notified of (as of April 3). Where are the rest of the clubs? Presidents, please send me that info. As it is, I'll only be able to publish it in the next issue, and that's only one month before the convention.

Display-makers, I would think, would like a little more notice than 30 days.

# BUSINESS BOX

**RMS BULLETIN AUCTION** features a 75%/25% split (you get 75% of what your lots sell for). Send your lots to Pat Shappell, 109 Wood Ln., Reading, PA 19606-2446 (Tel: 610-779-0733).

**RMS AREA AWARD WINNERS:**

- Connecticut MC: Robert Lamb
- Sierra-Diablo MC: Jack Benbrook
- Southern Swapfest: Donna Longenecker
- Southeastern MC: Jimmie Close

**RMS CONVENTION DISPLAY AWARDS:**

- Girlie Club: Best Girlie Display
- Forest City MC: Judge's Choice Award

**INCOMING CONVENTION INFO:**

- Cookie Lewis needs all artwork for the program book to be camera ready and also the deadline for hotel registration and for convention pre-registration forms is July 1st.

**THE SHERATON IN ST. LOUIS** is being lined up for the site of next year's RMS Convention, thanks to the diligent work of Lee Nott and Wayne Eadie.

**OFFICIAL REVISION DATE COMING UP FOR RMS WEB SITE:** It's time to renew current ads and/or send in new ones. 50 words+ name,address for \$10 (check made out to RMS). Literally *global* advertising for six months for only \$10...can't beat that! Send text and check to the Ed.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE:** 4000 Canadian 20 & 30 strikes. 98% unstuck, stripped & pressed; plus 185 Canadian front strikes, stripped & pressed. Asking \$ 200.00 inc. shipping or will trade as all or part of the deal. "mitch" 480-813-7820 or malfunction33@cox.net.....M/J06

**I WANT TO TRADE FOR:** unstruck 1940s presidents. I

need #10 Tyler & #22 Cleveland. Grey Disney: I need #s 1-5-6-9-12. Yellow Disney (glazed): I need 62nd Pursuit Squadron, 133 Field Artillery, 751st Tank Battalion, Alaskan Defence Force. I have most names in dull & glazed. Charles Eberhart, 3616 NE Seward, Topeka, KS 66616 (785) 235-1016.....M/J06

**WEB AUCTION!** 60 lots each month. It's easy. Check out The Vault at: <http://users.ev1.net/~rmseditor>.....M/J06

**WANTED:** Covers or boxes showing chess boards and/or chess pieces, penguins, Perkins Americana, Jai Alai, and KOA campgrounds. Larry Bell, Box 1613, Sumas, WA 98295-1613 lsjbell@shaw.ca.....S/O06

**WANTED:** Coca-Cola matchcovers. Highest prices paid. \$250 minimum for pre-1920 covers. Will respond to all offers. Thom Thompson, 1389 Alexandria Dr., #7, Lexington, KY 40504-1777.....N/D06

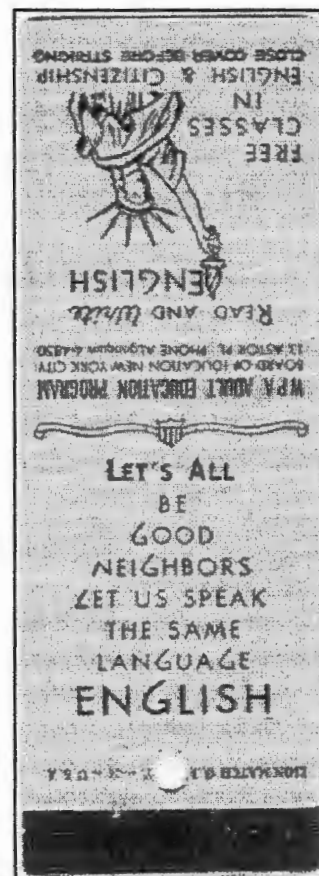
*Classified ad policy: Ads are published on a space available basis. Please keep 'em short and send them in as soon as possible! 10¢ a word. Ads offering free items, etc. are free.*

*Check should be made out to "RMS." Send to Ed. ASAP (I always need as much warning as possible). Fee schedule for larger-sized ads may be seen on the last page.*

## Coming Next Issue...

A sneak peek at a great new listing in the making...*Pre-War Navy Ships!* I got a look at it during the Sierra-Diablo Swapfest, and it's truly outstanding!

### Mike's Philosophical Pearls



## Do We Have Any Information On These Companies?

I'm not even sure that most of these were actual manufacturers...

- Continental Match Co.  
[Chicago]
- Hayes Match Co.  
[Scranton]
- Pana Match Corp.  
[NYC]
- Premium Match Co.  
[Milwaukee]
- United States Match Co.  
[Detroit]
- Utah Match Co.  
[Salt Lake City]
- Texas Match Co.  
[Dallas]

Any information on these companies would be much appreciated.

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 WA. 9-9316  
 162 W. 4th ST.

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 AS YOU LIKE IT

**FRANKS**  
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 10 Years Same Place  
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 (ON VAN WINKLE'S)  
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 DALLAS, TEXAS

FOR SAFETY CLOSE COVER

# MATCHBOOKS IN THE LAW BOOKS: PART 43

by Kenneth H. Ryesky, Esq.

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The workplace can grow very contentious when a labor union is involved. In 1935, Congress enacted the National Labor Relations Act, which set certain rules and procedures for union and management conduct, and established the National Labor Relations Board ("NLRB") to administer the labor laws. Among other things, NLRB adjudicates disputes between union and management.

Milford Plains Limited Partnership ("MPLP") operated the Hampton Inn in Milford, Connecticut. In 1991, the United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local 371 sought to unionize the Hampton Inn. After an election and the challenges to the ballots, the NLRB found that Local 371 did not receive a required majority of votes for certification.

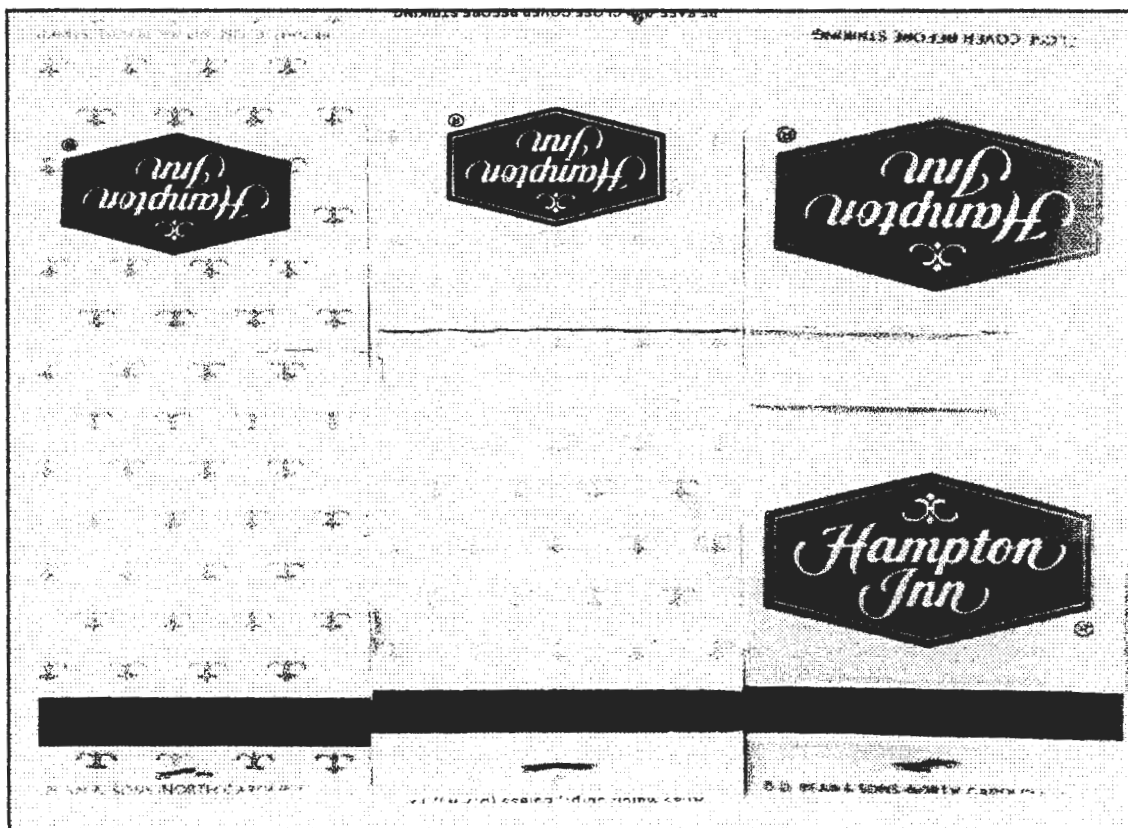
But the election's outcome was not the only issue. The union also alleged unfair labor practices by MPLP. After sorting through the evidence and testimony, the NLRB upheld the administrative law judge's finding that MPLP - wrongfully

discharged Debra Coover from employment on account of her union activity. MPLP's purported reason for discharging Coover was that she had lit a book of matches, which set off a smoke alarm. The ALJ found that the matchbook was in fact lit by another employee, and that MPLP's Director of Operations would have learned that Coover was not the culprit had he properly questioned other employees instead of selectively going by the testimony of an employee whose boyfriend was the son of the MPLP's chief housekeeper. Coover was ordered reinstated with back pay [128].

So not only was a matchbook set ablaze, but its identity was never recorded. En route to the 2005 RMS Convention in Enfield, I stopped by the Hampton Inn in Milford to investigate. After 14 years, the establishment was obviously under different management, and nobody I spoke with seemed to know of Ms. Coover or the burning matchbook incident. When I asked for a matchbook at the front desk, I was given a generic Diamond one.

If indeed the Hampton Inn provided guests with matchbooks in 1991, there is a fair chance that the burning matchbook was from the hotel. Did it resemble one of the specimens shown here? We shall never know.

[To be continued] [128] Milford Plains L.P., 309 N.L.R.B. 942 (1992).



## RMS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - MAY/JUNE 2006

## SPONSOR

## NEW MEMBERS (\*=will trade)

- 9636\*-Eric Missal, 5735 Norwood Dr., Brook Park, OH 44142..... Larry & Irene Kozak  
COLLECTS: Transportation, Cars, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, Indians & General.
- 9637\*-Dr. Adinath Pareek, 162 Govind Nagar (West) Amer Fort Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan, 302002, India..... RMS  
COLLECTS: Rare Match Labels, Hotels, Aeroplanes-Vehicles, Monuments, Animals & Personalities
- 9638\*-Dick Merck, 2143 N.W. 32nd Ave., Portland, OR 97210..... Bill Bias  
COLLECTS: General
- 9639--Robert J. Guliano, 43 Dale Rd., Manchester, CT 06040-4530..... RMS Web Page  
COLLECTS: Railroads, Patriotic, U.S. Navy Ships, Military, Girlies & Transportation.
- 9640\*-Frank Zumwalt, P.O. Box 6617, Oceanview, HI 96737-6617..... RMS Web Page  
COLLECTS: Polynesian Restaurants, Tiki Bars & Hawaii Hula.
- 9641\*-David Oathout, 3305-E Circle Brook Dr., Roanoke, VA 24018-8217..... RMS Web Page  
COLLECTS: Girlies
- 9642--Joyce P. Oppel, 9705 Ceralene Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032-1705..... RMS Web Page  
COLLECTS: Transportation, WWII, Girlies, Foreign, Cameos & Military.

## ADDRESS CORRECTION

9047-Pete Aji, 235 Catawba River Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

## REINSTATED

- 8211-Russell Jalbert, 121 Hawkins Place, #115, Boonton, NJ 07005-1127
- 9022-James Dean Graham, 8314 Bentwaters, San Antonio, TX 78239  
COLLECTS: Restaurants/Hotels/Motels, Banks, Bars & General

## RESIGNED

5140-Adeline M. Krol; 7787-Sue Cooper

## DECEASED

2699-Ralph Brann (3/2/06)

Respectfully submitted,

*Terry Rowe*

Terry L. Rowe

YOUR DUES ARE PAST DUE IF THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL IS **01/01/06**.

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### *Publicizing The Hobby!*

I didn't have room to run the usual full article on this, but *The Tampa Tribune* ran a nice article on the 8th Annual Southern Swapfest in its March 10th edition. The article ran pics of Helen Hollmann, PA, and various collectors at the overflowing freebie tables. Someone also managed to get in a little plug for RMS. Everyone's hats should be off to whoever the swapfest's publicity director was. *Nice job!*

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** The following club members will be celebrating birthdays on the dates indicated. Please check your latest roster to get current addresses and categories: Helen Byeres (5/10), Bob Borton (5/27), Ruth Liebman (6/4), Gary Robins (6/6).

If you're interested in receiving 200-300 covers or boxes during your birthday month, send an SASE #10 envelope to: Wally and Pat Mains, 105 Roger Ln., Florence, KY 41042-2334. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

## CLUB CORNER

**AMCAL 2006:** May 21-28, Piccadilly Inn Airport, Fresno, CA (1-559-251-6000). Room rate: \$78 if reserved by April 15th. Theme: Christmas. All the usual great activities. Reservation form available at AMCAL Central on our web site. Contact person: Ellen Gutting, 824 Peachy Canyon Cir., #101, Las Vegas, NV 89144-0907. Latest details at <http://www.matchcover.org/sierra/AMCAL%20central.html>

**UNITED EASTERN SWAPFEST:** June 21-24, 2006. Plaza Hotel, Halfway Blvd., Hagerstown, MD (301-797-2500 or 800 732-0906). Auction, Awards dinner, Displays, Dealers tables. More details coming. FMI: Stella Williams, 910 Howard Lane, Vandalia, OH 45377 (937-890-8684) [matchjsw@gemair.com] or Linda Clavette, 13 Creekstone Dr., Mont Alto, PA 17237(Clavette\_324 @msn.com [Grant Gehringer reports that the UES auctions are full. No room for any more lots])

**RMS CONVENTION 2006:** August 20-26, Holiday Inn, Sandusky, OH (419-626-6671) Room rate: \$89+tax. Tours, socials, auctions, Freebie tables, games, displays, awards banquet. Details at Convention Central on the RMS web site.

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## COMING UP!

**Jul/Aug:** "Art & Slogans of World War II"

**Sep/Oct:** "Categories Time Frame"

**Nov/Dec:** "Verkamp's 100th Anniversary"

**Jan/Feb:** "Franklin Delano Roosevelt"

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