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## Largest Known Collections: I

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We can hopefully accomplish two goals with this topic. You can get an idea of just how many different covers are available in your favorite categories...and I can update my database. Here's what I currently have as the largest collections in the hobby. I have no doubt that almost all of the numbers shown here can be superseded by larger collections that I am not aware of; I've never been able to canvas the entire hobby. I'm hoping that when you notice that you have a larger collection than what is noted here in a specific category, you'll contact me with your collection numbers. I will not use your name unless you give me permission to, so please include a yea or nea with the stats you send in. No estimates, please. These need to be exact counts. The figures here refer to 'all different covers,' although variations are OK. If you have categories not listed here, please add them.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>COLLECTOR</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>AS OF</u>				
7-UP	Bob Oliver, FL	77	10/87	Advance Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	322	10/88
10's (all)	John Williams, OH	8000	10/87	Advance Mat.&Prtg.	Mike Prero, CA	211	12/00
10's (Ohio)	Andy Anderson, MO	384	7/96	Adveraps	Alma Adams, WI	51	3/96
10's (Universal	Andy Anderson, MO	2803	7/96	Advertizit MatchCo.	Jim Moffett, CA	40	10/90
12's	Anonymous	1714	4/93	Affiliated Nat.Hotels	Stuart Bergman, TX	423	6/93
12-Up	Judi Wittwer, AZ	891	8/97	Agriculture	?, CAN	290	9/93
21" Feature(strip'ed)	Dan Bitter, OK	2989	7/99	Airlines	Ray Vigeant, CT	3708	1/99
24's	Milt Wolf, DE	292	5/93	Airplanes	Bill Furlong, NV	906	10/90
40's	Joe Onofri, PA	2000	10/88	Airports	Mike Prero, CA	410	12/00
80's	Roy Buckley, WA	1	11/93	Alabama	Win Lang, CA	489	6/97
200's	Roy Buckley, WA	5	11/93	Alaska	Roy Buckley, WA	295	11/93
220's	Roy Buckley, WA	1	11/93	Albert Pick Hotels	Anonymous	204	4/93
240's	Roy Buckley, WA	48	11/93	Albert Pick mm	Don Marquette, AR	152	1/99
AAA	Mike Prero, CA	4524	12/00	Alberta	Win Lang, CA	316	6/97
Accey Ducey clubs	Jim Moffett, CA	8	6/93	Albuquerque	John Nichols, NM	2195	5/93
Acme Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	4	12/00	All-Trades	Mike Prero, CA	44	12/00
Acorn Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	2	1/97	Alligators	Judi Wittwer, AZ	87	8/97
Action	Joel Acus, OH	17	1/99	Allis Press	Mike Prero, CA	6	12/00
Adam Hats	Dave Hampton, CA	91	10/88	American Ace	Clem Pater, OH	11400	5/00
				American Legion	Mike Prero, CA	912	12/00
				American Match Co	Mike Prero, CA	4	12/00

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## The President's Message

As the snow begins to melt (in Ohio anyway), and we can get out more, it's a great time to be checking the auctions in the Sunday newspapers. More and more collectibles are appearing in the listings and as a result matchcovers are showing up. I've found some great bargains and some real junk, but if you don't check them out, you'll never know. Remember, the Southern Swapfest in Memphis, TN is this month and Trans-Canada is in April, both great places to meet collectors and gather "tons" of covers.

RMS President,

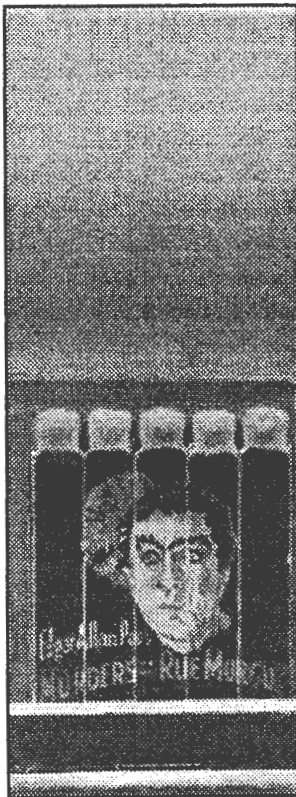
**Bob Borton**

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[...or... "Believe It Or Not!"]

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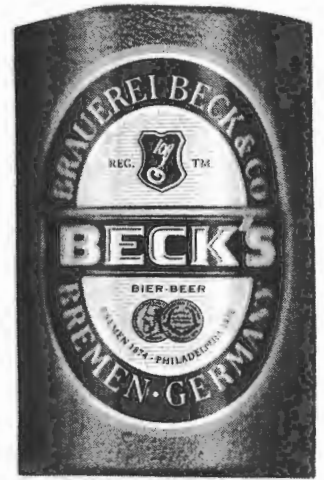
American Mat.&Prtg	Mike Prero, CA	135	12/00	Bonanza Sirl. Steak..	Tom Gray, IA	465	6/97
American Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	20	10/88	Book Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	8	12/00
Americana Hotels	Anonymous	35	4/93	Bowling	Chester Crill, CA	1835	12/99
Americana, Perkins	Art Houser, NY	1160	5/93	Boxes	Paul Moyer, CA	59505	12/93
Amusement Parks	Ellen Gutting, NV	240	9/00	Boxes, Japanese	Paul Moyer, CA	11447	12/93
AMVETS	Toby Messmer	107	11/97	Boxes,PlasticBr.The.	Wayne Eadie, NY	97	1/01
Anchors	Mel Garrett, KS	163	6/93	Boxes, Swedish-type	Paul Moyer, CA	4288	12/93
Angels	Ellen Gutting, NV	137	10/00	Boxes, Wooden	?, CAN	217	9/93
Animals	Chester Crill, CA	5528	6/93	Branding Irons	Judi Wittwer, AZ	106	8/97
Animals, Celebrity	Rich Greene, NJ	131	1/01	Brands	Judi Wittwer, AZ	95	8/97
Anvils	Judi Wittwer, AZ	36	8/97	Brazil	Ralph Arnold, MA	1828+	12/00
Apes & Monkeys	Chester Crill, CA	181	12/99	Brew Pubs	Steve Weiner, NJ	750	6/00
Apples	Chester Crill, CA	169	12/99	Bridges	Ellen Gutting, NV	500	9/00
Arizona	Win Lang, CA	1071	6/97	Bridges, Natural	Ed Brassard, WA	129	4/00
Arkansas	Wing Lang, CA	557	6/97	British Columbia	Win Lang, CA	226	6/97
Army Air Corps	Don Marquette, AR	1052	1/99	Brit. War Relief Soc.	Mike Samuels, DC	36	1/99
Arrow Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	267	10/88	Brothels	Jim Moffett, CA	296	10/90
Art Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	6	12/00	Buffalo	Chester Crill, CA	178	12/99
Art Quality	Mel Garrett, KS	3	6/93	Bullfighting	Chester Crill, CA	70	6/93
Atlantic Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	5	1/97	Bus Lines	John Dockendorf, PA	528	10/00
Atlas 4-Color	Ed Brassard, WA	200	10/88	Cactus	Chester Crill, CA	470	12/99
Atlas Foil	Mike Prero, CA	663	12/00	Cafes	Greg Lund, CA	1705	1/99
Atlas Match Co.(old)	Mike Prero, CA	22	12/00	Cafeterias	Jo Wilding, TX	337	5/93
Australian	Win Lang, CA	510	6/97	California	Win Lang, CA	6262	6/97
Auto Dealers	Greg Lund, CA	14701	4/00	Camel 30s	Dan Bitter, OK	2794	1/01
Auto Parts	?, CAN	1799	9/93	Cameo	James Zearfoss, PA	5266	10/88
Autographed Covers	Marie Harbison, PA	11	4/93	Canada Color	Roy Buckley, WA	389	11/93
Aztec-theme	Chester Crill,CA	243	12/99	Canadian	Bill Furlong, NV	1591	4/93
Babies	Dave Hampton, CA	93	10/88	Canadian Excise	?, CAN	2889	9/93
Bahamas	Wing Lang, CA	155	6/97	Canadian Pacif.Hotel	Anonymous	100	4/93
Bail Bonds	Jo Wilding, TX	56	5/93	Capitols, US	Marie Harbison, PA	2794	4/93
Ballons, Hot Air	Ellen Gutting, NV	180	9/00	Car Rentals	Ray Vigeant, CT	35	1/99
Banks	Mike Prero, CA	32676	12/00	Cardinals	Jim Moffett, CA	9	6/93
Banks, S&Ls,CUs	Charlotte Hoffman, NJ	130000	1/78	Cards, Playing	Chester Crill, CA	196	8/95
Barber Shops	Andy Anderson, MO	944	7/96	Career Offers	John Nichols, NM	222	5/93
Barns	Loren Moore, CA	130	1/99	Carousels	Chester Crill, CA	138	12/99
Barrel Matches	Andy Anderson, MO	181	7/96	Cars	Ray Vigeant, CT	4092	10/90
Bars	Jo Wilding, TX	3127	1/99	Cars (antique only)	Roy Buckley, WA	235	11/93
Baseball	Win Lang, CA	778	6/97	Casinos	Pat Flynn, NV	7891	11/00
Bears	Chester Crill, CA	721	12/99	Casinos,Atlantic City	Marie Harbison, PA	331	4/93
Beauty Salons	Andy Anderson, MO	1120	7/96	Casinos, Louisiana	Bill Hubbard, TN	47	7/99
Beavers	Chester Crill, CA	114	12/99	Casinos, Mississippi	Bill Hubbard, TN	93	7/99
Beer	Bill Retskin, NC	3000	10/88	Casinos, Nevada	Jimmy Calhoun, CA	3431	10/88
Belgium	Win Lang, CA	308	6/97	Catalina Island	Chester Crill, CA	121	12/99
Bell Machine Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	50	10/88	Caterers	Jo Wilding, TX	291	5/93
Bellboys	Chester Crill, CA	159	12/99	Cats	Cheryl Crill, CA	450	6/93
Benihana Rest.	Wayne Eadie, NY	186	1/01	Cattle Brands	Roy Buckley, WA	53	11/93
Best Eastern	Frank Lawton, CA	23	7/93	Caves	Ed Brassard, WA	280	12/00
Best Western	Ken Riggs, MA	12000	10/88	CCC Camps	John Williams, OH	235	10/90
Best Western, N/S	Bob Oliver, FL	1265	10/87	Cement Co.'s	Pat O'Keefe, AZ	350	10/87
Bicentennial	Clem Pater, OH	8000+	10/87	Central Match& Lab.	Warren Marshall, CA	321	7/93
Big Boy Restaurants	Mike Samuels, DC	375	7/99	Champion Sp'kPlugs	Mel Garrett, KS	78	6/93
Billboard	Andy Anderson, MO	9301	7/96	Chapman Match Co.	Judi Wittwer, AZ	9	4/93
Bingo	?, CAN	34	9/93	Characters, Cartoon	Riche Greene, NJ	295	1/01
Birds	Mel Garrett, KS	1208	6/93	Characters, Historical	Mike Prero, CA	219	12/00
Black /White Photo	Bill Retskin, NC	2500	10/88	Characters, Literary	Rich Greene, NJ	292	1/01
Blacks	Opal Calhoun, CA	1149	4/93	Chefs	Chester Crill, CA	2047	12/99

Chevy Dealer	Greg Lund, CA	1554	11/98	Dated	Mike Prero, CA	6700	12/00
Chicago Match (old)	Anonymous	544	8/93	Dated Auto	David Schroeder, CAN	4616	1/01
Chickens	Warren Marshall, CA	2195	7/93	Dave & Busters	Mark Quilling, MN	48	4/00
Chimney Sweeps	Jim Moffett, CA	20	6/93	David Lionel Press	Mike Prero, CA	84	12/00
Christmas	Mike Prero, CA	3505	12/00	Deer	Chester Crill, CA	420	12/99
Christmas, Giant	Opal Calhoun, CA	11	4/93	Delaware	Win Lang, CA	237	6/97
Christmas, N/S	Judi Wittwer, AZ	806	10/89	Dept. Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	810	7/96
Cigarettes	Bob Oliver, FL	1758	10/87	Devils	Cheryl Crill, CA	111	12/99
Cigars	Andy Anderson, MO	474	7/96	Diamond 40-stick	Roy Buckley, WA	6	11/93
Classic Collectible	Mike Prero, CA	68	12/00	Diamond Four-Color	Judi Wittwer, AZ	194	10/89
Classique	Jim Moffett, CA	33	6/93	Diamond Quality	Harry Branchaud, CA	5000+	10/90
Click	Andy Anderson, MO	62	7/96	Diamond Q. (full-bk)	Bill Retskin, NC	500	10/88
Clocks	Cheryl Crill, CA	49	7/93	Diamond Safety-1st	Ed Brassard, WA	300	10/88
Clothing	Bill Evans, MI	311	12/00	Diners	Joe Onofri, PA	676	10/88
Clowns	Ellen Gutting, NV	293	9/00	Diners, Full-length	Mel Garrett, KS	113	6/93
Clubs	Andy Anderson, MO	4819	7/96	Dining-Dancing Cpls	Cheryl Crill, CA	289	7/93
Coal Co.'s	Larry Bell, CAN	2231	10/90	Diplomatic	Mike Samuels, DC	140	1/99
Coca-Cola	Wayne Eadie, NY	162	1/01	Discos	Chester Crill, CA	119	12/99
Cocktail Glasses	Chester Crill, CA	195	8/95	Disney	Hank Northam, CA	404	10/90
Coffee	Andy Anderson, MO	214	7/96	Disneyland, Near	Chester Crill, CA	87	12/99
Coffee Shops	Greg Lund, CA	323	1/99	Disneyworld	Marie Harbison, PA	200	4/93
Colgate	John Williams, OH	600	10/87	Display	Jimmy Calhoun, CA	310	4/93
Colgate Bridge Sets	Dave Hampton, CA	206	10/88	Dog Tracks	Ray Vigeant, CT	27	1/99
Colleges	Anonymous	3000	10/87	Dogs	Manny Silverstein, CA	3600	10/90
Colorado	Win Lang, CA	1021	6/97	Dolphins	Chester Crill, CA	209	12/99
Columbia Match Co. (old)	Mike Prero, CA	11	12/00	Donkeys/Burros	Chester Crill, CA	436	12/99
Columbia, XL	Mike Prero, CA	6	6/95	Douglas Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	23	10/90
Combos	Walt Wecker, IL	1600	10/87	Downtowner Motor Inn	Anonymous	70	4/93
Combos, Casino	Marie Harbison, PA	69	4/93	Dragons	Chester Crill, CA	423	12/99
Combos, Holiday Inn	Marie Harbison, PA	78	4/93	Drinks (Alcoholic)	Andy Anderson, MO	1624	7/96
Combos, Navy Ship	Dave Hampton, CA	89	10/88	Drive Inns (theatres)	Anonymous	157	4/93
Combos, Railroad	Marie Harbison, PA	159	4/93	Driving Schools	John Nichols, NM	48	5/93
Comedy Clubs	Chester Crill, CA	85	12/99	Ducks	Chester Crill, CA	305	12/99
Connecticut	Win Lang, CA	465	6/97	Drug Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	3390	7/96
Conquistadors	Chester Crill, CA	112	12/99	Duncan Hines	Mike Prero, CA	324	12/00
Contact	Judi Wittwer, AZ	251	8/97	Eagles	Chester Crill, CA	776	12/99
Contours	John Clark, FL	916	11/00	Eagles (F.O.E.)	Mel Garrett, KS	1112	7/99
Contractors	?, CAN	465	9/93	Eez-L Back	Jim Moffett, CA	103	10/90
Convention	Anonymous	12060	6/93	Eddy Penny Boxes	Larry Bell, CAN	663	10/88
Convention, RMS	Tom Gray, IA	11109	6/97	Eddy Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	50	10/87
Convention, RMS'90	Marie Harbison, PA	234	4/93	Eiffle Tower	Chester Crill, CA	136	12/99
Convention, RMS'91	Marie Harbison, PA	85	4/93	Elephants	Chester Crill, CA	444	12/99
Convention, RMS'92	Marie Harbison, PA	164	4/93	Elks (B.P.O.E.)	Mike Prero, CA	5002	12/00
Convention, RMS'93	Marie Harbison, PA	17	4/93	Embassies	Roy Buckley, WA	2	11/93
Coronations/Royalty	Mike Prero, CA	30	1/97	Embossed	Mel Garrett, KS	12210	6/93
Correspond. Schls	Andy Anderson, MO	1034	7/96	Empire Book Match Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	3	10/88
Cotton Bolls	Ellen Gutting, NV	60	10/00	England	Win Lang, CA	2392	6/97
Country Clubs	Milt Wolf, DE	8505	7/00	Errors	Marie Harbison, PA	1963	7/00
County Seats	Tom Valachovic, NY	3093	10/89	Eskimos	Ellen Gutting, NV	102	10/00
Cowboys	Warren Marshall, CA	172	10/88	Executive Inns	Anonymous	51	4/93
Cows/Steers	Chester Crill, CA	1523	12/99	Extend n' Ad	Jim Moffett, CA	55	10/90
Crabs	Cheryl Crill, CA	308	12/99	Fairs	Mike Prero, CA	40	12/00
Credit Unions	Mel Reese, WI	5700	11/00	Famous Places	Paul Moyer, CA	6000	10/87
Crests	Marie Harbison, PA	1306	4/93	Features, Giant	Tom Gray, IA	83	6/97
Crown Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	3034	10/87	Features (stripped)	Mike Prero, CA	1134	12/00
Dams	Roy Buckley, WA	14	11/93				

Features, Full	Bill Retskin, NC	4300	10/88	Grant-Mann	Mike Prero, CA	76	12/00
Features, Poster	Joel Acus, OH	28	4/00	Greet Hat, Lion	Joel Acus, OH	7	1/99
Federal Prtg.	Mike Prero, CA	5	6/95	Greyhound Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	82	1/99
Federals	Anonymous	3502	7/99	Grocery Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	4317	7/96
Federals, Short	Anonymous	2453	7/99	Group I	Jim Moffett, CA	726	10/87
Federals, XL	Anonymous	1049	7/99	Group I Sports	Don Marquette, AR	247	1/99
Filigree	Helen Hollmann, PA	7565	1/01	Gum	Andy Anderson, MO	137	7/96
Filigree-Type	George Bruckman, CO	11040	5/93	Gum/Candy	John Nichols, NM	130	5/93
Finance Co.'s	?, CAN	243	9/93	Hamilton Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	5	12/00
Finland	Win Lang, CA	144	6/97	Hangers	Ellen Gutting	32	9/00
Fire Companies	Dave Hampton, CA	88	10/88	Hard Rock Cafe	Joe DeGennaro, NY	192	4/00
Flamingos	Carmine Arpino, CT	145	5/00	Hardware Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	1036	7/96
Florentine	Everett Hoy, OH	300	10/88	Hats	Jo Wilding, TX	401	1/99
Florida	Win Lang, CA	2428	4/93	Hawaii	Jim Moffett, CA	3763	10/89
Florida Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	1	1/97	Hearts	Dave Hampton, CA	29	10/88
Florists	Jo Wilding, TX	581	6/97	Hellman Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	4	6/93
Flowers	Opal Calhoun, CA	1182	4/93	Hemisphere '68	Stuart Bergman, TX	29	6/93
Flowers, N/S	Chester Crill, CA	429	6/93	Hercules Match Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	2	10/88
Foillite	Verna Troxel, WA	7000	7/93	Hillbilly	Mike Prero, CA	2161	12/00
Food Products	John Nichols, NM	256	5/93	Hiltons	Frank Lawton, CA	3521	10/88
Foreign	Ralph Arnold, MA	20212+	12/00	Hiltons, Foreign	Frank Lawton, CA	611	10/88
Fork Lifts	Art Houser, SC	170	9/97	Hiltons, Mini-Max	Jim Moffett, CA	22	10/89
Four Seasons	Wayne Eadie, NY	1904	1/01	Hiltons, N/S	Bob Oliver, FL	1016	10/87
Foxes	Chester Crill, CA	403	12/99	Hiltons, Stock	Al Kilburn, PA	778	5/93
France	Win Lang, CA	1369	6/97	Hobos	Ellen Gutting, NV	105	10/00
Fraternal	Mel Garrett, KS	7893	6/93	Hockey	?, CAN	117	9/93
Fraternities	Mike Prero, CA	81	12/00	Holiday Inn	Ken Riggs, MA	23000	10/88
Fred Harvey	Stuart Bergman, TX	151	6/93	Holiday Inn Boxes	Ken Riggs, MA	530	10/88
Friendship Inns	Tom Gray, IA	644	6/97	Holiday Inn, Foreign	Frank Lawton, CA	611	6/88
Frogs	Shirley Hospers, TX	58	4/93	Holiday Inn, N/S	Janet Penny, PA	3400	1/01
Fruit	Chester Crill, CA	221	11/96	Holiday Inn, N/S For	Janet Penny, PA	425	1/01
Fuel Co.'s	Andy Anderson, MO	1435	7/96	Holiday Inn, Stock	Marie Harbison, PA	2703	4/93
Full-Frontals	Mike Prero, CA	159	12/00	Horse Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	480	1/99
Full-length	Dan Bitter, OK	6113+	7/99	Horses	Judi Wittwer, AZ	7389	8/97
Full-l. Bank Checks	Milt Wolf, DE	192	7/00	Hospitals	Mike Prero, CA	686	1/97
Funeral Homes	Andy Anderson, MO	2506	7/96	Hospitals, Army	Anonymous	17	4/93
Gambling Ships	Jim Moffett, CA	21	6/93	Hospitals, V.A.	Win Lang, CA	368	4/93
Garages	Andy Anderson, MO	2032	7/96	Hot Dogs	Ellen Gutting, NV	134	9/00
Gas Stations	Greg Lund, CA	20047	4/00	Hot Springs	Ed Brassard, WA	203	12/00
Gasoline/Oil Brands	Andy Anderson, MO	2206	7/96	Hotel/Motel	Warren Marshall, CA	110281	10/89
Geese	Chester Crill, CA	125	12/99	Hotels (20s F-S)	Bill Evans, MI	8229	12/00
Gem Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	66	10/88	Hotels, DQ	Bill Evans, MI	584	12/00
General Match Co.	Everett Hoy, OH	500	10/88	Hotels, Diamond S-F	Neal Hospers, TX	111	4/93
Georgia	Win Lang, CA	1043	6/97	Hotels, NYC	Bob Smith, KY	818	1/01
Germany	Win Lang, CA	666	6/97	Houlihan's	Wayne Eadie, NY	43	1/01
Ghosts	Cheryl Crill, CA	18	12/99	Howard Johnson's	Anonymous	137	4/93
Giants	Mel Garrett, KS	626	6/93	Hub Match Co	Mike Prero, CA	1	12/00
Girlies (all)	Walter Hubbard, CA	29061	4/93	Hunts (food) Series	Andy Anderson, MO	641	7/96
Girlies (sets)	Walter Hubbard, CA	3889	4/93	Hyatt	Frank Lawton, CA	585	10/88
Girlies (singles)	Walter Hubbard, CA	2437	4/93	Ice Cream	Chester Crill, CA	279	12/99
Girlies(stock unlisted)	Walter Hubbard, CA	2659	4/93	Idaho	Win Lang, CA	595	6/97
Gold Panners	Jim Moffett, CA	230	6/93	Illinois	Win Lang, CA	2884	6/97
GoldenGate Expo '39	Mike Samuels	62	1/99	Imperial 400 Motels	Anonymous	194	4/93
Golf/Country Clubs	Joe Onofri, PA	12768	10/88	Indiana	Win Lang, CA	846	6/97
Golf Clubs	Win Lang, CA	6235	6/97	Indiana Sesquicenten	Anonymous	127	4/93
Gondolas	Chester Crill, CA	185	12/99	Indians	Jimmy Calhoun, CA	1833	4/93
Gopher Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	3	12/00	Inns	Bill Evans, MI	608	5/93

## WHAT'S NEW! by Joe D.

In spite of the constant complaints that matches are getting tougher and tougher to find, my friend at ADMATCH tells me business is good and looking through their sales samples I constantly find new and wonderful treasures that most of us never see in regular circulation. Lately, I've become very interested in Brew Pubs and Micro-Breweries and along with them have been adding to a modest beer cover collection. On a recent visit to ADMATCH I was given two beer related matches, a tent and a barrel, which were definitely new to me and, I'm assuming, are new issues. The barrel pictured at the right is a replica of a can of BECK'S beer and is a beautiful green with the label the same colors as the real thing. It has no manumark or other markings so there is nothing to say it was newly produced but they don't usually get old production items from their factory. It's a great looking barrel, 2 1/4 inches high and 1 1/2 inches wide. Just looking at it puts me in the mood for a tall cold one.



The tent box I picked up pictured at the left is from Bohemia Beer. It has the same picture of a poured glass of beer next to the bottle on both sides. These boxes are usually made to be placed on bars or tables in restaurants to promote the beer and I have a number of them which promote both beer and liquor. I've never seen this one before but it does have a (c)1999 Labatt USA, Norwalk, CT G99105BH manumark on the bottom so it may not be new at all. New or not they're two great looking matchboxes that I'm sure you'll enjoy, **with or without a tall cold one!**

## 88 Years of Royal Doulton Figures

*[I happened to stumble on this Royal Doulton cover in my Dated collection...and that got me started!]*

88 years ago the Royal Doulton figure was born - developed by Art Director, Charles Noke. Noke's aim was to establish a collection of fine quality china figures suitable for every home. Noke had earlier developed a range of figures in parian china with a vellum finish which were exhibited at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, USA in 1893. These figures, such as The Jester, Cardinal Wolsey and Queen Catherine, were only ever made on a limited scale, and it was not until 1913 that the now familiar collection was introduced. The first models were by talented sculptors Charles Vyse and Phoebe Stabler as well as Noke. The collection was launched during the visit of King George V and Queen Mary on April 23rd, 1913. Queen Mary paid particular attention to the new figures, especially Bedtime, to which - when she first set eyes upon it - she exclaimed "Isn't he a darling". From then on this figure was known as 'Darling'.

Harry Nixon was in charge of the figure painting department in the early years, and he quickly recognized that each figure and colorway needed a unique identifying number. Each figure was given a number prefixed by HN for Harry Nixon; thus Darling became HN1 and Elizabeth Fry HN2. This system has continued ever since. Early subjects were diverse and incorporated pretty ladies as well as models inspired by literature, the Orient, theatre and history. These themes have continued ever since and new ones have been added, such as musicians and sport.

Noke eventually persuaded Leslie Harradine to work for the company as a figure modeler. Harradine couldn't be talked into moving from Canada but agreed to work on a freelance basis, and for almost 40 years a parcel of his work would be regularly received at the Burslem

factory. One of Harradine's first models was Contentment, HN395 a wonderful study of motherhood. Classic figures such as The Old Balloon Seller (HN1315) *[shown here]* and Top o'the Hill (HN1834) are still manufactured today, such is the lasting quality of his work.

Many other modelers have contributed to the Royal Doulton figure tradition, each adding a unique style and character to the collection. For example, during the 1930s, there was Peggy Davies, and from 1953-1974, Mary Nicoll. Today, Royal Doulton figures continue to be collected around the world.



## “T & T” Lists: Part XV

**T & T LIST #22: THIRD FOOTBALL - TYPE III** - This set appeared in 1936, as is practically the same as Type I, except that the color of ink used in printing is BROWN. Also, the background colors are different for each player except in three cases. All players in this set are members of the Philadelphia “Eagles”. Manufacturer’s imprint is double line: Made in U.S.A./THE DIAMOND MATCH CO. N.Y.C. 17 covers comprise the complete set, as listed below:

Player	Entire Last Line	Green	Red	Tan
Brian, Bill	2 inches, 221 pounds. Age 23.			1
Buss, Art	sports.	2		
Carter, Joe	Tex.		3	
Hanson, Thomas “Swede”	ink, N.J.			4
Kusko, John	pounds. Age 22.		5	
Leonard, Jim	Pounds. Age 26.			6
MacMudo, James (Big Jim)	Pa.			7
Manske, Ed	Nekoosa, Wis.		8	
McPherson, Forrest	Fairbury, Neb.	9		
Mulligan, George	21. Home - Waterbury, Conn.	10		
Pilconis, Joe	part of 1935.			11
Reese, Henry “Hank”	Age 26. Home - Scranton, Pa.		12	
Russell, Jim	Age 25.	13		
Smukler, Dave	Keys.			14
Stevens, Pete	pounds.		15	
Thomason, John Griffin	pounds.		16	
Zizak, Vince	Age 27. Home - Camden.	17		

**T & T LIST #23: THIRD FOOTBALL - TYPE IV** - This set appeared about 1937, and is practically the same as Type II, except that the color of ink used in printing is BROWN. There a few changes in the background colors of the players, but not the general change as between Type I and Type III. The list of players is exactly the same as in Type II, but Nolting appears in two background colors (red and tan). All players are members of the Chicago “Bears” with the exception of Don Jackson. Manufacturer’s imprint is double line: Made in U.S.A./THE DIAMOND MATCH CO. N.Y.C. 31 covers comprise the complete set as listed below:

Player	Entire Last Line	Green	Red	Tan
Brumbaugh, Carl	tall. Married. Phi Kappa Alpha.			1
Carlson, Jules	married. Phi Sigma Kappa.			2
Corbett, George	Sigma Alpha Epsilon.			3
Doehring, John	is a bachelor.		4	
Feathers, William	Delta. Is married.	5		
Fortmann, Daniel	a bachelor.	6		
Grosvenor, George	married.			7
Hewitt, William	182 pounds. Married.	8		
Jackson, Don	ington, D.C.	9		
Johnson, Luke	married.			10
Karr, William	married. Phi Sigma Kappa.			11
Kawal, Edward	single. Sigma Phi Epsilon.	12		
Manders, John	200. Height 6 ft. 1 in.		13	
Masterson, Bernie	Alpha Epsilon. Single.		14	
Michaels, Edward	ite.		15	
Miller, Charles	fifth season with the Bears.		16	
Molesworth, Keith	5 ft. 9 1/2 in. Weight 168.		17	
Musso, George	Science degree. Is single.	18		
Nagurski, Bronco	Sigma Chi.		19	
Nolting, Raymond	Sigma Delta Pi fraternity.		20	21
Oech, Vernon	Tau Omega.	22		
Pollock, William	nity. Is single.			23
Ronzani, Eugene	is married.			24
Rosequist, Theodore	National Poll. Beta Theta Pi.	25		
Sisk, John	Phi.		26	
Stydahar, Joseph	Is single.	27		
Sullivan, Frank	player in 1933. Is single.	28		
Thompson, Russell	Sigma Nu fraternity.		29	
Trost, Milton	Is single.			30
Zeller, Joseph	and is single. Sigma Nu.	31		



# HOBBY HISTORY

## Early Concerns

by Mike Prero

“Material from the early 1940’s which has been preserved indicates that the first official matchcover hobbyists were concerned in three areas. They worried about fake covers, flats and classification.

Faked labels were such a problem in the 1930’s that many Americans simply gave up their label collections and turned to covers exclusively. The fake label in some ways created the present cover hobby. Naturally no one wanted fake covers to appear. However, this problem sorted itself out due to rising costs. It costs too much money to fake covers. It has been done, but it has been discovered too. Matchcovers just aren’t profitable to fake.

Flats have been a continuing theme of collector discussion. U.S. flats are routinely tossed into the trash can, but foreign collectors continue to trade them much to the distress of Americans who get them. Poland, Yugoslavia and France abound in flats which keeps U.S. collectors away from hobbyists there. Flats can be obtained from the factory and in no way represent a collector’s effort. Any fool can build a no effort collection.

Classification began by simply dividing all covers into advertising and non-advertising. But those advertising covers just kept growing and growing while the non-advertising items just about vanished in the U.S. Clearly a further breakdown was needed. In the first publication of R.M.S., the following classifications were offered:

1. (A) Celebrities (B) Souvenirs (C) Bridge Sets
2. (A) Fairs (B) Dated (C) Educational

3. (A) Service (B) Transportation (C) Foreign
4. (A) Clubs (B) Fraternal (C) Colleges
5. (A) Political, Propaganda (B) Local & Foreign] relief (C) Patriotic
6. (A) Hotels (B) Recreation (C) Cafes
7. (A) Special Sets (B) Special Phases (C) Season’s Greetings
8. (A) Girlies (B) Slogans (C) Comics
- 9 (A) Ten strikes (B) Royal Flash (C) Midgets
10. (A) Giants (B) 21’s (C) Pull Matches
11. (A) One row features (B) full-features (C) Oddities
12. (A) Metallics (B) Mirro-gloss (C) Raised lettering
13. (A) Two ad types (B) Stock designs (C) Miscellaneous

From this 1941 list many names remain unchanged. The lettering and numbering has peacefully died away as have some items like Mirro-gloss and special phases, but the modern collector still generally follows this old plan.”

.....Long Beach bulletin, May 1977



### Sydney Olympics Box

Here’s the first, and only, Sydney Olympics cover or box I’ve seen [*pic has been reduced here*].

This one is courtesy of Ed Brassard, WA, who received it from Doug Fouquet in California.

## DD-579: The Worst Ship in the Navy!

by Mike Prero

Commissioned on July 6, 1943, the *U.S.S. William D. Porter* was one of the war's many assembly-line ships, smaller than some, but boasting several heavy and light guns and ten deadly torpedoes that carried 500-pound warheads. Her captain was Commander Wilfred Walter, already identified as an officer who was destined to go places...but just where, the Navy could not possibly have imagined!

The *Porter's* first major assignment was as escort for the, then, huge, new battleship *Iowa*. The night before leaving Norfolk, bound for North Africa, the *Porter* accidentally damaged a sister ship by backing down along the other ship's side. Her anchor tore down railings, life rafts, ship's boat, and other pieces of equipment. Little did anyone realize that this was to be only the beginning.

The very next day, as the four-ship convoy tried to slip quietly through a known U-boat feeding ground, an ear-splitting explosion suddenly shattered the silence. The accompanying destroyers quickly commenced anti-submarine maneuvers to protect the *Iowa*...only to discover that one of the *Porter's* rear depth charges had fallen overboard and exploded.

The convoy continued on, and so did the *Porter's* mishaps. A freak wave washed over the ship and took with it everything on deck that wasn't nailed down, including one crew member who was never found. Then, one of the boilers went out..

On November 14, the *Iowa* and her destroyers were off the coast of Bermuda. The *Iowa* was demonstrating her air attack defenses. The big ship had let loose a number of weather balloons as targets, and her over 100 guns were blasting them out of the air. Over on the *Porter*, perhaps hoping to redeem his rapidly sinking career, Captain Walter had his crew go to battle stations and shoot down the few remaining balloons which were now drifting toward the ill-fated destroyer.

Then all Hell broke loose. Through a comedy of errors, the *Porter* fired a live torpedo at the *Iowa*! The *Iowa*, upon being notified by the *Porter's* radio operator, commenced evasive maneuvers. Moments later, a horrendous explosion erupted just behind the battleship. The *Iowa's* wash had detonated the torpedo just as it was passing the stern. The crisis was over.....well, not exactly.

On board the *Iowa* was President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Ernest King, and a myriad of other top brass, all of whom were on their way to the Big Three Conference in Tehran. Captain Walter and his entire crew were arrested and sent back to Bermuda for trial. It was the first time in U.S. Naval history that a complete ship's crew had been arrested.

In a closed-door inquiry back in Bermuda which lasted for several days, it was eventually concluded that the whole thing was just "an unfortunate set of circumstances," but someone had to be held accountable. Captain Walter and several of his crew found themselves in obscure shore assignments, and Torpedoman Lawton Dawson, directly responsible for the armed torpedo, was sentenced to 14 years at hard labor. President Roosevelt intervened, however, and Dawson was not jailed. The entire incident was then cloaked in secrecy.

And the *Porter*? It ended up on patrol duty in the Aleutians, the Navy apparently believing it could do no harm way up there...little did they know!

After serving almost a year in the frozen north, free from any foul-ups, the *Porter* was reassigned to the western Pacific in late 1944. Just before leaving, however, she accidentally fired a 5-inch sheel into the American base commandant's flower garden.

In December, 1944, DD-579 joined the Philippine invasion forces and did quite well, but, after the war, it was reported that she had also shot down three American planes (wwhich was not unheard of on ships at the time; Navy gunners were nervous about kamikazes and tended to shoot at anything which appeared to be coming their way).

In April, 1945, the destroyer was assigned to support the invasion of Okinawa. By now, every sailor in the fleet knew about the *Porter's* reputation, but the *U.S.S. Luce* experienced it first hand. The *Porter* accidentally riddled her sister ship's side and superstructure with gunfire.

On June 10, 1945, almost mercifully, the *Porter* was finally sunk. A kamikaze had crashed along side of her, and just as the *Porter's* crew must have been feeling immensely relieved, the plane exploded underwater, splitting the ship's hull open. Three hours later, the *U.S.S. William D. Porter* slipped into 2,400 feet of cold oblivion, her captain and entire crew, all uninjured, looking on.

Perhaps as the final coup de grace for the Navy's most infamous hard luck ship, the *William D. Porter* left behind no matchcovers.

## “No Loc” Bank Covers

There are certainly lots of them! They say “Bank of America,” “Southwestern Trust Company,” “Flintlock Savings & Loan,” etc., but they don't have any location! And there's the rub! Most Bank collectors house their covers by state (some, even by state, then city). What do you do with all those covers that not only don't have a city, but they don't even have a state?

Here's how I have single-handedly solved this most perplexing problem [*to my own satisfaction, if no one else's!*]: I happen to organize my banks by state, then alphabetically, so that if we were dealing with the “Alhambra Bank,” in Rochester, NY, for example, it would be filed under the New York “A's.” But then there's always that annoying stack of covers with no state, no city, nothing but the bank name. I file those by state, as well, only here I take the state from the manumark. So, if the manumark says, “Lion Match Co., Boulder, CO,” I'd file it with my Colorado banks, alphabetically.

Yes, I know what you're thinking. That bank cover quite probably doesn't come from Boulder at all. Boulder may simply represent the nearest Lion distribution center to the bank's actual location. The bank could even be located somewhere next door in New Mexico. But, as long as I'm consistent in my “error,” it doesn't matter. I will always know where to look for that particular cover, especially when checking for dupes among newly arrived covers.

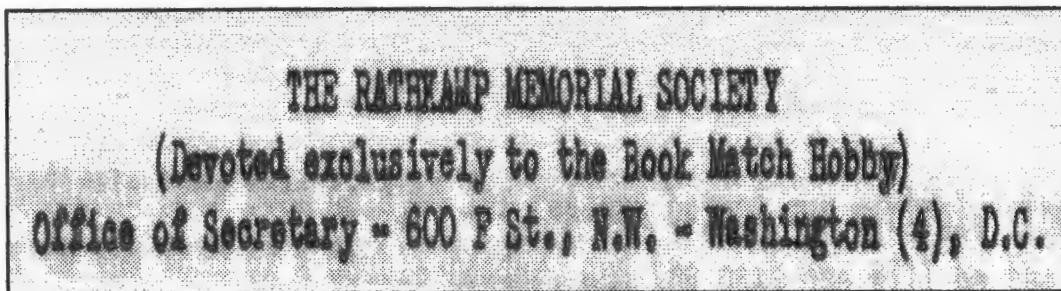
Finally, there are those bank covers which don't have *any* location in the manumark...or don't have a manumark at all! For these few covers, I simply create a special section in the front of my first album. Here, all of the truly “unknown” covers are simply put in alphabetically. Again, since I'm consistent, the process works.

## The Evolution of

While going through lots of old hobby bulletins, one of the things I noticed is how the RMS Bulletin banner has changed over the years. I thought you might be interested in seeing the succession of banners leading up to what we have now.

The banners here cover the entire span of the *Bulletin's* 60-year history, but there are a couple of gaps, as noted by the dates below. I didn't have access to every *RMS Bulletin*, but I had most of them. Also note, that there were occasional "special" banners used that are not shown here (Christmas issues and the Bicentennial, in fact).

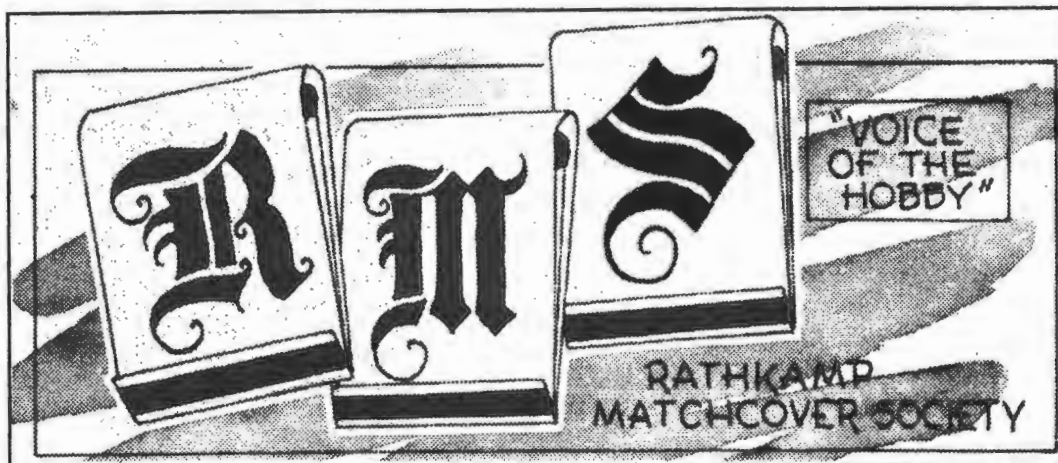
As noted in our Nov/Dec 1996 article on the 55th anniversary of the *Bulletin*, the first 28 "bulletins" were actually letters to the membership. Thus, letters 1-10 don't really have a banner, as such, just a title. With letter #11, though, we see the beginnings of a banner, and that's where we start our tour...



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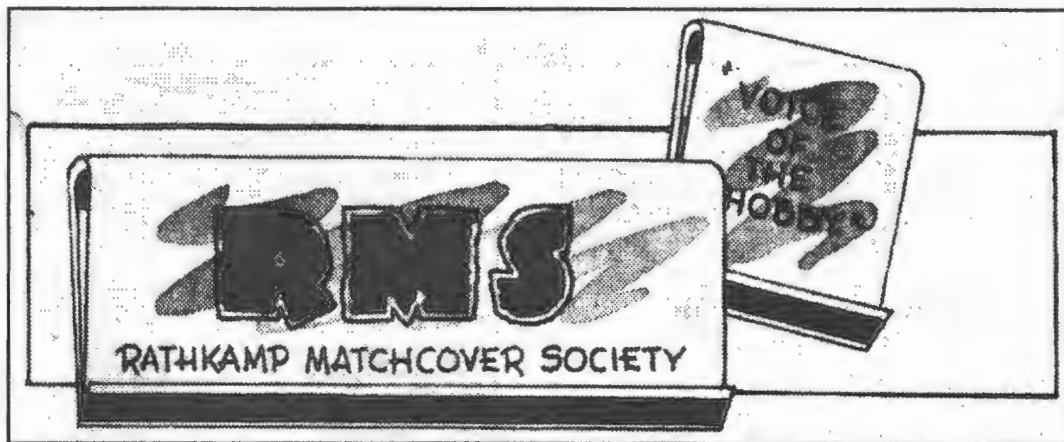
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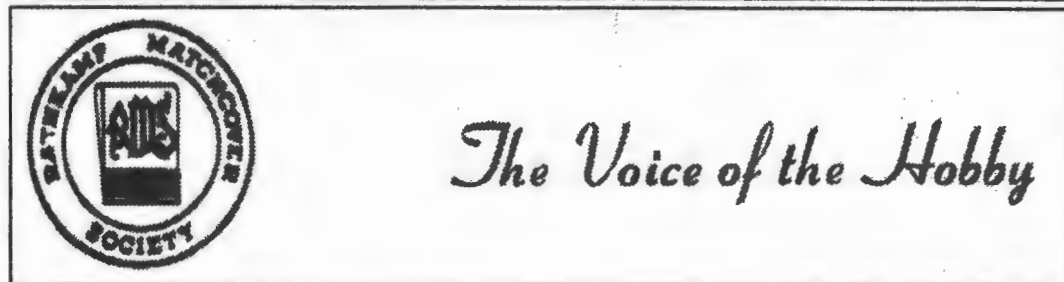
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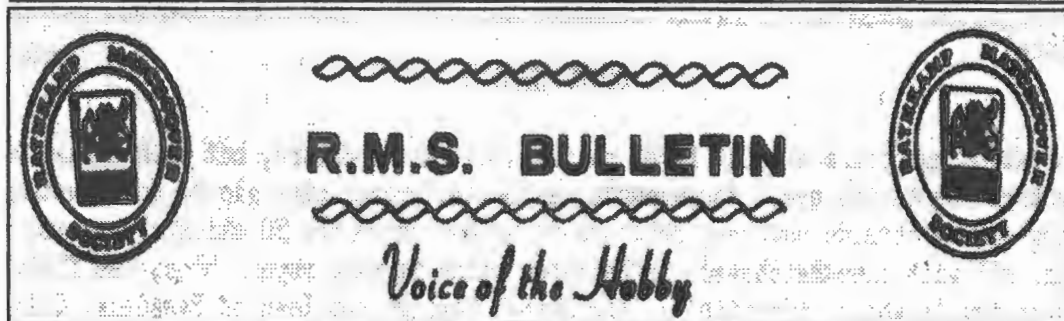
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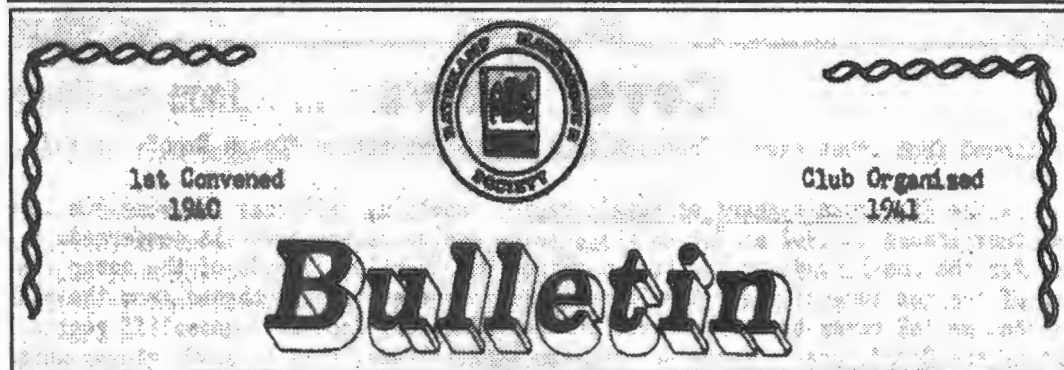
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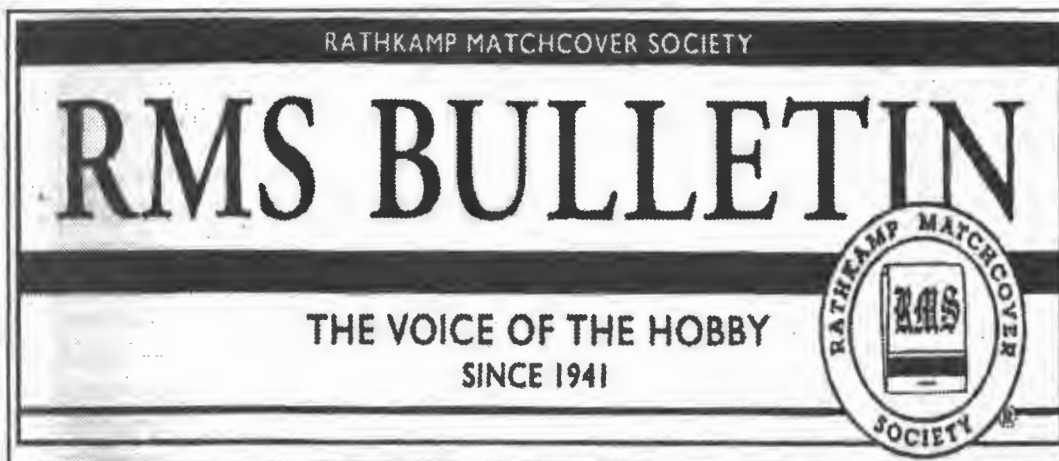


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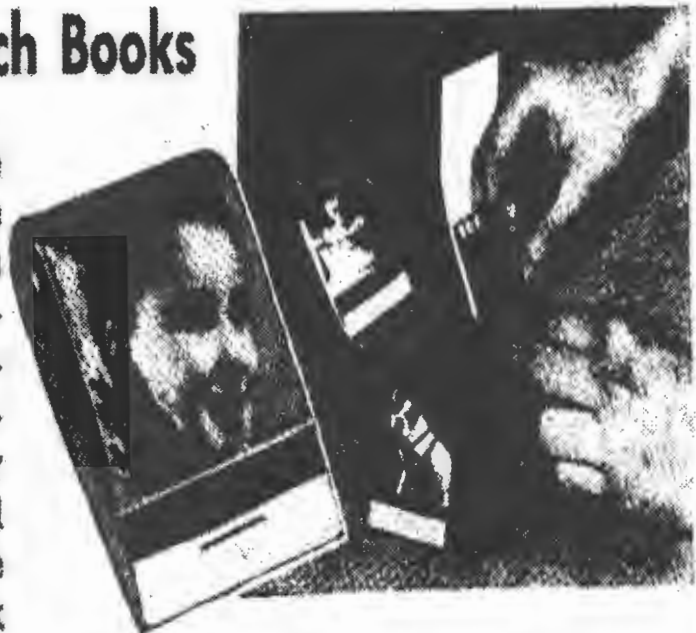


In use from 1990?-93

In use from 1993-  
present

## Homemade Photo Match Books

**HOMEMADE** match books, with favorite snapshots reproduced on the covers, are now possible for any amateur who has access to a darkroom. An eastern manufacturer has placed on the market sensitized cardboard books which can be purchased in quantities of fifty or more. By contact printing, the picture is recorded on the covers of the book. After the photograph is fixed and dried, the book is folded and the matches inserted.



Any negative may be printed on these match covers

*From Popular Science, December 1940. Special thanks to Gerry Biron, VT, for sending this in.*

## Rosie the Riveter

by Mike Prero

Americans are spoiled [*and damned lucky*]. We think of wars as far away events, so it's not all that surprising that many of us, especially "youngsters," forget that for every war there is a home front and that in any war there are many more support personnel than field personnel. For war, a country must not only mobilize its armed forces, but its civilian population and industrial might, as well. To this end, governments have always found it expedient to try and focus the people's efforts with symbols and examples: propaganda campaigns, showing heroes to the folks back home, etc., stressing the team-effort approach through patriotism. And so it was that the hitherto unknown Rose Monroe found herself catapulted into the limelight of a nation at war. Oddly, perhaps, war, with the absence of so many men at home, often presents women with opportunities for strength and mobility that would normally be closed to them. It was the Civil War, for example, that saw the switch from male to female teachers. In World War II America, women worked as nurses, journalists, and a myriad of other "male" occupations, but it was in the factories that most of these women labored. The hours were long, and the conditions were poor. In 1944, the average woman's salary was \$31.21 a week, even though the men that still remained made \$54.65. And it was dangerous. Over 210,000 women were permanently disabled and at least 37,000 lost their lives. But they persevered.

Rosie the Riveter was the nation's symbol of such women. She was the subject of a hit song and a poster campaign...but she was fictitious...a fabrication based on Rosiland Walter, an aircraft worker. So imagine Walter Pidgeon's surprise when he found she existed! The actor accidentally found her on a Ypsilanti, Michigan, assembly line in 1944. Doing his part for the war effort, he was at the Willow Run Aircraft Factory to make a film plugging war bonds, and there was Rose Monroe, pounding rivets into B-24 and B-29 bombers. Recognizing a golden opportunity when he saw it, Pidgeon immediately signed her up for the film. She was perfect. Not only did her name and job fit, but she really was the embodiment of all that an America-at-war wanted to see in its women. She was one of nine children raised in Science Hill, KY, and she had proven adept at carpentry, her father's trade. After her husband died in an auto accident, she was left with two small children and started at Willow Run, one of millions of women who showed they were as capable as any man.

Rose hoped to be among the women chosen to be trained to fly and transport aircraft parts around the country, but she was passed over because she was a single mother. After the war, she continued to be a tireless worker, driving a cab, operating a beauty shop, and eventually founding Rose Builders, a construction company. She never sought to capitalize on her brief fame as Rosie the Riveter. She finally got her pilot's license when in her 50s. Rosie died on May 31st, 1997, an idol to those who knew her...a national symbol to those who didn't. A Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historic Park in Richmond, VA was approved by Congress in October. [*I've checked all of my 6,956 Military covers and all of my 884 WW II Patriotic covers, and checked with others....and not a single cover with Rosie!*]



## Matchbooks/Boxes

**MATCHBOOKS CAUSE INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT...**London (AP)—The U.S. embassy reported Friday it has flown home an American-made book of matches with “some dirty wisecracks about Buckingham Palace printed on it.” The matchbook was part of the Very Important Places set, a group of satirical covers poking fun at a variety of places. “We regard the cracks as extremely bad taste, the embassy spokesman said. (the abusive text was, “Buckingham Palace—Where You Feel Like a King”—in reference to Palace plumbing) The matchbook was promptly put in a courier’s briefcase and flown to Washington. (from *RMS Bulletin*, August 1960)

**MATCH BOOKS SPARK CAMPAIGN TO HELP ASCOM ORPHANAGE...**Mrs. Dorothy E. Lauri and her four children in Junction City, Kansas, spent the holidays unaware that their efforts to bring cheer to 75 blind children in Korea had been successful. Mrs. Lauri, wife of U.S. Army Capt Massimino Lauri, had learned of the plight of the children of the Kwang Myung Orphanage and School for the Blind near Ascom from her husband. Since her hobby is collecting match covers, she wrote to other match cover collectors all over the United States and explained her project to help the blind children. Soon Capt. Lauri began receiving donations from all over the States; in all 161 cards and letters arrived and more are still coming in. (from *RMS Bulletin*, March 1962)

**UPSTART COLONISTS!...**London, Oct. 26 (UPI)—Olaf Lindbohn, a waiter in a Stockholm restaurant, traveled to London at a cost of \$350 to buy the matchbox he had been seeking for two years. He paid \$1.40 for his matchbox decorated with a picture of Queen Victoria.” This clipping was sent to us by John L. Woods. Who said that our hobby was not serious o worthy of mention. (from *RMS Bulletin*, April 1962)

**NATIONAL MATCHCOVER WEEK...**In case you came in late, we’re now in the midst of the fourth annual “Matchcover Week.” As a hobby, collecting matchcovers is a big, big thing. During the week hundreds of collectors from all over the country will show and talk about their collections. St. Louis and St. Louis County collectors will have displays in business establishments. (from *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, April 19, 1965)

**MATCHBOOKS GIVE TIPS ON FASHIONS...**The Soviets are using matchbooks (covers) to give women fashion tips. The program is part of the new campaign to make Russian women more attractive. (from *RMS Bulletin*, March 1966)

**MATCHBOOKS AS WALLPAPER...**Ronnie Smith, owner of the Flamingo Cafe in Fort Scott, MI, has more than 7,500 matchbook covers taped on the walls of his eating establishment and is constantly adding to his collection. He has covers from all 50 states and from 100 foreign countries. (from *RMS Bulletin*, April 1966)

**MATCHBOOK CONNECTION...**In a raid last week, 14 officers led by Detroit Chief of Detectives Vincent Piersante arrested the owner and night manager of the Grecian Gardens restaurant, at 562 Monroe, on charges of bribing Sgt. Billy J. Starks to ignore gambling there. One of the men arrested at the Dexter address early today reportedly dropped a matchbook bearing the label “Grecian Gardens” as he was being led out, the police said. (from *RMS Bulletin*, May/June 1969)



## In The Real World: I

**MATCHBOOKS AND HEROIN DON'T MIX...**A discarded matchbook led to the arrest Saturday of 18-year-old Charles Edward McGill, 590 Main St., Poughkeepsie, NY. According to the city police, a bag containing a white substance believed to be heroin was found in the matchbook. (from *RMS Bulletin*, Nov/Dec 1969)

**MATCHBOOK LEADS TO BURGLARS...**A teenage burglary ring that had been operating in Clifton, NJ, for more than a year has been cracked because of a matchbook cover. The ring was broken last Thursday during an investigation of a burglary at the home of Fred Kolenut, 147 Sargeant Ave. "As a result of the investigation, we picked up a 16-year-old and we found a matchbook cover with the name of the Bethwood Restaurant in Totowa. We knew a bunch of these matchbooks had been taken from Mr. Kolenut's house." "This was the clue that broke the whole thing." (from *RMS Bulletin*, Nov/Dec 1969)

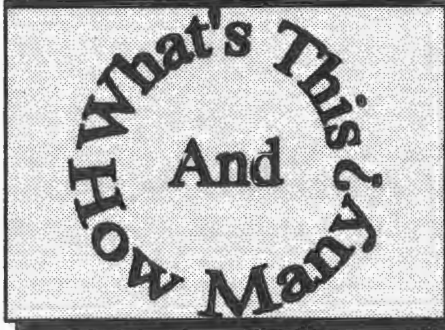
**MATCHBOOKS FIGHT COMMUNISM...**The police in Taiwan have their own matchcovers. Made by the Hing Wah Co., they have a police symbol on the front. It is common in all areas with Nationalist Chinese to use anti-Communist slogans everywhere. The police matchcover says roughly "Fight Communist forces to regain our homeland." The entire matchbook is in Chinese characters, so the slogan is only approximate. (from *Long Beach bulletin*, June 1972)

**MATCHBOOKS MAKE NEWS...**The first mention of the matchbook industry can be found in the Nov. 18, 1894 issue of the New York Dramatic Mirror. This old newspaper carried an ad for the Binghamton Match Company of Binghamton, NY. (from *Long Beach bulletin*, Feb. 1976)

**MATCHBOOK LIGHTS THE WAY TO CRIMINAL...**A book of matches bearing the name of a Miami, FL, hotel was the vital clue that led to the discovery in Melbourne of missing Member of Parliament John Stonehouse. For 12 days, Victoria police followed the trail of a "Donald Clive Mildoon," AKA "Joseph Markha." "We were trying to establish whether a fraud had been perpetrated on Melbourne banks, or in a foreign country." Then they found a discarded book of matches from the Fountainbleau Hotel, Miami, FL...which led to finding their mystery suspect...Stonehouse. (from *IMC bulletin*, July, 1976).

**MATCHCOVER COLLECTOR STARTS INFLIGHT FIRE!...**The FAA alleges that a female collector in the Eastern U.S. was responsible for an inflight fire in a luggage compartment recently. Collectors who carry full matchbooks in their checked luggage face \$10,000 fines. Signs are being printed in English and Spanish to be posted in every airport. These signs will list a number of forbidden items not to be included in luggage. Matches are not mentioned by name, but any flammable item is restricted. (from *Long Beach bulletin*, Oct. 1976)

**SECRET SERVICE CONFISCATES MATCHBOOKS...**Secret Service agents entered Sanford Criner's "George's-on-Washington" restaurant and seized 15,000 matchbooks bearing a dollar bill image of the first president holding a knife and fork. Mr. Criner took the matter to court where it was ruled that his matchbooks were not counterfeit money, and they were returned to him. "We have struck a match for freedom," said Mr. Criner. (from *IMC bulletin*, Oct. 1977)

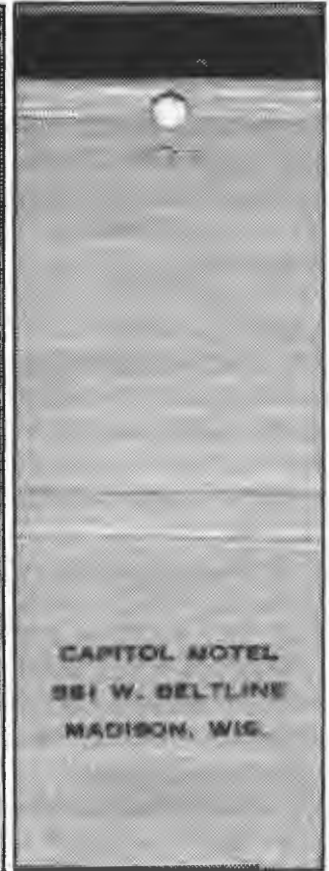


[See Mail Box column for response to last issue's query on the Haussner's set]

## Fiesta Colors?

Ever-observant manumark and trademark sleuth, Jeff Davis, CA, has come up with another hitherto unknown (to me, anyway) trademark.

*Fiesta Colors* is by Lion Match Co. This particular cover is solid yellow and laminated (similar to Universal's Mirro-Gloss), so I am assuming that this is the type of cover that the trademark typifies. Also note the "54-1139" on the cover. I'm assuming that's "1954." Anyone know anything about *Fiesta Colors*? Write in, please!

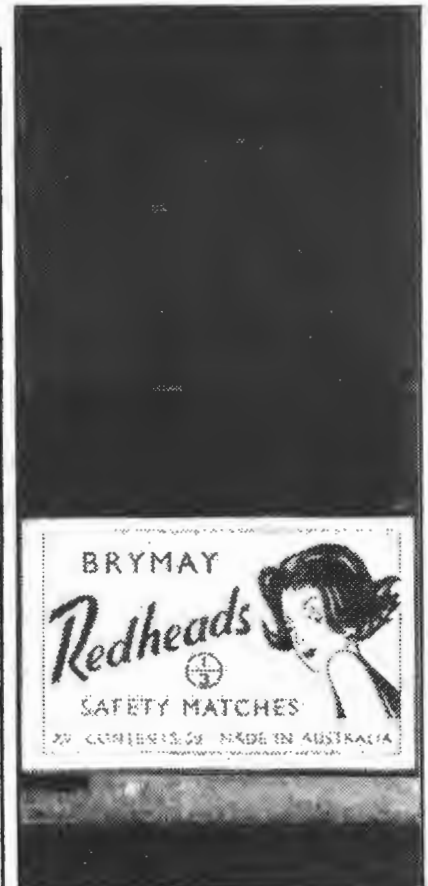


# KNOW YOUR COVERS!

## Redheads

I used to have a thing for redheads—little did I know! *Redheads* was another of the many Bryant & May trademarks...this one for one of its Australian box matches.

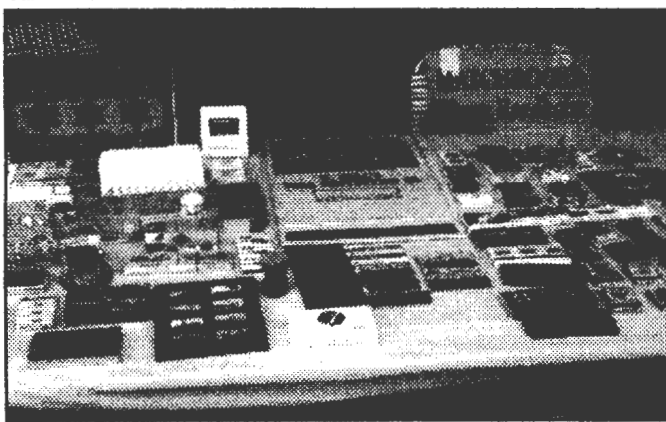
I don't have any dates, but the ones I have don't look all that old. There were at least three varieties: *Redheads* [shown at far right], *Redheads Slims*, and *Redheads Teasers* [shown as the first box here]. The latter featured a series of questions and answers on the box. Anyone know how many were in this *Redhead Teasers* series?



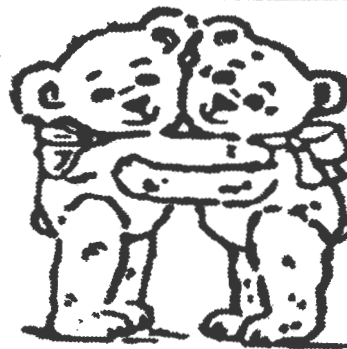
## Advertising The Hobby

Glenn Reedholm and wife had a great match display in Waxahachie, TX, back in November. There was a lot of interest in what was set out, and several people expressed an interest in joining RMS. All in all, there were about 120 exhibitors at the outdoors festival which lasted some 2 1/2 days.

Every time a collector 'goes public' like this, the hobby benefits. Think about what you could be doing at your local library, bank, fair, etc. It definitely pays to advertise!



**CLUB  
CRUISIN'**



## The Huggable Bears

by Terri Kovacs

This specialty club, formed in 1993, is devoted to collectors of bears on matchcovers. It is also involved in bear subjects in general. The club publishes a quarterly bulletin named *Bear Tracks* and holds its annual meeting at each RMS convention.

Current officers are: Chairbear: Toby Messmer, Secretary: Lynne Martin, Treasurer: Pat Shappell (For membership:) Pat Shappell, 109 Wood Lane, Reading, PA 19606-2446.

Bears on covers encompass a broad field. For example, the specialist categorizes bears as Polar Bear, Grizzly, Koala, Panda, caricatures, etc. Further breakdowns include Smokey Bear, 'Sleep' the Travelodge bear, 'Happy' the automotive bear, Paddington, etc.

There are over 2,000 bear covers known to exist. They have been used to advertise strength, cleanliness, refrigeration, and other services or products. This popular subject is open in all fields to the collector of bear-related memorabilia.

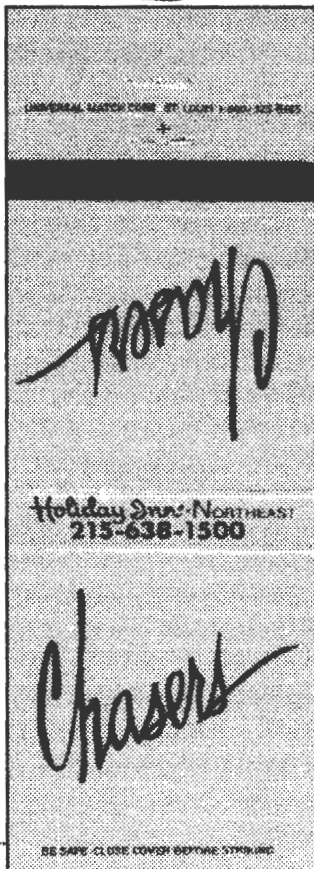
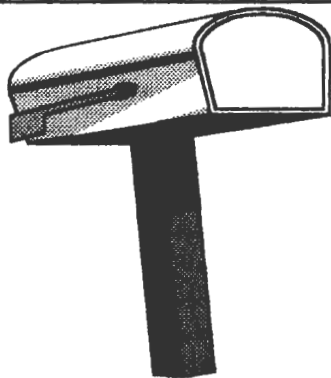
Trades, knowledge, and friendship are available to members of this congenial club. Membership is open to all, with dues of \$5 per year, payable at the annual meeting. Why not give this very special and unusual club a try? Just write to Pat Shappell, 109 Wood Lane, Reading, PA 19606-2446 (patshapp@aol.com) for an application form. We'd love to have you join us...your absence is 'inbearable!'

# The Mail Box

**Donna Longenecker, PA:** Re your article on covers from hell, the worst "cover from Hell" in fact, was missing from your listing - but maybe you're lucky as you don't attend conventions and swapfests. That is the non-stock Holiday Inn Northeast Philadelphia - pink, 20, from Chasers. We received this again in our bags in Lowell, MA. Back at the 1992 convention in Phila., everyone received an entire caddy in their bag. Every time you purchase non-stock HI lots, you can be sure to find one. If you lack this cover in your collection, please let me know, I will gladly send you more than you need.

*[Also, ref the Nov/Dec 1999 article on the Tip 'n Twinkle sets which we ran and received quite a bit of input on, Donna directed our attention to a full 1957 set in the original box which recently appeared on ebay. The current bid at the time was \$3.58, which was more than required postage!]*

**Jim Spector, FL:** The Nov/Dec issue of the Bulletin gave me quite a start with the article on the Cocoon Grove fire. Not only did I at one time own the pictured cover, but a portion of our family (that I know very little about) settled in Boston. I contacted a cousin who is up to his ears in genealogy to find out if the Joyce Spector referred to in the article was a relative of mine, but his resulting research indicated she was not.



**Gerry Biron, VT:** Someone should tell this guy to get a life! *[From Popular Science, February 1937]*



**STACKS 4,200 MATCHES ATOP BEER BOTTLE**

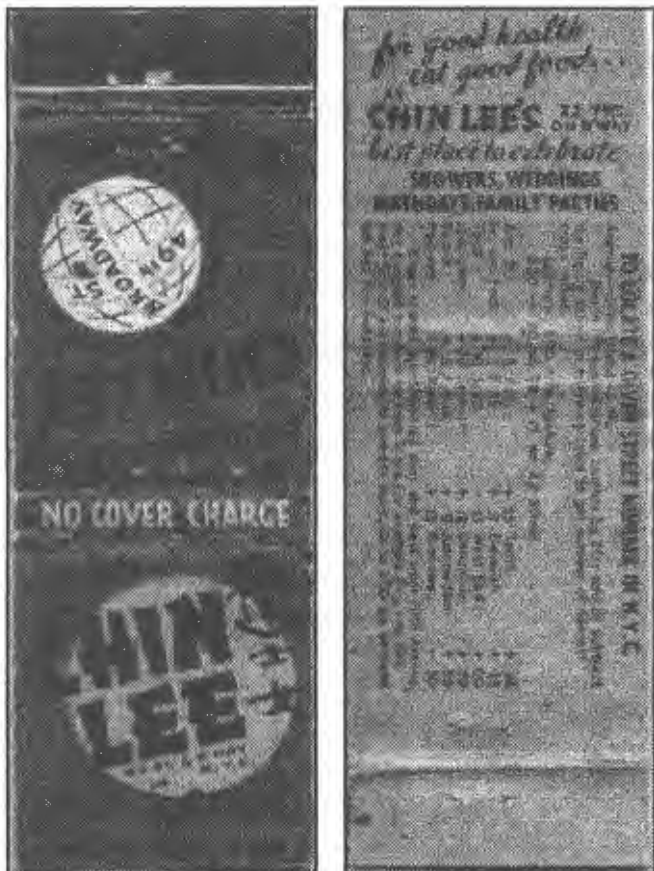
BY BALANCING 4,200 ordinary kitchen matches on the top of a beer bottle, Thomas H. B. Stagers, of Cleveland, Ohio, has provided a mark for parlor-trick enthusiasts to shoot at. A postman's heavy step on his front porch sent the top-heavy pile crashing, but not before a photographer had come along in time to record the unique feat.

**Mike Moran, CT:** *Mike pointed out this 1934 Group I Football Nagurski cover seen on Ebay.* "This has the colors and layout of the 1934 set - it cannot be from the 1933 silver set because it is tan and there is no vertical bar, and in 1936 and 1937 the pictures of the players are a black and white head shot set in a frame. *But there is no Nagurski listed in the 1934 set!...So, anyone know what the deal is here?*

*[By the way, I'm told that this cover went for \$177...and it looks bobtailed!!]*



**Donna Longenecker, PA** [*in a later correspondence*]: Came across what I consider an interesting cover. Outside is merely a Chinese Restaurant in NYC. BUT, inside contains a formula for locating the nearest cross street to a house address. Seems rather complicated math tome - I'll stick to my handy street map.



**John Williams, OH:** [*Ref Match Grins inquiry in last issue*] John sent in photocopies of the 12 covers that make up the set [*copyright 1951*]. Here's the listing:

1. So, dad, you came!
2. We're so glad to see you.
3. Whadja have to do for the mink coat?
4. She was just a shoemaker's daughter—
5. She's the kind of girl that men forget....
6. She was just an optician's daughter—
7. No bones about it—We're glad you're here!
8. Just in case you can't find the john....
9. Hey you—how's about raising a little cain?
10. Here's something for the morning after!
11. Hey, waiter—there's a fly in my soup!
12. College boy—"Say when"!

**Bob England, PA:** *Ref our last issue query on possible Haussner's set(s), Bob was nice enough to send in photocopies of all his Haussner's covers—13 in all. Of those 13, Bob has 9 that show the paintings as pictured in our original query. But between the 9 (and I have a 10th that Bob doesn't have), there are only two different paintings—a girl and a dog, and a boy with a lobster on his finger. All the rest are variations. So, there seems to be basically one set of two covers, and then at least five variations (possibly seven+) of that set (different colors on the "Haussner's" name, different manumarks, rear-strikers and front-strikers, etc.). Thanks, Bob, for that information.*

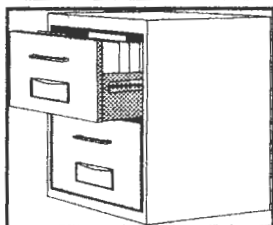
**James Willard, MD, and Bob Bush, RI:** *James and Bob also sent in much of the same information that Bob did, above, further verifying the above conclusions.*

**Bob Franz, NJ:** Regarding your interesting editorial in the last issue on where the conventions should be held, I'll bet if it was held in Las Vegas we would have the largest turn out ever. But you would have to pick a date when there are no major conventions scheduled; otherwise, hotel room costs skyrocket (you can get this from the Chamber of Commerce for the next two years). Low cost for luxury hotels and food can't be matched in any other city, plus the entertainment. Hotels there offer all kinds of deals during the in between-convention periods. It's the best buy in the world. Just a thought.

**The Ed:** Boy, I'm surprised that not a single person responded to last issue's article on the Joshua. No one knows anything...or no one was interested? That's very surprising.

## Support Your RMS Bulletin Auction

In case you don't know, it's the money from the RMS Bulletin Auction that pays for the expanded version of the RMS Bulletin that we've enjoyed for the last few years...so participate in that auction, please!



## Bits & Pieces

**2001 RMS CONVENTION** will feature something new...a separate freebie table for struck material and another just for boxes! Lots of people have been asking for that for years, especially for the struck items. *[thanks to Chet Crill, CA, for that info]*

**HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED AN RMS AREA AWARD?** If so, especially if before 1997, please let me know the club that gave it to you and for what year (usually the award is given for the preceding year). I'm trying to put together a comprehensive list of recipients for the web site, and after 1998 my sources run out. You can see the listing at: <http://www.matchcover.org/history.html>

## Answer to Last Issue's Matchcover Mystery

*What were the very first two Jewelites issued...and when?*

Westinghouse and Texaco...in 1951!

## Matchcover Mysteries: #34

You just might find this one surprising...

*What company made our first convention cover?*

Answer to this nail-biting question in our next issue!

**NOTE:** I've posted the Master List of Lists on the RMS web site. If you ever want to know who's done which lists and what lists are available, just check the web site!



## FOREST CITY SWAPFEST 2001

May 10-12, 2001

Holiday Inn, Sandusky, Ohio

Halfway between Cleveland and Toledo

Sponsored by The Forest City Matchcover Club of Ohio



The theme for this Swapfest is Lighthouses. In keeping with this theme we are planning a trip to visit the Sandusky Maritime Museum. Other activities will include display room and awards, two auctions, a mini-golf tournament, freebie tables, and much more.

The Swapfest will be held at the Holiday Inn Holidome. Directly behind the Holidome is a Holiday Inn Express. You may stay at the Express and still enjoy all the activities and amenities of the Holidome including the swimming pool. Special hotel rates are only \$69 for the Holidome and \$59 for the Express. Rates are good both before and after the Swapfest dates. For reservations call the Holiday Inn 419-626-6671. Mention FCMC Swapfest to get the special rates. The Holiday Inn is easily accessible from the Ohio Turnpike. Need more Info? Contact Larry Kozak 440-SP7-5667 or E-mail: [larzak@ameritech.net](mailto:larzak@ameritech.net)

## Mirro-Gloss

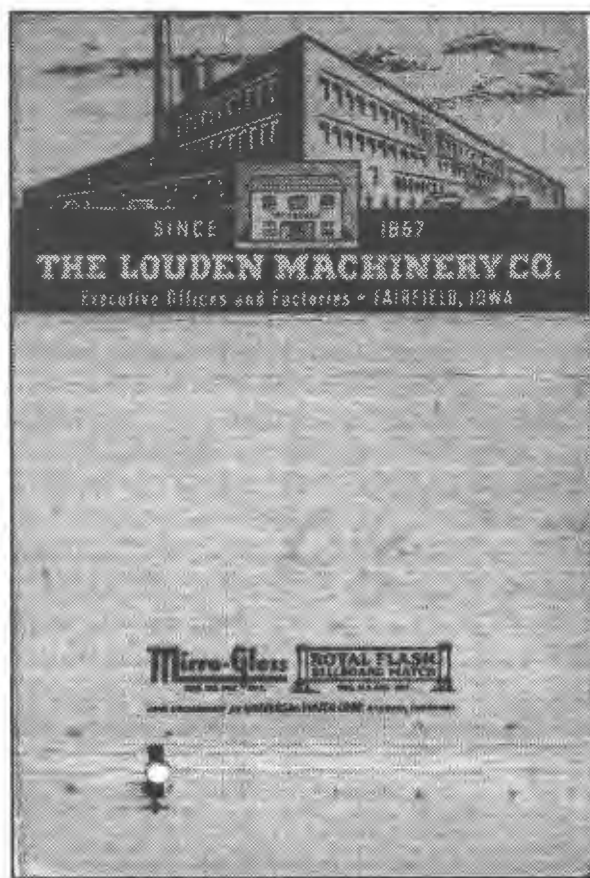
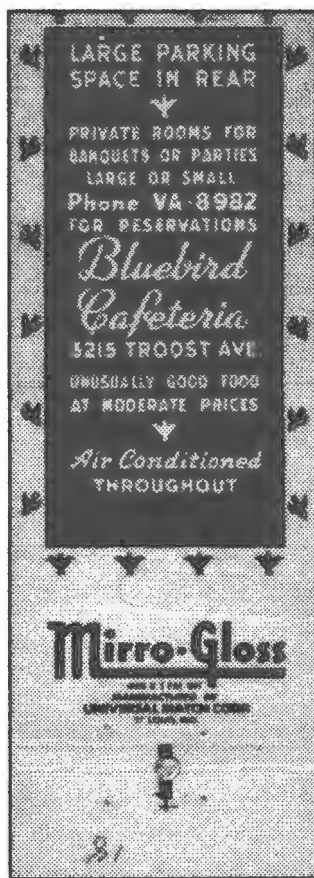
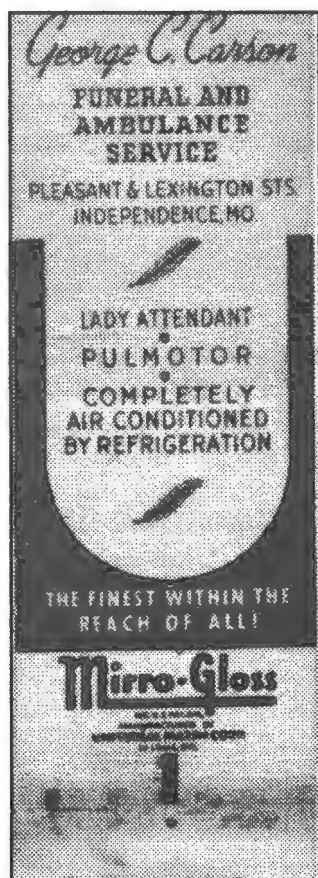
In my never-ending quest to confuse, confound, and cloud everything a little more, I bring you yet another 'never heard of and less often seen' cover—the Mirro-Gloss.

This is a Universal trademark, which, I would guess, first appeared in the early 1940s. In my Dated collection, I notice they can be seen from 1942 to 1970, so they run at least through that period. Also, I notice that all the ones I have are front-strikers, and this would tend to backup a discontinuance date somewhere in the early 1970s, since the change over to reverse strikers took place from 1973-1976.

As you might guess from the trademark name, these covers are recognizable by their high gloss surfaces. The gloss comes from a thin layer of plastic that overlays the outside surface of the cover. If you look closely, you can see the top and bottom edges of this sheet of plastic on the cover. You'll notice that some of the other contemporary manufacturers also produced the same type of 'laminated' cover, but Mirro-Gloss was exclusively a Universal product.

And, speaking of looking, if you go though covers on a regular basis, you actually see Mirro-Gloss covers fairly often; you just don't see the trademark. For example, I currently have some 472 in my collection, but only FIVE bear the trademark. They come in 10s, 20s, 30s, and 40s. Eventually, the Mirro-Gloss gave way to slicker, glossier paper finishes, making the Mirro-Gloss unnecessary. Also, the layer of plastic often started bubbling and peeling off with age.

It's an interesting category, in an off-the-wall sort of way; I've never seen anyone who listed Mirro-Gloss on his or her wants. I guess it's an acquired taste!



# BUSINESS BOX

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

**ONE MORE REMINDER...**Any article that doesn't have a byline with it is by the Ed. I don't put my bylines on everything because it would mean that my name would be plastered all over the bulletin. It also unnecessarily takes up precious space.

**MORE RMS AREA AWARDS:** The San Diego Matchcover Club made its RMS area award presentation at its Christmas party, December 10. The award was presented to Vivian Bolton (San Diego's new Vice-President) by SDMC President Ruth Kirkpatrick.

- Angelus Matchcover Club voted its RMS area award to Steve and Nancy Bailey, both of whom have worked tirelessly for the club since the early 90s and are now moving to St. Paul.

- Sierra-Diablo Matchcover Club presented Mike Prero with its RMS area award for his continued work on the Sierra-Diablo Bulletin, which, by the way, just came out with its 200th issue last month. *[Congratulations, Mike!...Why, thank you, Mike] (!!!)*

- Empire Matchcover Club gave its RMS Area Award to Bob Franz for his display of a variety of covers and boxes.

- Southeastern MC presented George Heffernon with its RMS Area Award.

**DISPLAY AWARDS AT RMS:** Mermaid Club will be giving an award for "The Best Mermaid Display," and Angelus MC's award will be for "Best Combo" display. *[If we haven't run your club's display award, it's because you didn't tell us!]*

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**COMPLETE LISTING OF OUTBACK STEAK-HOUSES IN US AS OF JANUARY 15, 2001:** 552 listed. There may not be covers from all these locations. Some Outbacks in the same city list more than one location. List may be had by sending a SASE with 55 cents postage. Mary & Bob Bush, 71 Duffield Rd., Bristol, RI 02809-1605.....M/A01

**FOR SALE:** 20,000 count town collection. Very few big cities, 95% front-striker, all 20-strike, in 8-pocket pages, by state, and by a-b-c-, etc, in 61 vynal binders. Looks nice. \$2,500. Tom Gibson, 177 Courtney Circ., Cumberland Gap, TN 37724 or tom@newageinter.net.....M/A01

**WANTED:** Trailers, Trailer Dealers, Trailer Parks, Mobile Homes, Auto Camps, Cabin Court, Lincoln Highway, Lincoln Way, Rt. 30, Moving Companies with truck picture, 1900-1950s. Thanks! Todd and Kristin Kimmell, POB 43737, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215-925-2568) (www.losthighways.org).....M/A01

**FOR TRADE:** Planet Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe covers/boxes for same. Many foreign locations. Carl Uemura, 2740 Kuilei St., #501, Honolulu, HI 96826-3404.....M/J01

**WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE:** Beer-related matches, prefer Hamm's full-books. Bob Stowe, 155 Seaside Court, Palm Harbor, FL 34684.....J/A01

**NEED HELP WITH FREEBIE TABLES!** Please send covers/ boxes for 2001 RMS Convention freebie tables to Freebie Tables Chairman Manny Silverstein, 7847 Peachtree Ave., Panorama City, CA 91402-6513.....J/A01

**CAMEL SINGLES:** Send me 10 covers for 10 from the Cleveland area. Jim Harpster, 7286 Kiltie Ln., Northfield, OH 44067.....J/A01

**NEW MEMBER WANTS SALEM, MA, MATCHCOVERS:** Nelson Dionne, Box 907, Salem, MA 01970 (978-532-4306) (E-mail: aa1mo@nsradio.org ....that's a one in the e-mail address).....S/O01

**WANTED:** Small town covers New England & Mid-Atlantic states, Al Cavallari, 89 Bethlehem Rd., New Windsor, NY 12553 (845-564-6775).....N/D01

**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/D01

*Classified ad policy: Ads are published on a space available basis. Please keep 'em short! 10¢ a word.*





## Editorial

### PRICE GUIDES

Harry Rinker is a well-known writer who does a lot of write-ups on antiques and collectibles with a weekly column which appears in a number of newspapers across the country. Someone directed me to his Dec. 3rd, 2000, column, which was entitled, "**Price guides only part of the answer to question of fixing values**". I will quote just a short piece: "My first recommendation is to take a very skeptical approach to the prices found in all antiques and collectibles price guides, my own included...Value is very much dependent on time and place...You need to ask two key questions before you worry about what percentage of a price guide's value you can reasonably expect to obtain if you sell an object: (1) what are the qualifications of the author(s) of the price guide and (2) what is the accuracy of the prices...Many price guide authors have a vested interest in seeing that the values in their price guide are high. Dealers often author price guides to validate the prices they charge their buyers..." He concludes the article with, "What can someone realistically expect to get for an item? The correct answer is the amount of money placed on the table by the buyer. The difficulty with this answer is that it is valid only at that moment in time when it occurs...."

....Which is exactly what I have been saying for the last eight years! I quote from my own editorial in the May 1993 *Sierra-Diablo Bulletin*...

"Basing standardized [*price guide*] prices on auction prices is totally unrealistic...Moreover, do auction prices reflect what a cover is worth? Hardly! That auction price merely indicates that at ONE specific time, in ONE specific place, ONE

specific person (the only person in the entire auction, by the way) was willing to pay this much for this cover. From that, can we make the quantum leap forward to..."therefore, all similar covers should bear the same price throughout the hobby"? I don't think so."

[You can view Harry Rinker's complete article by going to <http://www.mcall.com> and doing an archives search for "Rinker."

### HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

It is now time to start thinking of those people who deserve a place in the RMS Hall of Fame. This is a means of honoring those individual, either living or deceased, who have made significant contributions to the hobby. The plaque containing the names of inductees is a permanent tribute to those who have helped to make our hobby what it is today.

Individuals nominated for the 2001 RMS Hall of Fame may be living or deceased. If living, they should be RMS members in good standing with twenty or more years of membership. Deceased individuals considered must have joined RMS at least 10 years prior to nomination.

The nomination should include a resume of the individual's contributions to the hobby along with a statement by the nominator as to why the person should be considered as a member of the RMS Hall of Fame. Be sure both the name and RMS # of the nominator and the nominee are included.

Send names, with the qualifications of the candidate(s) to the chairman of the RMS Hall of Fame Committee by August 1, 2000, or hand them to the chairman at the RMS Convention no later than noon on Wednesday.

Chairperson - RMS Hall of Fame Committee  
Shirley Sayers, 1290 Corporation Street, Beaver,  
PA 15009

## MATCHBOOKS IN THE LAW BOOKS: PART XII

by Kenneth H. Ryesky, Esq.

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In 1971, Private Larry J. Harvey, Specialist-4 Clarence R. Lee and Private Arnold E. Taylor were convicted of arson at a court martial in connection with a fire in their company commander's office at Fort Ord, California. The three soldiers, sentenced to dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of pay and two years at hard labor, appealed their convictions to the Court of Military Appeals.

The court martial evidence included a partially

burnt matchstem found on the window sill, and a matchbook found on the person of Pvt. Taylor. The matchstem had several irregularities which corresponded with those in Taylor's matchbook, but there also were some irregularities which did not correspond. The criminal investigator testified that under laboratory policy, he could not make positive identification of the matchstem to the matchbook. The convictions of the three soldiers were overturned.

Prior to trial, the parties stipulated that if the manager of the Post Exchange at Fort Ord were called as a witness, he would testify that every month the PX sold an average of four thousand boxes, each containing 20 books of matches like the book taken from Taylor [96]. We know that 40-strike books typically come in caddies of 25 books, but the discrepancy might be explained as a typographical error somewhere along the way.

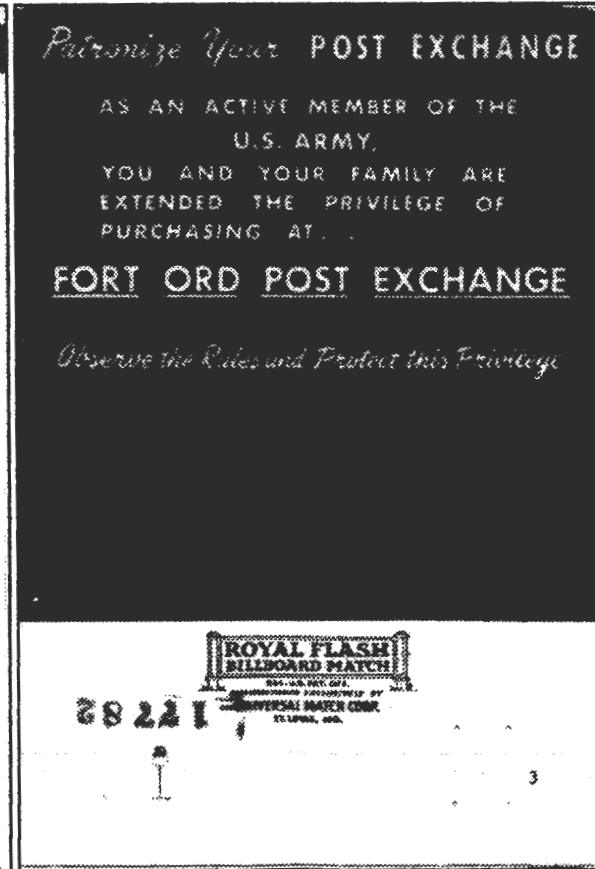
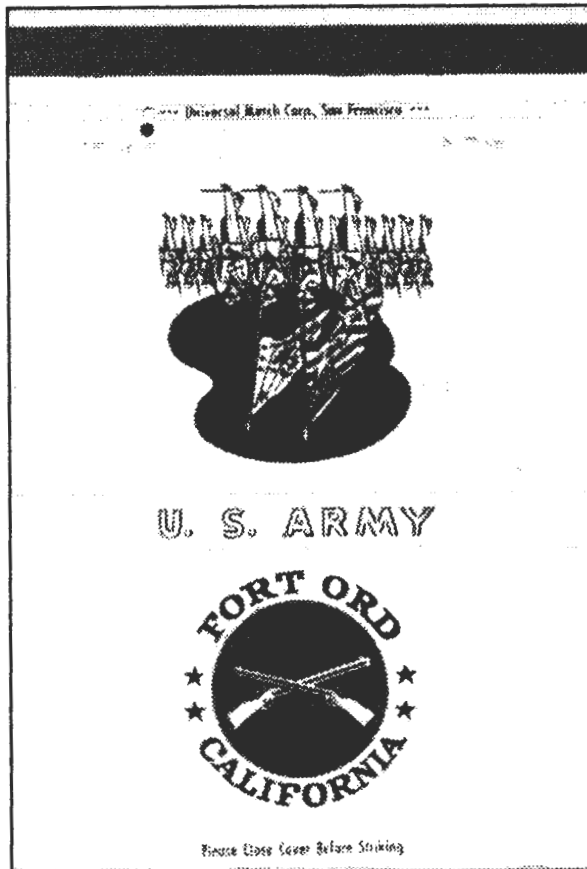
The Editor of this Bulletin, who did his basic training at Fort Ord in 1970, has kept a Fort Ord PX matchbook cover as souvenir (thanks again, Mike). That 40-strike cover, pictured here, most

certainly resembles the specimen found in the possession of Pvt. Taylor.

[To be continued]

Reference Note:

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United States v. Harvey, 21 U.S.C.M. A. 39, 44 C.M.R. 93 (1971).



RMS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - MARCH/APRIL 2001

SPONSOR

NEW MEMBERS (\*=will trade)

- 9418\*-**Anna R. DeBellis**, 6621 Dogwood Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207-4119 ..... RMS Web Page  
COLLECTS: Restaurants, Hotels, Motels & Banks.
- 9419\*-**George S. Stirling, Jr.**, 19 Britton Lane, Madison, CT 06443-2921 ..... RMS Web Page  
COLLECTS: Hotels, Colleges & General.
- 9420\*-**Bob Bickford**, 241 Fournier St., Berea, OH 44017-15212 ..... RMS  
COLLECTS: Las Vegas Casinos.
- 9421--**Duane Johnk**, 6 Truman Dr., Novato, CA 94947 ..... Janet Johnk  
COLLECTS: Low Phone Numbers & Small Towns.
- 9422--**Jon Swackhamer**, 1965 S. Jackson St., Frankfort, IN 46041-3359 ..... RMS  
COLLECTS: Any farm tractors or farm equipment, specializing in Oliver.
- 9423--**Franklin E. Dunham**, 106 E. Knox St., PO Box 214, Brooklyn, IN 46111 ..... RMS Web Page  
COLLECTS: Tobacco, Soft Drinks, Foods, Sports, Hotels & Navy.
- 9424--**Ted Meyrowitz**, 2724 University Ave., #3A, Bronx, NY 10468-3417 ..... RMS  
COLLECTS: Military, especially WW2 Patriotic.
- 9425\*-**Paul Gramlich**, 250-08 87th Dr., Bellerose, NY 11426-2304 ..... RMS  
COLLECTS: New York City (All Five Boros) & Nash-Rambler Dealerships.
- 9426-**James Piper**, 31 N. Spring St, Blairsville, PA 15717-1336 ..... RMS  
COLLECTS: Local Advertising, Sports, Railroad/Transportation, Route 30, Diners & Drive-In Theaters.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

- 2434-**Clarence Runyon**, 2030 Chester Blvd, #15B, Richmond, IN 47374-1215
- 2623-**William Konyk**, 777 Lucasville Rd., Bedford, NS, B4B 1R7, Canada
- 2954-**Douglas W. Henley**, 908 Merridale Blvd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771
- 5234-**Terry L. Rowe**, 1509 S. Dugan Rd., Urbana, OH 43078-9209
- 7032-**Joel H. Samuels**, 1337 Massachusetts Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20003-1540
- 7209-**William W. Bulger**, PO Box 186, Kent, OH 44240-0004
- 7276-**John Nichols, Sr.**, 827 West 4375 South, Riverdale, UT 84405
- 7451-**Clyde Callen**, 25 Callen Crabb Rd., Sagle, ID 83860-8498
- 9122-**Ben Foster**, 744 S. Broadview St., Wichita, KS 67218-2106
- 9221-**David J. Howe**, 550 Ridgeway Dr., Pacifica, CA 94044

REINSTATED

- 7686-**Kernis Pantsari**, PO Box 12152, Grand Forks, ND 58208  
COLLECTS: Hotels, Motels, Christmas & Restaurants.

RESIGNED

- 4121-**Elma Purvis**; 9343-**Joe A. Dumbauld**

DECEASED

- 8321-**Brian Adcock** (12/12/00)

Respectfully submitted,

*Terry Rowe*

Terry L. Rowe

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**DUES ARE STILL \$15 IN N. AMERICA AND \$20 FOR ALL OTHERS. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP REMAINS AT \$4.00. SUBMIT YOUR DUES TO TERRY AT HIS NEW ADDRESS AS LISTED INSIDE THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN.**

**Violet Isakson**

We just lost another of our earlier members, Violet Isakson, #1543. She worked for many years putting together the annual list of those who had convention covers/sets made up (how many, who was responsible, what they covered), and it was a great service to collectors. I never met this lady, but we corresponded for many years. She was most zealous in her efforts. She will be missed, but the lists will go on under Clarence Ginder. *Bill Hollmann #2898*

**Robert Smith**

Former RMS member #1101, Bill Smith, whom many of you knew, passed away on Christmas day at the age of 97 from kidney failure as an after effect of surgery to repair a broken hip sustained in a fall in his home. He was a member of several clubs including Keystone-Lehigh, Marva, Western and Florida. Our condolences to his family. [Note: this is *not* our current member, Robert Smith of KY]

**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: Bob Brown (4/8), Wally Mains (4/11), Annie Johnson (4/18), Greg Corrales (4/19). If you're interested in receiving 400-500 covers or boxes during your birthday month, send an SASE #10 envelop to: Wally and Pat Mains, 105 Roger Ln., Florence, KY 41042-2334. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

## CLUB CORNER

**TRANS CANADA SWAPFEST** - Apr 5-7, 2001. Ramada Suites Niagara/Coral Inn Resort, 7389 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ont., CAN L2H 2W9 (905-356-6119). \$73 CDN per night. Pizza party, wine & cheese party, 2 auctions, raffle, Sat. night banquet. FMI: Jerry Craig, 44 Invermarge Dr., Scarborough, Ont, CAN M1C 3M4 (matches. tcmc@sympatico.ca)

**FOREST CITY MC SWAPFEST** - May 10-12, 2001, Holiday Inn, Sandusky, OH. Theme is Lighthouses. Hotel rates: \$69 (Holidome)/\$59 (Express). Activities inc: display room, awards, auction, mini-golf tournament, and much more. FMI: Larry Kozak 440-SP7-5667 or E-mail: larzak@ameritech.net

**AMCAL!** - May 20-26, 2001. Piccadilly Inn Airport, Fresno, CA (559-251-6000). Room rate: \$68. Sun Maid raisin tour! Theme: Hillbillies. FMI: Ellen Gutting, 824 Peachy Canyon Circle, #101, Las Vegas, NV 89144

**UNITED EASTERN SWAPFEST:** June 13-17, 2001, Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740 [301-797-2500]

**RMS 2001** - August 12-19, Indian Wells Resort Hotel, Indian Wells, CA. (800-248-3220) (Fax: 760-772-5083). Room: \$69. Pre-registration forms should be circulating this month. Auction lots (Bud Shappell).

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