



R.L. Greene Collects Matches!

& Match-Related Items

I buy collections or single items - full books,
covers, boxes, labels, crates - the older the better!



I collect older full-book front-strikers and boxes. I also collect stripped and/or struck covers, flats and labels until I can replace 'em with a better-condition example. I'll trade generously in your categories, or buy items outright.

Design: The main attraction for me is design: type usage; spot illustration; clever uses of the match concept. I'm not into sets, but rather single examples of great design solutions. I produce exhibits and displays at local libraries, educating the general public about matches and how they combine a "time-capsule" look at american popular culture and consumerism, with the many crafts of graphic arts and visual communication.

Archaeoluminology: A term I've coined to describe the interest I share with many other collectors, of uncovering the lost history of the match industry; researching old patent guides, contacting historical societies, and scouring libraries for any records, articles or references to the companies that blazed the trail in match manufacturing, I welcome any historical references you can share. **Private Die Match Revenue Stamps Wanted!**

General areas of interest: Unusual and Obscure Formats such as figural mini-caddies and sleeves. Bell Match Buds (preferably with the paper wrapper still intact). AdverWraps, Pac-Jacs Wrap-A-Paks, HANDIPAks, etc.; Features, Giant Features, ClickTops, StickyBacks, KnotHoles, EaselBacks, Spot Strikers, etc. ~ Any magic, gag or practical joke match items! ~

Match Company-Related Items: sales catalogs & brochures, store displays, signs, ads, match-books which promote match manufacturers. Obscure manumarks, annual reports, company letterheads, billheads, stock certificates, newsletters, promotional items, trade cards, blotters, postcards, souvenirs from manufacturing plants. Production materials and samples such as uncut sheets or sample proof sheets, progressive proofs, artwork, etc.

Early Match Packaging and Products: Congreves, Vestas, Fusees, Lucifers, Pocket Boxes, Kitchen Matches: The older the better! Preferably with the matches still inside. Shipping crates, tins, and un-opened packages of match books or boxes.

Product Samplers: Covers that have a product sample attached, such as cough drops or wing nuts, or covers made of a special material such as fabric or metal foil.

Matchbook Covers, Matchboxes and Matchbox Labels with the following topical categories by description:

Celebrity Animals: Any covers with the name and/or picture of any kind of animal - famous or obscure! Lassie, Mr. Ed, etc.

Animal Products, Businesses and Attractions: Any covers from pet shops, animal trainers, pet cemeteries, zoos, animal parks, taxidermists, exterminators, dog or horse race-tracks, veterinarians, veterinary supplies, breeders, livestock auctions.

Advertising, Radio/TV & Cartoon Characters: Any covers with recognizable cartoon or comic characters such as **Disneys, Bugs Bunny, Popeye,** & popular fiction & newspaper strip characters such as **Buck Rogers, The Lone Ranger, Fu-Manchu, Zorro, Tarzan, Sgt. Preston, The Shadow,** or any other pulp or radio character! Also product characters such as Reddy Kilowatt, **The Pep Boys, Smokey The Bear,** etc. (Tip: Many matchbooks that advertise newspapers carry comicstrip characters on the inside.)

Grotesques: Covers or labels with medical oddities, macabre or supernatural images, horror themes; monsters, zombies, voodoo, witches, ghosts, mummies, etc. The grislier the better!

Zeppelins, Airships & Helicopters

Famous and/or Unusual Buildings & Vehicles: Like the Oscar Meyer Weiner-mobile or the Bates Motel. TOTO's & Zep Diners, roadside attractions or restaurants shaped like giant objects, etc.

Publishing, Book & Authors: Any covers with authors such as Mark Twain or Ernest Hemingway, or book titles, magazines, publishers or literary figures.

Non-Stock Girlies, Female Impersonators, lingerie, sex-related products & establishments, Public Health/STD campaigns. The more outrageous or unusual the better!

**More on
the back!**



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Member of these clubs:

Liberty Bell Matchcover Club # 416 VP, 1998 - 2002 Pres., 2002 - 2004

Editor, 1994 - 97; 2002 - 04 Co-Editor, 2004 - 07

National Convention Co-Chair RMS #62, August 2002,

Rathkamp Matchcover Society # 8618

American Matchcover Collecting Club # 980

Empire Match Cover Club # 1031

Girlie Matchcover Club # 340

Long Beach Matchcover Club # 2819

Connecticut Matchcover Club # 567



Hottest Wants!

HERE ARE A FEW ITEMS I'M MOST INTERESTED IN FINDING:

LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS COVERS WITH ADS ON THE INSIDE

(OR ANY OTHER COVERS FROM NEWSPAPERS WITH ADS FOR CARTOON STRIPS ON THE INSIDE)

Any Info Or Paper Ephemera Pertaining To Any Pre-1900 Match Companies :

Portland Star Match Portland, ME
Orono Match Co., Orono ME
Swift Courtney Match Co., Wilmington, DE

Susquehanna Match Co.
Schuykill Match Co.
Scranton Match Co.

Bucksport Match Co.
American Safety Matchhead Co.
of Lebanon, PA 1892-95



BIG CHIEF WAHOO MATCHCOVER-LIKE CHEWING GUM BOOKLET COVER

#1 & 2 OF SERIES OF 9 "INJUN DICTIONARY" & ANY FROM WWII SERIES OF 27

King Features Syndicate Matchbook Covers
showing different cartoon strip characters from the late 1930's – early 40's

I am very interested in getting any covers from the following 2 restaurants:
The Colonel's Lady in Shelbyville, KY **Sanders Café** in Corbin, KY

(I'd at least like to get good (color?) photocopies or scans of them. I will re-imburse for copies.)

A FEW OTHER CATEGORIES I ACTIVELY COLLECT:

Non-Stock & the older the better! **No "Hobby" Covers Please!** I have covers to trade in these, and many other, categories)

Fringe Political, Labor & Social Causes ~ Not Repubs & Democrats! Libertarians, Black panthers, John Birch, KKK, Union Strikes, Public Health Campaigns.

Cops & Robbers, Saints & Sinners, Law & Order ~ Bail Bonds, Lawyers, Prisons, Crime Watches, Police orgs., Famous Criminals & Corrupt Politicians.

Famous Landmarks, Museums, State & Nat. Parks, Celebrity Buildings ~ Old Man of the Mountain, Lucy The Elephant, World Trade Center, etc.

Misc. Animals ~ Bison, Monkeys, Moose, Chinchillas & Other Rodents, Dogs, Cats, Elephants, Penguins, Bears (especially Polar Bears).

US Embassies & Anti-Terrorism Matches ~ US State Dept. Rewards for Heroes Program, (check before sending, I have some to trade).

Ethnic Stereotypes ~ Jewish/kosher, African Americans, Mexicans, American Indians, etc. The more exaggerated the better!

Sports ~ Businesses Owned by Current & Former Athletes, ESPECIALLY Boxing, Wrestling, Fishing (charter fishing boats!!!).

GRAY PEPSI WWII DISNEY SET ~ #'s 1, 3, 11, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34 - UNSTRUCK. I have many dupes to trade, Struck & Unstruck.

Daredevils & Magicians/Magic-Related Covers ~ Performing Magicians, Wizards, Flying Carpets, Human Cannon Balls.

Gambling ~ Front Strikers Only! Espec. Indian & Non-Las Vegas/Reno, also Front & Back-Striker Bingo, State Lotteries.

Entertainment VIP/Celebrities ~ Music, TV, Film. Especially obscure bands & performers at nightclubs & restaurants.

I'm especially looking for Jägermeister covers with band logos (Jägerbands)!

Motor Vehicles ~ Also Motorcycles, Auto Racing, Taxis, Buses, Hearses & Ambulances, Especially odd vehicles!

Fire Related ~ Fire Companies, Fireworks, Fire Equipment Manufacturers, (especially Smokey The Bear!)

1939/40 World's Fair Conjectives ~ Especially Screw/Ball parody sphere & trilon covers!

Unusual Sports & Games ~ i.e., Curling, Bocce Ball, Horse Shoes, Chess, Badminton.

Apocryhal Animals ~ SEE ARTICLE IN FILES SECTION OF LIBERTY BELL WEBSITE!

Commercial & Sport Fishing ~ Charter Fishing Boats, Tackle, Bait Shops, Fish Farms.

Holy Matchcovers! ~ Churches, Clergy, Dieties, Especially Fringe Religions or Cults.

Celebrity Chefs ~ Chefs who've published cookbooks, had TV cooking shows, etc.

WWII Relief Organizations ~ I already have quite a few, so check before sending.

Literary ~ Libraries, bookstores, publishers, authors, literary characters, etc.

Tattoo Parlors & Piercing Establishments ~ Especially Older Front Strikers!

Transportation - Aviation, Maritime, & Railroad ~ Especially Yacht Clubs.

FILIPO BERIO CONTACT SET ~ #'s from the right: 1, 3, 4, 6.

Historic Figures ~ Presidents, inventors, explorers, etc.

Horse & Dog Racing ~ I have many so check first.

Events ~ County, State & World's Fairs & Expos.

Graphic Arts ~ Design Firms, Sign Companies.

Group 1 Movie Stars ~ especially Boris Karloff.

Beverages ~ Alcoholic, Soda & Soft Drinks.

CBS Radio Stars Set





This is what I mean by screw-ball World's Fair spoofs. These are the only 2 that I've found so far, but I suspect there are more. I also have a book entitled "Trylongs and Perisites" by "Oley O'Leahy" (who?) which is a whole riff on dealing with relatives who are going to impose on you for extended lodging, if you live anywhere near the World's Fair. It's a hoot!

I'm also looking for scew-balls like the one above on the left, even though It isn't necessarily a spoof on the WF. Keep your eyes open!