

The Hobby's



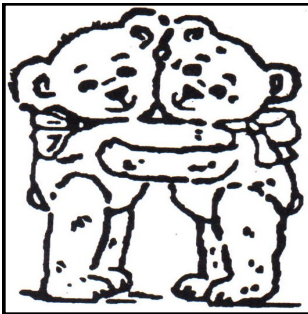
BIG BOY RESTAURANTS CLUB: A specialty club focusing on Big Boy restaurant covers. Meets annually at RMS convention. No bulletin/no dues; initial membership cost of \$5 for cover listing and membership list. There are 474 covers currently listed. Contact: Mike Samuels, 2713 Woodley Place NW, Washington, DC 20008-1518 (E-mail: Mksamuels@aol.com).



CASINO CLUB: A specialty club focusing on Casino matchcovers and boxes. Meetings are held annually at the AMCAL and RMS Conventions. Dues: \$10. There are 10 bulletins annually (at least one color page in each issue). Contact: Dick Hagerman, 824 Peachy Canyon Circle #101, Las Vegas, NV 89144 or Joe DeGennaro at jtdegennaro@cbs.com



THE FOILITE CLUB is a specialty club focusing on Universal Match Corp.'s Foilite matchcovers. Meets annually at RMS convention. Dues: \$5. Monthly listing of newly found Foilites (if enough have been added to the list that month). Contact: Ruth Hagan, 9525 N. Fort Washington, Fresno, CA 93720 [*I wasn't able to verify that Ruth is still handling this*]



HUGGABLE BEARS CLUB is a specialty club centered on matchcovers, boxes, and labels featuring bears and related materials. Formed in 1993, this club 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. There are over 2,000 bear covers known to exist. Meets annually at RMS convention. Dues: \$5. Quarterly bulletin. Contact: Pat Muster, 2604 Crawley Ave., Coquitlam, BC, Canada V3K 6N6.



GIRLIE MATCHCOVER CLUB A specialty club focusing on Girlie matchcovers and boxes. Founded in 1982, it has members worldwide. The goals of the club are to (1) publish an updated, illustrated catalog of known Girlie sets and singles, and (2) to put collectors in contact with one another. Meets annually at RMS convention. Dues: there is an initial charge of \$40 for the spectacular catalog and subsequent updates, and \$12 annual dues there after. Contact: John Bachochin, 15731 S. 4210 Rd., Claremore, OK 74017, Helgibacho@direcway.com



THE JEWEL CLUB is a specialty club interested in Universal Match Corp.'s Jewel matchcovers. Meets annually at RMS convention. No dues. A Jewel listing is maintained and members are advised of any additions. Contact: Clem Pater, 9 Woodbury Ct., Hamilton, OH 45013-6314. cpmatch@goodnews.net

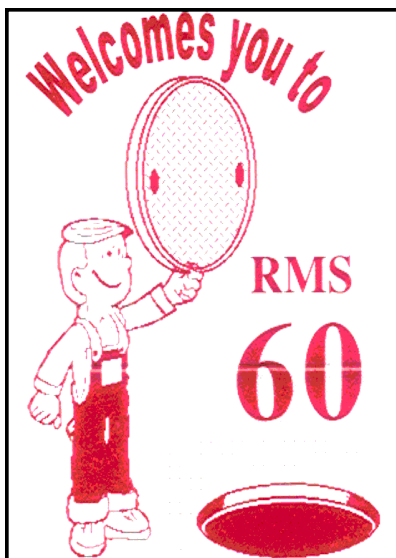
Specialty Clubs



JEWELITE CLUB is a specialty club focusing on Universal Match Corp.'s Jewelite matchcovers. Meets annually at RMS convention. No dues. A Jewelite listing is maintained and members are advised of any additions. The dues are \$5.00 per year. The club produces 4 bulletins per year. Stella Williams is the editor, treasurer and should be the contact person. Art Houser maintains the listing. There are about 7700 listed jewelites. An alphabetical list is available through the club. The Jewelite list would run about \$20.00.

KITTY CLUB is specialty club was founded in May, 1993. Actually, Nancy Bailey just wanted to do a newsletter and start a club because she loves the cat covers. There are no officers. It's just Nancy. She sends out the newsletter 4 times a year and the club has its annual meeting at AMCAL on Wednesday, following the picnic. It's a lot like the Mermaid club. The club pictures every cat cover it can find with a xerox copy, and they're up to 654 on the latest newsletter, as of this writing. As with the Girlie catalog, the full kitty listing is fully illustrated. Members contribute copies of any covers that have not been shown before so Nancy can include them in future issues. The dues are \$5 a year, payable at AMCAL or by mail to Nancy Bailey, 12707 Montague St., Pacoima, CA 91331.

MANHOLE COVER MATCHCOVER CLUB: It's hard to believe this club is already ten years old. I actually thought it was a joke when I first heard of it in 1995, and it still brings a smile to me



whenever I think of it...but it's because of the challenge involved. You can't join unless you can come up with a hitherto unknown manhole cover! I go through tens of thousands of covers each year...and I haven't been able to find one yet! But, I keep looking! As far as the club is concerned, the first such cover was discovered on the swap table at UES 1995. The club was formed by Art Houser, Morris Pasternak, Norma Kedroskie, and Diane Trendel when they began talking about the first treasured cover. Art became President and Morris Vice-President. The club now has 16 members and nine covers in the known collection, and one of those is a 40-strike from Great Britain. There are no dues and no bulletin. Meetings, if any, to the best of my knowledge, are conducted at the annual conventions. If you think you have what it takes, the contact person is Art Houser, 120-4 De George Circle, Rochester, NY 14626

MERMAID CLUB: Contact person for Mermaid Club is Ellen Gutting in Las Vegas. She writes "Sea Words" the Mermaid Bulletin. The club meets at AMCAL and RMS annually. There are Mermaid matchcovers

given out at the meeting so all members receive at least one or two and many more to pass out to non-members. The bulletin also lists Mermaid matchcovers found among members or found somewhere in this country. Beware, though!....Mermaids attract Pirates!

