

Mileage Charts

Over the years, I've known at least a few collectors who collected mileage chart covers, although it was a recent conversation of Sierra-Diablo President Loren Moore that made me take a real look at this category.

As shown here, mileage charts can be found in at least 20, 30, and 40-strike sizes. I don't think I've ever seen one on a 10-strike or Midget. The actual charts are always on the inside of the covers [*watch someone write in and point out that he has several on the outside!*]. And, almost all of these covers are older covers, although there are certainly some mileage charts to be seen on a relatively few newer covers. And that means that the great majority of covers, here, are front-strikes. So, if you're looking for them, your chances are much better looking through older covers than new.

Talking to Loren, my immediate question was how does one organize a collection of mileage charts? So, he showed me how he does it, and it was quite interesting. Loren has them by location, since they all show the mileage from a certain town. What was especially interesting...*and challenging!*...was that he tries to cross reference each one. Thus, if he has a mileage chart showing the distance, say, from Des Moines to Boise, he especially looks for a mileage chart showing the distance from Boise to Des Moines. He showed me several examples of such pairings, but one can well imagine what a goal *that* is! ...Another good example of one of the prime factors in collecting being the challenge...[*probably has something to do with man's primordial urge to hunt!*]

I don't believe Loren mentioned how many mileage charts he currently has, but my bulging data base shows that Larry Martin, AZ, reported having 382 back in May 1999. There has to be many more than that, though.

"YOUR MASTER HOSTS WITHIN ONE DAYS DRIVE FROM EL PASO"	
Abilene, Texas THUNDERBIRD LODGE & SANDS	445 mi.
Austin, Texas TERRACE	588 mi.
Dallas, Texas OAKS MANOR TOWN HOUSE	632 mi.
Denver, Colo. WHEELER MANOR	720 mi.
Fort Worth, Texas WESTERN HILLS	599 mi.
Laredo, Texas EL MOTEL SANDS	601 mi.
Phoenix, Arizona SANDS, WESTERN VILLAGE	449 mi.
San Antonio, Texas WESTERNER	572 mi.
Scottsdale, Arizona SAFARI HOTEL	440 mi.
Tucson, Arizona TUCSON BILTMORE, SANDS TUCSON INN	327 mi.
Yuma, Arizona STARDUST	561 mi.

MILEAGE FROM CEDAR CREST MOTEL	
Albuquerque, N.M.	527
Bakersfield, Cal.	472
Barstow, Cal.	341
Beaver, Utah	53
Boise, Idaho	642
Bryce Canyon	78
Butte, Mont.	706
Cheyenne, Wyo.	705
Denver, Colo.	710
Fillmore, Utah	111
Flagstaff, Ariz.	304
Fresno, Cal.	579
Gallup, N.M.	492
Grand Canyon (Bright Angel Point)	185
Heber, Utah	246
Hoover Dam	217
Jackson Hole, Wyo.	576
Kanab, Utah	102
Las Vegas, Nev.	186
Logan, Utah	343
Long Beach, Cal.	478
Los Angeles, Cal.	474
Mojave, Cal.	409
Needles, Calif.	289
Nephi, Utah	173
Ogden, Utah	297
Phoenix, Ariz.	509
Pocatello, Idaho	437
Provo, Utah	218
Riverside, Cal.	428
Salt Lake, Utah	262
San Diego, Cal.	555
San Francisco, Cal.	764
Santa Barbara, Cal.	564
Spanish Fork, Utah	207
St. George, Utah	54
Tucson, Ariz.	634

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Mileage From OGDEN, UTAH	
TO	Miles
Boise	344
Brigham City	21
Burley	164
Cedar City	295
Chicago	1434
Denver	544
Elko	273
Evanston	75
Grand Junction	310
Idaho Falls	181
Jackson	256
Las Vegas	486
Los Angeles	772
New Orleans	1779
New York	2242
Pendleton	563
Pocatello	130
Portland	775
Provo	77
Reno	569
Rock Springs	181
Sacramento	704
Salt Lake City	34
San Francisco	815
Seattle	857
Twin Falls	204
Wendover	162
W. Yellowstone	335
Zion's Nat'l Park	350