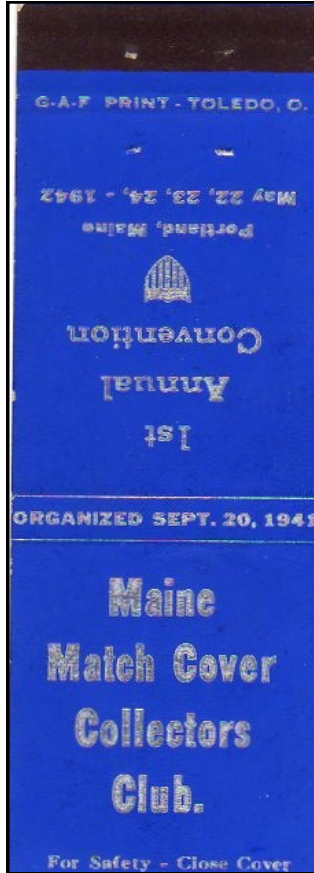


RMS...*The First!...The Oldest!...??*



We all *know* that RMS was the first club formed for matchcover collectors. We all know that RMS was founded in 1941. All of which makes RMS the oldest matchcover collecting club. And, we all know that RMS then went on to become the premier matchcover collecting club in the world.

But, look at the cover shown here. The Maine Match Cover Collectors Club was *also* formed in 1941...*oh oh!* Is our whole world about to crumble?!

Well, no...but it was *close!* The Maine Match Cover Collectors Club was founded on September 20, 1941. RMS was founded on September 11, 1941. RMS is *STILL* the first!...by nine days!

By the way, although RMS is also the largest matchcover collecting club, we're not the largest phillumenic club. Hong Kong's Chinese Phillumenic Society, although I don't have current membership numbers, is almost certainly the largest.