

Movers & Shakers

Highway 66 Matchcover Project: Phil Gordon, WA, A group of us, under Loren Moore's, CA encouragement and leadership, have signed on to upload "all" of the matchcover images that we have from businesses along US Highway 66. (I say "all" businesses because it is still to be determined if we will include businesses that were not traveler-oriented.)

So to begin, Loren and I decided to focus on one state to test our process and numbering system and the state we chose was Texas because, aside from Kansas from which there are very few US Highway 66 matchcovers, Texas has the least of any other state. But there are still hundreds of covers from Texas we know. So for right now we are trying to get Highway 66 matchcover images from Texas uploaded onto Loren's website. We began with my collection and we are asking other collectors to look through their collections and see if they have anything that is not among the uploaded images. (They will: there are over 300 matchcover images uploaded from my collection plus some other images I got from the internet, and I figure we'll probably end up with 400-500 images from Texas.) I am doing the first pass and putting the easy stuff up on Loren's MatchcoverCollector website, even though there are other Route 66 collectors who have larger collections than me.

My collection is up on Loren's website and it can be found here:

[Highway 66 Archives - MatchCoverCollector.com](http://Highway66Archives-MatchCoverCollector.com)

Wayne Eadie, NY: I am meeting with our county paper to discuss an article on my collection and/or the possibility of using my local restaurant collection to help illustrate a planned article on long gone favorite iconic restaurants in the area. As RMS Time & Place Chair, I am in the final stages of negotiations for a venue for the 80th RMS Convention, providing a choice of two cities for member vote at this year's convention. At the end of this month I will begin the hunt for 2021 cities. I am about to put together an article for the RMS Bulletin on stock design Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer matches, based on work I have recently completed. I plan to start soon on an update of the BiCentennial Matches listing originally done by Duke Roher. Plans are to also update the InterContinental Hotel Listing done by John Williams, who had given his support to the project. I am participating with an active steering committee to explore the feasibility of creating a match industry museum to showcase match material to a larger audience than collectors alone.

Richard Giardini, CO: I have an updated casino cover listing that I am working on. It currently has 10,866 covers listed. It is being put together in conjunction with the casino club and is available at matchbookcollecting.com.

Mike Samuels, DC: My major hobby-related project is a book and possibly related display addressing "A Matchcover History of World War II."

Marc Edelman, PA: Sorting thru 30 cases of samples from Maryland Match for distribution to Liberty Bell members. Also liquidating a long-time collector's collection.

Mike Avitt, IA: Mike's collection and hobby history was spotlighted in two different newspaper articles: *Creston News Advertiser*, Oct 28, 2019 and the *Mount Ayr Record-News*, November 14, 2019.

Loren Moore, CA: In a tour de force, Loren Moore is presenting the “world’s largest exhibit of framed Matchcovers and Match Books” at the Blue Line Arts Gallery at 405 Vernon St., Roseville, CA, June 20th - July 4th. (916-783-4117) <http://www.BlueLineArts.org>