

Pioneers Of The Hobby: V

[from Esther Rancier, Match Covers A Guidebook for Collectors, 1976]

Marty Deer: Marty Deer and his wife (both RMS members), of Winter Haven, Florida, helped to found the Sunshine Matchcover Club in 1958, and Marty has recently been editor of *The Florida Matchbook*. Marty is one of the experts in COMBINE. He has an outstanding collection of Navy Ship covers and is largely responsible for the matchcover exhibit at the Hobby Hall of Fame at Cape Coral, Florida. He is another collector who has become a legend in his own time.

Don Degunia: Don Degunia, an RMS member, was one of the founders of the Mid-West Matchcover Club in 1962 and has an outstanding collection of InterContinental Hotels.

Loraine Runion: Loraine was the first Vice-president of the Mid-West Matchcover Club and is an outstanding collector of impossible covers.

Ed. Note: I'm surprised that Evelyn Hovious, San Francisco, wasn't mentioned in Esther Rancier's book. Evelyn started collecting in 1917! When I entered the hobby in 1983, she was the Grand Dame of the hobby. She was Outstanding Collector (1964); RMS President (1970-1972); Hall of Fame (1991). [Of course, the Hall of Fame Award came after Esther book came out]. She had a million+ covers and was very generous to the collectors who visited her from all over the country.