

HOBBY HISTORY

Historical Tidbits: VI

- > The Outstanding Collector of the Year in 1949, Sam Rosen, received a Match-O-Gram plaque and 500 matchcovers [RMS Bulletin, September, 1959]
- > 1949 RMS dues were.....\$2 [RMS Bulletin, September, 1959]
- > Diamond Match Co. displayed the Mendelson Opera cover at the 1949 RMS convention [RMS Bulletin, September, 1959]
- > The July 17, 1959, issue of the *Belleville Times-News* ran an article wondering “if anyone still collected matchcovers.” [RMS Bulletin, September, 1959]
- > In 1949, there were only two regional clubs in existence—Empire Matchcover Club and New England Matchcover Club (everything was still centered in the northeast) [RMS Bulletin, September, 1959]
- > 82 people attended the 1949 RMS convention [RMS Bulletin, September, 1959]
- > Secretary-Editor Horace Rush was presented with a new typewriter at the 1949 RMS convention [RMS Bulletin, September, 1959]
- > In 1948, F. Ryan and Sam Rosen tied for Outstanding Collector. The tie was broken with a revote, and Ryan won [RMS Bulletin, September 1958]
- > 1948 RMS convention room rate: Double = \$8-\$15 [RMS Bulletin, July 1958]
- > RMS was formed by 45 collectors (including families) meeting at the home of Ken Riggs at Pocasset, MA, during the weekend of September 11-13, 1941 [RMS Bulletin, July 1956]
- > At the above meeting, among the first RMS officers elected were *six* different vice-presidents. Why so many?—no one knows. [RMS Bulletin, July 1956]
- > One of the earliest hobby publications was the *Matchonia & Hobby Advertiser*. It covered several hobbies. In 1938, the subscription fee was 25¢ a year [RMS Bulletin, March 1956]
- > The Animatch made its first hobby appearance at the 1954 RMS convention (The Animatch was a 16-match novelty cover whose graphic expands) [RMS Bulletin, October/November 1954]
- > In the early 1950s, there was a recurring popular rumor that blind people could obtain seeing eye dogs by collecting a certain number of matchcovers [RMS Bulletin, October/November 1954]
- > REMCO (Redwood Empire Matchcover Organization), a California club born in 1954, put out a bulletin called the *Redwood Post* [RMS Bulletin, October/November 1954]
- > RMS reached its 1000th consecutive member in August/September 1954 [RMS Bulletin, October/November 1954]
- > In 1953, Israel did not permit money to be sent out of the country; thus, Israeli RMS member #702 had to rely on the generosity of other members. For example, Ed Perkins paid his 1952 dues [RMS Bulletin, November 1953]
- > When mailed out, the September 1953 *Bulletins* weighed a total of 66 lbs. [RMS Bulletin, October 1953]
- > The 1953 RMS convention in Richmond, VA, was, at the time, the farthest south and the farthest “away” the convention had yet been [RMS Bulletin, August 1953]