

## MATCH TIPS for New Collectors

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Here's your Christmas shopping list...just circle the items you want to find under the tree and leave this laying around for the spouse or whatever...POSTAGE SCALE FIRE EXTINGUISHER BIG, 3" THICK 3-RING BINDERS STAMPS ALBUM PAGES CLUB MEMBERSHIP CASE OF PERSONAL MATCHES FAX MACHINE AIR TICKET TO BAKERSFIELD, HOUSTON, OR HAGERSTOWN (or all 3) VISE FOR FLATTENING COVERS RETURN ADDRESS LABELS MANY EMPTY SHOE BOXES CALCULATOR COMPUTER MERCEDES COUPE LEXUS FULL OF MATCH COVERS  
 \_\_\_\_\_(FILL IN YOUR OWN WISH HERE)..

Although Disney World in Florida has cut back on some of its matches, there is still lots of construction going on, like a new Boardwalk Hotel opening in mid-1966 which will hafta have matches. If you come to WDW, write or call me first for my blurb on where to go for matches and which places you can bypass.

Hooray- the RMS rules for displays will now be published in January, and I urge you to read them & then make a display or 10 to take to Houston in Aug. The rules were changed some at Newark but I feel there's more changing needed. If you have thoughts about them, write to Linda Clavette; she seeks input.

I've heard some fears about going to Quebec in 1997. Hey, not to worry - Quebec is part of Canada, and Canada is really our 51st state, eh? We US folks have a great dollar advantage in Canada; you do NOT need a passport ; Quebec welcomes US \$\$; and in the urban areas where we'll be, they DO speak some English, like "No, m'sieur, the tip is not included in the bill." Even their ATM machines will give you money for your card. A dinner cruise is slated, too.

Hey, if you don't already have a fax machine, think hard about getting one. They're not awfully expensive; you do NOT need a separate phone line; and a great feature is that they are also a copy machine! I can fax covers if I insert them into a plastic carrier and, on a weekday it costs me only 27 cents to fax a full page to you, which you receive instantly, as opposed to paying 32 cents for the US Snail to get it to you someday, maybe.

Postal regulations are not meant to be understood by us citizens, & sure enough they're not. Get you a copy of the regs page dealing with mailing of matches and see if it makes sense. One rule says if you mail safety matches along with a brick or a gold ingot, the package must be marked "Safety Matches," but if you send a caddy of matches alone, no marking is needed. You figger that out...local postal dudes could not help me so I have written to the Big Mail Man in Washington for an explanation. Hold yer breath.

Them folks out in the Pacific northwest seem to be buzzing with activity lately, the PNWMCC is having a swapfest Feb. 29-Mar 3, at the brand new Silver Legacy in Reno, NV (write to Don Fisher about that), and Gary Unruh of Kent, WA, has formed a new club, the Rocket Alley MC, with beautiful (but costly) color photos of his auction offerings. Meantime, girlie collector and editor Lee Nott is still trying to launch a new club in the St. Louis area.

Write or call me at 222 So. Ranger Blvd., Winter Park, FL 32792, phone, or fax (407) 657-0222. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a real great 1966!