

## MATCH TIPS for New Collectors

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Where to get album pages and other collecting supplies. For pages to hold full books, try Larry Martin in AZ. For plastic see-thru pages go to Bob Goodyear in CA. For slitted pages for 3-ring binders, try Hobbymaster in Anoka, MN. They sell albums, too. Although the Long Beach MC store is now closed, Bob Hiller of CA still has used pages—slitted ones for 3-ring binders and for Beach albums, and sometimes sewn pages. I would assume that most other dealers also wind up with empty album pages at times—try John Williams, Mike Shapiro, Glen Lewis, Larry Ziegler, or Andre Godin of Canada.

Album covers? In addition to Hobbymaster, you can also get wide albums at Office Depot, but the best buy is at flea markets. For pliers to remove staples from matchbooks, write to Ralph Arnold, MA. For lists of who has what lists, contact RMS editor Mike Prero. For general information about the hobby and for historical info write to John Williams, OH, or Ralph Arnold. For photos of many hobby old-timers and some recent collectors, write to Glenn Lewis, PA. Need to order a case or a truckload of matches? Try Wayne Eadie, in Goldens Bridge, NY. Some clubs like Sierra-Diablo sell caddies of shucked matches for your trading stockpile—write to Warren Marshall.

The above is not a complete listing, so please don't yelp if I omitted you. I purposely didn't give addresses, so YOU can take the trouble to look up those folks in the club rosters or bulletins.

When shopping, keep an eye out for wallpaper or Contact paper that might have matchbooks on it. And with the Christmas season upon us, look out for Christmas cards which show matches. Last year, Hallmark had a Christmas tree matchbox ornament—look this year, but wait until after Christmas to buy it at 1/2 price. When writing to traders, tell them not only what kind of

covers you like, but also what kind you would prefer NOT to receive. Some smart mfrs. can use matchbooks very effectively by having their product used to make the matchcover. A firm called Lexide, which makes fabric-like book covers, had a 30s matchcover made of Lexide; the inside tells you all about it.

Looking for some Christmas shopping ideas, or perhaps some way to leave a hint for what you'd like to find under the tree? Here are some things that you can circle and then leave this page laying around for someone else to see...

ALBUM PAGES	TICKET TO AMCAL
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	TICKET ON CONCORDE
FILE CABINETS	FLATTENING C-CLAMPS
RETSKIN'S BOOK	10 ROLLS OF STAMPS
BULLETIN ADVT.	CLUB MEMBERSHIP
PLAQUE TO AWARD	FULL-BOOK FRAME
PAPER CUTTER	DISPLAY FOAM BOARD
POSTAL SCALE	COMPUTER SOFTWARE
ROLL OF STAMPS	LEXUS OR MINIVAN
MAGNIFYING GLASS	10 HRS OF SHUCKING
ADDRESS LABELS	INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION
CASE OF MATCHES	LINDBERGH COVER
ARNOLD'S PLIERS	RETURN ADDRESS STAMP
AIR TICKET TO RMS	

There you go—you can write in some extras like sox, underwear, or eau de cologne. If your piggy bank is busted, send me a SASE, and I'll send you back a dozen or so covers from Walt Disney World. No, the new Coronado Springs Resort Hotel at Disney does not yet have matches; they're using the white one from Pleasure Island. Not to worry, I'll yelp when any new ones appear.

*[Got any questions about covers or our hobby? I'll try to help, or will point you at someone else who can. I'm Bill Thomas, 222 S. Ranger Blvd., Win-ter Park, FL 32792-4331. Phone/fax: 407-657-0222. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from warm, snowless Florida!]*