

## Small Categories Series

### Fast Food Restaurants

Well, here's a category that any Restaurant collector already has. It's just a question of whether or not one would want to break out such Fast Food covers into their own area. Although, I suppose, you could have your entire Restaurant collection subdivided into "types"—Fast Food, Mexican, Italian, French, Cafes, Grills, etc.—in which case you'd have both the larger Restaurant collection and such smaller collections all at the same time.

In any event, you may be surprised that there even *are* Fast Food covers. I was, at first. One doesn't picture smoking as easily at such establishments as in regular restaurants. But, they exist, and they exist in some numbers. We're not talking thousands here—we're not even talking hundreds and hundreds—but you can find a handful of different covers from each of the big chains, and, of course, there are a number from independent mom and pop hamburger joints. But don't let the hamburger stereotype lead you to tunnel vision. There are other kinds of Fast Food places....How about donut shops? How about Pizza parlors...Ohhh, if the latter qualify, I take back what I said about there not being hundreds and hundreds of covers available here. There are *lots* of pizza parlor covers available. Billijo Piper, SC, reported having over 1,500 several years ago. And, how about Drive-In restaurants? Jack Barnes, NH, had 87 different McDonald's covers back in 1998. ....Hmmm, depending on what *you* include in the Fast Food category, this might be a somewhat sizable category after all. It's up to you.

