

Insurance Covers

Insurance is a small category in the sense that it's not one of the widely collected topics in the hobby. Numerically, however, it's a fairly large category, having thousands of covers available. All you have to do is *find* them!

The concept of insurance goes back to the Renaissance, when the first actual life insurance contract was written. Today, of course, there are all sorts of different types of insurance: health, industrial, business, fire, life, etc. It was actually auto insurance that led to this particular article, as that type of insurance was celebrating its 50th anniversary on a cover I happened across *[the celebration for which, no doubt, largely paid for by my own premiums!...I had three teenagers at the time!]*.

It was Dr. Truman Martin of Buffalo, NY, in 1948, who was the first person to buy auto insurance. The policy, which cost him \$11.25 for \$10,000 in liability, was sold by Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, CT., and Travelers, of course, is still one of the big names in the industry today.

On the whole, Insurance covers tend to be rather bland and uninspiring, but they have a lot to offer in the way of long series from the various companies. You'll find them available in just about all sizes and types. Not too many fancies, here...mostly run-of-the-mill, straight-to-the-point covers. There are some nice oldies!

The late Andy Anderson, MO, had the largest Insurance collection that I'm aware of. He had 3,317 covers back in May, 1997.

