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# ***FLASHBACK!***

## **Bits & Pieces**

**“SAFETY NOTE:** As we all well know that matches are not a play thing but can be and are a dangerous item. I suggest that all attending the convention take along some paper bags and place these shucked out matches in these bags so the hotel can dispose of them without danger of fire.

Please do not do your shucking in the Exhibit Room, nor the Meeting Room, nor the Hospitality Rooms and leave the matches laying around. Also any matches received during the Banquet should not be shucked out and left laying on the tables. Fire can be the result of carelessness. The ABC’s of our convention should be Always Be Careful. Nobody wants a fire...

from the President of R.M.S.  
H. Russell Fink”  
*[July/August 1974 RMS Bulletin]*

**“SECOND BUSINESS SESSION, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1974:** ...Stanley Altricher moved that National Matchcover Week Contest Awards be dropped until such time as more interest is shown in the affair. Seconded by Charles Wolf. Approved.” *[September/October 1974 RMS Bulletin]*

**“RAMBLINGS:** *[ref RMS Convention auctions]*...All in all, for the two-day auction session, a total of \$1,084.00 was realized, of which the host club received 15% for their troubles.” *[September/October 1974 RMS Bulletin]*

**“RAMBLINGS:** Did you read about the “Gaithersburgh” Holiday Inn (20 miles from Washington, DC?) charging \$1,400 a night? Yep, this seven room suite four bath three bedrooms goes for one thousand, four hundred bucks a nite. The price includes all food and drink, chauffeured limousine and 24-hour maid and butler service, and of course all ten rooms and four baths. The matchcover I have is a regular, ordinary black-stock design with the usual design inside. Tch. 1¢ each!” *[May/June 1975 RMS Bulletin]*

**“POST-CONVENTION NEWS:** ...no convention would be complete without the complainers and the few snobs. These persons do not deserve any further mention. Thanks for nothing.” *[September/October 1977 RMS Bulletin]*

**“COVER NEWS:** There were over ninety thousand covers distributed into the bags at the 37th convention.” *[September/October 1977 RMS Bulletin]*

**“TIPS ‘N THINGS:** A few years ago, when the Apollo covers were a big hit, and an expensive cover too, many members were “burned” when purchasing these Apollo sets from unscrupulous merchants. At that time ye editor had a caution flag out, thru the “Voice of the Hobby” bulletin to be wary of sales of such Apollo sets. Promptly I received a couple of letters telling me to “mind my own business”! Well, those that ignored my warning were very disappointed later on, I am told.” *January/February 1978 RMS Bulletin]*

**“POST CONVENTION NEWS:** Two new records were made this year, that surpassed the records set at Detroit last year...the Auction brought in \$3,081.00...Raffle ticket sales...\$416.00” *[S/O 1978 RMS]*