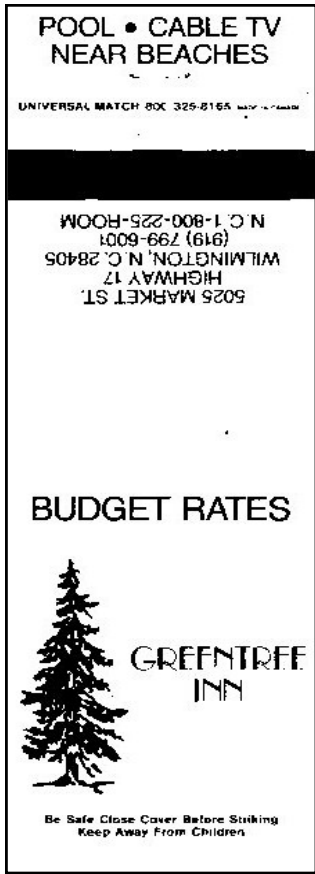


Trees!

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Trees?! What kind of a category is that? I don't think I've ever seen another collector who listed "Trees" as one of his or her want areas....although a few collect Palm Trees; it certainly has never been on mine! But, sifting through covers one day (one of my favorite pastimes), it just struck me that there are some pretty nifty-looking covers that featured trees in the designs...eye-catching trees, interesting trees...and so... why not?





And, so, I started putting them aside. For me, this is never going to be a primary category, but it's just one of those 'pet' side interests that pop up every once and awhile. It's not at the top of my priority list (it's not even *on* my priority list), but any time I have dupes I always check now to see if there are any trees!

I should point out that I don't count *every* cover that has a tree on it as acceptable...no, the tree has to be the most prominent part of the design, such as the ones pictured below. It can't be some little insignificant blip in the background.

Also, I can envision some day in the future when I'll want to break down all my Tree covers into smaller subcategories for organizational ease, so perhaps there might be a 'Palm Tree' section, and a 'Pine Tree' section, 'Oak Trees', 'Fruit Trees', etc. I'm nowhere near that point now, however.

You're liable to find Trees in any other category, of course...even Navy Ships! Still, I *have* found that they're especially common on Country Club covers. They're most numerous among Hotel/Motel/Restaurant covers...but, then, almost *every* small category is most numerous there!

Anyway, Trees is another little possible category that you might give some consideration to as they're being shifted through your fingers and before you toss those otherwise unwanted covers into your 'dupe' box. Toby Messmer, KY, has 739 (and that's just Palm Trees) in his collection.

