



# BULLETIN OF THE ROSSICA SOCIETY OF RUSSIAN PHILATELY

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## Society News

### President's Message

#### New Journal Editor and publishing arrangement.

The Rossica Society lives or dies by its journal. For as long as I can remember, we've always teetered on the edge of disaster, with no backup for the Editor in the event of something unfortunate happening. Each time an Editor has stepped down, however, Rossica's guardian angel has stepped in to save us.

Most members don't have a full appreciation of just how much Jeff Radcliffe has brought to the Rossica Society's journal (never mind its tremendous web site) and how much effort is required to produce it. Not only is it a lot of work to do the layout and design – the “look” of the journal – but the printing, the binding, the addressing, the stamp pasting and the mailing add considerably to the burden, and that can take weeks. When you consider that Jeff has a full-time job and then add THIS Society full-time job to it, you wonder how he did it, issue after issue.

Worse yet, being the Editor is all too often a thankless task, and there is not much to be said for the pay and benefits Rossica offers the chief of its inky wretches. As for the pension, well, it consists of the warm glow one gets after being slapped repeatedly. All too often, some folks think that the fanny pressing down on the Editor's chair is there to be kicked, and Jeff took more than his fair share of guff and grief.

When Jeff's new real-world job demanded much more time of him, we went looking for a replacement at his request and quickly found that recruiting someone with his skill set and willingness to serve was well nigh impossible. Instead, in the ancient and time-honored response to crisis, we formed a committee and replaced him with just that, a committee of three, a “troika,” one of whom is Jeff. (!) It's a heckuva note when you have to be a part of the committee that replaces yourself, but there it is...

Jeff will still handle the electronic version of the finished journal

– CDs and downloads, which entails stomping and mailing CDs and setting up the downloads as part of his responsibilities as Rossica Webmaster.

During Jeff's tenure the Rossica Journal took on a professional appearance, and it did very well indeed wherever it was entered in literature competitions, be they national or international. When he took over as Editor for Rossica Journal #137 in the fall of 2001, he had no idea he'd be doing 17 issues, one of them a double. In that time we've transitioned to paper journals partially in color and CDs and downloads all or mostly all in color. The tremendous difference between those and the preceding black-and-white issues is self-evident.

His shoes will be tough to fill, but fill them we must, for our Society rises with its Journal or falls without it. Dr. William Moskoff will be replacing Jeff as Editor-in-Chief beginning with the Fall 2010 Rossica Journal, and Mike Gutter, our Treasurer and Bulletin Editor, will take over as Layout-and-Design Editor.

Dr. Moskoff is no stranger to editing and publishing, either, and he brings impressive credentials to the table with him. He's the Hollender Professor of Economics and Biology, Emeritus at Lake Forest College, and with a Ph.D. in Economics and a Master's in Biology, Bill has swum in the deep end of the publish-or-perish pool for quite some time. The author of three books and the co-author of a fourth, he has also edited or co-edited five more books on economics and written a slew of articles on economics and birds. Readers of the Rossica Journal will have already seen his work in a number of recent submissions. He will be responsible for whipping the articles into proper English and providing the text-ready Word files to the new Layout-and-Design Editor.

Mike is one of the stalwarts of the Society and is conversant with Desktop Publisher. She has edited not one but three bulletins in addition to keeping us solvent and our books balanced, and she played a crucial role in the success of ROSSICAPEX 2009. In her professional job with Hewlett-Packard, she did a lot of layout

and technical writing. To avoid burdening her with too much of a load, the musical chairs will continue for a while longer as we look for someone to replace her as Rossica Bulletin Editor. Through delicate diplomatic negotiations, judicious blackmail and the odd death threat, we should have things squared away before the year is out. In the meantime, Mike is still stuck with this summer's bulletin.

The "troika" will need your help. We need articles, and we need you to write them. We are also in desperate need of translators, because there's a lot of stuff out there that would make good grist for our mill, and it's going begging.

So. A huge **THANK YOU!** to Jeff, a hearty **WELCOME ABOARD!** to Bill Moskoff and Mike Gutter, and a loud **GET CRACKING ON THOSE ARTICLES!** to the membership.

#### Publications and new issues.

- 1) The **Rossica Library Subject Index** will be made available (time permitting and the creek don't rise) in the Members Only section of the Rossica website for free, or if you would like to order your own copy, we'll offer it as a download and on CD for \$20 and \$25, respectively, for members and \$70/\$75 for non-members. This covers much (but not all) of the Library up to 1992 or so, encompassing 10,600 titles, cross-referenced. Greg Mirsky will be plowing ahead with additions, but if you'd like to help with an ongoing project to bring this SI up to date, we would be delighted to have volunteers. It doesn't necessarily take up much time, and because you must at least scan the articles for content in order to produce a brief précis, you learn a lot, too. If you have something horrible for which to atone but hair shirts and self-flagellation are not your cup of tea, working on updating the SI is the next best thing. My thanks again to Scott Allen, John Myke and Ged Seiflow for all their assistance in producing the original, and to Greg for his rescue of the text on a corrupted floppy disk.
- 2) Alexander Epstein's **book on the WWI Russian Field Post**, originally published in Russian (a very limited run), has now been translated into English by Alexander and very graciously made available to the Rossica Society. Once we edit it, we can make it available to the membership.
- 3) Alexander has also produced an **update to his Postal Stationery Catalog**, which we are also making available. That too will be ready to go after a once-over of the text.
- 4) Ged Seiflow scanned in A.M. Rosselevich's "*Russian Philatelist*" journals (but just the English version). It would be nice to digitize the Russian version as well and include the both of them on one CD. Also, the Society can't say that its CDs with *Rossika* 1-43 and 44-137 are complete until such time as we've included the

Russian version of the Journal from #44 to 69. Any volunteers to do the scanning?

- 5) The A.A. Chebotkevich vignette was unveiled at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show this year, and once again we feature a portrait drawn by Catherine Nickle. It's available at the Rossica booth for \$1 a vignette, \$30 for an unsigned sheet and \$50 for a signed sheet. All proceeds go to the Rossica Society.

#### Upcoming events.

As a follow-up to point 13 in the President's Message (Winter 2010 Bulletin), wherein it was stated that the Rossica Society would attempt to establish closer ties with the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum and its foreign stamps section, I'd like to alert our members to a great opportunity coming up. The 2010 Blount Symposium at the National Postal Museum has scheduled three (!) Rossica members for this event, speaking on the general Symposium topic "Stamps and the Mail: Imagery, Icons & Identity," and it will run from 30 September to 1 October.

The three presentations will be:

- 1) William Moskoff - "Soviet Postal Material and State Propaganda, 1917-1945" (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-4:30).
- 2) Alexander Kolchinsky - "Stalin on Stamps: Design, Propaganda, Politics" (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:00).
- 3) Robin Gates Elliott - "Stamp Design in Post-Communist Eastern Europe and the Successor States to the Soviet Union" (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-5:30).

Please join me in congratulating our three members! This is a considerable accomplishment on their part, and they deserve our support. If you can sign up and take the time to attend the symposium, it would be a mark of respect, a chance to learn a lot and an opportunity to wave the Rossica flag. As far as I know, this is the first time we've had so many members involved in the Blount Symposium, so the event represents an important step up for our society.

Their papers will be eligible for reproduction in the Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press (SISP), which will be publishing the proceedings. We hope to post the PowerPoint presentations on the Rossica Virtual Gallery later this year and let you know how you can obtain copies of the talks from the SISP.

Registration for the Blount Symposium is free. You may still be able to register at: <http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/symposium2010/index.html>.

David Skipton

## Society Events

Time has certainly flown by since the last Bulletin and much has happened. The majority of you will probably learn about it the forthcoming Journal or have read about it on our website. However the minutes from the Annual Officer's Meeting and the Annual General Meeting are included in this publication.

I also want to thank you each of you for all the support you have given me as your Bulletin Editor. I am stepping down from this position in order to be the layout and design editor for the Journal. I realize I can't do all things for everybody but the one thing I can do well is do publishing and printing work. I am already working with our new Journal Editor, William Moskoff, and will admit that I enjoy his willingness to work with me long distance. Jeff Radcliffe will continue to handle the distribution of the Journal in CD and download format.

Although the economy may seem bleak to some, let me reassure you that for now and for the foreseeable future your Rossica officers are working hard, and even though we are not paid we are serious about making sure that our Society continues to be strong and viable.

## Reminder to Pay Your 2011 Dues

To remind our members, the "Early Bird" special is still available for paying your 2011 dues. Your officers decided once again NOT to raise the dues. However, we did deem it necessary to raise the price of postage, which we had built into the dues. The postage rate change only affects the pricing of the paper Journal being shipped to Canada and other foreign destinations. We are increasing the postage rate for shipping to Canada by \$5.00 per year. The price to ship to all other foreign destinations will increase by \$10.00 per year. There will be no increase in the price of shipping the CD format.

You can pay via PayPal by going to our website and simply clicking on "Pay Annual Dues" on the left hand side of the screen. OR you can send your check made out to Rossica to:

Rossica  
% Michael Ann Gutter  
PO Box 20305  
Carson City, NV 89721  
USA

If you pay before January 1<sup>st</sup>, please send \$22.50 for a paper copy of the Journal, \$20 for a CD or \$18.00 for a download version of the Journal. Please remember to send the correct amount. You don't want your Treasurer to get after you about sending in the wrong amount. If you pay after December 31<sup>st</sup>, the amount due reverts to the normal \$25 for paper, \$22.50 for CD and \$20 for the download version. Please remember they are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> or your name will be dropped from our membership rolls. If you pay after April 1, 2011, the reinstatement fee will be \$30.00 rather than the traditional \$25.00.

Remember, those of you who subscribe to a paper Journal and live in Canada please include an additional \$5.00, and those you who live any other country outside of the U.S. include an additional \$10.00. Anyone who has prepaid for 2011 is exempt from this increase.

## New Members

Welcome to Rossica! We hope you will enjoy the benefits the society has to offer, including the Journal, the Bulletin, the Library and the Website. Of course, if you have access to the Internet, the Samovar is a great source of information and I encourage you to visit it and post your questions as well any news and discoveries you may have made. We also encourage you to share your collecting interests with others. Help us grow and bring new members into Rossica.

1976 Alan Li, Albertson, NY  
1977 Leszek S. Osrodka, Lodz, Poland  
1978 Mike Malovance, East Chicago, IL  
1979 Maxime Citerne, Lyon, France  
1980 Christopher Meyer, Versailles, IN  
1981 Philip Rubenstein, Rutland, VT  
1982 Robert Spence, Ontario, CA  
1983 George Corcoran, Avon Park, FL  
1984 Carl Barna, Arvada, CO  
1985 Tobias Huylmans, Freiburg, Germany

The following are our tentative members who will become full members within 90 days unless our regular members provide Rossica reasonable cause as to why they should not become full members.

1986 Mordechai Dougatz, Teaneck, NJ  
1987 Barry Danard, Killarney, Canada  
1988 Craig Grothaus, Mountain Home, AR  
1992 Howard Benson, Jr., Aurora, CO  
1993 Steven John Pearson, Wheat Ridge, CO  
1994 Gregory Frantz, Parker, CO  
1995 Richard E. Small, Reston, VA  
1996 Arkady Avrorov, Pompano Beach, FL  
1997 Mark Waligorski, Levittown, PA  
1998 Jay Carrigan, Hendersonville, NC  
1999 Mrs. Linda Simpson, Roanoke, VA

## Mentor's Column

by Mike Gutter

Since no one asked the "Mentor" a question this time, it is my turn to ask you all a question which I hope you will reply to so that I can form a column for the next Bulletin.

The question is simple enough. What is the difference, in your opinion, between a stamp collector and a philatelist? Do not be concerned about responding in English. I can get it translated. Please send your responses to michael.gutter@rossica.org.

## When Noting the Flight of a Dirigible, There's No Need to Scare the Workers

by D.B. Valeron  
translated by David Skipton

(Note: This article appeared in “*Sovetskiy Kollektioner*” No. 10, October 1930, pp. 233-[245] under the title “*Otmechaya prilet dirizhablya, ne nado pugat' rabochikh.*” My thanks to Leon Finik for the article from *SK* and to Mike Gutter for the scans of C12-C13.)

In September of this year, Moscow awaited the arrival of a German dirigible. To mark the occasion the People's Commissariat of Posts and Telegraphs (*Narkompochtel'*) decided to issue a special series of postage stamps. Well, on 10 September 1930 both the dirigible and the series appeared on Moscow's horizon, the former at the airfield, the latter at the Main Post Office. But as the dirigible created a most favorable impression, the stamps issued in its honor could hardly boast that they had accomplished the same.

Did the *Narkompochtel'* know about the dirigible's impending arrival? Of course it did. It could not help but know what was known to the entire world. Could the *Narkompochtel'* have prepared a stamp issue in honor of the Zeppelin's flight ahead of time? Certainly it could have, especially when the two stamps it issued had exactly the same design and appeared in limited quantities. This was a simple matter.



Figures 1-2

But what in actual fact did we see?

The *Narkompochtel'* waited until the last moment to start preparing the stamps, so there was no time to create an original design. In order to extricate themselves from their difficulties, they

seized upon the first placard they came across, drawn by some talentless artist on a completely different theme: “[Finish] the five-year plan in four years.” But since the design was borrowed in haste, the stamp designs turned out even worse than the placard! The stamps show a worker with widely placed legs and a wide-open mouth that makes him look like he's screaming. Clutching a number “4” in his hands, he flees from the blast furnaces and some sort of pygmies pursuing him. Those pygmies are directed by a dark apparition with a thick file, either for incoming or outgoing papers, and the apparition is in turn being chased by a tractor with an unsteady driver. Next to the [giant] worker's head is a huge “5” with the letter “v” below it, which must apparently mean a five-year plan in four years. Under the worker's legs, three tiny figures rush in with a beam to trip the worker and make him fall.

Despite the fact that the placard<sup>1</sup> was taken as the basis for the stamp design, many changes were introduced. The placard says “We'll do the five-year plan in four,” and “Full speed ahead to finish the five-year plan in four years.”

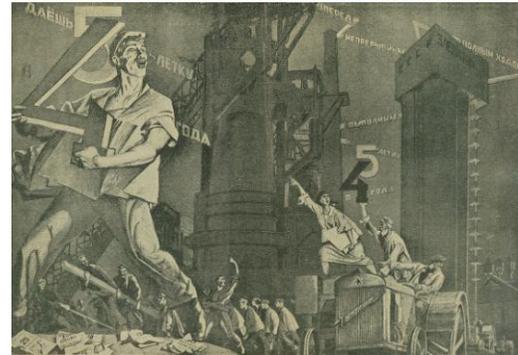


Figure 3  
The placard.

On the placard there's a building to the right of the elevator, but on the stamps it's very much different. The only element on those stamps that commemorate the event is the hastily added German dirigible, although due to technical ignorance it's been put beneath both the blast furnaces and the fleeing worker. Therefore, it doesn't seem to be flying. Instead, it's been forcibly inserted into an utterly senseless situation, insofar as flight is concerned. So the general impression one gets from the stamp design can be summed up as a frightened worker, having seen the German dirigible unnaturally hung near blast furnaces, grabs that which is most precious to him at this stage – [fulfilling] the five-year plan in four years – and runs away in horror, screaming.

<sup>1</sup> The 85 x 59 cm placard of dark blue, red, yellow and brown was issued by “GOSTRUDIZDAT” (Government Labor Publishing House) in a run of 25,000. Moscow's Tsentroizdat (Central Publishing House) did the lithography printing. The artist who drew the placard signed it as “V. Kost.” When the stamp and the placard are put side-by-side, it's evident that a fair number of changes were made. Was it worth it after all this to take such an unfortunate placard as the basis for the design and then still make changes and additions? (Ed.)

Some mysterious little people are attempting to chase him down and explain that there's nothing to fear here: it's just a dirigible from a friendly country, placed there by the *Narkompochtel'* due to a lack of living space on a poorly drawn placard which, although it treats the subject of the "five-in-four" with no talent, still shows the best of intentions. (These intentions just didn't turn out well on the placard.)

Was it worth noting the dirigible's arrival in this fashion? Hardly. If there really had been no way out other than to use the first placard that came to hand, then it should have been necessary not only to draw in the dirigible but to represent it in a more natural setting, and to add the proper inscriptions. It's especially unforgivable to render the worker in such a deformed pose, with his back to the dirigible. What we get out of this is that the working class of the USSR is not only failing to greet the dirigible, it's running away from it in fright as fast as its legs will carry it. We are certain that this wasn't what the *Narkompochtel'* wanted to convey, but that's how it turned out. Moreover, such "objectivities" should be avoided altogether; otherwise they choose the path of least resistance in order avoid saying more.

And it's not just the stamps' design that is poor, either. So too is the font. Look at the "Ч" and the "А" next to the narrow "О." in the upper line and you will understand how feebly the letters were drawn. Then again, perhaps the letters were deformed on purpose, in order to create harmony with the analogous representation of the worker's legs and the dark apparition chasing him.

The stamps were printed on paper intended for paper money, albeit with a very good foreign ink: the 40-kop. in blue and the 80-kop. in red. It's a shame the paper was wasted. Same for the ink.

This series comes in two perforations: 10  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Imperforate stamps are known, too, issued for an "unknown" purpose in an unknown number.

When are we ever going to learn how to put out good stamps?

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting at ROMPEX

May 15, 2010, 1:00 PM, Crown Plaza Hotel, Frisco Room, Denver, CO.

The meeting was called to order by President David Skipton with eight people in attendance. Peter Gutter, Keith Moore, Ian Sellick, Laura Sellick, Mike Gutter, Ray Pietruszka, Alexander Kolchinsky & Ed Laveroni.

Cachets with the Rossica logo were on sale at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Club and at the Rossica Booth for \$2.00. Vignettes were on sale at the Rossica Booth.

### Old Business:

At the Officers meeting two new awards were approved. Previously awards were only for exhibitors.

1) **Rossica Service Award** for the member in good standing who has contributed the most to improve Rossica's internal process or increased membership. The award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting held the year following the period of recognition. Nominations by all members in good standing will be submitted to the President by Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Self-nomination will not be accepted. The award winner will be selected from a vote of the BOD and President. The award will be a certificate and one year's free membership in Rossica.

2) **G. B. Salisbury Award** is for the best Journal or Bulletin article. This award will be an annual award presented at the Annual General Meeting held the year following the period of consideration. In translated articles both the translator and author will be honored. The articles for the year will be printed in the Bulletin, and the members in good standing will vote on it.

We needed a new editor for the Journal. We decided to replace the editor with a committee. Bill Moskoff will be the editor-in-chief, but he does not know Desktop Publishing, so Mike Gutter will do the layout. Jeff will print it. The Fall 2010 Journal will be the first. The Spring 2010 Journal will be late this month or early next.

Dave is working on a new expertization service for Rossica with Leon Finik, Nikolai Kondrikov, Yuri Yablonovsky, Igor Myaskovsky, George Werbizky and others. A secretary is needed to make it work by keeping track of photos, cataloging and returning the material to the individuals. This is not worked out yet. There will be one free expertization per member per year. We will have one to three names of those doing the approving. **Alexander Kolchinsky offered to be the Secretary.**

Alexander Epstein has given Rossica the rights to publish in English the Field Post Offices book that he and A. Vinokurov wrote in Russian.

Also there is an update to Mr. Epstein's Postal Stationery catalog. It will be sold separately to those who bought the original book and combined with the original for new sales.

BALPEX 2011 will be the site of the next "Annual" meeting. The title will be "Rossica and Baltic States Show." (Since the meeting David reported that Rossica has been promised 150 frames.)

We need new members. Russian articles are translated and printed in English for the Journal, but we hope to offer those articles in the original Russian on our website in order to attract new members from the Russian community. We need them for the survival of Rossica. Originally Rossica was started as an exile group. The Journal was in Russian, but those who could not read Russian didn't join and anyone in the Soviet Union could not join. As a result of WWII the society collapsed and had to reform. In 1952 G.B. Salisbury got the society to reach out to

non-Russians in order to save Rossica. Membership was great. After WWII the American government needed Russian-speaking employees for “Cold War” activities, and those plus academics and some from the business community constituted much of the membership. Learning Russian is much less emphasized these days, meaning that since the end of the “Cold War” membership has slowly decreased. It is time to reach out to the Russian émigré community in the U.S. to get us back up to where we were.

The W. Blount Symposium at the Smithsonian has three members submitting papers. Robin Gates Elliott, Alexander Kolchinsky and William Moskoff.

#### **Treasurer’s Report, Mike Gutter:**

A balance sheet was passed out to all members present, and any member can apply for one if they want. There was a decrease in \$ from Dec. 31, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2009 due to the accounting practice of cash accounting with the economic slowdown resulting in slow renewals of membership. The account has been moved from the old account in Maryland to an interest bearing account in Carson City, NV. For over a decade we received no interest. We now can do wire transfers (they pay). Paypal is accepted for a \$2 fee at [sales@paypal.com](mailto:sales@paypal.com). Non members have a \$5-per-transaction fee. We now require double signature for anything over \$2,000 (Mike and David).

Reinstatement fee is raised to \$5 late charge plus the membership fee.

Postal rates for paper Journals to foreign countries will go up. The new fee is \$10 for 2 Journals to foreign countries, and \$5 for 2 to Canada. No change in DVD or download fees.

Our goal for membership is over 300.

Rossica is a nonprofit, and we are in compliance with good standing for all paperwork for the IRS. Thanks Mike for being on top of this. I understand that there is an \$800 charge to refile with the IRS if the paperwork for nonprofit groups is not up to date by May 17, 2010.

#### **Membership Chairman Report, Ian Sellick:**

Ian Sellick only started his position as Membership Chairman on Jan 1, 2010. With his marketing skills he made new brochures for membership application and collecting interests. He also made gorgeous banners for Rossica, complete with stands. The banners were first used at the Rossica booth at the ASDA Mega-Show in NY and at WESTPEX at the Northern California Rossica Chapter meeting. It will be at the Rossica booth at the APS show in Richmond in Aug. Ian is trying to reach out to the Russian community for new membership. He lives in the middle of such a group in NY. There will be material written in Russian put on the Samovar to encourage more participation. Anyone needing a brochure, just ask. Great job, Ian.

#### **Discussion:**

Alexander Kolchinsky suggested using Facebook to reach out to other members of the Russian Philatelic world. He reaches Russian philatelists from all over the world. He also suggested creating a DVD about Russian philately. It was decided that Ian and Alexander will produce something for distribution.

Keith Moore asked why we don’t produce a catalog. The answer is that to do so creates many problems. Ian says that we have the right to use stock #. An APS affiliate can use Scott’s numbers.

Alexander says that only dealers can list numbers, not individuals.

All catalogs have different numbers.

Why don’t catalogs have listings in chronological order? May ask Ken Martin about that.

The committee for 2016 International Show in NY has been approached about Rossica’s interest in participating.

#### **Panel Discussion with Peter Gutter:**

The talk was on the “Russian Stamp Market”. (Originally it was to be Leon Finik and Raritan. When they could not make it Peter saved the day.) The Russian stamp market is like the stock market, up and down. At the moment it’s down. Trends are identified by the German auctions, and certain stamps are down 50%. For a while Kerensky and imperf stamps were up, but now they too are down. Very volatile, and it’s driven by Russian dealers from Russia. The market is based on Russian consumers and not U.S. German and Swiss catalogs are an indication. The U.S. is 6 months behind. At the London show Russia sales were very soft (little sales). Scott sells catalogs, and may not be an indicator of true price. Scott uses Leon Finik’s Internet prices on stamps. As the Euro decreases in value, everyone jumps to the U.S. Classic material will remain stable here. The Internet has a lot of stamp forgeries, so watch out. Use an expetizer to be sure.

The U.S. market is older, and the older crowd is only interested in filling spaces in an album. Reluctant to buy anything more than \$100-\$200 a stamp. Rossica could help the ATA to identify stamps. It is more and more difficult for dealers to find Russian material. Russian dealers can beat their prices. The best way to buy is from dealers and auctions.

The meeting was closed at 3:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Laveroni Rossica Secretary

## Report of the Officers Meeting at Rompex

May 14, 2010 Denver, CO, Crown Plaza Hotel

Called to order at 2:15 PM after some technical problems. In attendance: Dave Skipton, Ray Pietruszka, Ed Laveroni, Mike Gutter, Ian Sellick, Richard Clever (proxy). Conference call: George Werbizky till 4:15 PM and Jeff Radcliffe from 4:15 PM till completion.

### Old Business:

1. Ray gave his report on the new awards discussed at Rossica-pex. The first is the award to recognize the member in good standing that has contributed the most to improving Rossica's internal process or increasing its membership. The award will be presented at the annual National meeting held the year following the period of recognition. Nominations by all members in good standing will be submitted to the President by Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Self-nominations will not be accepted. The award winner will be selected from a vote of the BOD and President. The award will be a certificate and a one-year free membership. After much discussion it passed with a vote of 7-0. It was decided that the name of the award will be the "Rossica Service Award."

The next award is for the best Journal or Bulletin article. This will be an annual award presented at the Annual General Meeting held the year following the period of consideration. In translated articles both the translator and author will be honored. The articles for the year will be printed in the Bulletin, and the members in good standing will vote on it. The award will be called the "G. B. Salisbury Award." After discussion, the vote was 7-0 for passage.

2. The next National meeting will be at BALPEX 2011 with the title "Rossica and Baltic States." We will push for 100+ frames. After discussion, the vote was 7-0.

### New Business:

### Officers' Reports:

#### Dave Skipton - President's Report for January to May 2010

- 1) Vetted the English text for the January 2010 Bulletin.
- 2) Attended the ASDA MegaShow in April and minded the booth for a day.
- 3) Continued arranging for the Rossica AGM meeting at Denver, helping round up 30 frames of exhibits from members.
- 4) Revised the President's Welcome Letter.
- 5) Directed and contributed to the production of the Chebotkevich vignette unveiled at the Denver show.
- 6) Began preparation for the Baltic States and Rossica Show at Balpex 2011.
  - 7) Vetted the English for Rossica Journal #154 (Spring 2010 issue).

- 8) Wrote one article and translated two for #154.
- 9) Per #3 in the President's Message (January 2010 Bulletin), we have identified backups for almost every position not specified as having a fixed succession by the Rossica constitution.
- 10) Arranged for help to Jeff in binding, packing, addressing and mailing the Rossica Journal.
- 11) Currently trying to re-establish the Rossica Expertization Service.
- 12) Continuing to build up the Rossica Virtual Gallery. Added a personal 7-frame exhibit—"Muscovy's Mayflies"—and am negotiating for several more exhibits.
- 13) Coordinated with the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum for at least one Rossica member to submit a paper at the 2010 Winton B. Blount Postal History Symposium on "Stamps and the Mail: Imagery, Icons and Identity."

#### Dave Skipton - Vice-President's Report for June to December 2009

- 1) In the wake of the highly successful ROSSICAPEX 2009 (16-18 June in Santa Clara), there were many loose ends to tie up. These included producing a detailed report for then-President Gary Combs and the other officers and Show Committee members; another, somewhat reduced report with numerous pictures posted on the Rossica website; a report to the American Philatelic Society (the APS Interim Executive Director and the Chairman of CANEJ) and a major article (with a much different approach) for the Rossica Journal. Archiving the hundreds of e-mail files, scans and whatnot is now largely complete, although perhaps 40-50 files remain to be catalogued and put in their proper folders.
- 2) Six exhibits and two presentations shown at Rossica-pex have now been posted at the Rossica Virtual Gallery, along with the Show Program. And we expect quite a few more. This gives us a total of 23 displays now, constituting a tremendous research tool for philatelists and other exhibitors.
- 3) Liaised with the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2010 committee to arrange for the Rossica 2010 AGM.
- 4) Helped vet the text of Rossica #153 (Fall Journal).
- 5) In addition to the article on ROSSICAPEX, translated another for *Rossica Journal* #153.
- 6) Actively involved in the transfer of Rossica funds from the Millersville M&T Bank to the Carson City Wells Fargo Bank, as well as the handover of administrative processes from the previous president.

#### Ray Pietruszka - Vice President's Report for 2010

- a) Mission: Elected officer of the society. Assist the President in running the society. Serve as President if the President is unable to serve.
- b) Accomplishments:
  - 1) Assisted in the transition of officers.
  - 2) Participated in Rossica Publicity improvements decision-making.

- 3) Reviewed applications of new members.
- c) Future plans.
  - 1) Participated in the updating of the Society's constitution.
  - 2) Continued to support the President.

#### As Awards Chairman:

- a) Mission: Serves at the discretion of the President. Promotes Russian philately by providing Rossica awards to national stamp shows, developing criteria for new awards and obtaining approval from Society officers for these awards.
- b) Accomplishments:
  - 1) Updated the awards criteria for the two National exhibit awards. Obtained approval of the officers and implemented these changes by informing the APS.
  - 2) Served as Awards Chairman for ROSSICA-PEX 2009. Procured the Grand and Reserve Grand awards. Assisted in the awards ceremony.
  - 3) Took control of the awards from the previous awards chairman.
  - 4) Supplied awards to four shows to date: SESCAL, FILATELIC FIESTA, WESTPEX and ROMPEX.
- c) Future plans
  - 1) Develop a new award for the exhibits to replace the plaque.
  - 2) Finalize the award criteria for a volunteer award.
  - 3) Finalize the award criteria for a literature award.

#### Ed Laveroni - Secretary's report For June 2009 to May 2010:

The Secretary has had a very busy year. ROSSICAPEX was very stimulating, but at the same time an awful lot of work. I would like to compliment the Rossica officers who all pitched in to lighten the load. We were able to focus and pull off a real coup for Rossica. The Rossica Society became a power in the APS exhibiting world. No other Society that I know of put together such a large number of exhibits for an APS show. Yours truly was Co-Exhibit Chair with Vesma Grinfelds, and the Rossica Society members were the exhibitors. The influence of our President-to-be David Skipton (helping to acquire the exhibits), our Treasurer Mike Gutter (acquiring and transporting the frames from Reno, NV), Ray Pietruszka (acquiring the awards), Jeff Radcliffe (helping where he could, including helping present the awards), Ed Laveroni (in charge of setting up and taking down the frames, mounting and dismounting the exhibits and mailing back the exhibits with the help of Co-Chair Vesma Grinfelds (who also was the presenter of awards at the banquet), and many other Rossica volunteers too numerous to name were a big factor in the Exhibition's success.

The 2009 Rossica elections were a bit of a turmoil following so close to ROSSICAPEX. Members had to be contacted first for nominations for new officers for 2010-2012. Then the nominees

were contacted to see if they would run. Those accepting the nomination were asked for a platform, and the platform was sent to all members by e-mail addresses.

In most cases e-mails worked, but I had problems with my server that would not permit me to mass e-mail. I asked Mike Gutter to help, and she did. A big stress was removed from my back. Thanks Mike. Many members do not have e-mail addresses listed, so over 50 had to have snail mail copies sent with thick heavy pages of the candidates' platforms. [Something has to be done about snail mail and platforms. It is much too expensive to send out with the normal post.] Those with e-mail addresses only received a ballot and envelope with a special number addressed to our counter. Once the ballots were counted and the numbers checked by our then-President Gary Combs, I notified the winners and losers. [The elections went smoothly except for a big mistake on my part. I misspelled two candidates' names. One was grossly misspelled, and the other had only one letter wrong.] Corrections for the misspelled name were sent out immediately. After the elections the candidates were notified, the results were put up on the Samovar. Some members contacted me directly, and I gave them the results.

After January 1<sup>st</sup> the new officers took office. I am looking forward to working with this fine group.

There are e-mails from potential members. I e-mail them applications and answer their questions or pass them to Mike Gutter to answer any question that I can't. I always send those who correspond by snail mail a letter asking them to join Rossica along with an application.

#### Mike Gutter - Treasurer's Report

The accounting system used is the cash basis. As a result, after the money was transferred from Gary Combs' control in Maryland to Mike's control at Wells Fargo in Carson City, NV, there was a 13.7% decrease to Dec. 31, 2009 to \$15,145.50—from Dec. 31, 2008. The beginning balance was \$17,548.67. Why? The slow payments of dues as a result of the economic swings that are occurring. Everything has corrected itself with late dues payments being received. The transfer of money is complete from the old account in Maryland to the new one in Carson City. All officers were given a printout of balance sheets, income and outgo for the year 2009, income and expense sheets for 2009. We are now tracking sales of books, DVDs, vignettes, etc. Mike will make a report to the membership at the annual meeting. Mike proposed a membership reinstatement fee to \$30.00. Justification: "There is no incentive to pay dues by April 1st. All that is needed is to request reinstatement and pay regular dues of \$25.00. As it is, I still must send out reminder notices to those who have not paid. We must have some incentive to get members to pay. I am getting too many 'I forgots.'"

Discussed the possibility of separating the postage out of the dues for the Journal.

Consider other ways of making money for Rossica.

## Greg Mirsky - Librarian's Report

Dear Rossica members,

I have the pleasure to report that the Rossica Library is in good condition and available to all members.

### 1. Library Holdings

During the year the Rossica Library received multiple donations as well as acquired within our budget a number of new titles to fill the gaps in holdings. We are regularly posting requests for donations on the Rossica Web site (society section) as well as in the Journal and really appreciate any contributions.

We hope to publish the list of 2009 additions to the library (about 200 Journals and books) in one of the next Bulletins (see attached).

The Library subscribed to the Russian journal *Filatelia* and as an APS affiliate receives a copy of the *American Philatelist*. We are constantly filling gaps in our *Filatelia* holdings from past years and made significant progress this year by acquiring several year sets from the 1990s and 2000s.

This year we also acquired a complete set of the (German) Philatelic Society Journal "*Pochta*" on DVD and a set of PDF files.

There is ongoing work to update the Library catalog to simplify information searches. All new additions to the Library starting from 2006 are already in the catalog.

I am also pleased to report that the Library Subject Index compiled by David Skipton has been restored in its original form as a searchable PDF file. Rossica Board members are currently evaluating options as to what is the best way to make it available to members.

There is also ongoing preparation work to make the Library catalog available on-line to Rossica members.

I am also constantly working on converting some of the popular sources to electronic form (PDF format) in order to accelerate the response time.

### 2. Electronic fulfillment of Library requests

Electronic fulfillment of Library requests became the main method to satisfy the information requests of our members. After receiving a request for information the

Librarian scans the appropriate pages, creates PDF files, downloads the information (PDF files) to the Rossica Library directory and e-mails the requestor the location of the files. The requestor can then download files from this directory using the standard Internet browser. After that the Librarian removes the file from the Directory.

### 3. Request for information

In general the Librarian receives 2-3 requests for information per month. Requests are usually fulfilled using Rossica Library holdings. In several cases I reach out to the Western Philatelic Library for help. The majority of the requests were fulfilled electronically (rather than sending material out). This approach shortens the time needed to fulfill requests, saves on postage, paper and ink cartridges and preserves library materials.

Addendum: 2009-2010 Rossica Library Acquisitions.

**Auditor's Report: (none given, printed later in this Bulletin)**

**Board of Directors: (only Ray Pietruszka)**

#### Report by Ray Pietruszka till end of 2009

a. Mission: Elected officer of the society. To provide oversight over the officers activities and assist the President with developing society policy and decision-making.

- 1). Assist in resolving issues between officers.
- 2) Participated in the decision making process for the T&S conversion to digital format.
- 3) Participated in the decision making process for improved membership list management.
- 4) Assisted in the transition of new officers.

**Journal Editor/Webmaster** (no report).

#### Ian Sellick - Membership Chairman's Report

New membership brochures, booklet on one frame exhibit collecting choices, banner for Rossica booth (at no charge to society) first seen at ASDA MegaShow in NY and at the Northern California Rossica meeting at WESTPEX. Now at the Rocky Mountain Show. At the APS show in Richmond might give a talk whose title will be: "*Is Cyrillic Getting You Down?*" Ian is listing the addresses of all the new members on the officers' web-site.

Not bad for only being Membership Chairman for a few months.

#### Continuing new business:

A proposal for increasing the reinstatement fee of \$5 over the regular dues was made. It is a way to decrease late payments. It was discussed and passed 7-0.

Fees for international checks on US dollars are being used to increase revenues for banks.

Increased fees at the post office for the Journal. For foreign destinations the two journals are almost costing a year's dues to mail. Soon it will be getting worse with post office use going down and cost going up. It was suggested that as a non-profit we can qualify for decreased Journal cost for mailing. Someone said you need at least 50 pounds to qualify. We can easily do that. We don't know if we qualify. In the meantime we approved an increase of \$5/foreign and \$2.50/Canada per Journal. \$10 a year for foreign and \$5 for Canada.

We need to find another editor. Jeff is overwhelmed at work and needs relief. It was proposed that Bill Moskoff be the editor. He has had a lot of experience with being an editor of other Journals, but he has little experience with layouts for computers. Mike Gutter will do the layout and someone else will do the printing and mailing. Passed 7-0 after discussion.

Ian and Ed will look into having the Journal printed by a print shop, as the cost of shipping the printer to NV will be well over \$500.

Someone has put our Journal up on the Internet. Jeff will look into ways to trace who is doing it.

The Library budget has gone up a lot. It is twice as much as the last budget. This must stop. We should have charges for copying and postage. Non-member use of the Library should be at the commercial rate. Need accountability for the library. Someone outside the society should be asked to join before they can use the Library. Dave and Mike will talk with Greg about what can be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM, but continued at dinner at Emil-Lene's Steak House with all officers present for a brainstorming session.

Ideas for increasing membership were addressed. We are at a point where we need members of the Russian community to join Rossica, because as our membership gets older and members die off or stop collecting, we need the Russian community to fill that void. One thought was for articles written in Russian to be printed for the Russian group in Russian or downloaded in Russian in a section on the Samovar. Dual printing of Russian and English is not feasible in the Journal.

The constitution will be worked on by Ray Pietruszka, Mike Gutter and Ed Laveroni.

Jeff was contacted to make a link from the Samovar to the AAPE. Jeff said no problem.

Mike was approached by the ASDA for Rossica to do another Rossicapex at the ASDA Show in Burlingame this year. The consensus is that it is too soon.

The noise in the restaurant was so loud that I no longer could hear. I stopped taking notes about 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Laveroni Rossica Secretary

## Audit of the Treasurer's Books for Rossica

On May 10, 2010 an audit of the Rossica Society books were completed at the place of records in Carson City, Nevada. The

books are maintained through QuickBooks by Michael Gutter on a cash basis. This consists of receiving checks, cash and payments from PayPal. Checks are recorded and detailed for the purpose of payment for various society expenses. I believe these set of books are maintained in a proper manner with the supporting documents.

Members who are authorized to make necessary purchases of supplies and or postage should forward by mail or electronic receipts to Michael Gutter on a weekly or at most a monthly basis. This will avoid the confusion of receiving a large amount of receipts at the end of the year and possible clerical errors. A repayment check should be processed within 10 days of receipt for full payment.

The monies received for membership should be noted at the full amount & PayPal fees subtracted as an operating expense. This way all dues are consistent and can be so tracked. The tiered dues structure seems a bit confusing to me. If possible I would suggest that there be one cost for the members in the United States and another one for the members who reside overseas. Any PayPal fees should be the responsibility of the member using that system of payment.

Payment for publications should be in the full amount plus any sales tax if any and the required shipping charges. The amount included for shipping should be a separate entry to be sure that the correct amount has been paid. PayPal fees again should be noted separately for clear accounting of receipts. This will also show if the correct shipping fees are charged and if not, what changes need to be addressed so the society does not pay for excess shipping costs.

The bank accounts are now all in Carson City, NV direct to Michael Gutter. This is more convenient and logical than having them in a Bank on the eastern side of the country.

### Recommendations:

Members may recommend what new publications should be purchased by the Rossica library. Only the Librarian Greg Mirsky or the President should have the authority to make the final purchase. Purchases by other members or a visiting collector should be recognized as a donation to the Rossica Society. The library is on a budget and purchases for the year should not exceed that amount.

Sales of books and other items at various shows or by mail should have a receipt in duplicate, one for the customer, and the other retained by the Society. At the end of any show the copies in the receipt book should totaled and all cash and checks turned into the treasurer for full accounting and deposited into the Rossica account.

If there are donated items being sold, they should be so noted to keep accurate records of what has been purchased and the profit of the purchased items.

Submitted by Richard E. Clever  
On May 31, 2010

## Financial Report

by Michael Ann Gutter

### Rossica Society Of Russian Philately

### Income and Expense Report

January through December 2009

Income	
Total Donations (includes Rossicapex Donations)	1,355.92
Total Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	6.90
Total Advertising	1,112.05
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	7.00
Total Rossicapex Income	6,506.14
Total Membership Dues received in 2009	3,801.58
Total Book Sales	2,172.35
Other Sales (Vignettes, Pins, etc)	501.56
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,583.50</b>
Expenses	
Total Other Awards - Rossicapex	949.63
Total Awards and Ribbons	64.91
Total Bank Fees	93.77
Total PayPal Fees	147.79
Total Outside Contract Services	450.00
Operations(1)	
Total Non-Journal Postage, Mailing Service	1,064.08
Total Printing and Copying	270.96
Total Supplies	110.48
Journal Operations	
Total Printer Supply Costs	2,126.18
Total Journal Mailing Supplies	30.34
Total Journal Postage Expense	2,107.80
Total Journal Printer Maintenance	139.00
Library Operations	
Total Library Publication Purchases	878.09
Total Library Postage Costs	51.40
Total Library Supply Costs	219.67
Total Library Insurance	500.00
Other Expenses	
Total Advertising Expenses	126.00
Total Bond Insurance	100.00
Total Other Expenses (Book Binding)	73.74
Total Rossicapex Expenses	7,857.83
Travel and Meeting Expenses	
Total Down payment on Rossicapex Banquet Room	625.00
Total Expenses	17,986.67
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,403.17</b>

(1)Note: The election expenses were not included in the 2009 budget. The major reason for the \$2,403.17 loss was because of the number of members who took advantage of the early payment of their dues in 2008 and delay paying their dues in 2010. We did not take a loss with our special event Rossicapex because of the support of our members and the support of the ASDA.

Special Note: The beginning balance for the 2009 year was \$17,548.67. The ending balance for 2009 was \$15,145.50.

## 2009 Library Listing Report

Author	Original Title	Journal	Volume	Year	Publisher	Subject
Quinby, R.	Postal Censorship in the Grand Duchy of Finland 1914-1918. Gold Medal Exhibit, Chicagopex 2007			2007		Finland, Censorship Postal History. Disinfection. Ship Mail. Imperial Russia
Вигилев А.Н.	История Отечественной Почты, Часть 2 Филателистическая выставка ФРГ-СССР, Эссен 19-22 февраля 1981			1979	SVIAZ, Moscow	Exhibits. Exhibitions
	Postal Convention Between Russia and Prussia, Signed at St. Petersburg on 12 (24) December 1821			1981	Essen	International Postal Relations. Imperial
	Kronenberg AGRussland Spezial, Aufloesung einer mehrfach international mit Gold praemiierten Sammlung, 1985, March 28-29			1985	Kronenberg AG, Oberwil/bei Basel GLAVUPR Geodezii i Kartografii pri SOV-MINe SSSR, Moscow	Auctions. Auction Catalogs
Пушкарева М.И. Сашенков Е.П.	Атлас схем железных дорог СССР			1978		Maps-Atlases-Geography. Soviet
	На Почтовых трактах Севера			1889	Yakutsk	Polar Philately
	Коллекционер	Collector	36-37	2001	Soiuz Filatelistsv Ros-sii	
	Коллекционер	Collector	38-39	2003	Soiuz Filatelistsv Ros-sii	
	Коллекционер	Collector	40-41	2005	Soiuz Filatelistsv Ros-sii	
	Коллекционер	Collector	42-43	2007	Soiuz Filatelistsv Ros-sii	
	Коллекционер	Collector	44	2008	Soiuz Filatelistsv Ros-sii	
	Коллекционер	Collector	45	2009	Soiuz Filatelistsv Ros-sii	
Притула В. В.	Экспертиза Выпусков "Консульской" и "Дальневосточной" Авиапочты РСФСР			2009		Airmail
Притула В. В.	Независимая экспертиза филателистических материалов Российского региона			2009		Expertization
Курес, Hans	Postgeschichte: Kaiserreich Russland, Band 1-3			2006		Imperial Russia
Илюшин А.С.	Почтовые Цельные Вещи и Почтовая История. Альманах. №6			2008	SFR, Moscow	Postal Stationary, Imperial Russia, USSR
Илюшин А.С.	Почтовые Цельные Вещи и Почтовая История. Альманах. №7			2008	SFR, Moscow	Postal Stationary, Imperial Russia, USSR
Илюшин А.С.	Почтовые Цельные Вещи и Почтовая История. Альманах. №8			2009	SFR, Moscow	Postal Stationary, Imperial Russia, USSR
Илюшин А.С.	Почтовые Цельные Вещи и Почтовая История. Альманах. №9			2009	SFR, Moscow	Postal Stationary, Imperial Russia, USSR
Недайводин А.Н.	Каталог Отечественных Непочтовых знаков. Том 1. Знаки Добровольных Сборов. Часть 1 Знаки Социальных сборов		1	2004		Cinderellas.
Недайводин А.Н.	Каталог Отечественных Непочтовых знаков. Том 1. Знаки Добровольных Сборов. Часть 2		1	2005		Cinderellas.
Недайводин А.Н.	Каталог Отечественных Непочтовых знаков. Том 1. Знаки Добровольных Сборов. Часть 3. Знаки сборов на Охрану здоровья		1	2005		Cinderellas.
Недайводин А.Н.	Каталог Отечественных Непочтовых знаков. Том 1. Знаки Добровольных Сборов. Часть 4. Знаки сборов на Охрану здоровья		1	2005		Cinderellas.
Недайводин А.Н.	Каталог Отечественных Непочтовых знаков. Том 1. Знаки Добровольных Сборов. Часть 5. Знаки сборов на развитие культуры		1	2005		Cinderellas.
Недайводин А.Н.	Каталог Отечественных Непочтовых знаков. Том 1. Знаки Добровольных Сборов. Часть 6. Милитария. Знаки сборов на усиление обороноспособности страны в мирное время		1	2007		Cinderellas.

Недайводин А.Н.	Каталог Отечественных Непочтовых знаков. Том 1. Знаки Добровольных Сборов. Часть 7. Милитария. Знаки сборов на помощь воинам сражающимся с врагом.	1	2007		Cinderellas.
Недайводин А.Н.	Каталог Отечественных Непочтовых знаков. Том 1. Знаки Добровольных Сборов. Часть 8. Милитария. Знаки сборов на помощь жертвам войны	1	2008		Cinderellas.
	Russia and Territories, 1978, December 9		1978	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Russia and Russain Territories, 1980, Oct 8		1980	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Postage Stamps of the World, 1998, June 17-18		1997	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Postage Stamps of the World, 1999, September 15-16		1998	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Postage Stamps of the World, 1995, March 22- 23		1999	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Russian Air Post, 2008, June 4		2008	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Russia, 2008, September 17-18		2008	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Stamps Of The Soviet Union. Schlomo Shtern Collection, October 29-30, 2008		2008	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Postage Stamps of the World, 2008, November 12-13		2008	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Postage Stamps of the World, 2009, April 29-30		2009	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Postage Stamps of the World, 2009, June 3-4		2009	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Postage Stamps of the World, 2009, July 22-23		2009	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Postage Stamps of the World, 2009, September 16-17		2009	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Vladivostok Collection, 2009, September 22-23		2009	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Poland, 2009, 2009, October 29		2009	Cherrystone Auctions	Poland
	Postage Stamps of the World, 2009, November 18-19		2009	Cherrystone Auctions	Russia
	Raritan Stamps, #2 Auction catalog, August 31, 1999	2	1999		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #3 Auction catalog, December 3, 1999	3	1999		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #4 Auction catalog, April 12, 2000	4	2000		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #5 Auction catalog, July 24, 2000	5	2000		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #6 Auction catalog, November 20, 2000	6	2000		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #7 Auction catalog, March 12, 2001	7	2001		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #8 Auction catalog, May 29, 2001	8	2001		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #9 Auction catalog, September 4, 2001	9	2001		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #10 Auction catalog, Novemner 30, 2001	10	2001		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #11 Auction catalog, February 26, 2002	11	2002		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #12 Auction catalog, May 24, 2002	12	2002		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #13 Auction catalog, September 3, 2002	13	2002		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #14 Auction catalog, November 25, 2002	14	2002		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #15 Auction catalog, March 7, 2003	15	2003		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #16 Auction catalog, June 6, 2003	16	2003		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #17 Auction catalog, August 22, 2003	17	2003		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #18 Auction catalog, November 19, 2003	18	2003		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #19 Auction catalog, March 31, 2004	19	2004		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #20 Auction catalog, June 23, 2004	20	2004		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #21 Auction catalog, October 27, 2004	21	2004		Auctions

	Raritan Stamps, #22 Auction catalog, February 25, 2005	22	2005		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #23 Auction catalog, May 11, 2005	23	2005		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #24 Auction catalog, August 17, 2005	24	2005		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #25 Auction catalog, November 16, 2005	25	2005		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #26 Auction catalog, February 24, 2006	26	2006		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #27 Auction catalog, May 11, 2006	27	2006		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #28 Auction catalog, September 1, 2006	28	2006		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #29 Auction catalog, November 17 2006	29	2006		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #30 Auction catalog, February 21, 2007	30	2007		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #31 Auction catalog, May 25-26, 2007	31	2007		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #32 Auction catalog, September 7-8, 2007	32	2007		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #33 Auction catalog, December 7-8 2007	33	2007		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #34 Auction catalog, March 5-6, 2008	34	2008		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #35 Auction catalog, May 30-31, 2008	35	2008		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #36 Auction catalog, September 5-6, 2008	36	2008		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #37 Auction catalog, December 5-6, 2008	37	2008		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #38 Auction catalog, February 27-28, 2009	38	2009		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #39 Auction catalog, May 22-23, 2009	39	2009		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #40 Auction catalog, August 21-22, 2009	40	2009		Auctions
	Raritan Stamps, #41 Auction catalog, November 13-14, 2009	41	2009		Auctions
	Филателия	1-12	2003	Marka, Moscow	
	Филателия	1-12	2004	Marka, Moscow	
	Филателия	1-12	2005	Marka, Moscow	
	Филателия	1-12	2006	Marka, Moscow	
	Филателия	1-12	2007	Marka, Moscow	
	Филателия	1-12	2008	Marka, Moscow	
	Филателия	1-12	2009	Marka, Moscow	
	Nagl Auktion Bamberg Katalog		1995	Wilfried Nagl	
	Nagl Auktion Bamberg Katalog		2004	Wilfried Nagl	
	Nagl Auktion Bamberg Katalog		2006	Wilfried Nagl	
	Nagl Auktion Bamberg Katalog		2007	Wilfried Nagl	
	Nagl Auktion Bamberg Katalog		2008	Wilfried Nagl	
	Nagl Auktion Bamberg Katalog		2009	Wilfried Nagl	
Гуров В.А.	История Смоленской Почты		2009	Smolensk	Local Post
В.Б.Загорский	Каталог Почтовых Марок России 1857-1991		2009	Standard Collection	Russia, RSFSR,USSR
В.А.Ляпин	Почтовые Марки, 1856-1991. Каталог		2008	Balabanov, Moscow	Russia, RSFSR,USSR
В.П.Дударев	Почтовые Марки СССР, 1959, Выпуск 1		2003	Dudarev	USSR varieties
И.И.Кревинг	Каталог русских земских почтовых марок, конвертов и бандеролей.		1889	St. Petersburg	Zemstvo
В.В.Лобачевский	Каталог почтовых марок России (1857-1919)		2001	Simferopol	Imperial Russia
	Michel Sowjetunion-Spezial-Katalog 2005/2006		2005	Michel	USSR
В. Дударев, Б.Пельц	Почтовые марки СССР. Каталог Разновидностей почтовых марок. Ошибки клише и печати 1961-1991.		2009	Ficher Polographia	USSR

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