



Schul Stepping Down as President

By Dave Schul # 56

Three years ago this summer our founder, Dick Bloom #1, symbolically "handed the maps" to me and installed me as the second president of the Road Map Collectors of America. I never imagined that I would be called on to lead our organization, especially just a year or so after joining, but there I was with Dick's blessing, ready to pour my enthusiasm into the club. Three years may not seem like much time at all, but to a club still in its infancy, three years can bring changes at an alarming pace. In that time, membership has tripled; we have hosted three national map shows (and a growing number of local meets); the club has a web site and an active email discussion list; and more and more of you have stepped forward to offer your time and talents to the RMCA.

Please don't think I listed the above achievements in order to pat myself on the back for a job well done. I only wish I could attribute those accomplishments to myself. Instead, I wanted to use them to show just how much we all ought to thank each other for getting the RMCA to where it is today. Each and every one of you is responsible for our club's success: if you've written a

newsletter article, if you've told a fellow collector about the organization, or even if you've sent in your dues so that we can publish our fine newsletter and maintain an incredibly informative web site, then I thank you personally.

Because of my high regard for the club and for the office of president, I feel that the club should have a new leader. Other obligations — most importantly my new daughter, but also an expanded teaching workload at the university and pressure to finish my dissertation in the coming year — are infringing on the amount of time I have available to devote to the club, and the club deserves better. The board of directors is working to make a smooth transition to the new administration, and your next president should be in office by the time you receive your long-awaited next newsletter.

I have felt no greater honor than to have served the club over the past three years, and the experience has been extremely rewarding to me. Lastly, to our officers, staff, and directors: my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for answering my call for assistance in the administration of the RMCA. If you hadn't volunteered your talents, we would not be at the exciting place we are today.

Publishers Notes

By Joel Windmiller #51

First let me apologize for delay in sending out something to the club, but Larry & I have been going

through some personal family problems, sometimes lives problems will distract us from our other responsibilities. I hope all club members will bear with us until things settle down.

Dave asked if I would put out a smaller version of the newsletter to get something out to the general membership to let them know latest developments.

I hope all of you will understand that I am no writer so this article will be a little crude in context.

Larry is working hard on two issues of the newsletter, hopefully I will have another color map sheet ready to go for the second newsletter. I hope to have this in the mail by Mid-August, I will update the discussion group when the newsletter is complete

West Coast Map Meet

By Curtis Carrol #46

I need to poll members on the level of interest in a 3rd Annual Map Meet. Like before, the proposed meet would be held on a Saturday in October, 1999 and be held somewhere in Central California.

If you'd like the meet to be held, or have comments, please respond to Curtis via e-mail at curtiscarroll@compuserve.com or telephone (916)-371-3930.

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Dates for Annual Swap Meet Announced
By Dave Schul #56

Wayne Stitt #136, Nikki Hemphill #136 (a), and Dick Bloom #1 have been busy organizing the 1999 National Map Meet, to be held again in Hammond and Highland, Indiana. Further details will be coming soon in the mail, but until then, here are the general plans for the weekend:

DATES: Friday, September 17, 1999, and Saturday, September 18, 1999 (possible extra day to be announced)

ROOM-TO-ROOM TRADING: Friday afternoon and evening

7813 Indianapolis Blvd
Hammond,
Indiana

SWAP MEET: Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

PLACE: Lincoln Center
2450 Lincoln

Avenue
Highland, Indiana.
(5 blocks south of the Amerihost Inn)

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL: Exit Indianapolis Blvd (South). Stay to the right and loop to the light. Cross Indianapolis Blvd. and enter thru Burger King lot. Follow driveway back to the Amerihost Inn.

that you are with the RMCA/Road Map Collectors club in order to receive the special rate.

More to come in the next newsletter.

RMCA on the net

By Joel Windmiller #51

If you have access to a computer please check out the RMCA web site at <http://www.roadmaps.org/>

RMCA discussion group at roadmaps-l@roadmaps.org

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