76 Years of *The Informer* on DVD(s)

SAS/O President **Steve Zirinsky** announced a new SAS/O project for 2013 to digitize the Society's journal, *The Informer*, from Vol. 1 No. 1 until present (Vol. 76 No. 4). He outlined the project requirements as follows:

1. Volunteers to create pdf files of our archive copies of *The Informer*, using Adobe Acrobat "scan to pdf" function. The pdf files should contain all of the pages of a single issue. There are as many as 5000 pages to be scanned, so we will need probably 10 volunteers to spread the work. The volunteers must have a copy of Adobe Acrobat 9.0 or later, and other standards will be announced when we get more information on how to accomplish the next step. .
2. Volunteers to create an Index that can be searched and linked to the pdf files. An index of sorts has been created in Excel (for the RPSL indexing project), in Access (not current), in Publisher most recent 10 years), and in the language of the Global Philatelic Library Project. Some of these may be useful starting points.
3. Our Editor, David McNamee, has agreed to pull all of these files and indexes together and coordinate publishing the final product. He is also doing the research on how the indexing should work with the pdf files.

If you have an interest and the time and tools to work on this project, please contact Steve Zirinsky via email:

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The past 10 years of *The Informer* have been created digitally, so the remaining issues prior to 2003 are the ones on which we need your help. *SAS/O*

The Informer by email

We are also exploring a way to distribute *The Informer* through a large file transfer system. Currently, we create a 30 MB file and convert to high quality pdf to give to the printer. In the future, we might send it out to members via email or send a notice by email where the next issue can be downloaded.

If you would consider receiving *The Informer* by email or download, please notify the Editor at dmcnamee@aol.com and confirm your email address. We will repeat this message in our annual dues notice.

It seems that more and more journals are being squeezed by rising postage costs, especially for addresses outside of the country of origin. It is a sad note that stamp collecting publications cannot afford to use stamps, but then the US Postal Service is nearly out of business anyway. *SAS/O*

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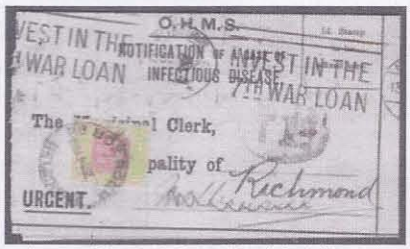

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