

# METER STAMP SOCIETY

## Special Pitney Bowes Literature Donation Auction

Closing date: 15 May 2004

This is a donation auction. All the lots were donated to the Society by member Bob Rice who accumulated this material during his career with Pitney Bowes and his lifetime of collecting. Proceeds will go to the MSS treasury which will help keep dues costs under control.

No minimum bid prices, reserves or estimates are given (except a minimum for lot 3) because we don't have a sense of the value of this material to collectors. You can make your own market for it.

1. "Service Manual, Model A Postage Meter Machine", ca. 1920s (oval die meter). Includes pages of parts illustrations plus list of parts. A nice, rare, early meter document.
2. "Service Manual, Model A.M. Mailometer Stamp Affixing Machine", ca. mid-1920s soon after Pitney Bowes took over the Mailometer company. Rare indeed.
3. *Mailomat Service Manual*, PHOTOCOPY of original. 135 pages .....\$20
4. Press release for the Mailomat at the Postage Stamp Centennial, May 2, 1940. 3-page document (with rusted staple stains). Four available.
5. Tech and semi-tech publications (service manuals, operating instructions, operating guides, operating guides, spec sheets, customer diagnostics) for postage meters and mailing machines. 25 different. Weight 2 lbs (1 kg).
6. Advertising pamphlets, brochures, and fliers for postage meters and mailing machines, from Model JA (1930s) to modern digital. 63 different, weight 4 lbs (1.7 kg).
7. General advertising literature not related to any specific product or product line: "How to Use the Mails Profitably", "Still Doing It The Hard Way?", "Common Mistakes in Mail Handling", "Just How Modern Is Your Business?", "How to Use Direct Mail", "Metered Mail. What it does for the Postal Service", "Picture Book for Parcel Post Shippers", "Can You Afford a Postage Meter?", "29 Timely Mailing Tips", etc. etc. 37 different publications, 1950s to 1990s. Weight 4 lbs (1.7 kg).
8. Annual Reports. 42 different for years 1943, 44, 45 (silver anniversary), 49, 51-56, 58, 61-65, 69, 70, 73-86, 88-92, 94-97.
9. Non-meter related literature (service & operating manuals, instructions, spec sheets, user guides, advertising & promotion fliers and brochures) for office equipment such as scales, sorters, openers, folders, sealers, printers, copiers, collators, embossers, etc. A big stack of items weighing 16+ lbs (7.5 kg).
10. Postal Rate Cards, 22 different, 1/1/1949, 10/1/1951, 1/1-4/1-7/1/1952, 11/1/1953, 2/1/1956, 8/1/1958, 7/1/1961, 10/18/1962, 1/7/1963, 4/1/1964, 1/1/1965, 1/15/1967, 1/7/1968, 10/19/1968, 7/6/1972, 3/2/1974, 7/18/1976, 5/29/1978, 4/3/1988, 2/3/1991, and 1/1-7/9-8/27-1995. I expect these would be a valuable lot for a modern postal historian. (Duplicates of some dates available - inquire.)
11. Presentations, on card/bound/loose leaf, e.g. "The Benefits of Metered Mail", "Pitney Bowes Inc." (the story of the company), "How You Can Benefit From Metering Your Mail", etc. Nine items, weight 7+ lbs (3.25 kg).
12. Product catalogs, 1968 and 1969, plus supply catalog, 1989.
13. Newsletters and various internal periodical publications: "PB News", "PB People", "PB Eye", "PB Today", "Outlook", etc. 28 items issued between 1962 and 1998.
14. Forms: Statement of Readings of Meter Registers, 1951 (3), Service Check Sheet, 1974 (2), Meter Rental Agreement, 1979 (5).
15. Hardware: two slug dies ("Postal Inscription Slugs"), one for 5300-5302 models ("B.L.K. RT."), and the other for the 5700 series meters ("BULK RATE"). Both come with instruction sheets.
16. Two sample checks with specimen impressions of PB check endorser and Tickometer on the back.
17. Nice, excellent quality, black nylon salesman's briefcase with PB logo, including 3-ring binder, with plenty of pockets. Included is a thick stack of literature in the binder, an appointment book, a pocket planner, and a couple vinyl sheet protectors, all with PB logos.
18. Miscellaneous knickknacks: Lucite desk organizer (sticky note & paperclip holder), large lucite sign with meter impression, several rulers & guides, a large pin ("National Metered Mail Week"), "Y2K Year 2000 Compliant Product" stickers, a calendar with glossy photo of PB headquarters in 1924, a PB model 5700 series meter tape holder, etc. Interesting stuff.



## Prices Realized:

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We are pleased to say the auction of Pitney Bowes literature donated by Bob Rice did quite well for the Society. Prices realized totaled \$356 which will make a nice impact on the state of our finances. We are also happy to point out that every bidder won at least one lot. No bidder walked away empty handed. Some lots received only one bid, and we set the final price for those lots at one half the bid price.

1	52.00	10	5.00
2	35.00 (tie)	11	11.00
3	21.00	12	10.00
4	6.00 (three of the four available sold)	13	21.00
5	47.00	14	5.00
6	36.00	15	15.00
7	31.00	16	9.00
8	7.50	17	20.00
9	no bid	18	12.50