THE BILLING'S ROLLOGRAPHY REPORT

At the AMICA 2006 Board meeting in Chicago, it was announced that Bob and Ginny Billings had graciously gifted to AMICA their entire master volumes of their monumental research effort-The Billing's Rollography.

In the interest of being helpful, I offered to convert these masters into a CD to be gifted to all AMICA members. Subsequently, the masters arrived at my home, and as I reviewed the magnitude of the project, I made contact with Bob Billings. By chance, Bob still had his original 1990 WordPerfect 5.1 computer files, and he kindly shared them with me.

The 1990 WP5.1 (DOS) files did not contain any graphics, so I converted these files into WordPerfect 2007 format, then scanned the graphics in the masters, merging them into the updated files. The final result is a CD containing the whole of The Billing's Rollography.

That CD has been replicated and is to be included within the Christmas 2007 issue of the AMICA Bulletin within the same spirit as reprints of original literature appearing in past issues. Surplus copies of the CD will be sent to our Membership Secretary for gifting to all new members. This initiative will hopefully encourage new memberships.

Funding for this initiative was found within AMICA'S Memorial Fund, based on revenue emerging from the proceeds of a bequest to AMICA by Sandy Libman who passed away in May, 2005. Sandy, with his background in computers and dedication to AMICA, would be pleased with this application of the fund.

Board members are encouraged to consider ways in which contemporary technology can be applied to enhance benefits to existing and new members.

Regards,

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