

# Things in Motion ...

All things are in motion and nothing is at rest...you cannot go into the same (river) twice. --Heraclitus (540?-480?)B.C.

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## *Esprit de Corps—Where is it?*

WHEN I THINK BACK on my early days in AAPA—say 1949, 1950 and 1951, I am certain that I was happy to be in a group where enthusiasm dripped from every bundle and regardless of the give and take that existed among publishers then, there was a sense of brotherhood which united us all; a real esprit de corps that I do not see in AAPA today. Granted, we have burned our candles mightily since we lived the adventures of those old days, yet most of us can now find a lot more time to enjoy ajay—so why is the camaraderie of youth missing in our senior years? Well, some measure of it can still be enjoyed at the annual conventions—I have experienced it then, but where it seems to be virtually dead is in the monthly bundle, where that missing quality has (at least for me) turned the former refreshing oasis every month into a dry waterhole. There are some excellent publications, of course, but the warmth of those old

exchanges between publishers—the give and take of friendly efforts to excel and the acknowledgment by all of good work has faded from the pages that comprise today's bundle. It seems that the lesser qualities of our golden years have found their way into our publications—perhaps that is the natural course of events, but I find it shameful that we allow a lifetime of earned wisdom to toss aside the sheer fun of youth and joy in association with those of similar interests. This quote from Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach (1830-1916) says it well: *"You remain young as long as you can still learn, can accept new conventions, and can stand contradictions."* Perhaps our bundle reflects our inability to still learn, to accept new ideas, and to tolerate contradictions to our old ideas and traditions. Whatever it is, AAPA will benefit immeasurably by a rebirth of the spirit that once made us zing with enthusiasm and love for our hobby ... and for each other.



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Tomorrow comes if you don't wait.**

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