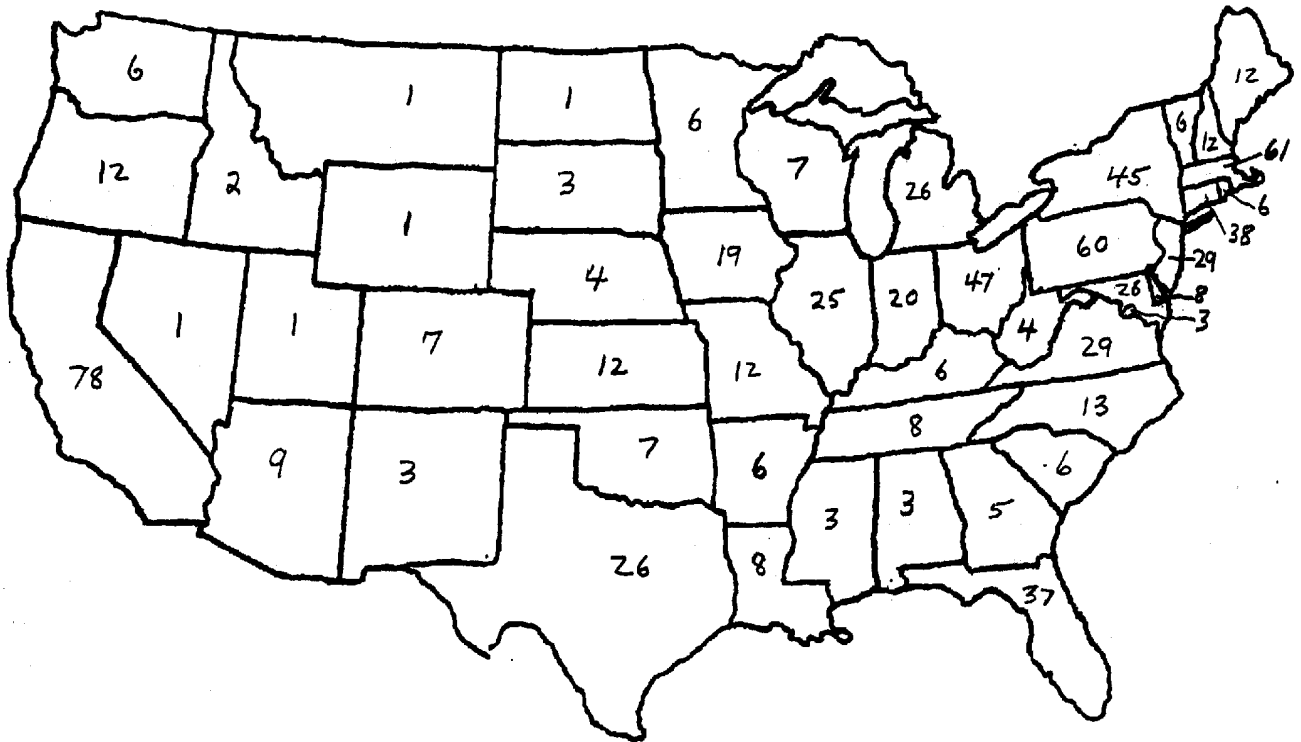


View from the Salt Box - #23



The other day we got to wondering how many salt collectors there were in each State. We have many who subscribe to our Salty Comments (end of commercial message), and also have other collector names in old files from club membership lists, conventions etc. By combining the whole we came up with over 700 names. Since the list covers a span of years, some of these people are no longer collecting, and some unfortunately have passed on to that great antique shop in the sky. The list therefore is one of current and past collectors, but each person was interested enough to get our newsletter or to join an open salts activity somewhere. With the help of our computer we quickly compiled a count of collectors by States, and were surprised to see all of the contiguous 48 covered. We transposed it onto a map which is shown above. Some conclusions:

- The areas covered by the OSCAR and New England clubs have lots of collectors - no surprise.
- California has the most of any State - again not amazing.
- There are lots of open salt people in what we call the mid-west - Illinois, Indiana Ohio and Michigan. Someone ought to start a club out there.
- Florida has quite a few - another good place for club activity.
- If you want the least competition hunting salts, go to Montana, Wyoming, Utah or Nevada. You probably won't see many salts, but you won't find many other people looking for the ones that are there. For no competition at all, go to Alaska or Hawaii. Maybe the natives still use open dishes, or you can start a Polar Bear or Polynesian Salt Collectors club.