The ROSS CROWD like a CROSSWORD. An apposite transposal. Let us begin by discovering what Ross’s name offers by way of transposals.

**TRANSPOSING ‘ROSS’**

SORS (Irish pronunciation of ‘sirs’)
SORS is also the name of locations in Azerbaijan, France, Germany, South Africa and Turkey.

**TRANSPOSING ‘ECKLER’**

CERKLE (circle)  CLERKE (clerk)  LECKER (lecture)  RECKLE (chain)
KERLEC (Bosnia-Herzegovina)  RECLEK (Turkey)

**TRANSPOSING ‘A.R. ECKLER’**

LACKERER (laquerer)

**TRANSPOSING ‘ROSS ECKLER’**

ROCKER-LESS  OR RECKLESS

**TRANSPOSING WITH ROSS - A MEDLEY**

SPORTS = P.T. ROSS (P.T. stands for Physical Training in the UK)
DISROBES = I BED ROSS!!!
BOASTERS = BEAT ROSS
BROWSES = WEB ROSS
You can MEET ROSS in SOMERSET

**HALF-HALF TRANSPOSALS**

The letters of the first half of the word are rearranged, as are the letters of the second half of the word:

ADVI.SORS  TRIS.SORS  INVA.SORS  PLEA.SORS
AVID ROSS  STIR ROSS  VAIN ROSS  PALE ROSS

**ROSS FORMS PART OF A PALINDROMIC PHRASE**

Ross signs his emails with the remarkably apposite palindrome ROSS ESSAY ASSESSOR.

Did you know that there is a website called GROSS.ORG and it’s perfectly harmless, if noisy!

**ROSS AND A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE**

DROSED, ROSETTES, ROSELLES, ROSANNAS, EURO-ISSUE, IDROSIS (= hidrosis), REUSES

**ROSS, IN DISARRAY, IS PRECEDED BY A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE**

IRRISORS  SESSORS  SISSORS
ROSS IS FOLLOWED BY A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE
ROSS.INI  ROSS.ETE (russet)

ROSS RETURNS IN A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE
RESSORER (Chambers)  SISSORS (scissors)

ROSS GOES AND RETURNS MIXED WITH A PALINDROMIC SEQUENCE
REPOSSfSSOR

ROSS GOES AND RETURNS AS A PERSONAL PALINDROME
ROSSOR (a surname)

ROSS TAKES ON THE TAUTONYMS
INGROSSING, VAVASSOR, TETROS~

ROSS VISITS MIAMI
Miami words have the pattern 12?12
Ross in Miami... CROSSKICK
Ross fits in... NEGRONESS
...but he sometimes gets upset... PHOSPHORS
...and, after Miami, Ross returns home...
REPRESSOR  REGRESSOR  REDRESSOR  VALVASSOR

ALTERNATING ROSS
The alternate letters in these words spell out 'Ross'.
REQUES~ and ROOYSES~ (both mean 'boasts')  TROOSES~ (trousers)  ARROUES~ (waters)

ROSS INTERLOCKS
'Ross' interlocks with another word, the letters of both words being in the correct order.
HEE* = eye, he, high
ROISTS (Ross + it),  DEFROSTS (deft + Ross),  TETROS~ (tete + Ross)
ROTISSE (Ross + tie)  HEROESS (hee* + Ross)  ACROS~ (ace + Ross)
BARONESS (bane + Ross)  ROTISSED (Ross + tied)  PAROSTO~ (patois + Ross)

ROSS EMBEDDED IN ANOTHER WORD
ROSSHAJR (chair + Ross),  RossABLE (cable + Ross)  GROSSHILL (chill + Ross)
ROSSLINK (Ross in clink)  CROSSRI~ (crib + Ross)  LACROSS~ (Ross in lace!)
ACROSSED (aced + Ross)  BROSSOCK (Ross in the dock?)

WORDS EMBEDDED IN ROSS
ROSINS ('in' in Ross!)  ROS~LES (Ross + ale)  ROSERIES (Ross + Erie)  ROPINESS (Ross + pine)

OVERLAPPING ROSS
1-letter overlap BEARMOSS (beam + Ross)
2-letter overlap BARONESS (bane + Ross)
3-letter overlap GROSERTS are gooseberries (Gert + Ross)

ROSS AND FRIENDS
MATT.ROSS  ROSS.ED  ROSS.INA  ROSS.LYN  MO.ROSS (morose)  ROSS.ELLIE
R, O and S WORDS
These words are made solely from the letters R, O and S. The longest have 8 letters:
SOROSORO and ROSOROSO are both tautonymic locations in Fiji.
7 letters: SOSORRO (hod) is made of 2 palindromic sequences.
OOSSOR, with 3 consecutive doubled letters, is in India.
6 letters: the tautonym SORSOR (Azerbaijan)
the palindromes ROSSOR (a surname) and SORROS (pl. of sorro, Scottish ‘sorrow’)
The phrase SO OR SO means ‘this or that’.

ROSS IN HIS ELEMENT
The letters of ‘Ross’ are to be found in two elemental names:
DYSPROSIIUM (no. 66), and PHOSPHORUS (no. 15) which contains the Miami sequence PHOPH.

ROSS ENDS UP SMELLING OF ROSES
Each word adds a letter and the letters are rearranged at each step down to ‘Sporigenous’; then
each word loses a letter and the letters are rearranged. ‘Ross’ reads downwards from the top and
upwards from the bottom along the left hand edge. All the words except ‘orsos’ (Chambers) are in
the OED.

ROSS
ORSOS
SOROUS
SOROUS
ROSINESS
OREISOUNS
SEIGNOROUS
SPORIGENOUS
OSSPRINGES
REINGROSS
SEIGNORS
SENIORS
OSIERS
ROSES

ROSS RETURNS IN A WORD
VISSORNE (visor) = vine + sisor
ASSORT = at + sisor
FOSSORES (digger-wasps) = foes + sisor
In MISSORT, TIM also returns

ROSS AND THE CONSECUTIVE LETTERS
GROSS-FED GFED are reverse alphabetically- consecutive letters
SPONSOR PON are reverse alphabetically- consecutive letters. ‘Ross’ is also in reverse.

ROSS ECKLER’S ISOMORPHS
With 3 repeated letters, ROSS ECKLER has few isomorphs; they are not mutual isomorphs.

ROSS ECKLER
LEMMATICAL
SERRULATUS
SWEETWORTS
ROSS SHIFTS
The letters of ROSS are shifted along the alphabet $n$ places to make a shift word:
ROSS $+ 16 =$ HELL (w2)
ROSS $+ 20 =$ LIEM
The letters of ROSS are shifted along the alphabet $n$ places and rearranged to make a shiftgram:
ROSS $+ 2 = $ tquu = QUTU (Afghanistan), UTUQ (Azerbaijan), TUQU (China)
ROSS $+ 3 =$ urvv = VURV and VURV (both in Bulgaria)
ROSS $+ 8 =$ zwaa = AZAW, WAZA and ZAWA (all in Afghanistan), AWAZ (Iraq)
ROSS $+ 12 =$ daee = ADEE (Hal - English Dialect Dictionary), EADE (go v.), EDEA (w2)
ROSS $+ 13 =$ ebff = BEFF (beef)
ROSS $+ 17 =$ ifjj = FJU (Tunisia)
ROSS $+ 22 =$ nkoo = NOOK
ROSS $+ 23 =$ olpp = LOPP, PLOP

ECKLER'S SHIFTGRAM
ECKLER $+ 22 =$ ayghan = YAHGAN - 1 of the 3 indigenous peoples of Tierra del Fuego

ROSS ON THE EDGE
The letters of these words, arranged in geometrical forms, enable 'Ross' to be read along one edge of the form, sometimes downwards, sometimes upwards.

Triangle
ROSSessing (Germany) Rhodesians sessioneer

Hexagon
Rosslosa (in Sweden) riotists

MISCELLANEOUS ROSS
ALBATROSS Sounds OK
Ross $x 2$: Both the words of ROSER’S CROSS (Sussex, England) have the letters of ROSS in their correct order.

Finally, something for both Ross and his successor Jeremiah...
The shortest designation I found which contains the letters of WORD WAYS EDITOR was: "HAVE ONES HEAD SCREWED ON THE RIGHT WAY!"

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