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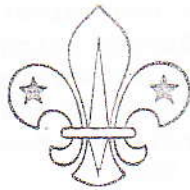
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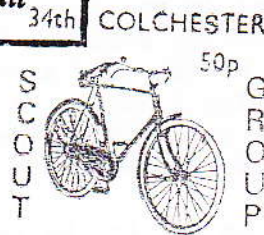
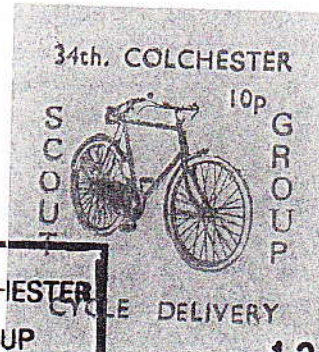
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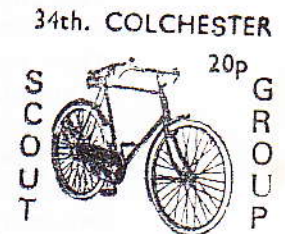
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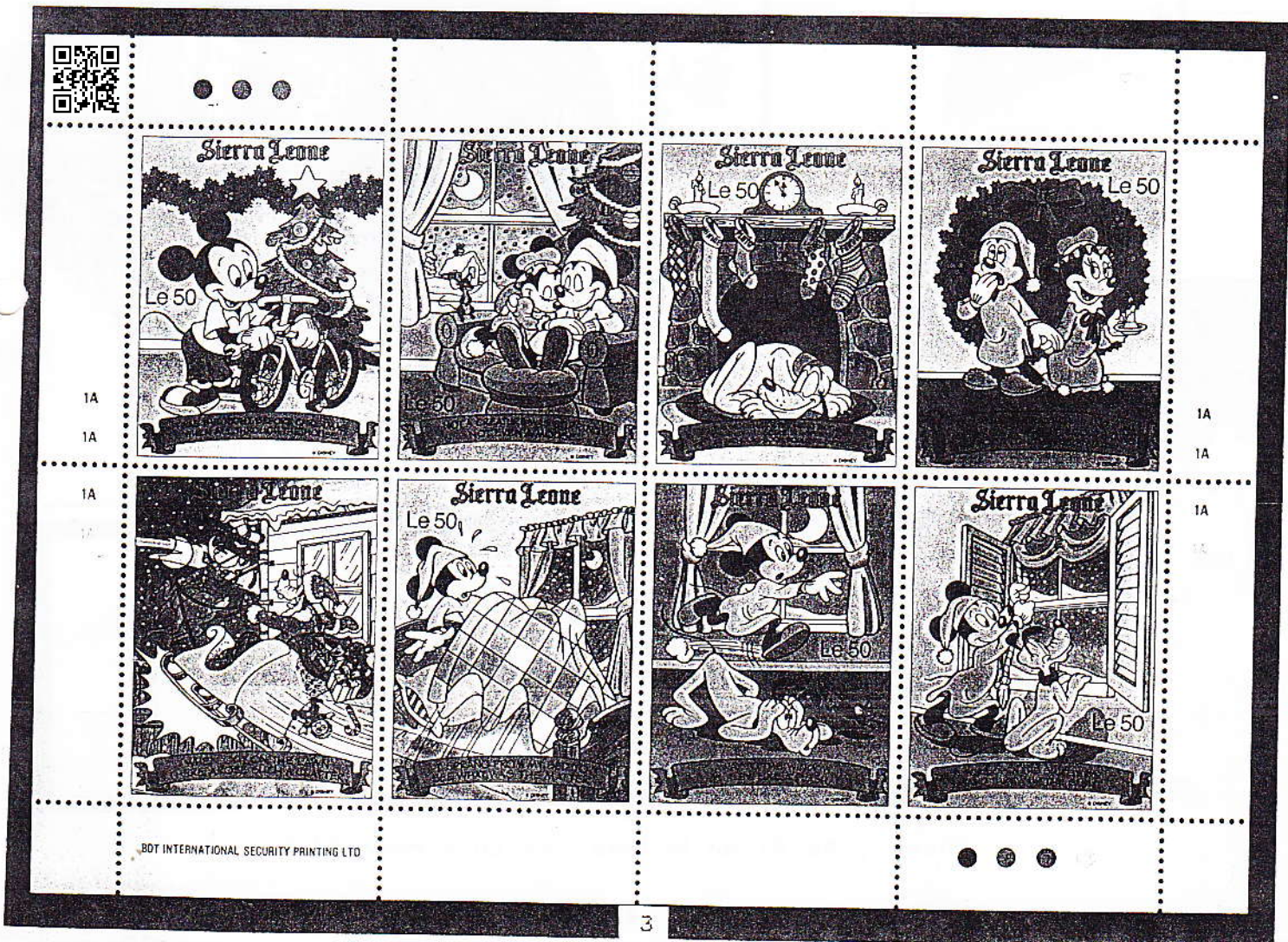
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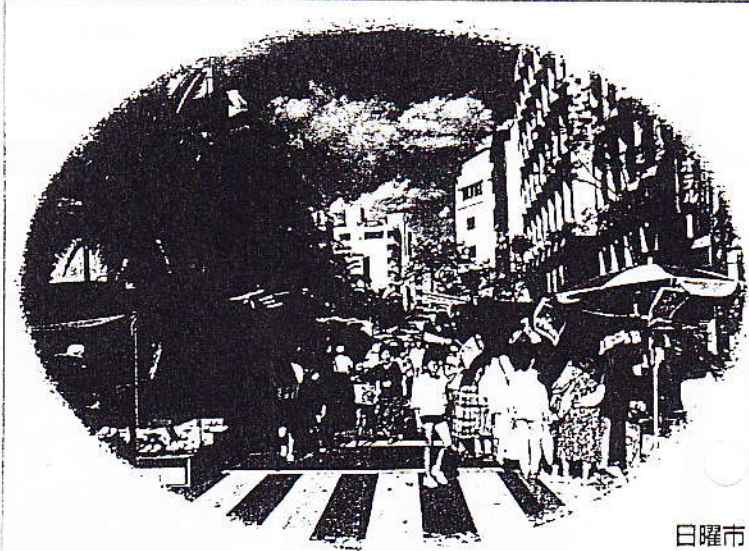
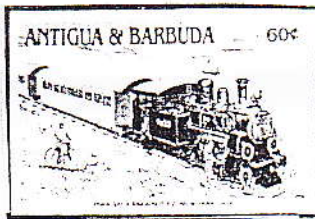
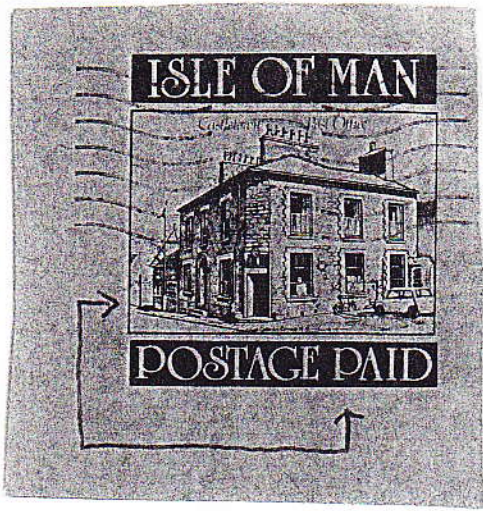
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NEW ISSUE UPDATE

Assorted late arrivals





Japanese postal card from Josef Muhsil



Chang-Ping Velodrome 1990 Asian Games



Thanks, to Fiona Hedges for this cancellation

NEW AND NEWLY ANNOUNCED ISSUES AND PREVIOUSLY LISTED ISSUES FOR WHICH
THE DATE OF ISSUE AND/OR A PHOTO IS NOW AVAILABLE

				Number in set
1	AUSTRALIA	.05.1990	booklet WITH 4 SELF ADHESIVE CYCLING STAMPS	
2	MALAGASY	07.10.1989	1500f OLYMPIC BARCELONA CYCLIST	6+S+6S
3	CANADA	. .1990	booklet MOVING MAIL STAMP ON REVERSE	1
4	AUSTRIA	25.05.1990	7s+3s HALF OF A SCOUT CYCLING BADGE	1
5	TURKISH CYP.	31.05.1990	15001 BICYCLE IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE	2+S
6	TURKISH CYP.	31.05.1990	sheet SHEET OF 2X2 DIFF	2+S
7	NETHERLANDS	12.06.1990	55c BICYCLE IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE	2
8	NETHERLANDS	12.06.1990	75c BICYCLE IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE	2
9	GRENADA	09.07.1990	4# OLYMPIC BARCELONA WOMAN CYCLIST	8+2S
10	JAPAN <u>see</u>	20.08.1990	booklet WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP	1+6B
11	JAPAN <u>page</u>	20.08.1990	booklet WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP	1+6B
12	JAPAN <u>11-13</u>	20.08.1990	booklet WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP	1+6B
13	JAPAN	20.08.1990	booklet WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP	1+6B
14	JAPAN	20.08.1990	booklet WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP	1+6B
15	JAPAN	20.08.1990	booklet WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP	1+6B
16	MACAO	22.09.1990	60a ASIAN GAMES CYCLIST (set of 4)	4+S/5
17	MACAO	22.09.1990	sheet ASIAN GAMES (sheet of 5 diff)	4+S/5
18	UGANDA	19.10.1990	600s MICKEY MOUSE ON BICYCLE	8+2S
19	NETH. ANTIL.	31.10.1990	65c+15c BICYCLE, CACTUS, TREE, DONKEY	6
20	GREAT BRIT.	12.12.1990	10p 34th SCOUT GROUP BICYCLE	4+4S+4S
21	GREAT BRIT.	12.12.1990	20p 34th SCOUT GROUP BICYCLE	4+4S+4S
22	GREAT BRIT.	12.12.1990	50p 34th SCOUT GROUP BICYCLE	4+4S+4S
23	GREAT BRIT.	12.12.1990	1P 34th SCOUT GROUP BICYCLE	4+4S+4S
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24	GREAT BRIT.	12.12.1990	10p ENVELOPE 34th SCOUT GROUP	1
25	INDIA	29.09.1990	4r XI ASIAN GAMES CYCLISTS	3
26	JAPAN	. .1990	41v ECHO & POSTAL CARD ISSUES	
26a	JAPAN	01.01.1991	41v POSTAL CARD MOUNTAIN CAT	
27	SIERRA LEONE	12.11.1990	2001 OLYMPIC BARCELONA TIME TRIALIST	4+S
28	SIERRA LEONE	.12.1990	501 MICKEY MOUSE W/BIKE SHEET	3S+6S
(Photo on page 3)				
29	TANZANIA	08.12.1990	8s RAILWAYS ANTIQUE BICYCLE	8+2S
30	TANZANIA	19.11.1990	30s RACES TOUR DE FRANCE CYCLIST	8+2S
31	ISLE OF MAN	09.01.1991	PREPAID ENVELOPE (See page 4)	
32	ISLE OF MAN	09.01.1991	17p REPRINT 3 DIFF SETENANT	3+B
33	ISLE OF MAN	09.01.1991	pane REPRINT 3 DIFF SETENANT	3+B
34	ISLE OF MAN	09.01.1991	booklet REPRINT BIKE ON COVER	3+B
35	GERMANY	14.02.1991	100p+50p FOR THE SPORT GIRL ON BICYCLE	4

Previously pictured issues for which the dates of issue are now known.

14.02.90	Isle of Man reprint 1990	01.04.90	Cent. Af. Rep Olym. S/S
04.06.90	Niger Olymics '92 S/S	14.06.90	Gambia Baobab Tree
14.06.90	Gambia Woodcarving	10.08.90	Nicaragua Olympics '92
12.08.90	Japan Triathlon booklet	09.10.90	Bhutan SOS - Fresno

LAST MINUTE NEWS FROM TAKAO ONO, DOUGLAS MARCHANT, AND TORE JOSEFFSON

JAPAN	. .1990	booklet	H2-14 BICYCLE ON COVER	1
TOGO	10.09.1990	90f	POSTMAN ON BICYCLE	3
TANZANIA	30.11.1990	400s	OLYMPIC BARCELONA CYCLING SHEET	8+2S
TANZANIA	27.12.1990	35s	UNCLE SCROUGE ON UNICYCLE C	3S
ANTIG./BAR.	.01.1991	60c	BICYCLE BY TRAIN	4
ALAND	04.06.1991	2.90m	BICYCLE VACATION	1

See page 4 and 8.

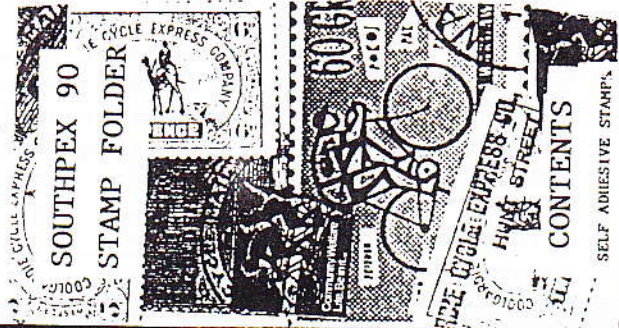


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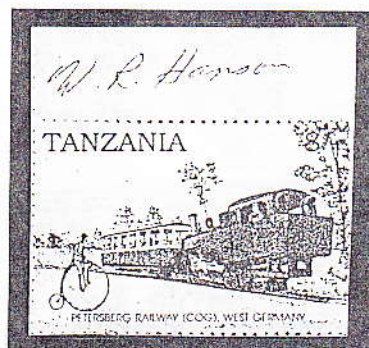
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New Issue information seen on these pages was supplied in great part by alert club members including Tore Joesffson, Douglas Marchant, Bert Schapelhouman, and Josef Muhsil. It is the contributions of our members that make this page possible.



暑中お見舞申し上げます

平素は格別のお引立てを賜り
心から感謝申し上げます。酷暑の折柄
くれぐれもご自愛の程 お祈り申し上げます。

平成二年 盛夏

大阪府柏原市片山町13番13号
ナショナル自転車工業株式会社
社長 竹重 昇



MOUNTAIN CAT

謹んで新年のお慶びを
申し上げます。

旧年中は格別のご厚情を賜わり
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年頭にあたり皆さまのご清栄を
心からお祈りいたしますと共に
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ようお願い申し上げます。

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8月、世界が
自転車であつてくる

CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE
DE CYCLISME 1990



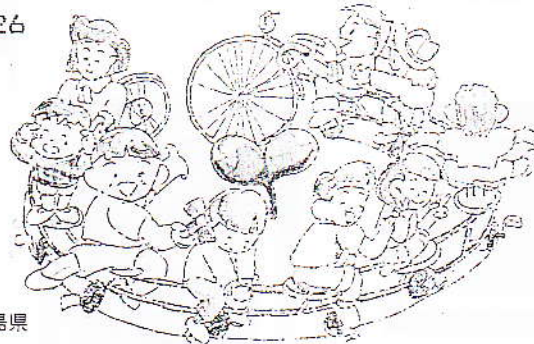
1990年世界選手権自転車競技大会
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(CBS252)

1990年世界選手権
自転車競技大会

- トラック競技・前橋市 8月20日(月) ~ 8月26日(日)7日間
- ロード競技・宇都宮市 8月28日(水) 8月31日(土)、2日(日)、3日(月)

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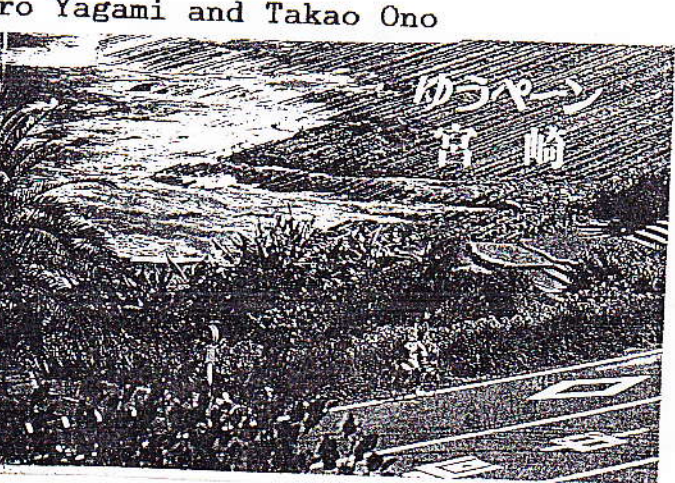
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徳島県

防ごう！少年非行
— 広げよう
優しい心のふれあいを —

Postal cards from Shiro Yagami and Takao Ono



売価 620円
〒九州-H2-14

あなたの町の郵便局

A last minute receipt from Takao Ono, date of issue unknown
(Does not contain bicycle stamps)



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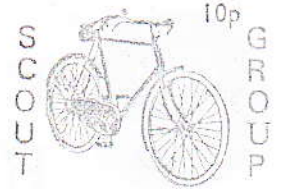
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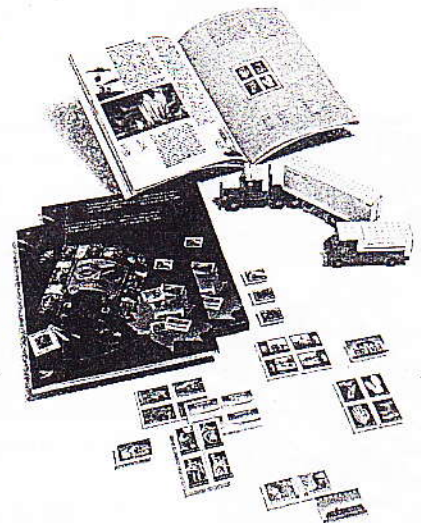


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CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP



KEI 競 RIN 輪 COMPETING WHEELS



1990.8.20 1990 WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP

yen	inks	mm size	copies	sheets	format	designer
62	L5	22.5 x 33	21,000,000	1,050,000	20 (4 x 5)	Shimazu Takashi

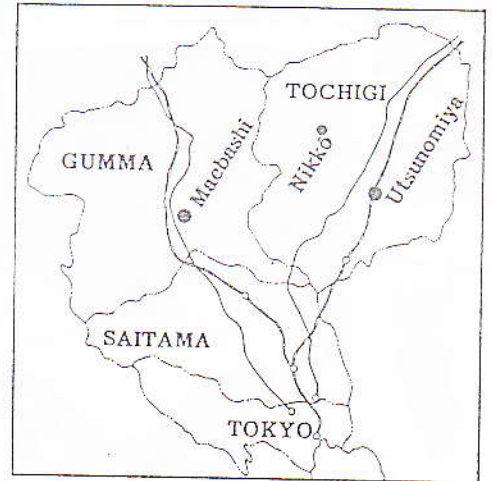
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Inscription: 1990-nen sekai senshukun jītensha kyōgitaikai kinen

[1990 world championship bicycle tournament commemoration]

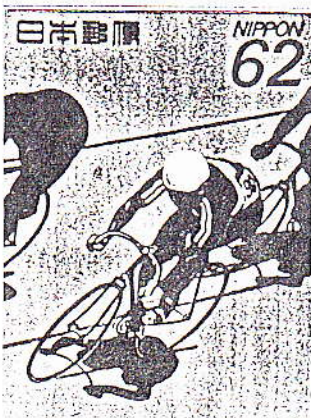
The Postal Services Ministry says that the first World Cycling Championship was held in 1893 in the United States, that one has since been held every year except 1915-19 and 1940-45, and that the 1990 meet in Gumma and Tochigi from 20 August to 2 September is the 87th championship meet and the first to be held in Asia.

The LCD (above right) and stamp (below left) both show bicyclists but the Ministry's Japanese announcement says the stamp design shows the track event *kērin*, and its English and French announcements say *keirin*, without translating or explaining that word — despite adding that "keirin used [to] be a race unique to Japan but [was] adopted as [an] official event of the World Cycling Championship in 1980."



The last statement suggests that the Japanese word *keirin* is now known to professional cyclists worldwide, but probably unfamiliar to nearly everyone else, and the Ministry adds to the mystification by spelling the word differently in its Japanese announcement:

Ministry spelling ケーリン *kērin* (katakana implies a word of Western origin)
 dictionary spelling けいりん *keirin* (hiragana implies a word of East Asian origin)



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The *kērin* spelling used in the Ministry's Japanese announcement does not appear in Japanese dictionaries, all of which use the *keirin* spelling found in the Ministry's English and French announcements. The two spellings sound essentially the same — like "kay reen" in English — but using katakana in the Japanese announcement implies falsely that the word is of Western origin. In fact it is written normally with the 2 very common ideographs shown at the top of this page. Kei means **competing**, rin means **wheels**, and the complete word *keirin* is translated simply **bicycle race** in Japanese-English dictionaries. But *keirin* is not just any bicycle race. It is a type held in a velodrome and (in Japan) regulated by law.

A velodrome is a sports arena equipped with a banked track for cycling. Keirin is one of Japan's four legalized-gambling sports, along with horse racing, motorboat racing, and motorcycle racing.

Japanese cycling associations publish elaborate full-color pamphlets in English and in French that begin with the question the Ministry ignored in its English and French announcements: "What is keirin?" Fortunately, we were able to obtain copies of these pamphlets and other information from U. S. Professional Cycling Federation executive director Jack W. Simes III and from Norman Batho, editor of the Bicycle Stamps Club's quarterly *Bicycle Stamps*.

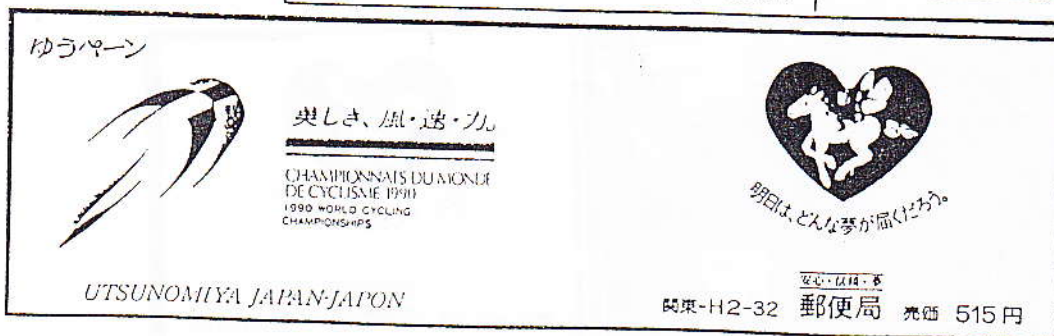
In Japan, keirin is governed by the Bicycle Racing Law of 1948.8.1. The first keirin race was held on 1948.11.20-23 in Kokura (now part of Kita Kyūshū City). Japan now has 50 velodromes: 41 owned by municipal governments and 9 privately owned. The tracks have laps of 500 meters, 400 meters, or 333.3 meters, laid out on an elliptical cone with a "cement concrete or asphalt concrete" surface. Each velodrome sells ¥100, ¥200, ¥500, and ¥1,000 tickets; 75% of the total amount bet is paid back to winning ticket holders. The other 25% is divided between professional cyclists and velodrome owners. Municipal governments use their profits chiefly for public works construction. Oddly, it is the Ministry of International Trade and Industry that regulates keirin racing in Japan. The racers' average annual income is about ¥8,000,000 and 884 cyclists earned more than ¥10,000,000 each in 1980.

The international governing bodies for cycling are the FIAC (Fédération Internationale Amateur Cyclisme) and the FICP (Fédération Internationale du Cyclisme Professionnel), linked by the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale), whose annual world championship meets include both amateur and professional sections divided into track and road events. At the 1990 world championship meet in Japan, the track races were held in Maebashi, capital of Gumma Prefecture, and the road races in Tochigi Prefecture between Utsunomiya and Nikkō:

- 8.20-26 : 15 track races (7 men's amateur, 3 women's amateur, 5 men's professional)
- 8.29-9.2 : 5 road races (2 men's amateur, 2 women's amateur, 1 men's professional)

About 1,000 cyclists from 60 nations competed (500 in track races, 500 in road races). Since keirin was one of the 5 men's professional track races, 前橋 Maebashi was the first-day post office for the keirin stamp. The Maebashi velodrome appears on a "booklet" cover (Fig. A) issued by Maebashi Central Post Office. Fig. A (78% of actual size) and Fig. B, a booklet cover issued in Utsunomiya, were provided by Mr. Batho, editor of *Bicycle Stamps*, who reports a total of six such covers for the 1990 cycling meet. As explained in JP 44/189, the Ministry has issued booklet panes both with and without cover since 1987.7.23. Those issued without cover can be resold in covers prepared by post offices, private firms, or individuals, who may also prepare covers for blocks of fully perforated stamps (not booklet panes).

(A)



(B)

WARNING: ANYBODY MAY MAKE BOOKLET COVERS

Since 1987.7.23 the Postal Services Ministry has issued not only (A) yūpēn (booklet panes in covers) but also (B) pēn (booklet panes without covers) — all sold at face value of the stamps. So far, 9,500,000 copies of (B) have been issued, and anybody who wants to can buy one at a post office and attach it to a cover of his own creation, calling the combination a yupēn (although some are spelling this "yupane" or "youpane" or even "U-pane"). You may also take a sheet of stamps, tear it into "panes" of any size you like, attach your own cover, and call that a yupēn. Some are selling these unofficial yupēn at a markup of 40% to 42% over the face value of the stamps, and reselling abroad at four times face value. Some of these have been "recorded" with one of the 12 regional postal services bureaus in order to get a "regional serial number", but that does not make them government issues.

at right,
PERPENDICULAR
SE TENANT:
1990.7.23 Letter Day
¥515 booklet pane with
five ¥41 below five ¥62
(78% of actual size)



The Utsunomiya covers (Fig. B and below), baika 515 en [price ¥515] were used for single panes of the 1990.7.23 Letter Day stamps as shown above.

'90 World Cycling Championships
Road Race events held at Utsunomiya-City
from August 29th to September 2nd.

"Yū Pane"



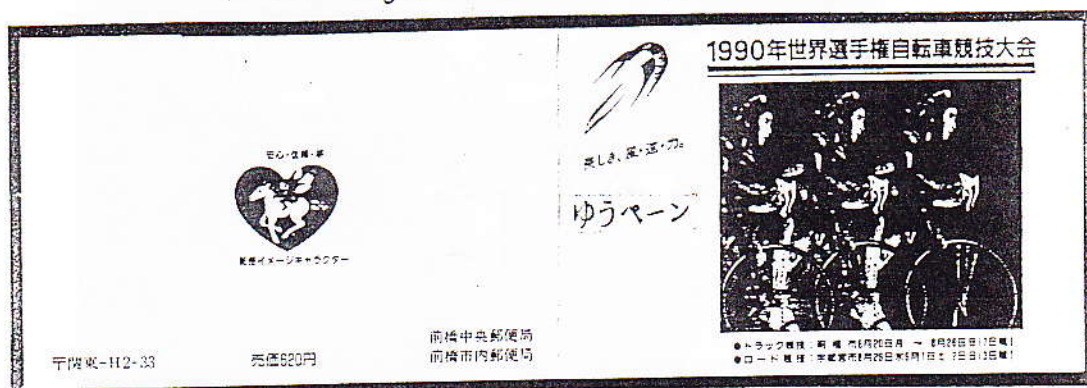
Kanto H2-30 ¥515



Kanto H2-31 ¥515

The Maebashi covers (Fig. A and below), baika 620 en [price Y620] were used with a vertical block of 10 (2 x 5) fully perforated Y62 kerin stamps (half of a sheet of 20).

'90 World Cycling Championships
Track Race event held at Maebashi-City.
from August 20th to August 26th.



Right page photo show W.C.C. Campaign girl ¥620



Symbol mark designed by Mr. Hazime Kato who is Comitee member of professional cyclist Union. ¥620

According to the Japanese philatelic agency, there were eleven small (33mm) datestamps for the cycling championships - one from Maebashi (Gumma) and ten from Tochigi Prefecture. Maebashi and seven of the Tochigi offices also have scenic datestamps, and one or more of these may appear on FDC's etc., many of these are pictured on the following pages.

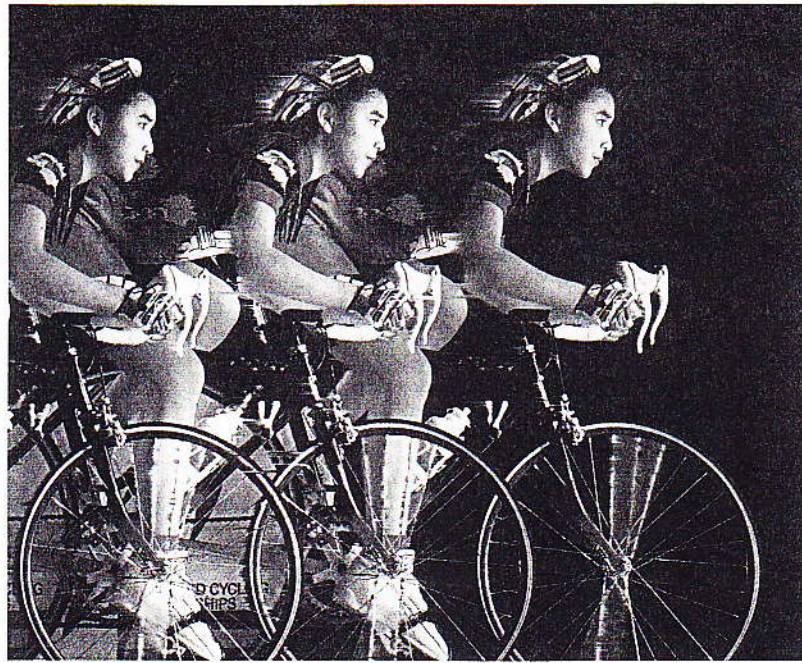
Bicycle Stamps Club members Shiro Yagami, Takao Ono, and Yukio Ootsu, all residents of Japan, kindly supplied the material pictured for the World Cycling Championships pictured on these pages.

In addition to the six small booklets pictured above, following are photos of other postal material including three medium size folders, two large folders, which had different front covers but identical insides and rear covers, a First Day Announcement, two First Day Covers, and a non-philatelic label (top of page 17).



美しき、風・速・力。

1990年世界選手権自転車競技大会



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- ロード競技:宇都宮市8月29日水9月1日土、2日日[3日間]



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DE CYCLISME 1990

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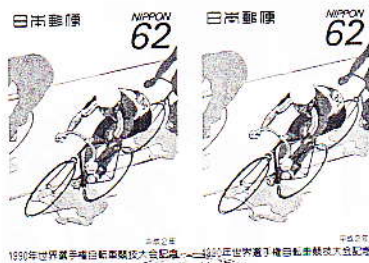
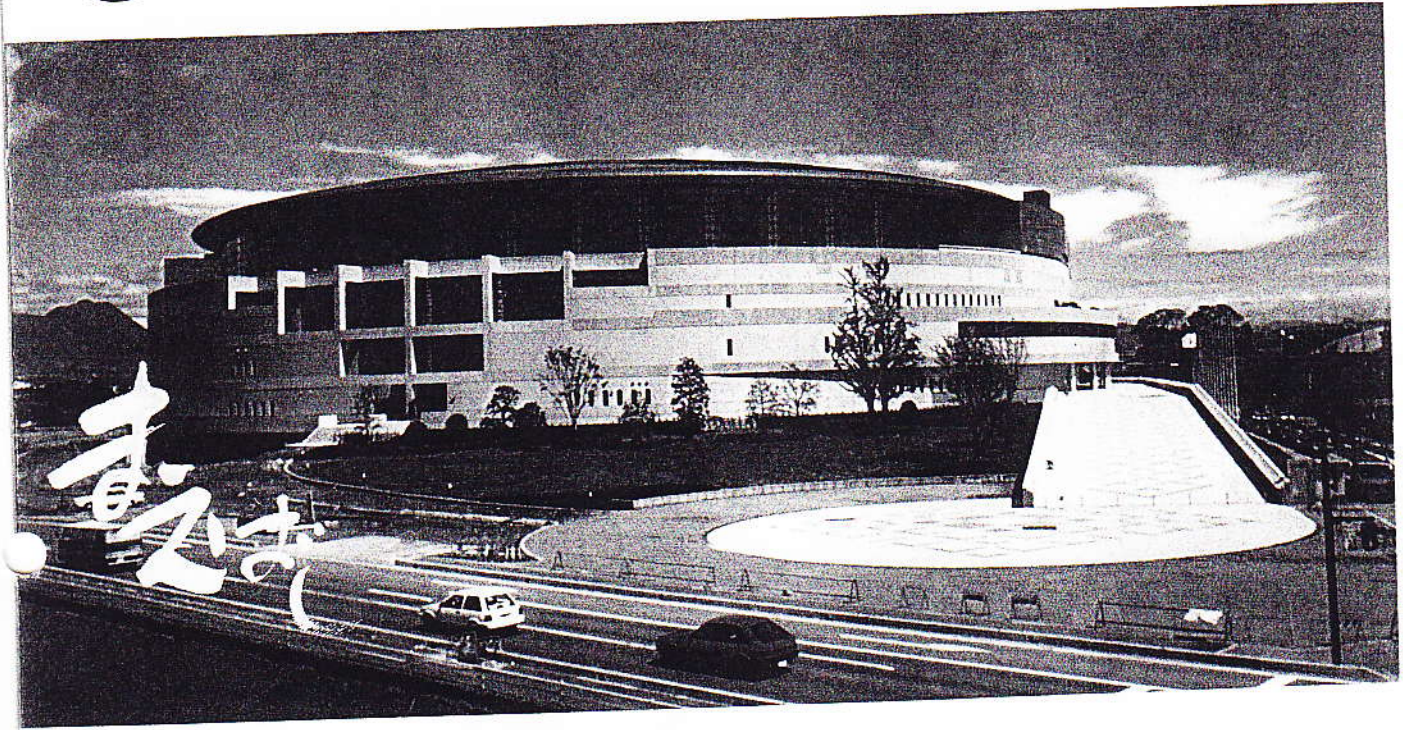


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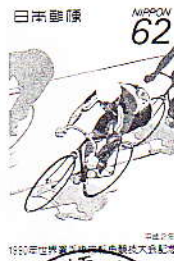
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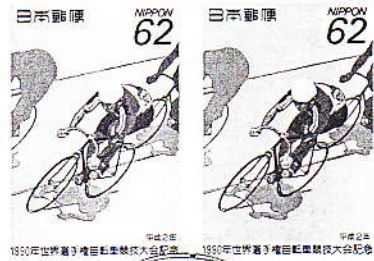
GREEN DOME MAEBASHI



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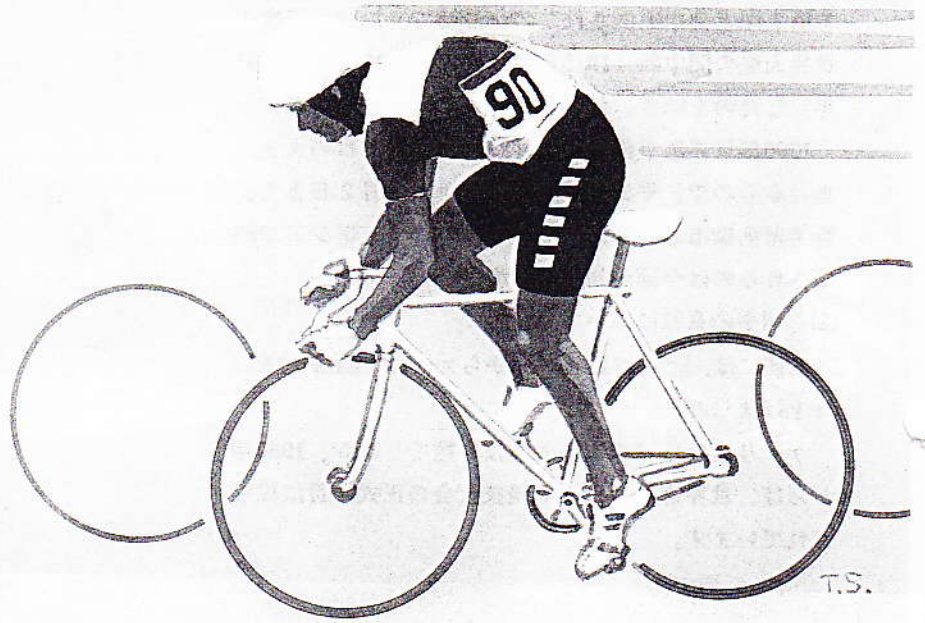


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郵政省

1990年世界選手権自転車競技大会 記念郵便切手

1990年世界選手権自転車競技大会を記念して、平成2年8月20日(月)に62円郵便切手を発行しました。

(1) 1990年世界選手権自転車競技大会について

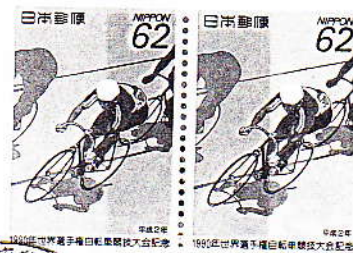
世界選手権自転車競技大会は、1893年に、アメリカで第1回大会が開催されたのが最初で、以後、二度の世界大戦の間中断（1915年～1919年及び1940年～1945年）したのを除き、毎年開催されています。

1990年世界選手権自転車競技大会は87回目の大会に当たるもので、平成2年8月20日から9月2日まで、群馬県前橋市と栃木県下で開催されます。アジアで開催されるのは今回が初めてです。

(2) 切手の意匠について

意匠には、トラック競技の中からケーリン(Keirin)を取り上げました。

ケーリンは、日本独自の競技形態でしたが、1980年からは、世界選手権自転車競技大会の正式種目に採用されています。



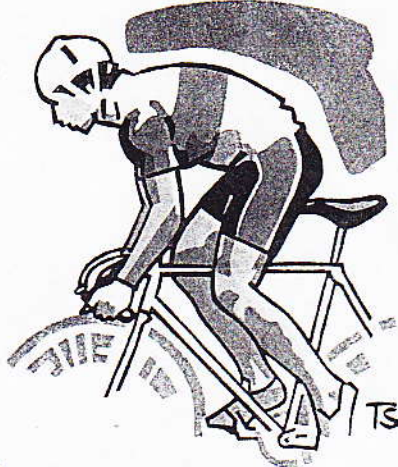
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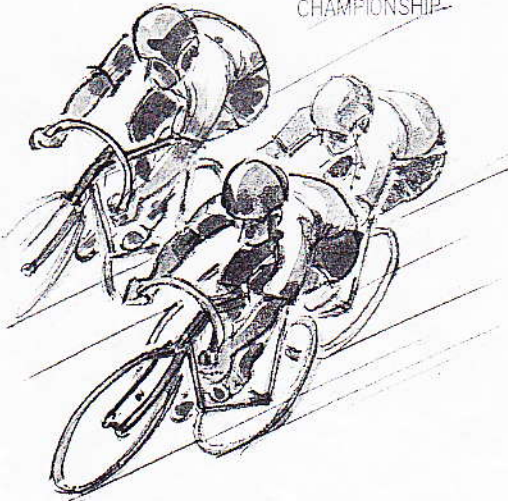


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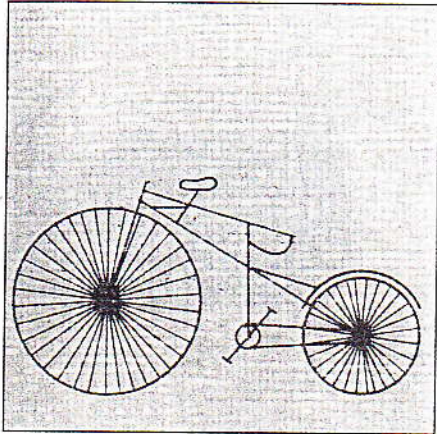
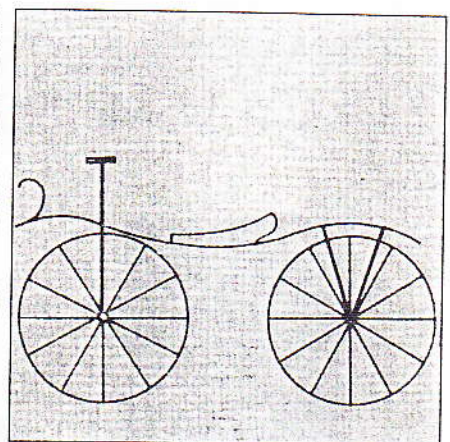
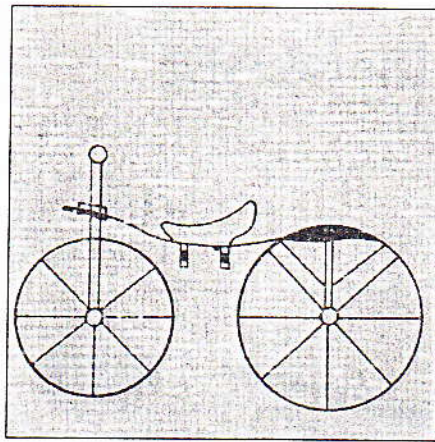
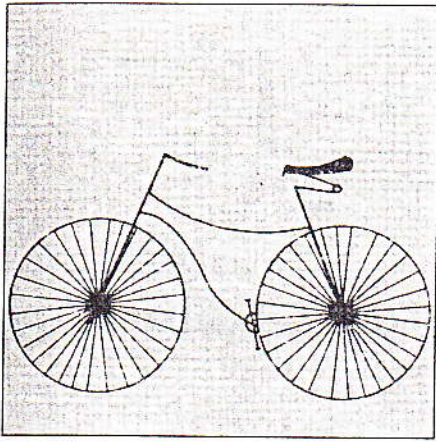
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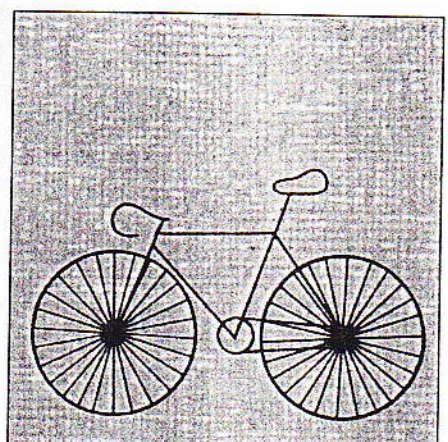
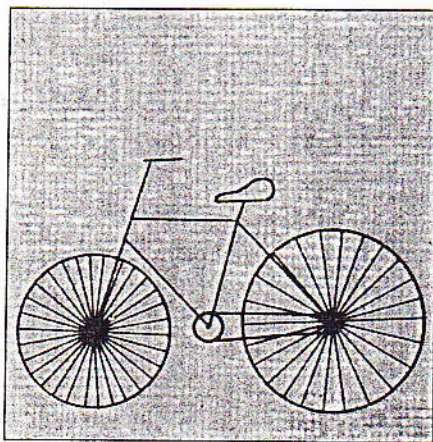
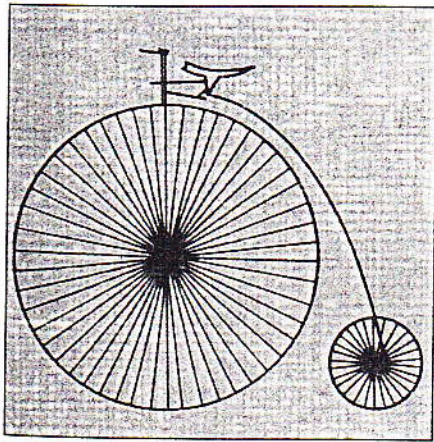


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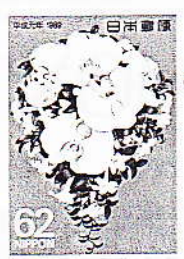
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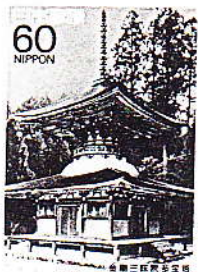


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美しき、風・速・力、をテーマとして、8月下旬から9月上旬にかけて前橋市及び宇都宮市を中心として開催される「1990年世界選手権自転車競技大会」は、1893年(明治26年)アメリカのシカゴで第1回大会が開催された歴史と伝統を誇る大会で今大会は87回目にあたります。

競技種目は前橋市で開催されるトラック競技と宇都宮市を中心として開催されるロード競技でそれぞれ、アマ部門とプロ部門のワールドチャンピオンを決める文字通り自転車競技の世界最高の大会です。

日本ではもちろんアジアでも初めて開催される
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に今、全世界が注目しています。

The 1990 WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS are to be held between August 20th and September 2nd 1990, mainly in Maebashi City and Utsunomiya City, adopting the theme "Beautiful Wind·Speed·Power"

This event the 87th since first held in CHICAGO, U.S.A. in 1893 (Meiji era 26), and has a proud history and tradition.

The track competition held in Maebashi City, and road competition mainly in Utsunomiya City, are the biggest cycling events in the world, which decide the world champions, both amateur and professional.

People all over the world are keenly interested in the "1990 WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS" which are now held for the first time in JAPAN and the Asian area.



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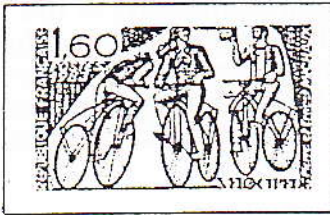
LECTURE / DISPLAY "GO BY CYCLE!"

GLASGOW TRANSPORT MUSEUM CINEMA 8TH DECEMBER 1990 3.P.M.



Brian Sole is the Secretary of the British Thematic Association, a member of the Council of the British Philatelic Federation and was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

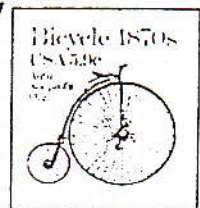
He was a keen cycle tourist for about 15 years. After he married he started a sideline collection of stamps and related material on the theme of the bicycle. This has now grown into a collection which has been shown to many Societies and was awarded a large silver medal at the International Stamp Exhibition London 1990.



1. Cycle History

No-one knows for sure when the first cycle appeared. Baron Karl von Drais patented a primitive version in France in 1817. Dennis Johnson copied the idea and built his own "hobby horse" in Covent Garden, London, in 1819. A

Scotsman added treadles to drive the rear wheel in 1839 or 1840. Apparently Macmillan once rode his bicycle into Glasgow and knocked over a girl. He was arrested and the following morning fined five shillings in court. The judge, however, was so impressed by the unusual machine that he paid the fine himself. Pierre and Ernest Michaux, perambulator and invalid carriage builders, were more successful with their invention by adding cranks and pedals to the front wheel of a Draisienne in 1861. Rowley Turner brought a Michaux velocipede to London in 1868 and started manufacturing cycles in Coventry. In order to increase speed, the front, driving, wheel was built bigger. This ensured that for each turn of the pedals the Ordinary or Penny-farthing covered more ground. Many racing cycle clubs were formed, including the Irvine Cycle Club in Scotland in 1884. Alexander Fletcher covered 100 miles in a time trial on 14th May 1887 despite the poor roads. His arrival at the various check-points was verified by Post Office hand stamps. The safety cycle proved to be faster on the road and the track and quickly led to the demise of the ordinary bicycle.

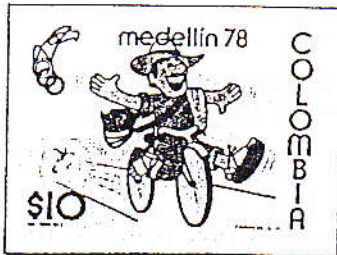


2. Cycle Mail

When gold was discovered in Western Australia the Post Office could not extend its services fast enough for the rapid population growth. James Healy organised the delivery of mail by cycles, at first, and, later, by camels! Initially a one shilling and a two shillings and sixpence stamp were printed. A later issue of stamps of denominations of sixpence, two shillings and five shillings showed a man on a camel, instead of a bicycle but, the inscription

"Coolgardie Cycle Express Company" remained. Even fewer examples are known of the Lake Lefroy Goldfield stamp, value sixpence issued in 1897 by the organisers Hillier & Maskell. It was a strike by the Pullman staff which led to the issue of the Fresno - San Francisco Cycle Mail diamond shaped stamp in 1894. The first few hundred stamps has "Francisco" misspelt. The Siege of Mafeking in 1900 led to the birth of the blues - not the song but the two stamps printed on blue paper. Cadet Sgt Warner Goodyear and his bicycle were shown on the 1d stamp and Colonel Baden Powell on the 3d stamp. The stamps were printed in sheets of 12 and the bottom right-hand corner stamp of each sheet has a distinctive cracked plate variety. The Clacton High School Christmas Post, began in 1982 and has resulted in the issue of stamps featuring cyclists each year since 1983.

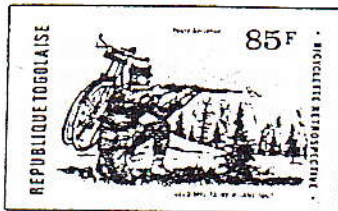




3. Leisure Cycling

Children love the freedom of a cycle but must learn road safety. Ladies, too, rode cycles in greater numbers after the invention of the safety cycle. An interest in cycling can lead to joining a Touring Club or Federation. The earliest stamp featuring a cycle was a local issue from Frankfurt - on - Main in 1887 for the 4th convention of the German Cyclists

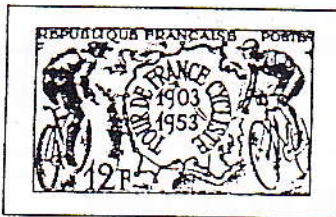
Federation. In 1898 the New Zealand government printer prepared approx. 2000 postcards headed 'New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club'. The 50th anniversary of the Cyclists' Touring Club in 1928 was celebrated with the issue of a label printed by Perkins Bacon, and sold at 3 old pence per 100 to members. Special handstamps have been used by the C.T.C. e.g. 20.7.69 25th Anniversary of the York Rally, 31.8.74 50th Anniversary of the Derby District Association and 5.8.78 Centenary of C.T.C. The cycle can be used also to raise money for charity and to provide entertainment.



4. War by Cycle

The section includes an OHMS cover postmarked 12 Oct 1914 with a cachet, Highland Cyclist Battalion and the ink inscription "Mobilization". There are picture postcards of military cyclists some postally used with censor marks on the reverse. Unfortunately, vignettes of uniformed cyclists printed

by a Frenchman Delandre had no postal validity. In World War II, a series of 36 military cycle battalion "stamps" were produced by Switzerland officially, mainly for propaganda purposes. In Norway, special application was needed on officially pre-printed postal stationery to obtain a replacement cycle or cycle tyre.

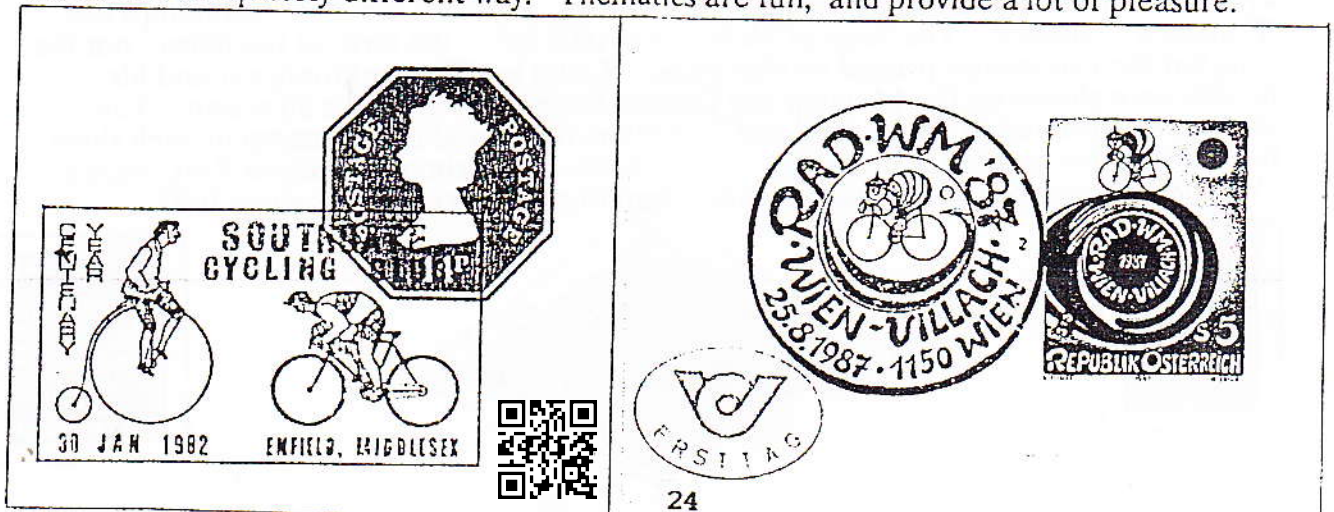


5. Cycle Racing

The manufacture of the cycle led almost immediately to cycle racing. Tactics play an important part in the sprint events on the track. Riders stand still, whilst clipped into pedals, for minutes at a time to avoid taking the lead and giving shelter to an opponent. Motor-paced events result in increased speeds.

On the road there are time trials against the clock and road races. In addition, cross country races with bicycles known as cyclo-cross, are described. Numerous stamps and post-marks illustrate all categories of racing at national and international level. Stage races vary from 2-3 days up to 3 weeks for the Tour de France. The 50th anniversary of this event was commemorated by France in 1953.

The display shows how a thematic collection may be developed and includes material not acceptable in national thematic competitions. Another collector might approach the same theme in a completely different way. Thematics are fun, and provide a lot of pleasure.



My introduction to Thematics

by F. C. Pegley

Quite frankly I got tired of the narrow confines of a single country collection and the even greater restrictions of concentrating on a particular period or a particular value, normally called 'specialisation'. This plus the fact that I had practically decided that, since there was no way I could now afford to continue collecting in this field, I would have to look for a less demanding hobby.

It happened by chance that I heard a lecture on Thematic Collecting (I was due to attend another meeting at the same venue). It was my good fortune that it was by a man who was able to communicate his enthusiasm to his audience and to demonstrate that my old idea of Thematic Collecting (to collect stamps of the same subject and to mount page after page of them as per catalogue) was totally wrong. I had to read his 'paper' many times before I could really understand it but, finally, I was able to condense it to just three main points, The Subject, The Plan and The Source.

It was made quite clear that choosing 'The Subject' was of vital importance. It was not good enough to look through a catalogue and pick a subject just because it looked attractive and many issues had been produced with it as the main interest. That is, unless it happened to be a subject in which you were personally interested, in which case it would be fine, because it is essential that you choose a theme that you know well, not philatelically but practically. As far as I was concerned it was an easy decision to make – it had to be 'The Bicycle'. I think there is no other sport like it and I've been involved with it, one way and another, since I was a teenager.

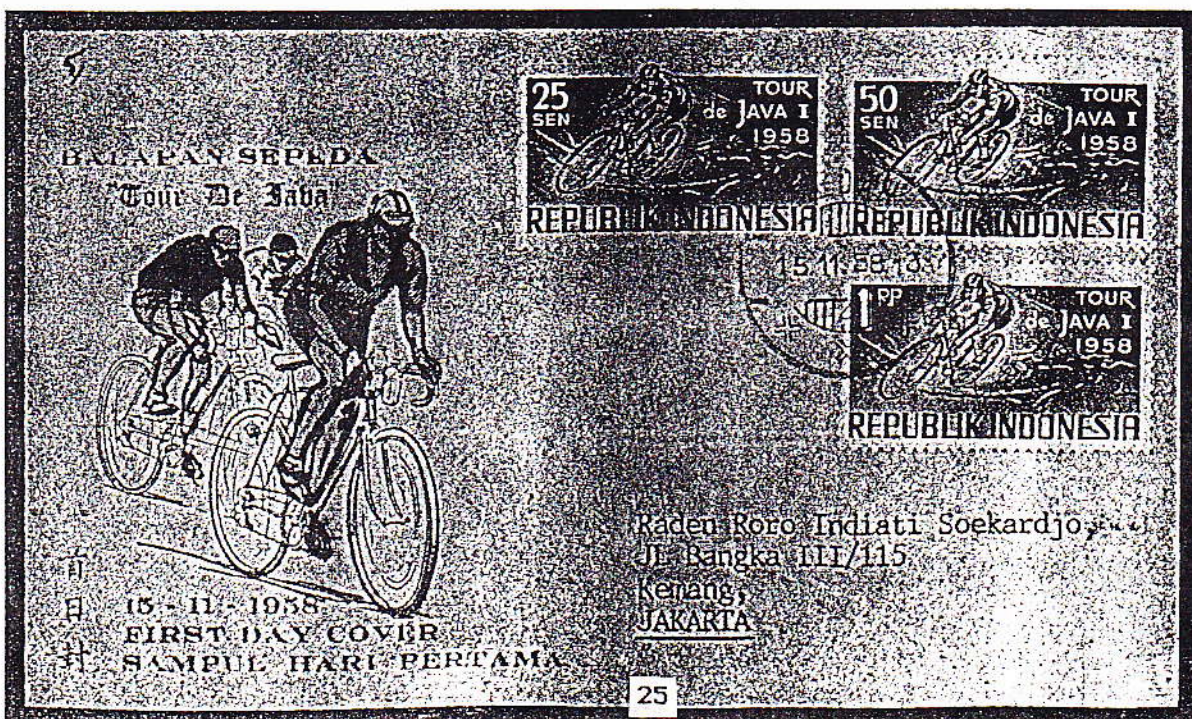


Tricycle style
Rickshaw in Laos

Having passed this milestone the next question was, How?, where should I start, how should I tackle it? This was where 'The Plan' came into it. It was obvious that, due to the complexity of a Thematic Collection and without a catalogue to fall back on, a Plan was not just a good idea, it was a necessity. It was the most difficult problem but once solved the rest became plain sailing.

One of the first things you learn when you decide to take up this discipline is that the world is your oyster. 'The Source' is unlimited. I realised that I could collect anything that had been Postally Issued that had a Bicycle or a Cycling connection. A little philatelic knowledge was useful here but only to know who had issued what and when! 'Postally Issued' means anything that has been issued by postal Authorities, either directly or under licence, (meter marks, maxi-cards etc.) but it does not include privately issued postcards or advertising of any type.

continued



My introduction to Thematics

by F. C. Pegley

I personally feel that if a private item has been produced for the sole purpose of being sent through the Post then it should be admissible but I appreciate that if I want to compete in anything above Society level then I have to abide by the rules (at least until they are amended).



Meter Mark advertising the International Grand Prix, Isbergues, in 1988

Needless to say, I was over the moon when my entry was made the Winner at Thematica '89. When one considers that it had been judged by Thematic Collectors and not by accredited Judges then surely one should think that perhaps John Fosbery's only rule 'That the entry must be visually attractive' is quite sufficient! I have only been collecting thematically for three years and I must say that I am thoroughly enjoying myself, perhaps because I feel that it is a far more personal way of collecting and showing stamps. It has certainly put the FUN back into it.

THE MOROCCO AGENCIES CYCLE POST

by Richard Garcia

The British post offices of the Morocco Agencies operated in much the same way as post offices in Great Britain.

Ernest G. Lomas, the clerk in charge of the British post office at Rabat, wrote to the British Postmaster at Tangier, requesting the acquisition of a 'cycle'.

"I beg to inform you that the postman here has submitted to me that with the increase of the delivery area in Rabat, the town now stretching out for two or three kilometres from the Post Office, he can no longer get through his work without a bicycle.

"Mohamed has had for some year or more an old bicycle which he bought of his own money, but which has cost him since he bought it more money in repairs than he would have had to pay for a new machine. I beg to suggest that, at any rate, one bicycle for the use of the postman here is a real necessity, if we are to deliver correspondence at a respectable pace and get through the work."

Post Office Archives reveal a memo to London, dated 3 December 1931, giving details of the bicycles allocated to, or used by, the postmen at the various British post offices in Morocco.

Office	Cycle or Foot post	Official or Private cycle	Number	Remarks
Casablanca	tricycle & bicycle	Official	2	1 postman & 1 contractor
Fez	cycles (2)	Private (2)	2	1 Official cycle sought
Larache	cycle	Private	1	
Marrakesh	cycle	Private	1	
Mogador	cycle	Private	1	
Rabat	cycle	Official	1	
Tangier	foot	—	2	1 postman & 1 contractor
Tetuan	cycle	Private	1	

Notes: Fez request for a cycle was granted. The Private cycles in use at Tetuan ceased to be used for delivery and both officers perform deliveries on foot.

Further examination of the papers reveals a most interesting letter from the British Postmaster at Tangier to the Secretary of the G.P.O. London, dated 30 January 1931. An extract is quoted below and no apology is made for the story title.

The Theft of the Casablanca Bicycle

"Sir,

I have the honour to report that the official bicycle in use at the British Post Office Agency, Casablanca, was stolen from outside the post office premises on the 4th of December last (i.e. 1930). The matter was put into the hands of the police and the bicycle was eventually found abandoned about three kilometres from the post office. Several new parts, including a bell, saddle and electric lamp, with which the bicycle had just been fitted, were missing when the machine was discovered and although the police continued their enquiries, they have not been able to trace these accessories. This will explain why a further sum of 98 francs has been claimed in the Casablanca December, 1930, account, as repairs to bicycle.

The cycle was last used by the postman who, after finishing his daily distribution, placed the cycle outside the entrance to the post office. This appears to have been the practice for many years and the cycle should be reasonably safe from thieves, in which case I do not think that the postman can be held responsible for any culpable neglect.

It is a moot point whether it is advantageous to supply Agencies with bicycles. Owing to the great development of Casablanca and other Moroccan towns, distances between one point and another are considerable and the bicycle, in careful hands, affords an easy and rapid means of locomotion and, as a saver of time, it's use is obvious. On the other hand, claims for repair are constantly being made and, although occasional repairs are no doubt necessary, it is believed that much damage is caused by rough usage as the Moor treats a bicycle as he would a horse, and that is never gently. At Casablanca there are also a considerable number of bags to be carried about and the bicycle is no doubt frequently overloaded to save a journey.

In these circumstances I suggest that the Casablanca office should be supplied with a strong tricycle fitted with a commodious wooden receptacle capable of containing about four to six fair sized bags. This would simplify the question of transport and, as a tricycle cannot be raced in the same way as a bicycle, rough usage would to a great extent be eliminated.

A new porter, named Mohamed ben Niss, has been engaged at Casablanca as from the 15th of December last, in the place of Moklouf. The latter was guilty of breaking into the parcel room in order to obtain and deliver parcels with the assumed intention of obtaining a gratuity from the addressees. The matter was reported to Tangier and the Managing Clerk was instructed to dispense with Moklouf's services, although the incident took place at a very busy time and some difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable substitute. Moklouf left of his own accord on the 15th of December, after having been made to pay for the damage done to the parcel room door."

With acknowledgement to the Post Office Archive for their co-operation.

A Bicycle Philatelist Lives in China

By Raymond V. See

One of my correspondents in Hong Kong had provided me with an interesting card sometime ago, but due to the fact that I could read hardly any Chinese, I did not know much about it. Therefore, another letter was sent requesting additional information about it.

Thanks to Mr. Y.T. Lee, I am now able to tell an interesting story to the members of the Bicycle Stamps Club.



The man responsible for printing this card is Lee Chin Po. Like most of us, he is also a cyclist and philatelist whose interest is in the bicycle theme.

In 1985, Mr. Po dreamed of travelling to 14 provinces of China by bicycle. This trip is going to be a record ride for him, so to chronicle the event (as well as to produce some bicycle philatelic material for himself and his friends), he commissioned a local printer to print some cards, the intention being to have them postmarked at the postal offices of the different provinces.

The journey commenced on April 25, 1986. the 14 provinces visited are as follows; Kiang-Su, An-Hei, Ho-Nan, Sim-Sai, Min-Ha, Inner Mongolia, San-Say, Ho-Pei, Tien-Chin, Lin-Nin, Chi-Lin, Hei-Long-Kwang, Peking, and San-Tung. It took him two months to complete his journey from Kiang-Su province and back.

The card is printed in light green, the road map in orange, and the signature blocks in red.

The Bicycle postmark is in red and is believed to have been privately produced, thus probably un-official. It reads, "Lee Ching Po on his trip to 14 provinces for philatelic purpose. Kiang-Su Song-Chou 1986-4-25."

Another postmark, this one in black, appears at the center of the card. This is the townmark of Kiang-Su Song-Chou province and is official. The date is also 1986-4-25

Therefore the card is a First Day of Journey card.

Although it is addressed and quite philatelic in form, it did not go through the mail and is nothing more than a souvenir. However it does provide us with tangible evidence of the bicycle philatelist who lives in China.

THE 34th. COLCHESTER SCOUT GROUP CYCLE DELIVERY

This post commenced on 12th. December 1989 and was originated by the Group Leader Mr. David Hampton and his wife. It operated within the confines of Colchester Borough boundry and collecting boxes were placed in various shops around the town and at Shrub End, a suburb to the south-west of the borough, where, in fact, the 34th. Group operates.

The delivery of mail was originally organised by splitting the area within the borough into 15 delivery rides, but the weight of mail in some areas proved to be too heavy and 18 areas were found to be more practicable. The actual delivery was supervised by the scout's parents ably assisted by the scouts themselves. No staaps were used, but the covers received a strike of the Group handstamp without a date.

The reasons for running the post were twofold, to help the elderly and to raise funds to assist in providing a new scout hut. Just over 2,000 letters were carried.

12th. December 1990 again saw the running of the post, in a manner similar to that of 1989. Collecting boxes were placed at the following: 1. Colchester Town Hall, 2. Reades Garage, Layer Road, 3. British School of Motoring, Eld Lane, 4. The Scout Shop, Short Wyre Street, 5. Dolland and Aitheson, 3, Headgate, 6. Picture Palace, St. John's Street, 7. Dugard Stores, Dugard Avenue, 8. Chapman Estate Office, The Commons.

The use of stamps was adopted this year and the following service was anticipated:

- 10p. Ordinary letters 12th.-19th. December
- 20p. Thereafter
- 50p. Packets
 - 1. Out of area delivery to comply with existing minimum charge regulations.

The issued stamps were:

10p. Orange on green	(Nos printed 2,244)
20p. Violet	(" " 270)
50p. Green	(" " 250)
1. Red	(" " 250)

All of the above were printed on small sheets of 6, most of which were cut up for the post. 100 miniature sheets of four stamps were printed and 100 sets of four were printed on white cards singly, some of which were supplied to philatelic magazines to assist in perfect reproduction. 66 10p. postal stationery envelopes were produced in anticipation of bulk circular postings, but in the event no such postings occurred this year, some of the envelopes were used for miscellaneous purposes in the post.

The number of items carried this year amounted to 2,057.

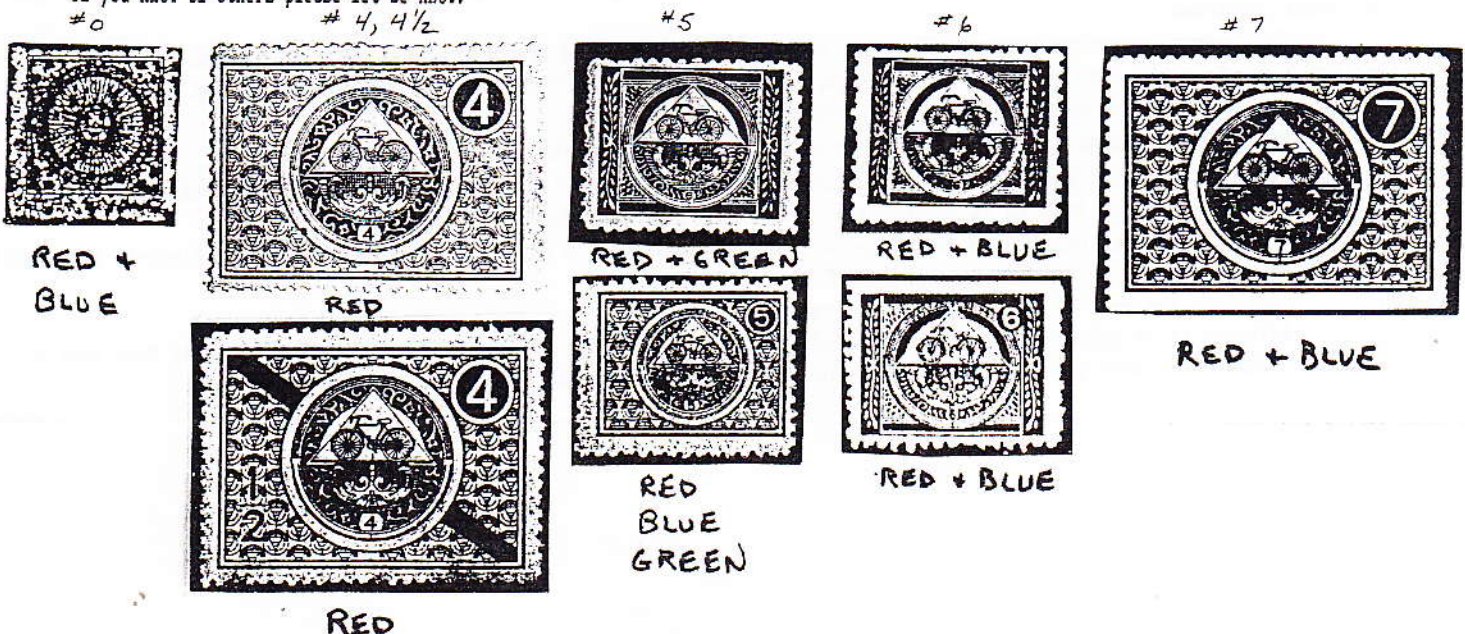
As well as a datestamp, the postmark used was as follows.



I.F. Trinder FRPSL

THE MYSTERY LABELS - AN UPDATE

The list of known 'Mystery Labels' is growing. Except for a few I don't have and whose photo is too poor to reproduce, this summarizes those known by your Editor. For additional information see BS4, p.34, BS5, p.11-13, BS6, p.12-13, and BS7, p.7. If you know of others please let me know.

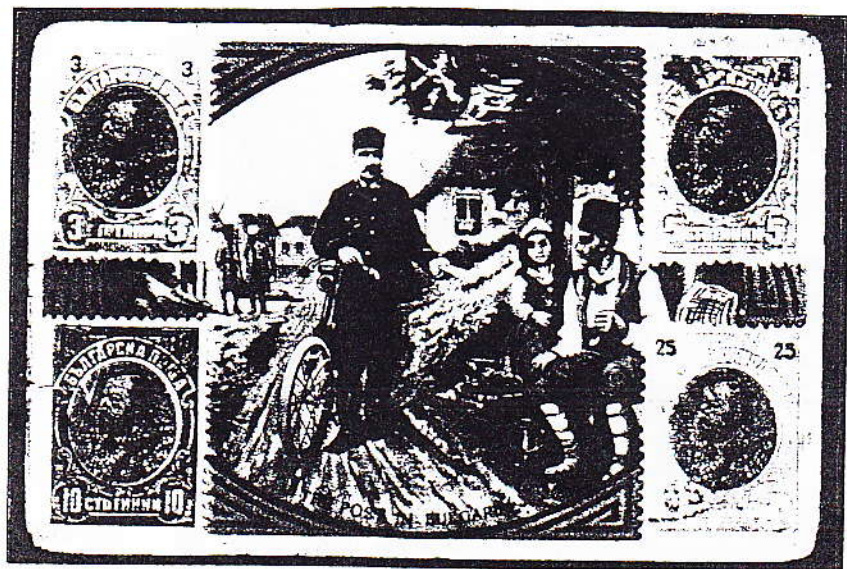




Post Haste ~ By Bicycle

In Bulgaria

The life of a Bulgarian postman would appear to have been both dangerous and unrewarding. Having run the gauntlet of bandits in the mountains his proffered letter is viewed with deep suspicion.

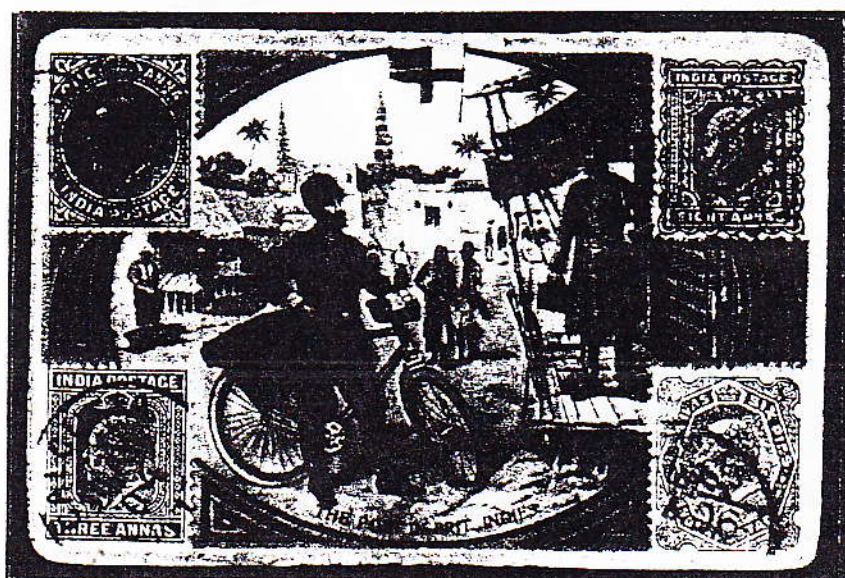


Card published by Nugget Boot Polish, circa 1910.

Post Haste ~ By Bicycle
In India



Orderly cyclist ~ disorderly bicycle.



Advertising cards and post cards
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