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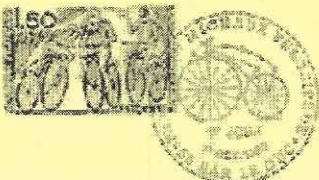

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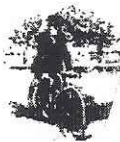
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AFGHANISTAN	?	50 AFS	BEIJING 2008 OLYMPICS - TRACK CYCLIST	1+MS	62-9
AFGHANISTAN	?	MS	AS ABOVE - MS OF 2 STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	1+MS	62-9
ALBANIA	08.08.08	50 lek	BEIJING OLYMPICS - CYCLING MOTIF	4	67-8
ALBANIA	08.08.08	SE TEN STRIP	AS ABOVE - SE TEN STRIP OF 4 DIFF. INCLUDES THE ABOVE	4	67-8
BAHAMAS	22.09.08	50c	CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA IN THE BAHAMAS - BICYCLES OUTSIDE BANK	5	67-8
BELGIUM	06.04.09	NIV	CIRCUS - HIGH WIRE ARTISTS ON BICYCLE	10 + BOOKLET	67-9
BELGIUM	06.04.09	NIV	AS ABOVE - CLOWN JUGGLING RIDING UNICYCLE	10 + BOOKLET	67-9
BELGIUM	06.04.09	BOOKLET	AS ABOVE - BOOKLET OF 10 PEEL AND STICK STAMPS - INCLUDES BOTH OF THE ABOVE	10 + BOOKLET	67-9
BENIN	?.?.?	1000f	CENTENARY OF WORLD SCOUTING - MOUNTAIN BIKE CYCLIST	1+MS	64-13
BENIN	?.?.?	M/S	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET CONTAINING THE ABOVE STAMP - MOUNTAIN BIKE CYCLISTS ON SELVEDGE	1+MS	64-13
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA (CROATIAN POSTS)	20.11.03	FDC	INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY - STAMP DEPICTS DRAWING BY 8 YEAR OLD ANTONIO LOVRIC	1+FDC+ MAXICARD	
CAMBODIA	?.?.2006	500 R	MEDICAL CARE - HELPER WITH TRISHAW	3	62-9
CHINA	?.2000	POSTAL CARD	POST WOMAN RIDING A BICYCLE	1	64-15
CHINA	?.2003	POSTAL CARD	POST MAN DELIVERING NEWSPAPERS	1	64-15
CHINA	?.?.?	POSTAL CARD	LARGE BUILDING - CYCLISTS IN FOREGROUND	1	64-30
CHINA	?.?.2007	POSTAL CARD	PREPAID - PRE-STAMPED - LARGE HOUSING BLOCK - CYCLIST ON ROAD	1	65-25
CHINA	?.?.2008	POSTAL CARD	PREPAID "HAPPY NEW YEAR" CARD - STYLISED CYCLIST	1	65-22
CHINA	?.?.2008	NIV	BEIJING PARALYMPIC GAMES STAMP WITH LABEL OF CYCLING MOTIF	12+3MS	65-21
CHINA	?.?.2008	MS	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET OF 4 BEIJING PARALYMPIC GAMES STAMPS WITH LABELS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE	12+3MS	65-21
CONGO	?	320 FC	WORLD CELEBRITIES-CHAMPION CYCLISTS - LANCE ARMSTRONG	1+MS	62-12
CONGO	?	MS	AS ABOVE	1+MS	62-12
CONGO	?	320 FC	AS ABOVE - IVAN BASSO	1+MS	62-13
CONGO	?	MS	AS ABOVE	1+MS	62-13
CONGO	?	320 FC	AS ABOVE - LEVI LEIPHEIMER	1+MS	62-13

CONGO	?	MS	AS ABOVE	1+MS	62-13
CONGO	?	320 FC	AS ABOVE - JAN ULRICH	1+MS	62-13
CONGO	?	MS	AS ABOVE	1+MS	62-13
CUBA	??.2008	85c	80TH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY OF CHE GUEVARA - CYCLIST	4+MS	65-26
CUBA	??.2008	MS	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET OF 4 DIFF. STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	4+MS	65-26
CZECH REPUBLIC	03.09.08	10 Kc	PRAGA 2008 - STAMP HAS JOSEF PALEČEK'S ILLUSTRATION FROM THE CHILDREN'S BOOK BY JAROSLAV SEIFERT (DAS LIED VON APFELBAUM ISSUED IN 1985) LEFT LABEL A DRAWING OF A SNAIL WITH FLOWER - RIGHT LABEL LOGO OF WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION PRAGA 2008 - THERE APPEARS TO BE A CYCLIST ON THE ROAD IN THE PICTURE	1 + LABELS	67-8
EGYPT	???	150pt	2007 ARAB GAMES (11TH TO 26TH NOV 2007) - GAMES MASCOT BASTET (BLACK CAT) TAKING PART IN VARIOUS SPORTS INCLUDING CYCLING AS STAMP BORDER	1	64-15
GAMBIA	01.03.03	MS D45	CENTENARY TOUR DE FRANCE - AWAITING DETAILS	12 + 3SHT + MS	
GREECE	09.09.03	MAXI-CARD	OLYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004: MIND & BODY - CYCLING	5 + SHT + MAXI-CARD	
GREECE	?	SHEETLET	2007 BICYCLE TOUR OF ATHENS - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - STYLISED BICYCLE ON SELVEDGE - GREEK PRINTING ON LABELS ATTACHED TO EACH STAMP MAY TRANSLATE TO " BICYCLE TOUR OF ATHENS 2007"	SHEETLET	61-18 
GUINEA	??.2008	25000 fg	JEUX DE PEKIN 2008 (SPORT IN PEKIN) - CYCLISTS	3+3 MS	64-19
GUINEA	??.2008	M/S	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET CONTAINING THE ABOVE STAMP	3+3 MS	64-19
GUINEA	??.2008	M/S	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET CONTAINING 3 DIFFERENT STAMPS ONE OF WHICH IS THE ABOVE	3+3 MS	64-19
GUINEA	??.2008	M/S	AS ABOVE - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - BMX RIDER ON SELVEDGE	3+3 MS	66-12
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2007	M/S	SPORTING STARS OF THE MILLENNIUM - MINIATURE SHEET OF 1 STAMP - STAMP OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - LANCE ARMSTRONG SHOWN ON SELVEDGE	MS	64-18
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2008	175 FCFA	BEIJING OLYMPICS - TRACK CYCLIST	4+MS	64-23
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2008	M/S	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET OF 4 DIFFERENT STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE	4+MS	64-23

HUNGARY	05.11.08	100 Ft	PHILAVILLAGE. VI - IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE STAMP COLLECTING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE MAGYAR POSTA ISSUED A SERIES OF 12 STAMPS ENTITLED PHILAVILLAGE.. THE SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE ISSUE WAS THAT THE STAMPS BECAME PART OF A SIX PART BOARD GAME. THIS STAMP WAS ON SHEET NUMBER 6 OF THE FUN GAME - THE STAMPS SHOW THE BUSY LIVES OF THE INHABITANTS OF PHILAVILLAGE.- POST MAN ON BICYCLE DELIVERING LETTER.,	12	67-8
ICELAND	19.05.04	BOOKLET PANE	EUROPA 2004: HOLIDAYS - TOURING CYCLISTS - PANE OF TEN STAMPS (NO DETAILS YET)	2+2X BOOKLETS	
ISRAEL	17.02.09	4.40 s	EXTREME SPORT - MOUNTAIN BIKING - STAMP WITH LABEL BOTH SHOW CYCLISTS	3	67-9
ISRAEL	17.02.09	3.80s	TEL AVIV CENTENNIAL - CYCLIST	3	76-9
IRELAND	28.02.03	BOOKLET PANE	ST PATRICK'S DAY - CLOWN ON A STRANGE CYCLE IN PARADE - PANE OF 10 OF ABOVE STAMP	3 + 3 S X 16 + 4 B/KLETS	
ITALY	?	POST CARD	90 TH GIRO - d'ITALIA - CARD ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE 90TH TOUR - CARD EXISTS WITH CANCELS FOR EACH STAGE	1	61-8
ITALY	?	POST CARD	COMMEMORATING THE 50 TH ANNIV- DEATH OF LUIGI GANNA	1	61-10
IVORY COAST	?	MS	AS ABOVE - STAMP OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - RACING CYCLIST ON SELVEDGE	?	60-13
JAPAN	? 2009	80 YEN	HOMETOWN 4 - MAN WITH BICYCLE OUTSIDE HOUSE	10+ SHEETLET	67-10
JAPAN	? 2009	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET OF 10 DIFF. STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE - SELVEDGE REPEATS STAMP IMAGE	10+ SHEETLET	67-10
KOSOVA	?.?.2007	€ 1	SPORTS IN KOSOVA - SPORTS MOTIFS INCLUDING CYCLING	3	64-13
LIBYA	?.?.2008	1000	BEIJING OLYMPICS - STYLISED CYCLIST	1	67-8
LITHUANIA	?.?.2008	2.45 Lt	"WATER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" EXPO IN ZARAGOZA, SPAIN - MASCOT (A DROPLET OF WATER) RIDING A BICYCLE	6+ SHEETLET	64-20
LITHUANIA	?.?.2008	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET OF 6 DIFFERENT IRREGULAR SHAPED STAMPS - ONE OF WHICH IS THE ABOVE	6+ SHEETLET	64-20
MONACO	16.02.09	0.70 €	CELEBRATING THE 100 TH TOUR OF ITALY, KNOWN TO CYCLING ENTHUSIASTS AS THE "GIRO" - CYCLISTS AT FINISH WITH MAP OF ITALY IN BACKGROUND	1	67-8
NETHERLANDS	?.?.2007	SHEETLET	BEAUTIFUL NETHERLANDS - GOUDA - SHEETLET OF 5 STAMPS - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - CYCLISTS IN CAR REAR VISION MIRROR ON SELVEDGE	SHEETLET	64-27

NETHERLANDS	??.2007	€ 44	AS ABOVE - UTRECHT - CYCLIST RIDING ON SIDE ON PATH ON SIDE OF CANAL	5+ SHEETLET	64-23
NETHERLANDS	??.2007	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET CONTAINING 5 OF THE ABOVE STAMP	5+ SHEETLET	64-23
NETHERLANDS	02.02.09	77c	PRIORITY STAMPS - CYCLE WITH GLOBES AS WHEELS - USED ON MAIL WITHIN EUROPE - SAME AS 02.01.08 ISSUE WITH HIGHER VALUE	2+ SHEETLET	67-7
NETHERLANDS	02.02.09	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET CONTAINING 5 OF THE ABOVE STAMP	2+ SHEETLET	67-7
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	??.2008	2.15c	BEIJING OLYMPICS - TRACK CYCLIST	4+ SHEETLET	64-16
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	??.2008	SE-TENANT BLOCK OF 4	AS ABOVE - SE-TENANT BLOCK OF 4 DIFFERENT STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE	4+ SHEETLET	64-16
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY	?	1000 FILS	ROAD RACING CYCLISTS	1+MS	60-COVER
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY	?	MS	MINIATURE SHEET CONTAINS ABOVE STAMP AND CYCLISTS ON SELVEDGE	1+MS	60-COVER
QATAR	??.2006	50 D	AS ABOVE - STAMP WITH LABEL - TRACK CYCLIST	?	62-19
QATAR	??.2006	50 D	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET OF 5 DIFF STAMPS WITH LABELS - 5 SPORTS INCLUDING THE ABOVE STAMP	?	62-19
ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS	?	M/S	TOUR DE FRANCE 2006 - MINIATURE SHEET OF 9 DIFF. Dbs 7000 STAMPS OF RIDERS (IF ANY MEMBER CAN IDENTIFY THE RIDERS I WILL ADD THE INFORMATION TO THE LIST)	9+MS	65-21
SAMOA	18.06.08	FDC	BEIJING OLYMPICS - CYCLING MOTIF - FDC WITH MINIATURE SHEET ATTACHED	4+MS+2FDC	
SIERRA LEONE	17.11.03	1500L	OLYMPIC HISTORY GOLD MEDAL WINNERS - MARCUS HURLEY - USA 1904	8	
SINGAPORE	29.10.08	FDC	AS ABOVE - FDC (AWAITING DETAILS	5+FDC+ PRESENTATION PACK	
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	28.06.08	\$ 3.50	BEIJING OLYMPICS - FRONT OF ROAD RACING BICYCLE	4+ SHEETLET	67-8
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	28.06.08	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET OF 4 DIFF. STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE	4+ SHEETLET	67-8
UNITED STATES	03.04.03	MAXI CARD	OLD GLORY PRESTIGE BOOKLET UNCLE SAM ON HIGH WHEELER	5+B+M/	
VENEZUELA	?	1.700 Bs	POSTAL SERVICES - EXERCISE BIKE	10 + SHT	59-11

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3. Issues marked are deemed to be fake, ie not stamps only Cinderellas, therefore they will not have a date of issue.

4. Additions to the list are indicated by a heavy solid left-hand border to the country's name box.
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6. The last column shows where the stamp is illustrated, with BS number, followed by page number.
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CHINA - PRE STAMPED POSTCARD - POSTMAN DELIVERING ARTICLE



CHINA - PRE STAMPED POSTCARD - 2001 - "POST" - POSTMEN WITH BICYCLES



NETHERLANDS - 02.02.09
PRIORITY STAMP
BOOKLET AND STAMP



ALBANIA - 08.08.2008 - BEIJING OLYMPICS
CYCLING MOTIF



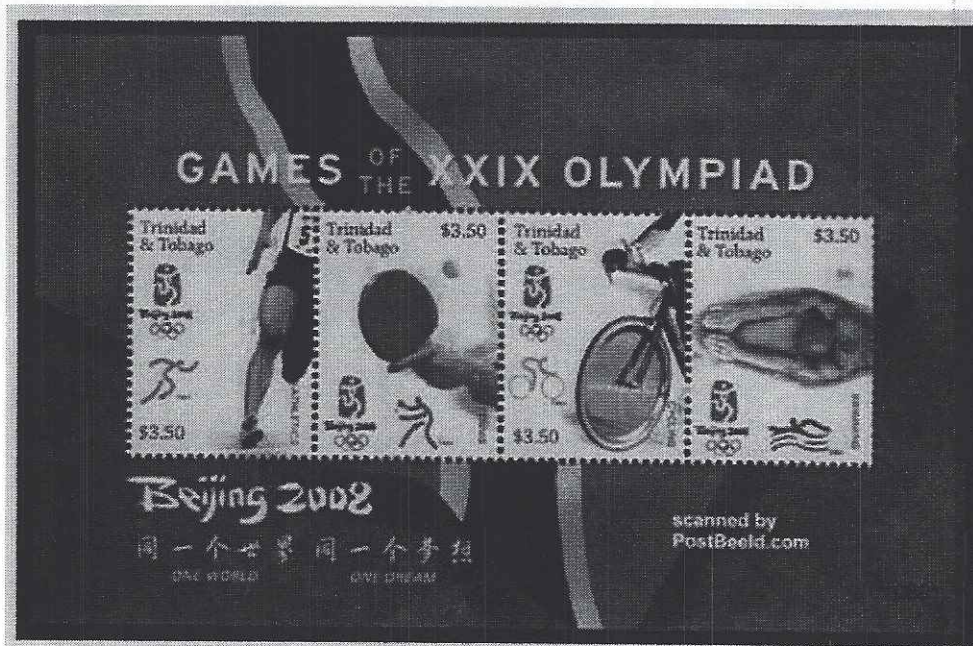
BAHAMAS - 22.09.2009
CENTENARY OF ROYAL
CANADIAN BANK IN THE
BAHAMAS - BICYCLES
OUTSIDE BANK



CZECH REPUBLIC - 03.09.2008 - PRAGA 2008 -
STAMP ILLUSTRATION FROM THE CHILDREN'S
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FLOWER - RIGHT LABEL LOGO OF WORLD
STAMP EXHIBITION PRAGA 2008 - (THERE
APPEARS TO BE A CYCLIST ON THE ROAD IN THE
PICTURE)



HUNGARY - 05.11.2008
PHILAVILLAGE VI -
POSTMAN DELIVERING
LETTER



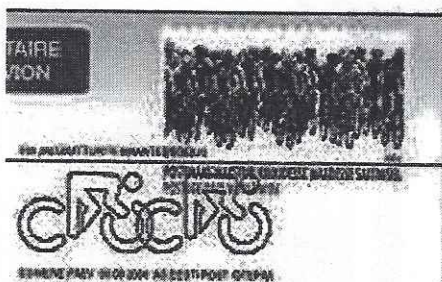
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO - 28.06.2008 - SHEETLET - BEIJING OLYMPICS
FRONT OF ROAD RACING BICYCLE



MONACO - 16.02.2009
100th TOUR OF ITALY
CYCLISTS WITH
ITALY IN BACKGROUND



LIBYA - ???.2008
BEIJING OLYMPICS
STYLISTED CYCLIST



ESTONIA CANCEL - 06.08.2004
EUROPEAN ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS
(SEE COVER BS49 p12)



SAN MARINO CANCEL
51st COPPA PLACCI



10. Naar het circus! - 06.04.2009 - Tous au cirque!



BELGIUM - 06.04.2009 - CIRCUS



BOOKLET



**HIGH WIRE ARTISTS
ON BICYCLE**

**CLOWN JUGGLING
RIDING A UNICYCLE**



**ISRAEL - 17.02.2009
EXTREME SPORT
MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDER**



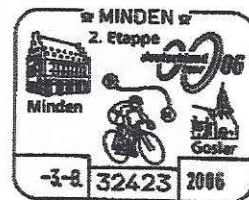
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TEL AVIV
CENTENNIAL -
CYCLIST**



ITALY - CANCELS



JAPAN - ? 2009 - HOMETOWN 4 - SHEETLET
MAN WITH BICYCLE OUTSIDE HOUSE



Germany
deutschlandtour2006



radrennbahn



Germany Bonn Triathlon
2006



Germany -
1deutschlandtour2006

GERMAN - CANCELS



SWITZERLAND - CANCEL



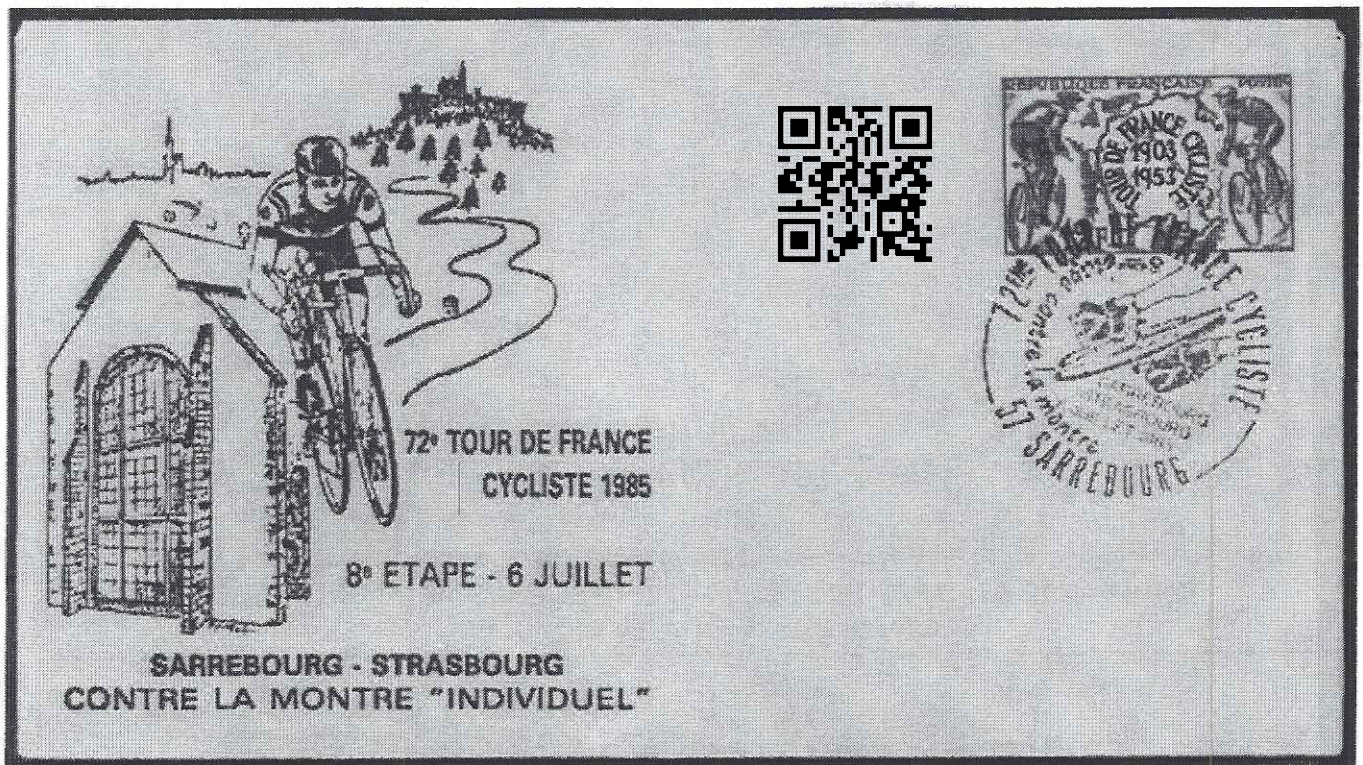
SPAIN - CANCEL



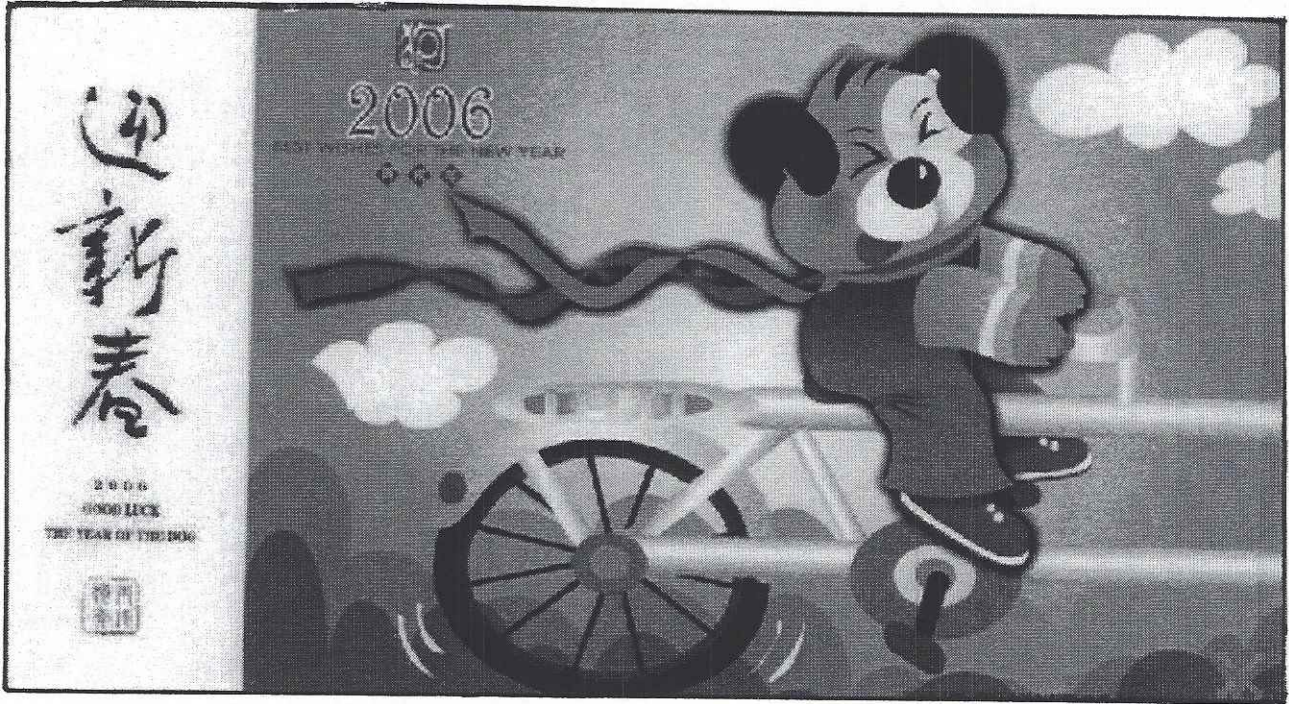
ITALY - CANCEL
60 YEARS OF
RAVEENA'S
ASSOCIATION
WITH CYCLING



CUBA - FDC - 1962



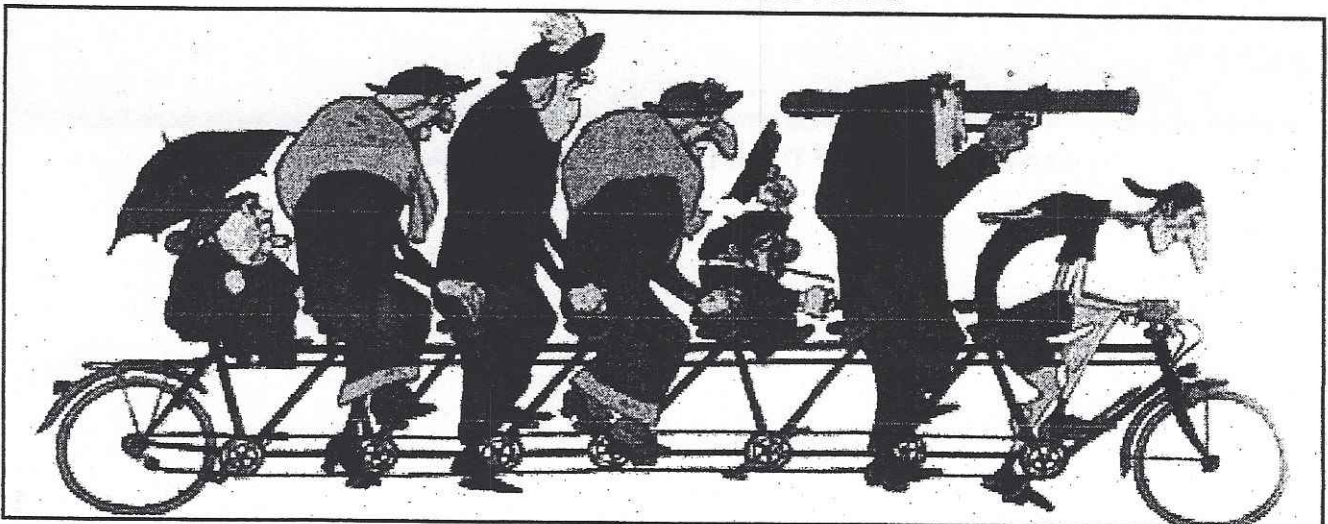
FRANCE - FDC - 72nd TOUR DE FRANCE - 8th STAGE - JULY 6th



CHINA - PRE STAMPED POSTCARD - 2006 - PANDA RIDING A BICYCLE



CHINA - PRE STAMPED POSTCARD - 2001 - SCENES OF POST OFFICES
ROW OF POSTMEN WITH BICYCLES





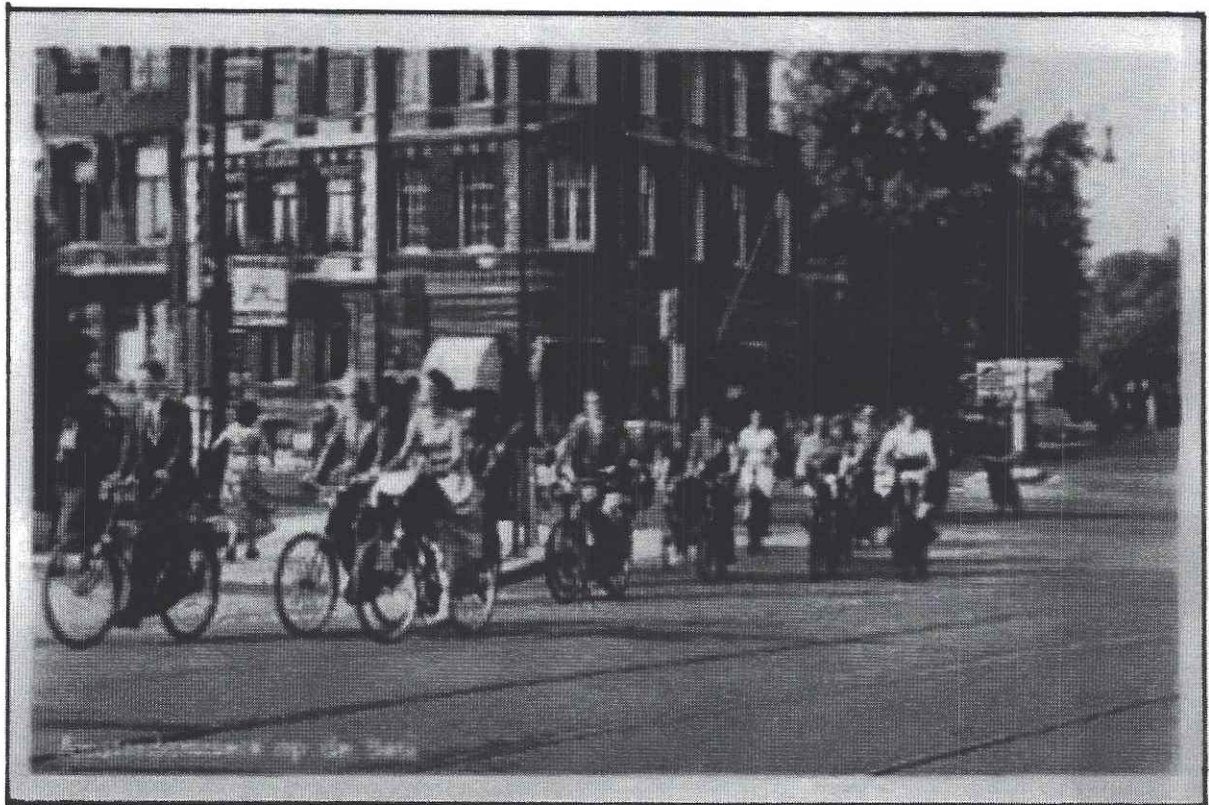
POLAND - FDC - 1970 PEACE RACE



FRANCE - FDC - 42ND CYCLO TOURIST RALLY



BRAZIL - 1930 ? - POSTCARD - A FAMILY WITH THEIR BICYCLES .



NETHERLANDS - ? - POSTCARD - AMSTERDAMMERS ON BICYCLES

Some Notes on the Post Office and Transport

By GHR Homer-Wooff



When researching Berkshire postal history, I came across a GPO Notice dated 22nd March 1909, regarding 'Cycling Duties'. I took a copy as I thought the contents were interesting:

The modern bicycle really just emerged from development over a number of years: The French 'Draisine' of 1816 gave us the steering of the front wheel. In 1839, driving levers and pedals were added by the Scot Kirkpatrick Macmillan, enabling the rider to propel with his feet off the ground. The precursor of the modern 'bike', popular in 1855, was a French, crank-driven, loose-pedalled velocipede. The frame & wheels were made of wood. In England, it was known as the 'boneshaker' due to our cobbled streets. In 1869, the name 'bicycle' was patented, and solid rubber tyres mounted on steel rims were introduced. By 1873, the Starley family of Coventry were producing the 'high wheeler' 'Pennyfarthing'. Modifications over the next 15 years

included ball bearings, pneumatic tyres, welding tubing & spring seats and by 1880, the 'safety' bicycle (so called as wheel size normal-less likely to crash).

In 1880, the GPO actually tried tricycles in Coventry, but the fitness of postmen was in doubt and mail was not easily carried. A Horsham architect came up with the 'centre-cycle', a Pennyfarthing with four small wheels. With the parcel post in 1883, the 'Hen & Chickens' was fitted with an array of shelves.

By 1895, there were 67 'safety' cycle posts recorded for delivery of mail & telegrams. In 1897, the Diamond Jubilee year, free delivery of telegrams was extended to 3 miles. Boy messengers had morning exercises to keep them fit for work! The future of the cycle was assured.



GENERAL POST OFFICE LONDON.
22nd March 1909.

CYCLING DUTIES.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to inform you that as a result of enquiries made into the subject by Dr. Sinclair, Second Medical Officer, and Dr. D'Arcy Power (on behalf of the Postmen's Federation), he has authorised the following regulations regarding the employment of Postmen on Cycling duties in Town and in Rural Districts. These rules supersede those already issued on the subject; and Circulars to Surveyors, No. 11 of 1903 (first half) and No. 22 of 1907, are hereby cancelled,

I.

The limits of weight and distance for cycling postmen are as follows :

RURAL DISTRICTS.

(a) Bicycles.

Maximum weight to be carried in trailer	-	-	70 lb.	
do. do.		on bicycle-	-	50
lb.				
do. do.		on Postman's person	35 lb.	
Maximum distance, where the roads are good and the loads moderate	-	-	-	28
miles.				
do.		other	-	-
				- 26 miles.

(b) Tricycles.

Maximum weight to be carried -		- 70 lb.	
Maximum distance	-		22
miles.			

In neither case should the time spent in actual travelling exceed six hours.

TOWN DISTRICT.

(a) Bicycles are not used to any great extent in town districts; and their use in such districts is practically confined to collection and station services. It is in these circumstances not considered necessary to lay down any definite instructions as regards the limit of weight and distance for such cases; but every care should be exercised to avoid requiring the performance of any bicycle services which might conduce to an undue strain or to overwork.

(b) The maximum distance for tricycle carrier work in town districts is 25 miles, and the maximum weight to be carried is 112 lbs.

In all cases assistance should be given, irrespective of weight, if the load is so bulky as to prevent the Postman from controlling his machine properly.

It is usually convenient that bicycles used for Postal purposes (including reserve machines) should be fitted with carriers; and where a carrier seems to be required application should be made to the Controller of Stores for it.

The use of trailers should not be recommended where the roads are rough or hilly, or the conditions are in any way unfavourable.

The rate of travelling will depend on the circumstances of each case, and the times fixed should be such as can be kept under normal conditions at a speed not exceeding six miles per hour. Additional time should be allowed when the state of the weather and the road surface are unfavourable. In fixing the time, it should be assumed that the Postman will walk up every hill whose gradient is as much as 1 in 17.

II

As far as possible cycling duties should be regular and not intermittent, and should not be performed by several men in rotation. The Postmaster General recognises that there are cases in which the immediate application of this rule would involve extensive revision of duties; but whenever opportunity offers, when revisions are being carried out or at other times, it should be enforced. When cycling duty is thus performed regularly, no "rest periods" are necessary, and the duty should be arranged on the same principles as a foot post; but in cases where regular cycling duty cannot at present be arranged, and the duty is of an arduous nature, the question of allowing short rest periods to enable the Postman to recuperate before resuming duty should be considered. There is no objection to a combination of cycling and walking duties.

III.

The medical examination now imposed upon persons taking up cycling duties will in future be more searching and should be repeated every four years so long as the men are employed on cycling work, and, in the case of a man who has had any serious illness, before he resumes duty. Special forms of medical report will be used in such cases. Supplies of these forms will be issued shortly; and the Postmaster should send one to the Medical Officer on the occasion of each examination. Any complaint of physical unfitness or discomfort from cycling should of course be investigated without delay irrespectively of the periodical examination. Persons now performing cycling duties who have not previously been medically examined in connexion with that work should be sent for examination by the Medical Officer as soon as possible.

No fees will be payable to the Medical Officers in respect of these examinations, which will form part of their official duties covered by the capitation fees.

IV.

No man should, as a rule, be placed on a cycling duty before the age of 20 or after the age of 40, unless (in the latter case) he is already a practised cyclist. Men who have been placed on a cycling duty before the age of 40 may, of course, remain on the duty after reaching that age.

V.

Postmen employed on cycling work should be strongly recommended to wear woollen vests and drawers, and opportunity should, when possible, be afforded to men who get wet to change their clothes.

VI.

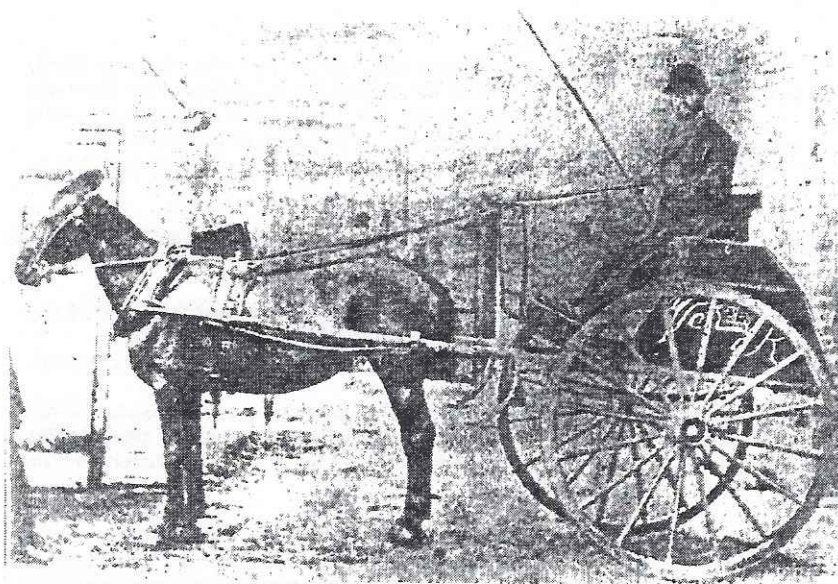
Men who use machines not provided for their exclusive use should be instructed carefully to adjust the saddle.

I note from the 1909 Notice that

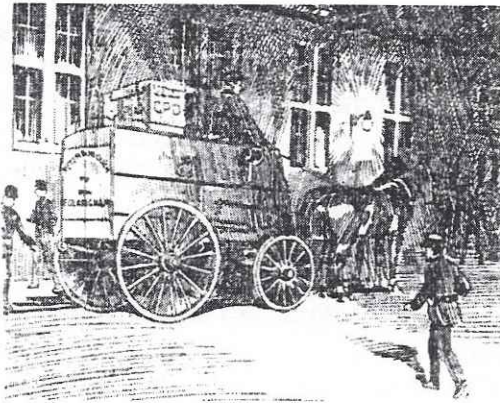
1. Minimum age is 20: Maximum 40 unless a practised cyclist.
2. Medicals to be given every 4 years.
3. Strongly recommended to wear woollen vests and drawers.
4. Instruction must be given for saddle adjustments.
5. Maximum distance on good roads is 28 miles and 26 miles on other roads.
6. Maximum time allowed is 6 hours.
7. Maximum weight, 50lbs on cycle: 35lbs on person.



One has the picture of a gladiatorial postman peddling 26 miles on poor roads, at 6 mph up a hill of 1:18 covered in bags, sweating profusely in his woollen undergarments! The Notice does state that "assistance should be given, irrespective of the weight, if the load is so bulky, as to prevent the controlling of the machine". What help I wonder?!



In Peterborough, cycles (like today) were mainly used for town and local delivery. As the Office had responsibility for outlying districts, contracted horse / cart / coach transport was widely used. They too, were used to the full. Horses could be given 'sick notes' (see example) as well as their handlers! A smart Mail gig with 'VR' proudly stamped on the side was used for the mail to Crowland. This is pictured on the left taken from a very poor copy and showing driver Mark Middleton, over fifty years ago, a famous man of the day.

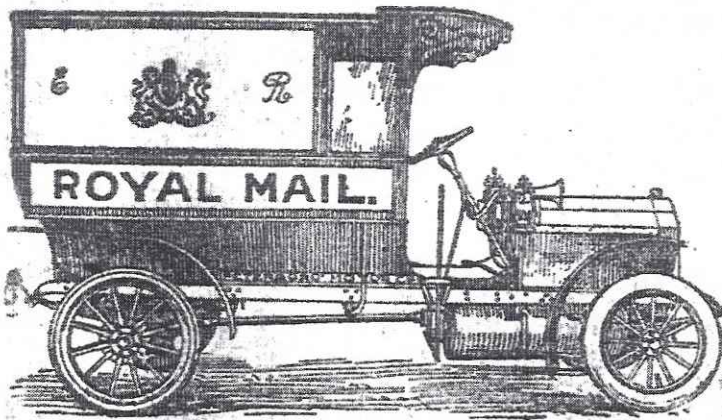


Illustrated on the left is the horse Mail Van which covered the route to Folkingham until 1915.

Peterborough was ahead of the mainstream introduction of motor vehicles. As early as 1906, the Office was using a motor van on the Peterborough to Sleaford route. The contract for constructing the van (E.R. on the side) was won by the Peterborough Motor

Co., with Mr J Rowe at its head. It was a double-cylinder, 10-12 hp, registered to travel at 16 mph but capable of 25 mph in an emergency.

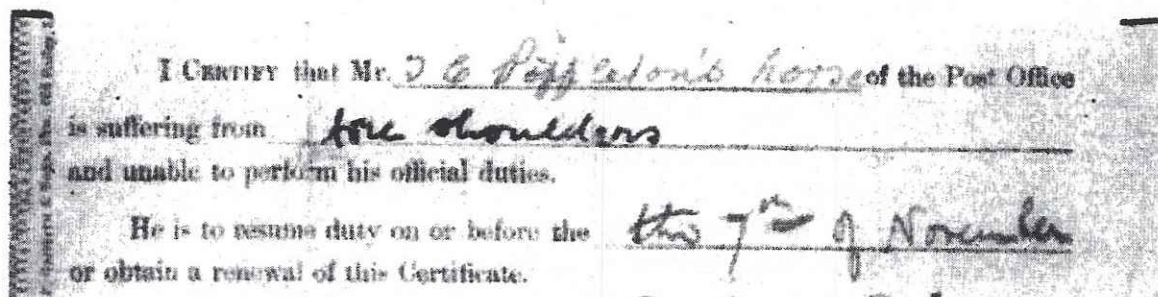
With the advent of WW1, technical advances were rapid and by the 1920s a fleet of the first mass produced vehicles was purchased from Ford. Buying American was



considered unpatriotic in some quarters, so in 1927, Morris was selected and dominated the fleet until after WW2.

Today, the Royal Mail web site informs us that they have 37,000 delivery bicycles. The design is now purpose built The 'Mailstar' cycle has wide

tread tyres with sturdy front and rear panniers. We may order all our goods 'online' but they do have to be delivered!



Horse's sick note, 27 October 1898.



I wish to thank the East Anglia Postal History Study Group - *Eastern Angle* December 08, and its Bulletin editor Barry R Reynolds for permission to reprint this article, and Brian Sole for bringing it to my attention.

Civil wars and international disputes produce local stamps



Postage stamps are an expression and embodiment of national identity. One of the first things that a nation does after it becomes independent is to issue postage stamps. Sometimes independence is disputed by another nation or not recognized by the international community. Stamps issued in such cases are often considered local post stamps because they have little or no validity beyond the area that the government that issued them controls. Local post stamps can be a problem for collectors, because their postal validity is often in question, and they may not be listed in standard stamp catalogues.

Stamps issued by disputed states during the 19th century include the Confederate 5¢ Jefferson Davis stamp (Scott 1) and the Spanish Cellist 50-centimo King Carlos VII stamp (X6) shown in Figure 1. From the early 20th century, Russian Civil War (1918- 21) issues abound. A South Russia 20-kopek Yermak, Cossack Leader stamp (Scott 10) is shown in Figure 2. Later in the 20th century, the breakup of colonial empires in Africa led to civil wars and power struggles. In July 1960, Katanga province seceded from Congo, resulting in a civil war that lasted until September 1963, when the last Katangan troops surrendered. On Nov. 11, 1965, the white minority government of the British colony of Southern Rhodesia issued a unilateral declaration of independence as the nation of Rhodesia. As a result of international pressure and embargoes, Britain eventually regained control of the colony in December 1979. On May 30, 1967, Biafra seceded from Nigeria. A bloody civil war ensued and the Biafrans did not surrender until Jan. 15, 1970. The Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue lists the stamps of Katanga and Rhodesia, but not those of Biafra. A Rhodesian 2¼c Head Injury and Safety Helmet stamp (Scott 358) is shown in Figure 3.

One of the oldest ongoing disputes centers on the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Greeks and Turks inhabit the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. In 1974, a Greek Cypriot coup supported by the Greek military attempted to annex Cyprus to Greece. Turkey responded by invading and occupying the part of the island where most of the Turkish population lived. In 1983, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus declared independence. To date, only Turkey recognizes it. While its stamps are valid only in the area it controls and for postage to Turkey, its stamps are listed in most major catalogs, including the Scott standard catalog. A 1,500-lira Lighthouse stamp issued in 1991 is shown in Figure 4.

In 1978, the East African nation of Somalia collapsed into anarchy. No central authority has been able to assert control over the country ever since. On May 18, 1991, the northern part of Somalia, which was formerly the British Somaliland Protectorate, declared independence as the Republic of Somaliland. Although lacking international recognition, Somaliland has the most effective and stable government in any part of Somalia. Colorful topical stamps inscribed "Republic of Somaliland" have been issued. Whether a local post system actually uses them to deliver mail there is open to question.

Stamps inscribed "Sahara Occ. R.A.S.D." (Republica Arabe Saharaui Democratic) have been issued for Western Sahara. Spain withdrew from its colony Western Sahara in 1975. By secret agreement, Morocco was to annex the northern two-thirds of the country, while Mauritania was to annex the southern third. As the Spanish withdrew, most of the native population, called Saharawis, fled into refugee camps in Algeria. The Polisario Front operates as a government in exile in the Saharawi refugee camps. Western Sahara's local stamps are produced primarily for sale to stamp collectors.

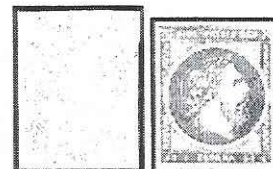


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Figure 3. A Rhodesian 2¼c Head Injury and Safety Helmet stamp (Scott 358).

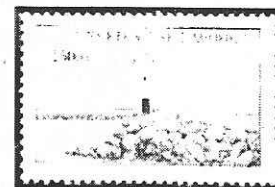


Figure 4. A Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus 1,500-lira Lighthouse at Turzim Limani, Kyrenia stamp issued in 1991.



Figure 5. A Nagorno-Karabakh We Are Mountains stamp (Stanley Gibbons 11).



Nagorno-Karabakh (Mountainous Karabakh) is a region inhabited by Armenians that was assigned by the Soviet Union to Azerbaijan. Warfare over the region broke out with the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991. Nagorno-Karabakh, supported by Armenia, won the war, and a cease-fire was signed on May 12, 1994. Although not internationally recognized, the Armenians have been in de facto control ever since. Nagorno-Karabakh local stamps are listed in the Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue, Part 10, Russia. A 200-dram We Are Mountains stamp (Stanley Gibbons 11) is shown in Figure 5.



Figure 6. A Transnistrian 15-ruble Equestrian Statue overprint and surcharge on a Soviet stamp.

The Russian Federation supports separatist movements in the former Soviet republics of Moldova and Georgia. The Transnistrian Moldavian Republic (Pridnestrovskaja Moidavskaja Respublica or PMR) lies along the eastern bank of the Dniester River in Moldova. The population of Transnistria is a mix of Russian, Ukrainian and Moldovan. Shortly after Moldovan independence in 1991, Russian nationalists seized control of Transnistria and proclaimed independence. A Russian army occupies Transnistria, which exists with tacit Russian support. On Sept. 19, 2006, Transnistrians voted in a referendum to seek union with Russia. Transnistrian Foreign Minister Valery Litskai announced through Russia's Interfax news agency, "Transnistria's integration into Russia will proceed in several phases, and it may take five to seven years." A Transnistrian 15-ruble Equestrian Statue overprint and surcharge on an old Soviet stamp is shown in Figure 6, Western visitors have confirmed that Transnistria operates a postal service within its borders using its local post stamps. Mail destined for foreign countries is franked with Russian stamps.



Figure 7. An Abkhazian 5-ruble Map with Flag overprint and surcharge on an old Soviet stamp.

As Georgia left the Soviet Union, Abkhazia, an autonomous region within Georgia, declared its independence. War, which broke out in August 1992, ended in victory for the Abkhazians with Russian support in 1994. In August 2008, fighting broke out again, this time with direct Russian military intervention in both Abkhazia and South Ossetia, another breakaway region of Georgia. An Abkhazia) 5-ruble Map with Flag overprint and surcharge on an old Soviet stamp is shown in Figure 7, Only Russia and Nicaragua recognize Abkhazia's independence. *Linns Stamp News 30.03.2009*



SEC files against Escala, Manning, Crawford; Escala settles

In BS 60 on pages 19 - 21, I printed two articles on the financial scam unfolding in Spain, Jordi Quintana had brought these activities to my notice. This follow up information came in "*Linn's Stamp News*"

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission filed a disclosure and accounting fraud case March 23 against Escala Group Inc., its founder and former chief executive Gregory Manning, and its former chief financial officer Larry Lee Crawford, alleging fraudulent related party transactions between Escala and its parent company, Afinsa Bienes Tangibles SA.

Simultaneous with the filing of the complaint, Escala Group announced it had reached a settlement with the SEC resolving the charges filed. Manning and Crawford are not part of the proposed settlement.

Escala is a network of companies in the collectibles market specializing in stamps and other objects. Afinsa was a privately held Spanish company that sold investments in portfolios of stamps in Europe.

On May 8, 2006, Spanish authorities raided Afinsa and Forum Filatelico, two of Spain's biggest stamp companies, and shut them down amid allegations that the investment plan operated as a pyramid scheme. The Spanish federal investigation is ongoing.

According to a March 23 Escala report: "Under the terms of the Settlement, which has been submitted for court approval, the Company consented, without admitting or denying the allegations made in the SEC's complaint, to a permanent injunction against any future violations of certain provisions of the federal securities laws. No fines, civil penalties or monetary sanctions were assessed against the Company. This settlement concludes the SEC's investigation of this matter with respect to the Company.

According to an SEC news release, the filed complaint alleges "a fraudulent business scheme based upon the secret and dramatic manipulation of collectible stamp values, in which Escala, Manning, and Crawford violated the anti-fraud and reporting provisions of the federal securities laws by: failing to disclose the related party status of Barrett & Worthen, Inc., resulting in control of the Brookman Catalogue, and failing to disclose the revenues obtained by virtue of Afinsa and Manning's control of the prices in the Brookman Catalogue; falsely representing that Escala sold Afinsa several large stamp archives at prices determined by reference to independent stamp catalogues and appraisals when in fact Manning set the catalogue prices and influenced and edited the appraisals; and falsely reporting a payment for business combination-related expenses as the 'sale' of certain antiques.

The complaint alleges that Escala and Manning also violated the anti-fraud provisions by selling back to Afinsa in a round-trip transaction inventory acquired from Afinsa in direct contravention of Escala's public promise not to do so."

In its 42-page complaint filed in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, the SEC specifically takes note of Manning's purchase of the United Nations archive of die proofs and other philatelic material in June 2003. Asked to comment on the case, Jeffrey C. Hoffman, counsel for Manning, told *Linn's Stamp News*: "We're contesting the allegations. It is our strong position that there was no improper valuation of any of the stamps or any other materials involved, and that the same method used by Greg over the years, which has created the reputation that he's had, is the same method that has been used with this material. The valuations that were described concerning the Broom man catalog have not resulted in one complaint to the Brookman catalog by any of its users, to our knowledge, or that in anyone's view that the valuations in any way, shape or form were incorrect."

The SEC complaint seeks "permanent injunctions against future violations, disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, prejudgment interest, civil penalties, and officer and director bars." |



Chile hosts first philatelic exhibition on Antarctic continent

By Manuel L. Marina

The Chilean Philatelic Society and the Chilean air force organized the first philatelic exhibition on the Antarctic continent, Expoantartica Chile 2009, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty.

The exhibition took place Jan. 5-15 in the gymnasium of Las Estrellas village at Chile's Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva Antarctic base. The village, inhabited permanently by Chilean air force personnel in service at the base and their families, is located on Fildes Bay of King George Island, part of the South Shetland archipelago.

The air force flew all the metallic structures and frames necessary for the exhibits to be mounted from Chile's capital, Santiago, to the base, with a stopover in Punta Arenas on the north border of the Magellan Strait.

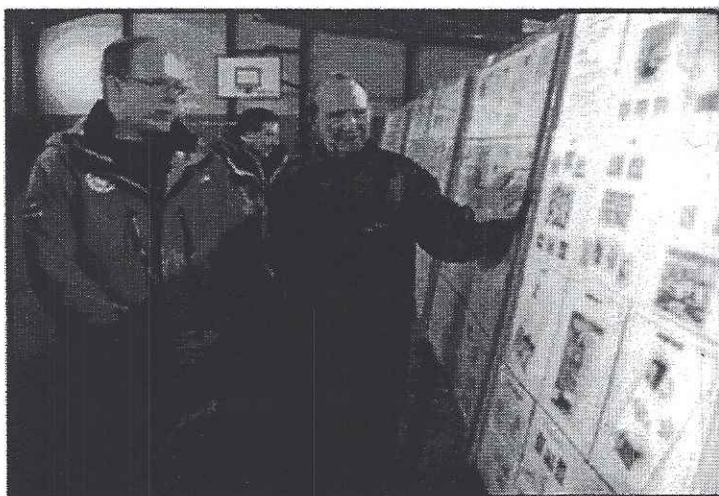
Expoantartica Chile 2009 was a great success. More than 100 people visited the exhibition.

The most notable visitor was Prince Albert II of Monaco. He was accompanied by several journalists, who, in relaying information about the prince's activities, also reported on the exhibition.

The prince was well informed about the hobby, as his father, the late Prince Rainier, was a stamp collector.

Other visitors included residents of the village, crew members from various Antarctic bases, passengers of two cruise ships, and tourists who arrived by charter plane.

In addition, a group of 18 high school students invited by the Chilean Antarctic Institute for a short period of training visited the show.



Prince Albert II of Monaco (left) visited the first philatelic exhibition held on the Antarctic continent. It took place Jan. 5-15 at Las Estrellas village at Chile's Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva Antarctic Base. Manuel L. Marino, the exhibition's general commissioner and author of this report, is shown on the right.

The competitive class of the exhibition was limited to thematic exhibits related to the Antarctic continent. All exhibitors had to be associated with a Chilean philatelic organisation. Thirteen exhibitors were residents of Chile. The other three were from Argentina, Germany and Portugal.

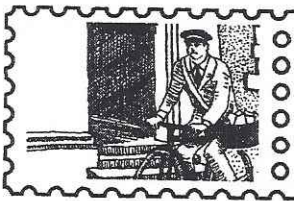
The exhibition organizers had invited the 12 signatory countries of the Antarctic Treaty to participate in a noncompetitive international class. Five of them accepted the challenge, namely: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile and New Zealand.

The other signatory countries were France, Japan, Norway, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Two cacheted covers were available, one decorated with an illustration of penguins and postage stamps and the other with a map of the Antarctic. The envelopes were in great demand during the exhibition. In addition to the Antarctic base post office's postmark recording the place and date, four other special postmarks were used to commemorate Expoantartica Chile 2009 and the 54th anniversary of the treaty. For more information, contact Sociedad Filatelica de Chile (Chilean Philatelic Society) by e-mail at admin@sociedadfilatelica.cl.

Manuel L. Marino was general commissioner of Expoantartica Chile 2009.





From My Musette

* Reusing stamps

The Royal Mail's (the British Post Office) attempt, as reported in the Nov. 24, 2008, and Feb. 16 issues of *Linn's*, to thwart the reuse of used but un-canceled stamps by issuing stamps that can't be soaked off will not deter the efforts of those who are determined to reuse such stamps.

The security features will prevent the stamps from being soaked, but I can think of at least two ways they can be circumvented. One is to cut closely around the stamp, leaving it on piece, and glue the piece on to a new envelope. Another is to open the envelope carefully, using steam if needed, and reuse the entire envelope with a new address label pasted over the old one. This may not be ethical, but from a legal standpoint I think that any stamp that has not been canceled is still technically legal tender.

Of course, the biggest loser in all of this is the collector of used stamps.

Michael Little Belleville, N.J.

Reuse of stamps that have been used to pay postage is illegal whether they have been canceled or not.

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* Thanks for Watercutter

Thanks for J A Watercutter's list of United States stamps that will not soak in the Jan. 19 *Linns*. Against my will, I have started a new album for stamps issued in 2009 and later, wherein I mount very closely trimmed new issues on piece.

On the positive side, I will no longer get wrinkly fingers tips from soaking stamps.

Richard K. Cole Glenwood, Minn.

Watercutter asked how collectors are handling un-soakable U.S. stamps. I took Janet Klug's advice and use Fiskars paper edgers-stamp scissors that make cuts that resemble stamp perforations to clip around stamps that won't soak. My wife ordered the scissors for me from an online fabrics retailer.

Mounted with a black background stamp mount, they are quite attractive.

Anthony 1. Girardi Ewing, Va.

Watercutter's column is a must for collectors of recent used U.S. stamps. He's saved me from ruining many recent stamps.

Without the valuable information in his column, I would otherwise have to find out through trial and error which stamps will soak and which ones won't.

Herb Comeau Lynn, Mass.

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* Collectors as conservators

Over the past few months Readers' Opinions letters have debated the rules for collecting postal stationery.

One position is that there are no rules, and that individual collectors can collect however they wish, cutting out whatever part of the stationery they want.

The other position, accepted by an informal consensus of current collectors, is that these items should only be collected as en-tires.

Obviously no rules are imposed by some central collecting authority and individual collectors can collect postal stationery as entires or as cut squares. However, the debate has, so far, largely passed over an important point.

We collectors are not just owners oldie items we collect. We are their guardians for future generations of collectors. As such, we should avoid the destruction of philatelic items just to make these items fit better into our collections.

The history of philately has far too many examples of collectors who destroyed items just to shoehorn them into a specific collecting format.

Two cases come to mind.

In the past, pre-cancel collectors soaked pre-canceled stamps off cover, destroying untold numbers of postal history covers. Thus, pre-canceled special delivery stamps are pretty common, but there are fewer than a dozen covers showing pre-canceled special delivery stamps properly used.

For years, postmark collectors mutilated covers and cards by cutting a 4-inch by 2-inch piece from the upper right corner to keep just the postmarks. We will never know how much priceless postal history material was thus destroyed.

Every collector should realize that he has a responsibility to preserve the material he collects for future generations. Mutilating a card or cover by cutting it up to add just a portion to a collection is akin to destroying an old painting by cutting out an angel from the artwork for a collection of angels on canvas.

Terrence Hines Carmel, N.Y.

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* Postal court battles waged in Germany and Great Britain

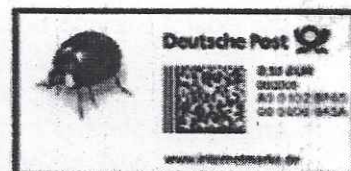
The commercial use of the word "Post" has been the subject of recent court battles in Germany. In 2003, Deutsche Post registered the word "Post" with the German Federal Patent and Trademark Office. In submitting the registration, Deutsche Post stated that 84.6 percent of consumers in Germany associated "Post" with Deutsche Post.

Competitors challenged the trademark in 2007, and initially won the challenge in the German Federal Patent Court. However, upon appeal, the ruling was overturned by the German Federal Court of justice in October 2008.

This doesn't necessarily mean that a private delivery firm in Germany will have to remove "Post" if it is part of its name.

An Oct. 24, 2008, press release from Deutsche Post says that competitors cannot combine the word "Post" with other items associated with Deutsche Post, including the color yellow and a post horn symbol. The German computer-vended personalized post shown includes the name "Deutsche Post" and the post office's post horn logo. The ladybug shown on the left is one of the 200 designs that customers can select from to create personalized postage, which is printed on the customer's personal computer.

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This personalized computer-printed postage stamp includes the words "Deutsche Post," the name of the German post office.

A recent court case in Great Britain centered around the amount compensated by Royal for items lost in the mail.

The Nov 6th, 2008, issue of the Antiques Trade Gazette reported on the case of Bruce Goulborn, a dealer in coins, banknotes and postcards, against Royal Mail. Goulborn had shipped 21 postcards to four clients,

All the cards were lost in the mail. Royal Mail only reimbursed Goulborn the amount he paid for the cards, not the amount he sold them for.

Clwyd Jones, a Rhyl County Court justice, ruled that the *Oxford English Dictionary* defines market value as saleable value, and ordered Goulborn to be compensated for such.

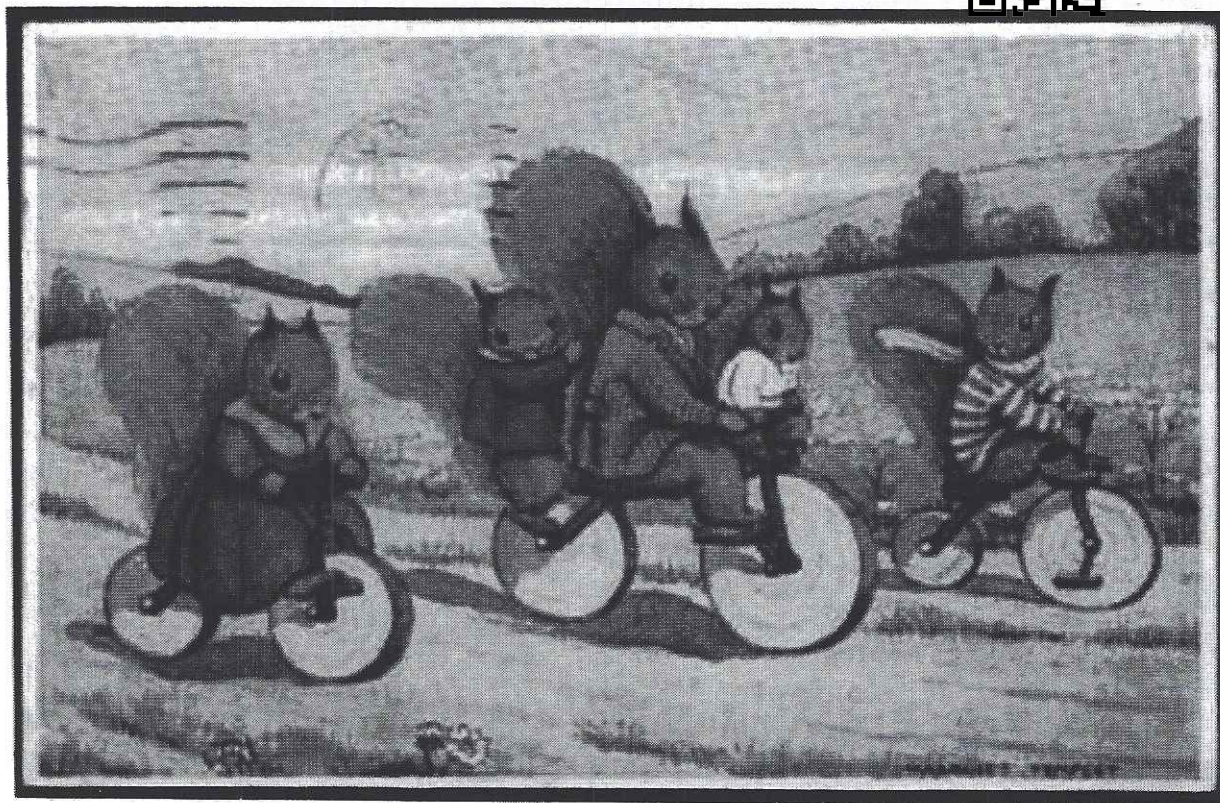
Royal Mail has no intention of changing its policy.

A Royal Mail spokesman told the *Antiques Trade Gazette*, "Basically we don't pay someone's profit."

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POSTCARD -?- AMOROUS COUPLE



POSTCARD ? - DRESSED SQUIRELS RIDING BICYCLES



POSTCARD - ? - PEASANT WOMAN ON TRICYCLE - "ANTI POLLUTION !!!"



POSTCARD - ? - PEASANT WOMAN ON TRICYCLE - "ANTI - DOPING!"

