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Shenley postmen with bicycle and mail cart outside
the Postmen's shelter c 1909

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Editorial

This is the 84th issue of *Bicycle Stamps* and I hope all members will find something of interest to them. It is your Newsletter and articles or just snippets are always welcome. Once again Thomas Matthies has supplied the "New Issues" column and a detailed answer to Arnoldt Rehm's comments on stamps not illustrated in Stanley Gibbons' catalogues. Thomas has also carried out original research on the two German stamps, with illustrations, in commemoration of the Trans-German Cycle Race, issued 15 May 1949. The archivist at Warwick University has provided details of the Cyclists' Touring Club's Special Customs Ticket, with copies of the forms sent to members requesting information. Permission was received to quote from an article in the December 2008 Bulletin of the East Anglia Postal History Circle, which included a lengthy copy of the GPO London 's circular, "Cycling Duties" dated March 2009. Maximum weights to be carried by postmen using bicycles are listed and the maximum distances that postmen should carry mail. Hubert Opperman was a famous Australian cyclist who became a Statesman later in life. One claim to fame was to have been the first cyclist to ride across the Sydney Harbour Bridge on its opening day in 1932. A Cinderella item, signed by "Oppie" is shown. An election of officers of the Bicycle Stamps Club is overdue. Please do take time to read through the existing Constitution and the proposal to make some amendments. In addition to proposing Officers of your choice, please also indicate on the ballot form your agreement, or non-agreement, to the proposed changes to the BSC Constitution. When you have completed your form please send to Ralph Letsch, Hon Secretary, by email or post. The Club Roster shows members' details and the date when the next subscription is due. Please do let me know if any changes are needed and also send your renewal subscription, either to me, or our USA Treasurer, Steve Andreasen, promptly in the month it is due. I hope to meet some of you in Luxembourg during the "Cycling & Philately" weekend, organised by Ralph Letsch, on 21st and 22nd October 2017.

Brian Sole

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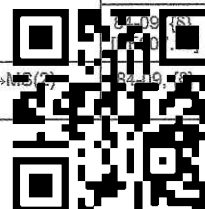
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New Issue Update


AZERBAIJAN	1.8.16	Shl	8 x 0,5 n	OLYMPIC GAMES RIO / Shl of 2 x 4 diff. stamps of no bicycle interest - pictogram in margin	4→Shl(2x4)	84-07, {S}
BELGIUM	6.3.17	Bk	10x (1)	DISTURBED CLIMATE / Booklet of 5x2 diff. stamps of no bicycle interest - bicycle on inside of booklet	2→Bk(5x2)	84-07, {S}
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA (CROATIAN POSTS)	12.6.17	St	2,90 BAM	200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DRAISINE BICYCLE / Draisine with portrait of Karl von Drais in frontwheel & text "200 godina bicikla draisine"	1→Shl(9)	84-07, {S}
		Shl	9 x 2,90 BAM	- - / Sheetlet of 9 of the above stamp - text "200 godina bicikla draisine" on every tab of margin		84-07, {S}
BRAZIL	22.9.16	St	1,70 R\$	SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY / Street scene with female bicycle rider stopping at zebra crossing (Se-Tenent with the other stamp of the set)	2→Pn(12x2)	84-07, [BR080.16]
BURKINA FASO	27.10.16	St	200 F	TOUR DU FASO / Peloton	1→Pn(20)	84-07, {S}, [BF003.16]
CENTRAL AFRICA	2.3.15	St	1000 F	40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WESTERN AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) / Man transporting bananas on a bicycle	3→Ms(3)+1→Ms(1)	84-07, {S}
		MS	3 x 1000 F	- - / MS of 3 diff. incl. the above - no further bicycle motif in margin		84-07, {S}
CHINA, PR	9.3.17	St	1,20 Y	COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF BEIJING, TIANJIN AND HEBEI PROVINCE / Protecting the Environment and Ecological Systems - 2 cyclists on the road	3→3Pn(16)+Ms(3)	84-07, {S}
		MS		- - / MS of 3 diff. incl. the above - no further bicycle motif in margin		84-07, {S}
COLOMBIA	12.12.16	St		COLOMBIAN MEDALISTS IN RIO 2016 / Gold stamp with 5 winners - BMX pictogram - "Mariana Pajón • Ciclismo BMX femenino"	8→2MS(4)	84-07, {S}
		St	2000 \$	- - / Bronze stamp with 6 winners - 4 cycling pictograms - "Carlos Alberto Ramirez - Ciclismo BMX masculino", "Néstor Javier Ayala - Prueba de ruta - T12", "Diego Dueñas - 4000 metros persecución individual - C4", "Edwin Matiz - 4000 metros persecución individual - C5"		84-07, {S}
		MS	4 x 2000 \$	- - / MS of 4 diff. Stamps incl. The both above - no bike motif in margin		84-07, {S}
		St	10000 \$	- - / Gold stamp as above with diff. value		84-07, {S}
		St	10000 \$	- - / Bronze stamp as above with diff. value		84-07, {S}
		MS	4 x 10000 \$	- - / MS of 4 diff. Stamps incl. The both above - no bike motif in margin		84-07, {S}
* CUBA	<u>?.?.15</u>	MS	1 P	52TH NATIONAL DAY FOR ROAD SAFETY / Child's drawing - stamp of no bicycle interest - 2 persons on bicycle in margin - Michel: "The official FDC of this issue bears the fictitious date 17.11.2014"	6+1→MS(1)	81-10, {S}
*	<u>1.3.16</u>	St	85 c	260TH ANNIV. OF FIRST MAIL SERVICE / Postal Carrier on Bicycle	4→(?) + 1→Ms(1)	83-08, {S}
*		MS	1 P	- - / MS - stamp of no cycling interest - group of historic mail carriers with bicycles in margin		83-08, {S}
	<u>?.?.16</u>	St	75 C	NATIONAL DAY FOR ROAD SAFETY / Usuarios de vias de transito mas seguros - cyclist in background on separate lane	5	84-08
CYPRUS	4.5.17	St	0,64 €	INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT / Stamp on stamp - Europa stamp of 2012 (BSM 074) on postcard	1→Shl(8)	84-08, {S}
DENMARK - ATM	5.11.16	St	div.	NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION TAK 2016 / Stationmaster and postmaster Thøger Kaarsberg (with bicycle) and staff (1908)	3	84-08, {S}
DJIBOUTI	15.3.17	St	950 D	150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF WILBUR WRIGHT (1867-1912) / Orville Wright on a "Wright St. Claire Bicycle" modified to test Otto Lilienthal's data tables on flight.	4→4MS(1)→MS(4)+1→MS(1)	84-08
		MS	950 D	- - / MS of the stamp above - no bicycle motif in margin		84-08
FRANCE	19.5.16	MS	3 x 2,00 €	PARIS PHILEX 2016 / MS of 3 diff. Stamps of no bicycle interest - silhouette of female cyclist in margin	3→Ms(3)	84-09, {S}, [FR095MS.16]
FRENCH POLYNESIA	22.4.16	St	40 F	SHIPS IN POLYNESIA / Queen Elizabeth 2 - cyclist on the shore	3→3Shl(10)	84-09, {S}, [PF006.16]
		St	80 F	- - / France - 3 cyclists on the beach		
GEORGIA	22.7.15	MS	2 x 2,00 L	EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL - TBILISI 2015 / MS of 2 diff. stamps of no bicycle interest - cycling pictogram in margin	2→MS(2)	84-09, {S}



* GERMANY	13.7.17	St	0,70 €	200TH ANNIV. OF BICYCLE - 1817 CARL DRAIS / Dandy horse & text "200 Jahre Fahrrad" - the shadow of the dandy horse is a bicycle! (Description of Deutsche Post: "Laufmaschine (running machine or Dandy horse) of Karl Drais foreshadows the bicycle". Refers to the saying "Great events are often foreshadowed") That makes the difference in quality of design in comparison to e.g. Stambergia!	1→Shl(10)	83-12, 84-09, {S}
GERMANY	13.7.17	Shl	10 x 0,70 €	-- / Sheetlet of 10 of the above stamp - top & bottom tabs of margin contains alternately wheel of dandy horse & bicycle	1→Shl(10)	84-09, {S}
GREECE	7.4.17	St	0,72 €	PERSONAL GREETING STAMPS / Athletics - diff. sports incl. Cycling	6→6Pn(25)+6 CShl(5+5t)+1 →Bk(10)	84-09, {S}
		St	0,80 €	-- / Tourism - buildings, church and a white bicycle		84-09, {S}
		Cshl	5 x 0,72 €	-- / CShl of 5 of the 'Athletics' stamp with 5 customizable tabs - stamp motif in margin		NIA
		Cshl	5 x 0,80 €	-- / CShl of 5 of the 'Tourism' stamp with 5 customizable tabs - stamp motif in margin		NIA
		St	0,80 €	-- / Tourism - buildings, church and a white bicycle - self-adhesive		84-10, {S}
		Bk	10 x 0,80 €	-- / Booklet of 10 of the tourism stamp - stamp motif on cover		84-10, {S}
GUINEA-BISSAU	30.1.17	St	660 FCFA	150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF WILBUR WRIGHT (1867-1912) / Orville Wright in front of a workbench with a wheel of a bicycle	5→Ms(5)+1→ Ms(1)	84-08
		MS	5 x 660 FCFA	-- / MS of 5 diff. stamps incl. The above - no bicycle motif in margin		84-08
HONGKONG	16.5.17	St	2,20 \$	OUTDOOR FUN / Cycling - drawing of woman & man on bicycle	6→6Pn(25)→ Ms(6)	84-10, [HK017.17]
		MS		-- / MS of 6 diff. incl. the above stamp - no bicycle motif in margin		84-10, [HK021MS.17]
	1.7.17	St	2,90 \$	THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION / Diff. cultural and sporting activities incl. cycling	4→4Pn(25)→ Ms(4)	84-10
		MS		-- / MS of 4 diff. incl. the above stamp - no bicycle motif in margin		84-10
HUNGARY	4.5.17	St	120 Ft	150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAGYAR POSTA / Stamp depicts postmen setting off on their rounds by Csepel bicycle. The bicycle has been used as a mail transport vehicle, mainly by delivery workers, since the 1890s. (Info: Magyar Posta)	6→Ms(6)	84-10, {S}
		MS	6 x 120 Ft	-- / MS of 6 diff. incl. the above stamp - no bicycle motif in margin (The tricycle on one stamp is the János Csonka motor tricycle)		84-10, {S}
INDIA	25.3.17	St	5 R	MEANS OF TRANSPORT THROUGH THE AGES / Cycle rickshaw	20→5CPn(5x 4)→CPn(20) →PBk(20)	84-11, {S}
		St	25 R	-- / School rickshaw		84-11, {S}
		SeT		-- / Se-Tenant 4 diff. rickshaw stamps incl. the both above in a strip of 4		84-11, {S}
		CPn		-- / CPn of 5 x 4 diff. stamps incl. the both above (5 se-tenants) - both rickshaws in margin		84-11, {S}
		CPn		-- / CPn of 20 diff. stamps Incl. the 2 above - contains the se-tenant of 4 rickshaw stamps - no bicycle rickshaw in margin		84-11, {S}
		BkP		-- / Booklet pane 4 diff. rickshaw stamps incl. the both above in block form - bicycle rickshaws in margin		84-11, {S}
		PBk	600 R	-- / Prestige booklet of 5 diff. bk-panes incl. the above - 22 pages - some with information about rickshaws		84-11, {S}
IRELAND	24.3.16	MS	4 x 0,70 €	1916-2016 - CENTENARY OF THE EASTER RISING / MS of 4 diff. Stamps of no bicycle interest - foto of Abbey Street & Sackville Street showing the damage from shelling in margin - cyclist on the street (Sold in a presentation folder of 4 diff. MS)	16→CPn(16) →4MS(4)	84-11, {S}
	15.9.16	CPn	4 x 0,72 €	CYCLING IN IRELAND / (Followup to BS 82) CPn of 4 of the above blocks - pictogram & words "Cycling" & "Rothaiocht" in margin	4→CShl(4x4) →MS(4)	84-12, {S}
* ISRAEL	14.6.10	St	2,50 Nis	STORY GARDENS, HOLON / "The Soul Bird" (sculpture of David Gerstein) - female cyclist in one panel	3→3Pn(15)	84-13, {S}, [IL025.10]
ISRAEL - ATM	13.6.16	St		RIDE SAFELY / Boy on bicycle with helmet & reflective vest	1	84-12, {S}
JAPAN	27.5.16	St	¥ 82	NOSTALGIA OF PICTURES FOR CHILDREN SERIES 3 / Message from a stranger - two girls on bicycles with support wheels	10→CShl(10)	84-12, {S}
	25.11.16	St	¥ 82	NOSTALGIA OF PICTURES FOR CHILDREN SERIES 4 / Anno's Journey VIII, Scene 14 (2) - cyclist and child's tricycle	10→CShl(10)	84-12, {S}
		St	¥ 82	-- / Anno's Journey III, Scene 10 - man with bicycle		84-12, {S}
		CShl	10 x ¥ 82	-- / CShl of 10 diff. incl. the both above - bicycle in margin		84-12, {S}
	14.4.17	St	¥ 82	MY JOURNEY STAMP SERIES NO.2 / Drawing of female cyclist (self-adhesive)	10→CShl(10)	84-12, {S}
2.5.17	St	¥ 82	150TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAPAN-DENMARK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS / People riding bicycles (self-adhesive)	10→CShl(10)	84-12	




	10.5.17	St	¥ 82	GREETINGS (SNOOPY) / Woodstock riding a bicycle (self-adhesive)	20→2CShl(10)	84-12
KAZAKHSTAN	16.11.16	CShl	8 x 200 ₸	OLYMPIC GAMES RIO / Medalists of the Olympic Games - CShl of 8 diff. stamps of no bike interest - bicycle pictograms in margin	8→CShl(8)	84-13, {§}
	30.12.17	CShl	8 x 200 ₸	PARALYMPIC GAMES RIO / Medalists of the Paralympic Games - CShl of 4x2 diff. stamps of no bike interest - bicycle pictograms in margin	2→CShl(4x2)	84-13, {§}
	2.3.17	CShl	8 x 100 ₸	25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE / CShl of 8 equal stamps of no bike interest - bicycle pictograms in margin	1→CShl(8)	84-13, {§}
KOREA (SOUTH)	4.2.16	CPn	16 x 300 Won	THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KIST / CPn of 8 x 2 diff. stamps of no bicycle interest - 2 bicycle pictograms in margin	2→CPn(8x2)	84-13, {§}
LIBERIA	2.2.15	St	100 \$	100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWI - ALPINE TROOPS OF ITALY / 2 soldiers carrying bicycles	4→MS(4)+ 1→MS	84-13
LIECHTENSTEIN	14.11.16	MS	3 x 200 R	LIECHTENSTEIN WITHOUT US / MS of 3 stamps of no bicycle interest - MS depicting Liechtenstein without human beings after 20, 100 and 500 years - bicycle with flate tyres and plants (20 years) and rotten bicycle (100 years) in margin (MS is twice folded)	3→MS(3)	84-14, {§}
LUXEMBOURG	4.7.17	St	0,70 €	100 YEARS OF THE "FÉDÉRATION DU SPORT CYCLISTE LUXEMBOURGEOIS (FSCL)" / Cyclist & Tricolore (emblem of the association)	1→Shl(10)	84-13, {§}
	4.7.17	St	0,70 €	THE 2017 TOUR DE FRANCE'S STARTING STAGE IN MONDORF-LES-BAINS / Cyclist in yellow jersey	1→Shl(10)	84-13, {§}
MALDIVE ISLANDS	13.1.15	MS	60 R	TRANSPORT HISTORY - MOTORCYCLES / MS of 1 stamp of no bicycle interest - words "safety bicycle" & "bicycle" in text of margin	4→Ms(4)+1→ MS(1)	84-12, {§}
MALTA	31.5.17	St	2,00 €	POSTAL UNIFORMS / Peppi Pustier (MaltaPost's corporate mascot) in an early 1900s uniform with bicycle	4→4Shl(10)	84-14, {§}, [MT013.17]
		Shl	10 x 2,00 €	-- / Sheetlet of 10 of the above stamp - part of stamps motif in margin (incl. part of handlebar)		84-14, {§}
MEXICO	14.11.16	St	7 \$	MAILMAN DAY / Mailman on bicycle	1	84-14, {§}
MICRONESIA	2.3.15	St	1 \$	AIRSHIPS OH WORLD WAR I / Astra Torres Airship - several men with bicycles (published in MS of 6 diff.)	6→MS(6)+1→ MS(1)	84-14, {§}
MOZAMBIQUE	10.8.16	MS	350 MT	135TH ANNIVERSARY OF PABLO PICASSO / MS of 1 stamp of no bicycle interest - "Night Fishing At Antibes" Were Dora Maar Is Seen With Her Bike, Eating An Ice Cream in Margin (See Bicycle Stamps 73, page 17)	4→MS(4)+1→ MS(1)	84-15
NORWAY	16.6.17	St	A INNLAND	UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017 / 6 cyclists - mountains in background	2→Bk(5x2)	84-14, {§}
		St	A INNLAND	-- / 2 cyclists - mountains in background		84-14, {§}
		Bk	10 x A INNL	-- / Booklet of 5 x both stamps above		84-14, {§}
PORTUGAL	13.7.17	MS	0,70 €	150 YEARS OF PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE / MS of 2 diff. Stamps of no bicycle interest - 2 policeman with bicycle, bicycle in background and policewoman helping a person with bicycle helmet	1→Pn(50)+2 →MS(2)	84-15, [PT080MS. 17]
QATAR	8.2.16	St	5 R	NATIONAL SPORTS DAY / Stylized runner - cycling pictogram in background	1→MS(4)	84-15, {§}
	8.2.16	MS	4 x 5 R	-- / MS of 4 of the above stamp - pictograms in margin (correction)		82-13, {§}
ROMANIA	31.5.17	St	3,50 L	CHILDHOOD'S GAMES / Bicycle - drawings of girl and boy on bicycle	4→4Pn(32)→ 4Shl(5+t)	84-15, [RO070.17]
		Shl	5 x 3,50 L	-- / Shl of 5 of the above stamp - tab with drawing of boy on bicycle		84-15
SENEGAL	7.12.16	St	3000 F	OLYMPIC GAMES RIO / Diff. sports incl. cycling	1→MS(1)	84-15, {§}, [SN014.16]
		MS	3000 F	-- / MS of the stamp above - same motif in margin (very expensive (only 1000 pieces))		84-15, {§}, [SN014MS. 16]
SIERRA LEONE	29.9.16	St	24000 Le	CYBATHLON 2016 / FES Bike Race (FES = Functional Electrical Stimulation) (published in a MS of 1)	4→MS(4)+ 1→MS(1)	84-16
	28.7.17	St	9800 Le	180TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADAM OPEL / The older Adam Opel & advertising for Opel bicycles (published in a Shl of 4 diff.)	4→MS(4)+ 1→MS(1)	84-16
		St	40000 Le	-- / The younger Adam Opel & advertising for Opel bicycles (published in a MS of 1)		84-16
SINGAPORE	4.8.17	St	1st Local	MORNING SINGAPORE / Two girls on a bicycle in front of school	6→Pn(?)+	84-16, {§}
		St	70 c	-- / Two cyclists riding on PCN (Park Connector Network)	1→MS(1)	84-16, {§}
		St	2 \$	-- / Two girls on a bicycle in front of school - diff. format and value		84-16, {§}
		MS	2 \$	-- / MS of the stamp above - Two cyclists riding on PCN in margin		84-16, {§}
SLOVAKIA	2.12.16	St	0,95 €	DAY OF POSTAGE STAMP / Post Office Building Piestany 1 - bicycle leaning against wall of the building	1→Pn(30+ 30t)	84-16, {§}

Locals

GERMANY ¹						
BWPOST (Baden-Wuerttemberg) 	28.8.17	St	44 c	200TH ANNIVERSARY OF BICYCLE / Emblem for 200 Years Bicycle	5→5Sh(10)	84-17
		St	67 c	-,- / People with diff. bicycles		84-17
		St	85 c	-,- / Photo of a Draisine		84-17
		St	143 c	-,- / Man riding a modern Draisine		84-17
		St	249 c	-,- / Transport bicycle		84-17
CITYKURIER GERA	12.6.17	St	0,85 €	200TH ANNIVERSARY OF BICYCLE / Hybrid of Draisine and bicycle (In bicycle fork is a back wheel) - self-adhesive	1→Sh(10)	84-17
		Shl	10 x 0,85 €	-,- / Shl of 10 of the above stamp - bicycles and texts "Fahrrad", "Fahrräder", "Radfahren" in margin		84-17

¹ Michel decided not to continue cataloguing "Modern German Private Post". Known Catalogue numbers (§) are depending on "Merkur-Briefe", magazine of the study group "Privatpost-Merkur im BDPH e.V." (<http://www.privatpost-merkur.de/>)

Key: (Changes marked with !)

1. Undated issues will remain on this list or the "Issue Information Update" list, until such time as a date of issue is established.
2. On future issues the date is fat and gray shaded.
3. Abbreviations:
 NIA = No Image Available
 -,- = As above (ditto mark)
 St = Stamp, SeT = Se Tenant, S? = Strip of ? stamps, t = Tab, G = (Stamp +) Gutter, Sh = Sheet, Pn = Pane, C = Coil, Shl = Sheetlet, MS = Miniature Sheet, sPn = self-adhesive Pane, CPn = Composite Pane, CShl = Composite Sheetlet, Bk = Booklet, BkP = Booklet Pane, PBk = Prestige Booklet, CBk = Chequebook, Coll = Collection, PS = Postal Stationary, FDC = First Day Cover, MC = Maximum Card
 Definitions according to MICHEL and "PHILATELIC TERMS ILLUSTRATED", James MacKay, Stanley Gibbons 2003 ([!] partly contrary to LINN'S).
 For Perforations the TCTC notation of Doug Myall (Complete Deegam Machin Handbook) is used with "T" being "torn" and "C" being "cut" in the order: top, right side, bottom and left side. (e.g.  = TTCT)
4. Issues marked * have been corrected or have additional information. The additional or corrected information is underlined.
5. Issues marked  are deemed to be fake, i.e. not stamps only Cinderellas or illegals, therefore they will not have a date of issue (Cinderellas are fantasy products. Illegals are unauthorized stamps sometimes with the name of real existing postal authorities produced in fraudulent intent).
6. Additions to the list are indicated by a heavy solid left-hand border to the country's name box. Additions that are not really new, but not mentioned in one of the known Bicycle Stamp catalogues (Batho, Hilarides, Malone, Muhsil, Waltl) marked with a white  in the border.
7. Issues that appear on this list for over a year are moved to the "Issue Information Update" list.
8. Content of set: Meaning of signs and abbreviations
 "→" = published in ... (ex. 2→2Sh(10) = 2 stamps published in 2 sheetlets of 10 each)
9. The last column shows where the stamp is illustrated, with BS number, followed by page number.
10. If any catalogue entry (Scott, Stanley Gibbons, Michel or Yvert & Tellier) or information from postal authority or official agency is known it is indicated with "§" in the same column. If a WNS no. is known it is stated (e.g. "[LR024.09]"). The WNS no. documents, that it is definitely a legal issue.
 For WADP Numbering System (WNS) (see → <http://www.wnsstamps.ch/en/about>).
11. Personalized stamps are only listed if they are published by postal administrations or well-known organizations.

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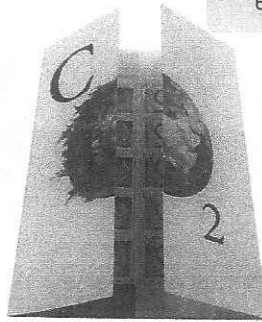
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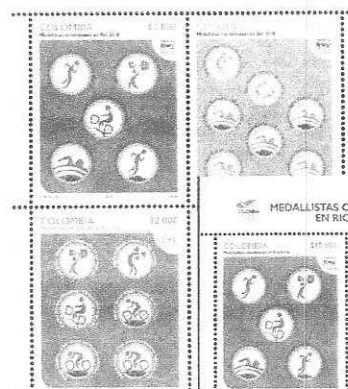


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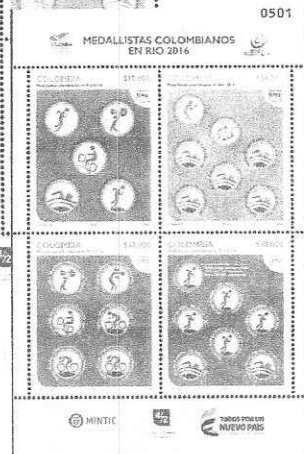


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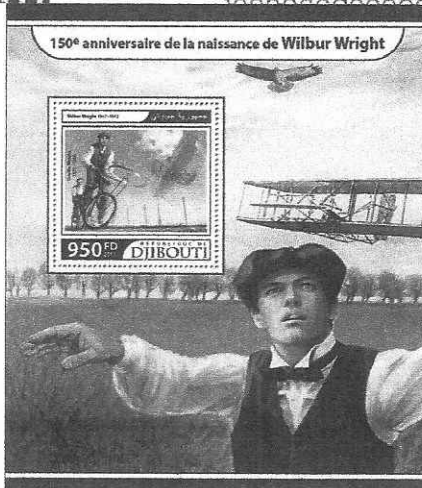




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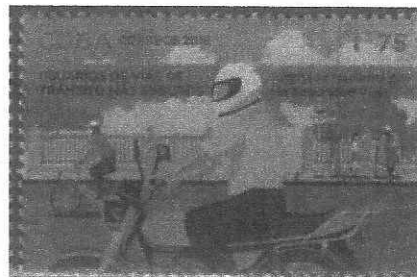


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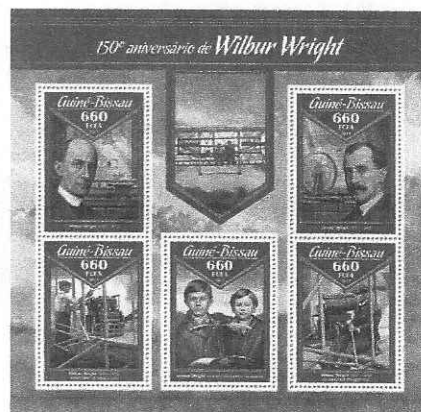
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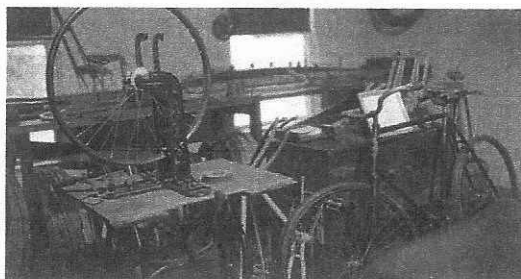
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<http://wrightstories.com/wright-brothers-stories/>

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Workshop of the Wright Brothers

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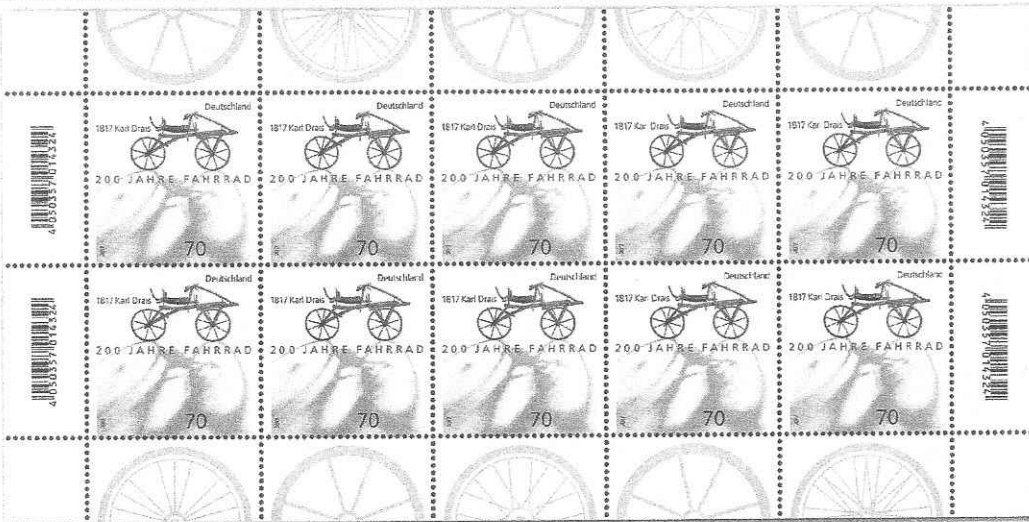


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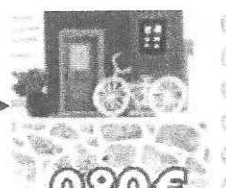
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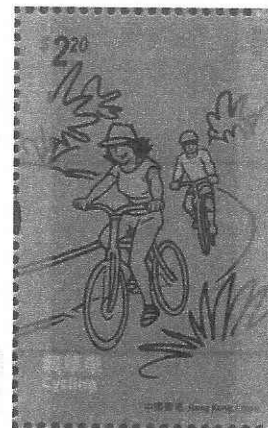


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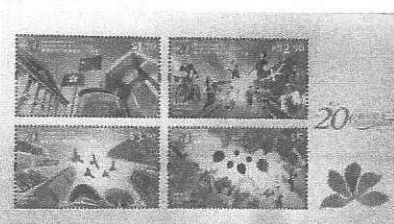




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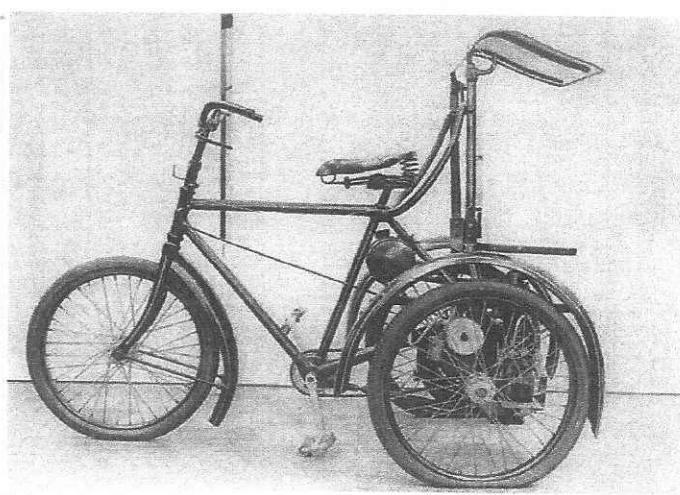
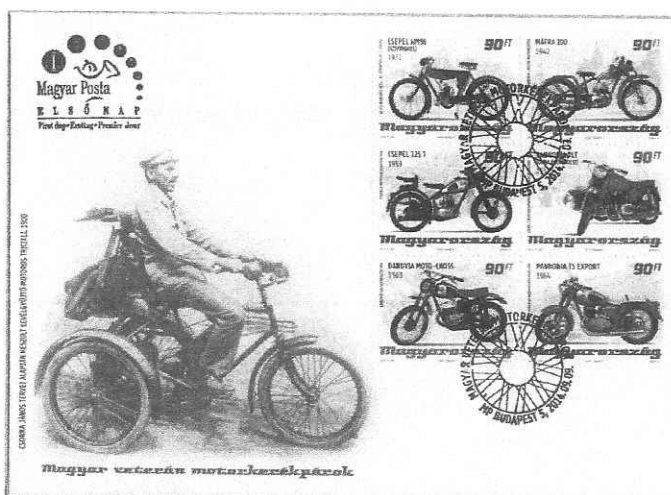
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Stamp with the first motor tricycle of Magyar Posta



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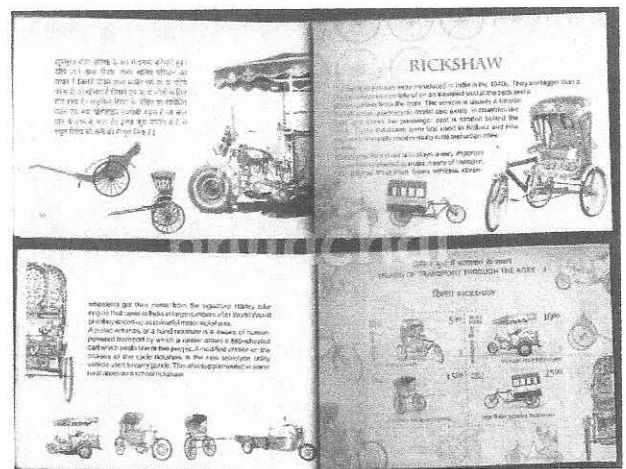
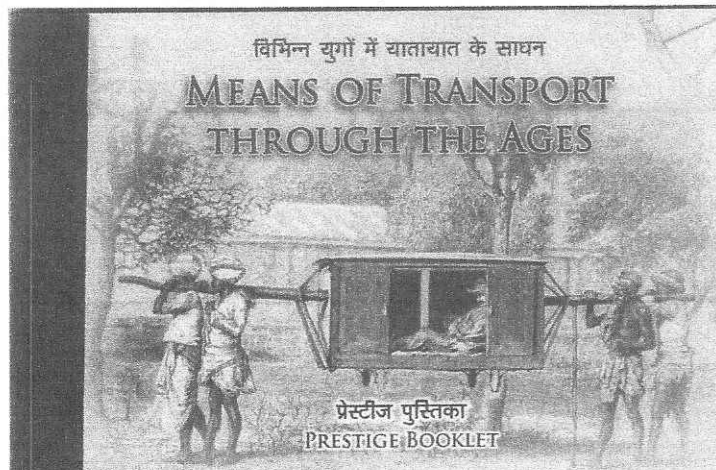
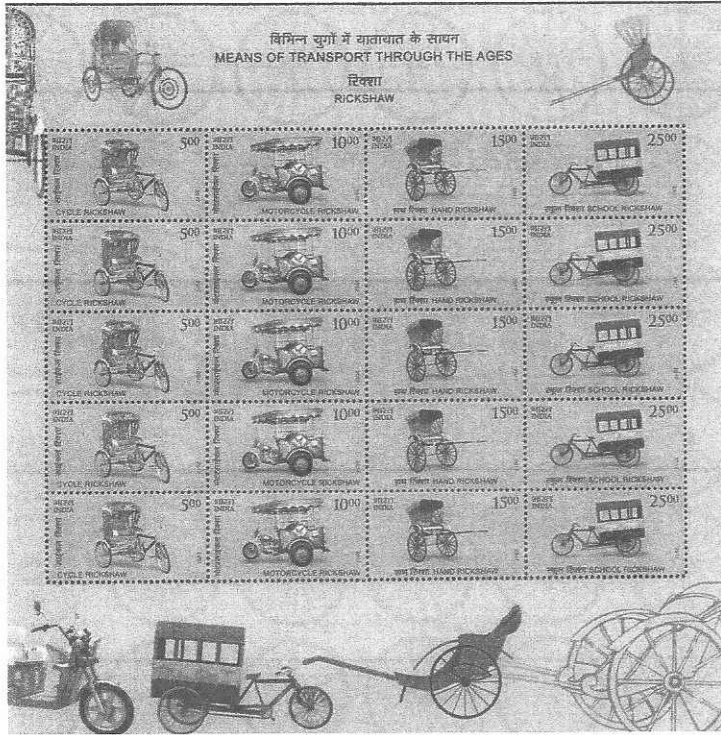
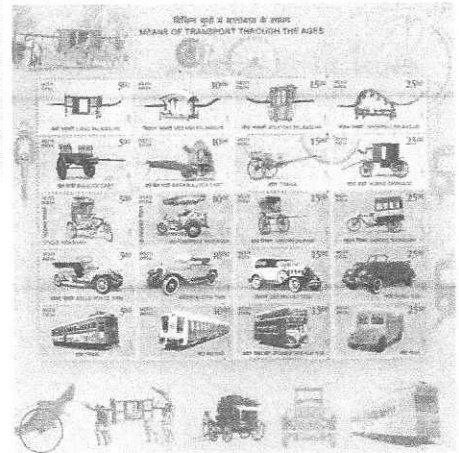


A Csonka János tervei alapján készült első belső égésű motorral hajtott tricikli (1900)

Text from letter:
CSONKA JÁNOS TERVEI ALAPJÁN KÉSZÜLT LEVÉLGYŰJTŐ MOTOROS TRICKLI, 1900



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24.3.16





IRELAND
15.9.16



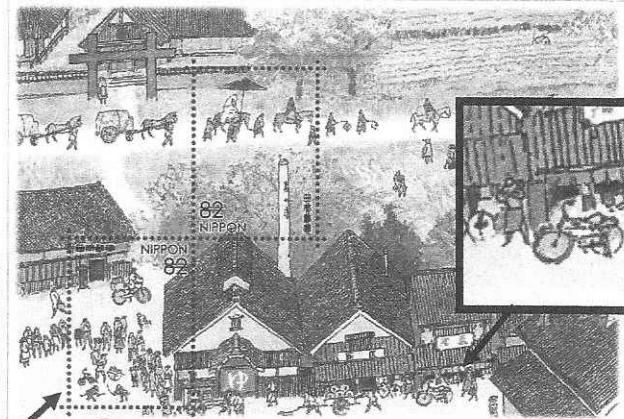
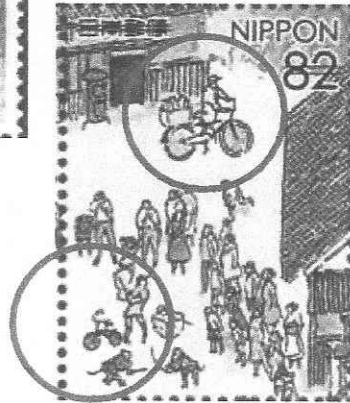
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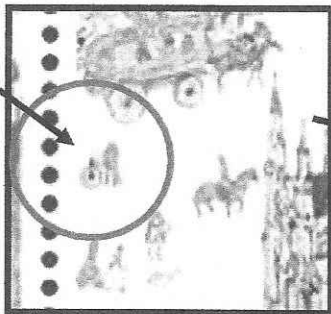
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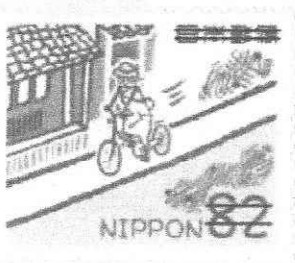
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- ③「天童駅の接木」④「雪の市」
- ⑤「きつねがひるったイソップものがたり」
- ⑥「旅の絵本・場面15」⑦「旅の絵本目・場面10」
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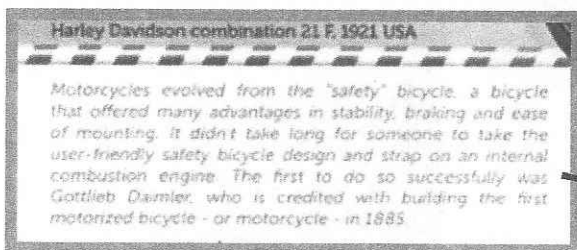
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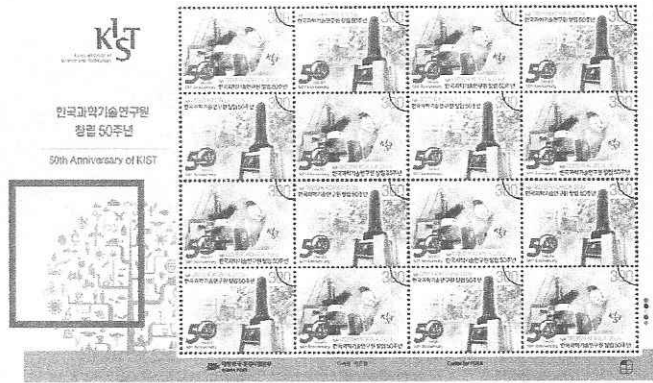
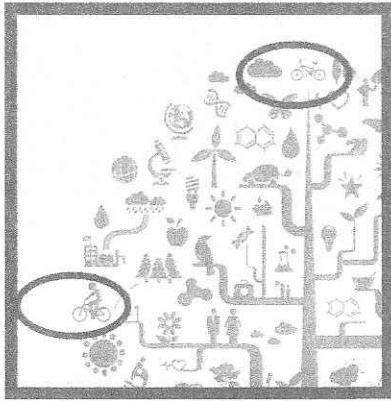


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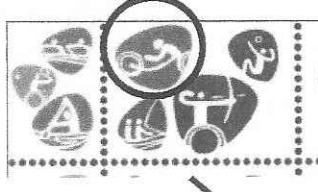


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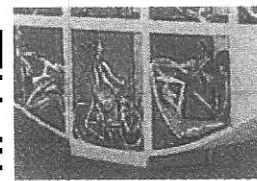
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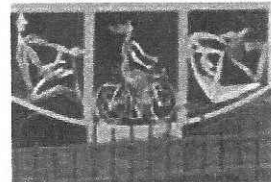
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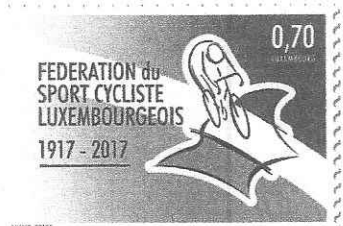
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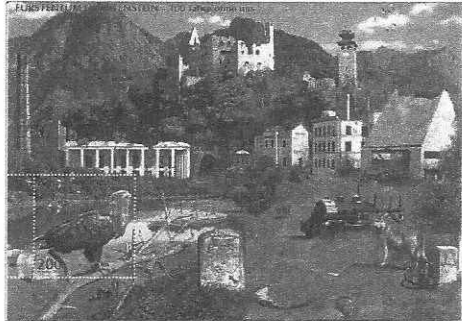
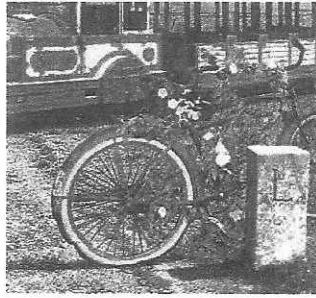


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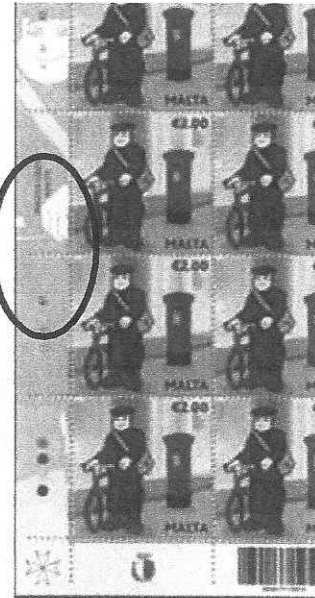
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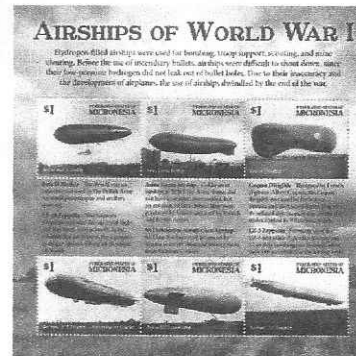
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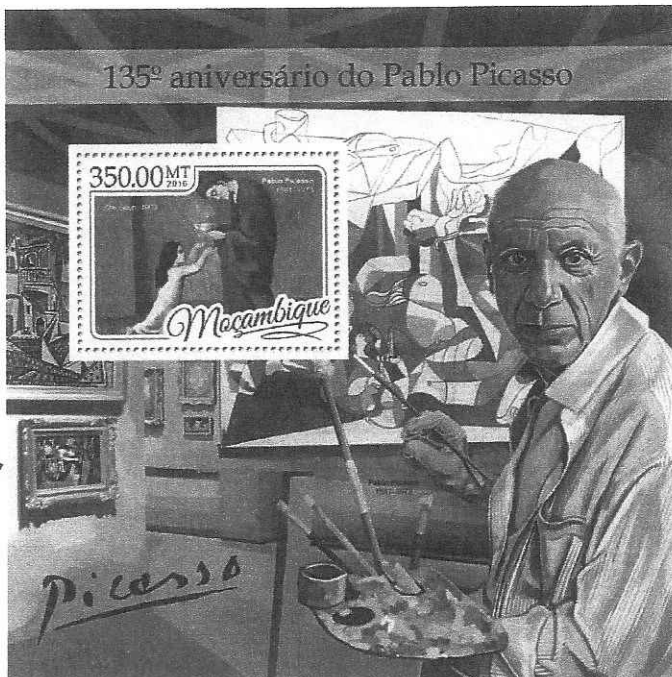
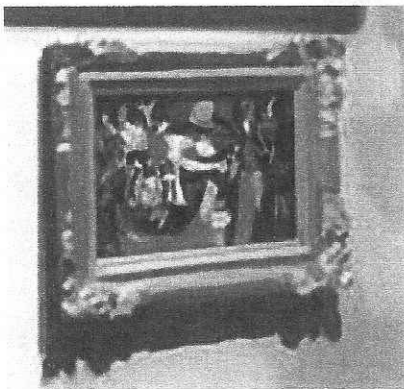
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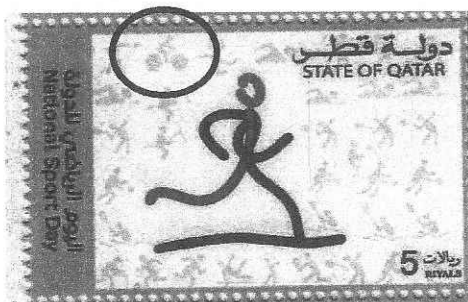
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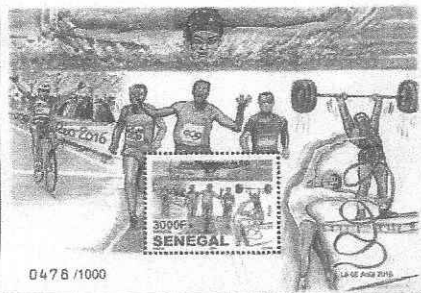
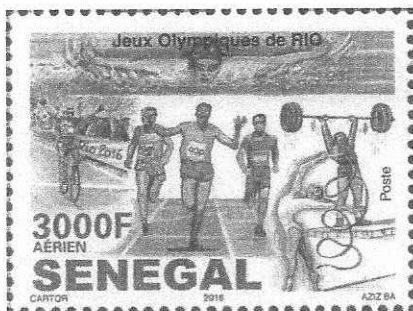
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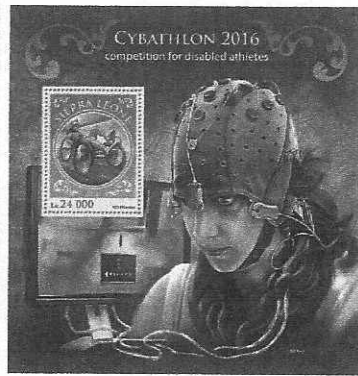


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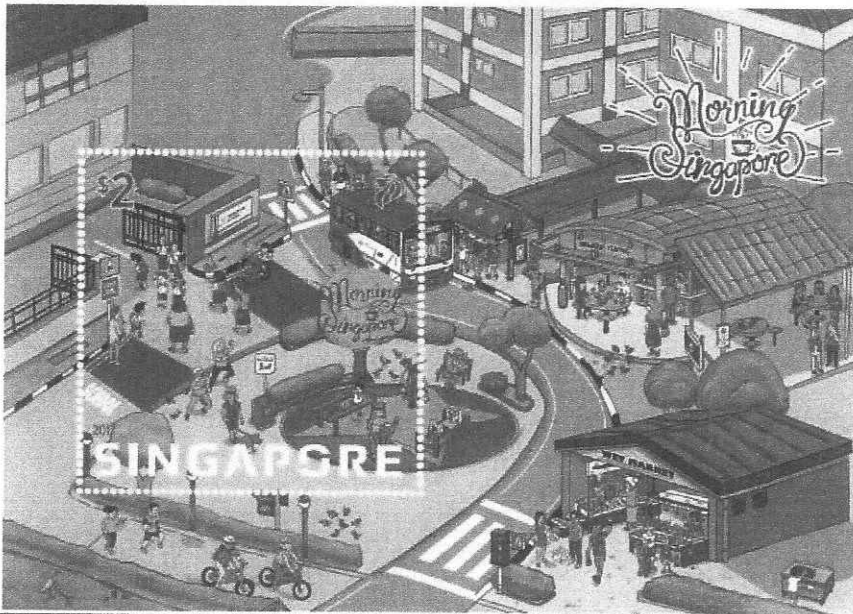




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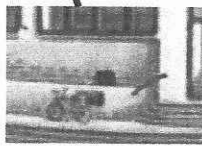
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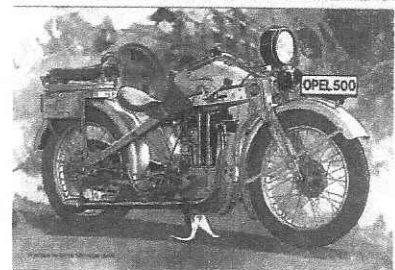
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LOCAL STAMPS

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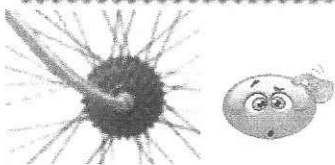


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GERA
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In addition to "Bicycle Stamps 83":
The post of Taiwan sold 6 candies with the pictures of the stamps for the Philataipei 2016 incl. the bicycle stamp in a small gift box.
(Found on Facebook)



SOME NOTES ON THE POST OFFICE AND TRANSPORT
 by GHR HOMER-WOUFF

This article first appeared in "Eastern Angle" Bulletin of East Anglia Postal History Study Circle Dec 2008. It is reproduced with permission of Barry R Reynolds, Editor.

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 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 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 was normal and 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 distances where the roads are good and the loads moderate		28 miles
do other	do.	26 miles

(b) Tricycles

Maximum weight to be carried	70lb.
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 the 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 irrespective of the periodical examination. Persons now performing cycling duties who have not previously been medically examined in connection 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.

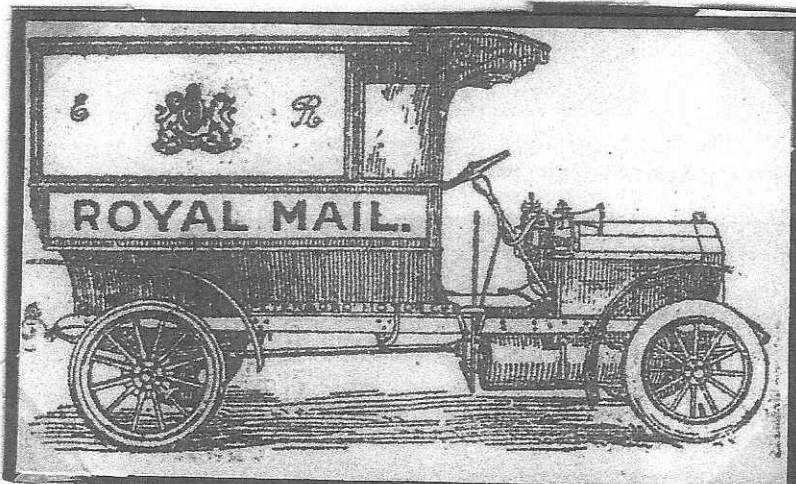
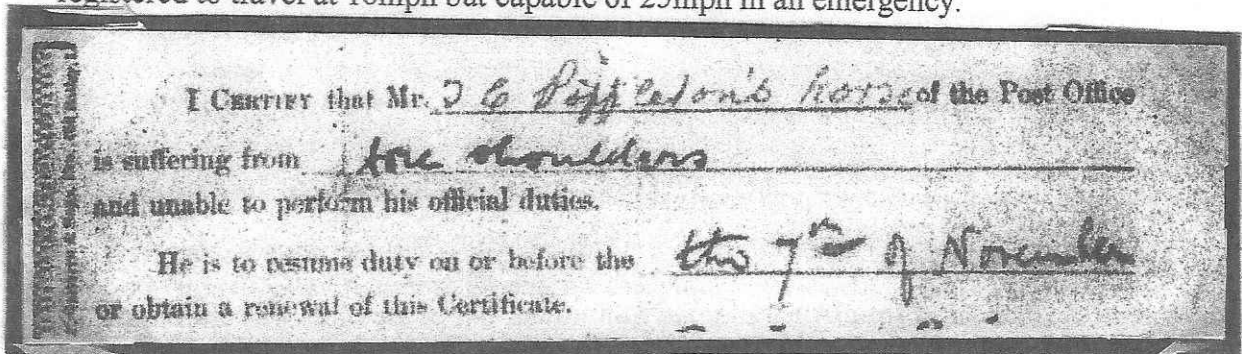
VI

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 recommend to wear woollen vests and drawers.
4. Instruction must be given for saddle adjustments
5. Maximum distance good roads 38 miles & 26 miles on other roads.
6. Maximum time allowed is 6 hours

One has the picture of a gladiatorial postman pedalling 26 miles on poor roads, at 6mph up a hill of 1:18 covered in bags, sweating profusely in his woollen undergarments! The notice does state "assistance 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 were mainly used for town and local delivery. As the Office had responsibility for outlying districts, contracted horse/cart/coach transport was widely used. Horses could be given 'sick notes' (see below) as well as their handlers! 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 16mph but capable of 25mph in an emergency.



TOP Fig 1. .
Horse's sick note 27 October 1898

ABOVE Fig 2 Royal Mail Van
constructed by Peterborough Motor
Company 1906.

RIGHT Fig 3.
Centre Cycle five wheeled vehicle
or "Hen & Chickens" thought to
have first trial with the GPO at
Horsham W Sussex in the 1880s.
*Royal Mail Postcard published by
South Eastern Postal Region
February 22 1982.*



**Post Office
Historical Transport**

THE STORY BEHIND THE STAMP

1949 Quer durch Deutschland um das grüne Band der IRA¹ (1949 Across Germany for the green ribbon of the IRA)

By Thomas Matthies 19 Jun. 2017

The 'Tour of Germany' has an incoherent history in realization and naming². In 1949 the postal administration of the Bizone³ in Germany decided to publish two commemorative stamps for the 3rd holding after the war under the title "Quer durch Deutschland". But there is only little information about the stamps and the design: Graphics by Staatsdruckerei Berlin, First Day of Issue on 15. Mai 1949 and technical details.

One day when researching on 'Quer durch Deutschland' I found an old issue of 'DER SPIEGEL' - the german newsmagazine - with a story about the tour of 1949 and it's winner, Harry Saager⁴. I was surprised about the similarity between the stamp image and the title page showing Saager – just 'geSPIEGEL' (= mirrored).

Was the photographer inspired by the stamps?

As I'm looking for antiquarian books about cycling sport from time to time a few years later I have found an official program of this tour with the stamp motif on the cover. An advertisement – "Commemorating stamps promoting bicycle sport" was found inside.



DER SPIEGEL 31/1949



Sondermarken werben für den Radsport

Zum erstenmal in der Geschichte der Philatelie hat die deutsche Postverwaltung ein Sonder-Wertzeichen anlässlich des Rennens „Quer durch Deutschland“ herausgegeben, das in Sammlerkreisen schon vor dem Start zu einem begehrten Sammelobjekt geworden ist. Die zwei Werte 10 Pfennig plus 5 Pfennig Aufschlag in Grün und 20 Pfennig plus 10 Pfennig Aufschlag in Rostrot zeigen das schon von der Werbung her bekannte prächtige Bild eines Straßenfahrers in voller Fahrausrüstung in wilder Jagd, gefolgt von der Meute des Feldes. Die Herausgabe der Marke unterstreicht neben den zahllosen Sonderausgaben der deutschen Tages- und Fachblätter während der Tage vom 9. bis 23. Juli, welchen sportlichen und wirtschaftlichen Wert die Öffentlichkeit dem Rennen beimißt.

Sad to say that I have not read the advertising carefully enough ('... show the splendid picture of a road cyclist already known from advertising ...') and of course I thought the

¹ IRA = Industrial consortium to promote cycling and bicycle racing
https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grünes_Band_der_IRA_1949

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutschland_Tour#history

³ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bizone>

⁴ Los, Matze! (DER SPIEGEL 31/1949) www.spiegel.de/spiegel/print/d-44437403.html

program editor was also inspired by the stamps – I did not notice my mistake until I have found the next one:

The program of 'Deutschlandfahrt 1938' – showing the same motif 11 years before the stamps were published.

The cover of the 1937's program (see at the end) was a different so the design was first used in 1938 (and again in 1939).

In opposite to the 1949er this program has a detailed publishing info and there are 3 persons named for illustrations (same as in 1937):



And when we use our microscopic vision we can see the artist's signature:



M. Ludwig ... **Max Ludwig** is the artist that has designed the original motif for this stamp. I suspect that was previously unknown. Sadly I couldn't find any information about this artist. There was an artist Max Ludwig in this time but that is another person who died in 1940. As one can see the signatures are similar but not identical. The same applies to the cover illustrations. So now we can play a 'finding differences game' to clear which is the real template for the stamp.¹



Proof of the stamp:
'STAATSDRUCKEREI'
instead of 'DEUTSCHE
POST' and without
added value.
(catalogued in "Michel
Deutschland Spezial")



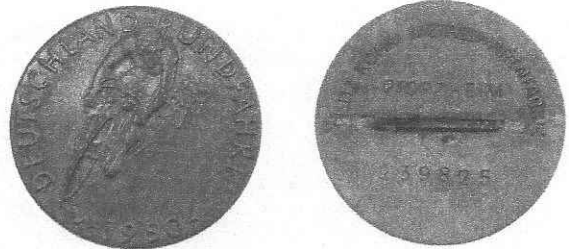
More proofs (value!!)

What can we conclude from this?

- The motif of the stamp based on a design by Max Ludwig for the program
- The original and printer's material seemed to be lost during the war
- Program's editor Otto Baer (1938 & 1949) has ordered the same design from Max Ludwig again (1949 or for 47/48 programs?)
- Staatsdruckerei has used it as template for the work of an employed (?) engraver

But that are only speculations!

Up to now I have no further programs found before or after 49 with the same design up to now but in 1950 there was a badge published with it. And during the researches I found some



... more remarkable stuff

Newsreel: Welt im Film 218/1949 from 01.08.1949
www.filmothek.bundesarchiv.de/video/583650?set_lang=en



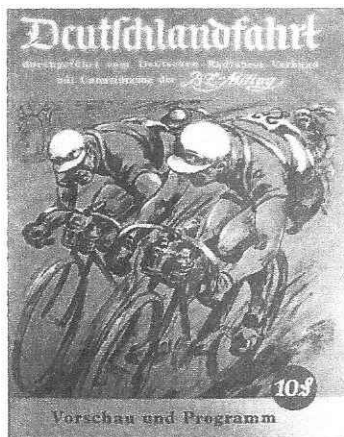
"Helden der Landstrasse"
 A documentary from 1950



Lost film footage found in the archive of former IRA member August Rabeneick GmbH
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gz_RnZDk9Ow



The program of "Quer durch die Ostzone" 9.-18.9.1949
 (Soviet occupation zone)



The program of Deutschlandfahrt 1937

... and 1939



¹ Pay particular attention to the last rider of the peloton and leading rider's right brake lever

SIR HUBERT OPPERMAN - AUSTRALIAN CYCLIST/ STATESMAN

Sir Hubert Opperman, or "Oppie", as he was affectionately known, cycled from Fremantle to Sydney via Adelaide and arrived in Melbourne, November 1937, in aid of the Lord Mayor's charity "Infantile Paralysis After Care Fund Victoria". The commemorative Cinderella stamp below is approx 12 X 8 cms, perf.11. and it is signed by Sir Hubert Opperman.



In 1932 Opperman rode across Sydney Harbour Bridge on its opening day. I was told that he was riding an Ordinary bicycle (a Penny-farthing) but Tony Teideman, our late Secretary/Editor of the BSC, was unable to confirm this, in March 2009. Tony did however provide the following information about Sir Hubert Opperman and the Opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Extract from "The Bridge" by Peter Lalor. Published by Allen & Unwin, 2006

"Beneath the bridge ocean liners, ferries and sailing boats sounded their sirens as they passed underneath while aeroplanes swooped in salute from the skies. Hubert Opperman led more than a thousand bike riders. Lennie Gwyther and Ginger Mick led a bedraggled Aboriginal tribe dressed for modesty's sake in kangaroo skins. There were brass bands, jugglers, walkers on stilts, motor vehicles and horse drawn coaches. After Cook and the other floats had passed, the public were allowed up and onto the deck of their bridge for the first time and a continuous stream of people crossed, climbed and gawked until late in the night."

Tony also located official documentation following the death of "Oppie"

Extract

"Official Hansard" House of Representatives – Canberra Tues April 30th 1996.
Under CONDOLENCES. The Speech by Mr Warwick Smith (Bass-Minister for Sport, Territories and Local Government.) included the following -

"Sir Hubert was one of a landfill of Australian sporting heroes to lift the spirit of the nation during the Great Depression. Along with Sir Donald Bradman, Walter Lindrum and Phar Lap, Sir Hubert gave Australians suffering through those hard times something to cheer about. There was certainly plenty of cheering in 1932 when he was the first person to ride a bicycle across the newly opened Sydney Harbour. Amazingly Oppy was also the first person to ride a bicycle through the Sydney Harbour Tunnel after it was opened in 1992.

"He was one of life's true gentlemen. He died on his exercise bike, with the cycle clips still around his legs and the famous beret on one side. He was found like that by staff. We have lost a truly great Australian. I offer my condolences and those of all residents of Aston and Salford Park in particular, to Lady Mavys, his son Ian and all his family."
Brian Sole



REACTMENT CAMEL MAIL of 1896 in 1981.

Australian Coolgardie Cycle Express Co resorted to camels to deliver mail in 1896 when distances to the new Western Australia Goldfields were too far from Coolgardie to cycle.



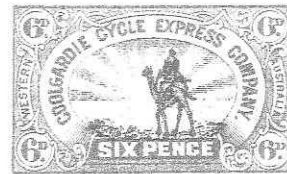
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CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB "SPECIAL CUSTOMS TICKET, 1939"

James King of the Modern Records Centre at University of Warwick Library kindly provided more information about the Customs Ticket illustrated on p28 of BS83 March 2017 "Bicycle Stamps". The scheme was certainly in operation by 1908 but he could find no confirmation of when it started. He could also find no mention of it post-war. James King provided a copy of a page from the 1938 CTC Handbook (see below) plus a copy of the 2-page information sheet sent to members requiring details of the scheme (see over). The wording of the section Customs Tickets reads

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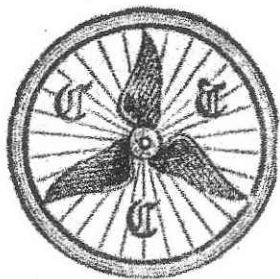
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INSTRUCTIONS.

1.—Upon receipt it will be necessary that you, the holder, should sign the ticket in the lowest space under the photograph. This Ticket is sufficient to pass a member's machine through the Customs of Belgium, France, Italy Switzerland, and the United States of America. It is to be shewn at each frontier and retained by the member.

2.—On introducing a cycle into FRANCE, a *permis de circulation* should be obtained of the Customs officials; for this there is a charge of 60 centimes. This document exempts its holder, during a term of three months, from payment of the annual cycle tax (3 francs). The cycle need not be presented on re-exportation. A photograph is not required.

3.—On introducing a cycle into BELGIUM or SWITZERLAND there is no formality to be complied with beyond the mere exhibition of the Special Customs Ticket. When re-exporting the cycle it is not necessary to mention the fact to the Customs.

4.—On introducing a cycle into ITALY the member must show the Special Customs Ticket. (Cyclists resident in Italy are not allowed to take their machines into the country without paying the duty.) If the member is resident out of Italy he will receive a cycling

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permit (*permesso di circolazione*) available for three months, which will exempt him from the obligation of paying tax and duty. The cycling permit can be renewed for a further term of three months, becoming thus available for six months in all, provided application be made to a Customs House before the expiration of the original term of three months and proof be given that the cycle tax (six lire) has been paid. Re-exportation must be effected within the term specified in the *permesso*.

5.—On introducing a cycle into the UNITED STATES the member should present his machine, together with the Special Customs Ticket, to a collector of Customs, who will stamp the Ticket, and supply him with a permit. The re-exportation must take place within *four months*. When leaving the country the member must get the permit countersigned by a collector of Customs.

6.—*The Ticket is not necessary for Customs purposes in Germany but should always be carried with photograph affixed as a means of identification, should same at any time be required by the Police Officials.*

In conclusion I would again call your attention to the absolute necessity for a strict observance of the above rules, as owing to the failure on the part of members to clearly understand and faithfully comply with the regulations of the various foreign Governments, the Club has been compelled to pay considerable sums as duty, and the effort to obtain a refund from the defaulting members has resulted in some unpleasant correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. BURKE, *Secretary.*

N.B.—This ticket is not available for AUSTRIA. A special ticket is issued for that country, a form of application for which can be obtained of the Secretary.

[NOTE RE MOTOR-CYCLES.—The Customs ticket will also admit a motor-cycle into France and Belgium, and a motor-cycle with or without side-car, or motor-tricycle into Switzerland and Italy. For road and riding regulations, see the Continental Handbook.]

Re: STAMPS NOT LISTED IN STANLEY GIBBONS' CATALOGUES

Thomas Matthies 29 Jun. 2017

I agree with the idea of only collecting stamps on sale at post offices to the public in "reasonable quantities at face value" and not issued in "excess of postal needs" but I do not agree with banning them from catalogues or new-issue-lists. Why?

- 1) Who is to control this even the catalog editors are not able?ⁱ You need agents or collectors in every countryⁱⁱ. But particularly in the countries concerned no philatelic basis exists.
- 2) If we do so we have to do it with the IGPC clients as well (incl. Israel and Isle of Man?). See PMWO listⁱⁱⁱ of "Undesirable / Abusive Stamps".
- 3) And why should we treat Australia, France, Great Britain, People's Republic of China, and Japan and many locals in a different way (excess of postal needs)?
- 4) This does not solve the main problem.



I suspect that Stanley Gibbons (SG) act on the principle "in dubio contra reum". But they should apply this to the agency and the countries I mentioned before as well (Isle of Man 2015: 107 issues for 84.497 inhabitants!^{iv}). Or they may simply no longer be willing to deal with these issues. I would have some sympathy for this attitude.

And sorry Arnoldt: You do list issues of Burundi, Sao Tome and Principe, Central African Republic, Solomon Islands or Togo in your own online catalog!

In my opinion the "New Issue Update" or a catalog has not to decide what is worth to collect. The collector himself has to decide this like Arnoldt do. Therefore I welcome his contribution to the discussion. It is important to talk about it, especially with newcomers. Why is Stamperija able to produce so much bicycle related items and moreover in overpriced and totally unnecessary cut versions? Because not few collectors are buying them!

By the way: Is there a difference to the enormous increasing amount of overpriced personalized stamps published by postal authorities like the Netherlands, Greece, Australia, France and others?

I myself try to collect to such rules. Not on the publishing behavior of catalog editor but hopefully on the basis of good common sense. So before I spend 100€ for 5 Stamperija or IGPC issues I better spend 250€ for a proof of the "Tour of Germany" issue. That gives me much more pleasure. Up to now I do not have the complete "Tour de France" issues of IGPC from my article (Bicycle Stamps 45, 2003/11). I don't want to spend more than 1€ per issue!

But I also know a collector who is not interested in. He wants to collect all. I do really not agree with but I have to accept.

The other thing is Arnoldt's suspicion that Michel is involved with agencies like Stamperija. I have heard it from other side too. I neither can prove nor disprove this but I do not believe it.

In 2015 I have sent an eMail to Michel, because there were differences in date of issue of 3 months between Stamperija's website and Michel's online catalog.

Wolfgang Maier of Michel answered and explained the doing:

"We receive an information sheet from the country that is coordinated with Stamperija with a more or less detailed list of stamps. After issuing the stamps we receive a

second identical sheet with the stamps from Lithuania. We follow these specifications. Some later Stamperija places the stamps on its website in some cases with deviating data. We consider the information from the country to be in principle preferable. If Stamperija changes a date intentionally, we have already received hints from them. This was not the case for the Guinea stamps mentioned."

What are the facts we can see? (See enlargement of table at end of the article. Editor)

- 1) Michel usually does present only one picture for all sets of a similar design.

On the contrary they present every single stamp of "normal" countries. For thematic collection it is not possible to find all items in this constellation. (e.g.

Central Africa in the actual "New Issues",

Bananatransport) This could not be in the interest of Stamperija. Thematic collectors are their main customers.

- 2) Sometimes Michel needs longer than a year to publish issues from these countries.
- 3) I have made a little research on catalog numbers in May 2017 during Stamperija's website:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Maldives	M / S / Y&T	M / S / Y&T	M / Y&T	M / Y&T	M
Mocambique	M / S / Y&T	M 04 / Y&T			
Niger	M / S / Y&T	M / Y&T	M 07 / Y&T 04		
Solomon Islands	M / S / Y&T	M / S / Y&T	M 11 / S / Y&T	S 05 / Y&T 09	
São Tomé e Príncipe	M / S / Y&T	M 03 / S / Y&T	S / Y&T	Y&T 07	
Uganda	M / S / Y&T	M / S / Y&T			
Djibouti				M 05 / S 09 / Y&T 09	
Togo	M / Y&T	M 10 / Y&T	Y & T		

M = Michel, S = Scott, Y&T = Yvert & Tellier

a) There are many Stamperija issues with Scott and more with Yvert & Tellier numbers! (I just have viewed a minor part of the whole website)

b) The numbers behind the catalog sign means the last month of the year an entry got a number from this catalog. So there is no system to see that shows a special deal between Stamperija and Michel. In some cases Michel stops cataloguing a country, in other cases Scott or Yvert & Tellier does this. If they have a deal all numbers would be accessible.

- 4) I do not believe that cataloguing these excessive amount of stamps is a win situation for the catalog editors (especially if they don't sell stamps by themselves) because it takes a lot of work and scares serious collectors that have to pay for stuff they don't like.

5) Michel has tried to ban countries from their catalogs in the past: the Trucial States from the 79/80 Asia catalog. But their customers forced them to published the ASIA II catalog as they wrote in the editorial.

But I think irrespective of the catalog editors' work practice guidelines they could give much more information on "philately's rough trade". I'm a subscriber of "Michel Rundschau" but this is not a widespread issue. Perhaps they have resigned. In former times they made a mark (◆) to all issues that were declared as "undesirable and excessive stamps" by the FIP. I don't know why they have stopped this. And I'm unconvinced that official organisations and stamp societies are doing enough. How could it be, that Stamperija takes part in great stamp fairs like the "World Stamp Show - NY 2016" or the stamp fair in Essen?

More information:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1997/02/16/magazine/postal-imperialism.html>

<https://stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=25389>

<http://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=38713&start=550>

<http://www.pwmo.org/articles/undesirable-stamps1.htm>

<http://commonwealthstampsopinion.blogspot.nl/2017/04/942-gibbons-catalogue-ignores.html>

About the History of IGPC:

<https://www.igpc.com/about.cfm>

<http://www.manfredlehmann.com/biography.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inter-Governmental_Philatelic_Corporation

About Stamperija:

<http://algirdassatas.com/> and <http://stamperija.eu>

Philatelic Collector Inc.

<https://www.pcistamps.com/>

Situation of WNS:

<http://www.pwmo.org/illegals/WNS-Circulars-not-reliable.htm>

<http://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=53207>

ⁱ The new-issues editor of Scott describes his job: <http://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/2016/december/scott-new-listings-update-january-stamp-values.html>

ⁱⁱ <https://stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=51298>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://pwmo.org/articles/resist-and-avoid-stamps.htm>

^{iv} For relation: 2015: Australia 188 for 24.300.000 United Kingdom 165 for 65.100.000, Germany 77 for 82.100.000, Malta 25 for 433.000 inhabitants. And another statistic: <http://www.pwmo.org/articles/undesirable-stamps.htm>

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2015, 24. April. 270. Geburtstag von Alessandro Volta. Odr.: gez. K 13¼



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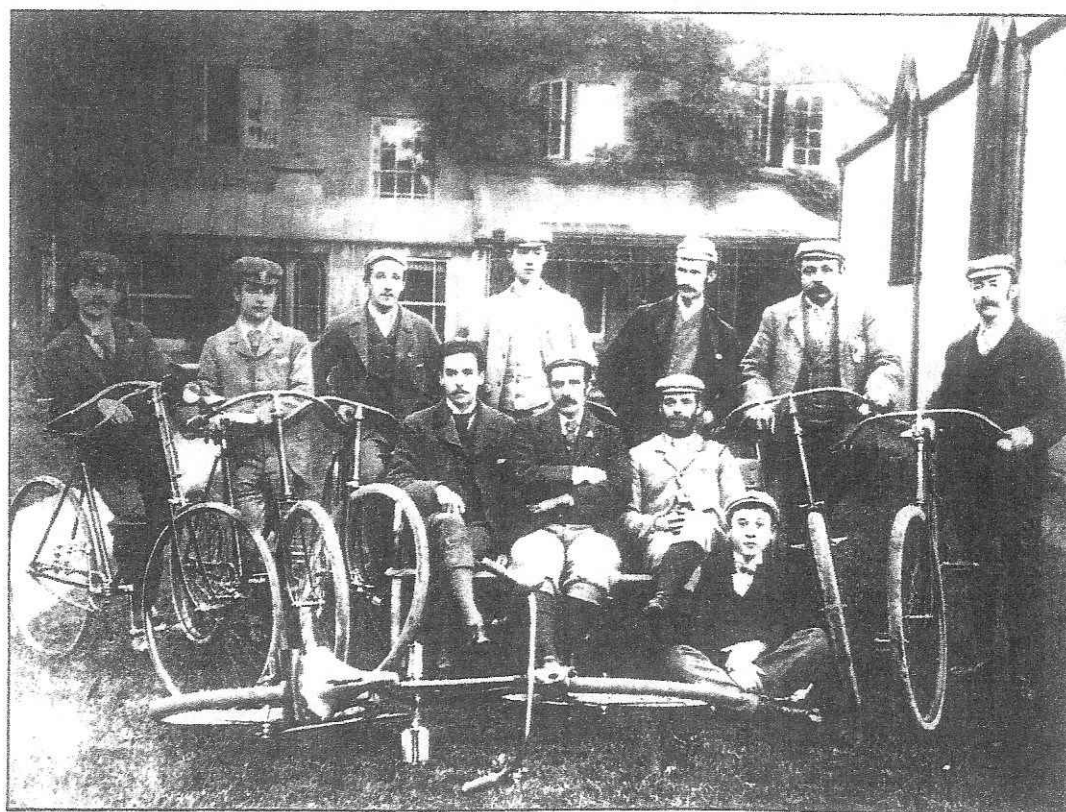
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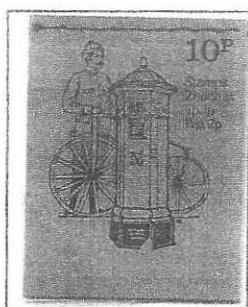
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Two postcards below of unfortunate accidents, sent Ipswich 1902 and Braintree 1907.

