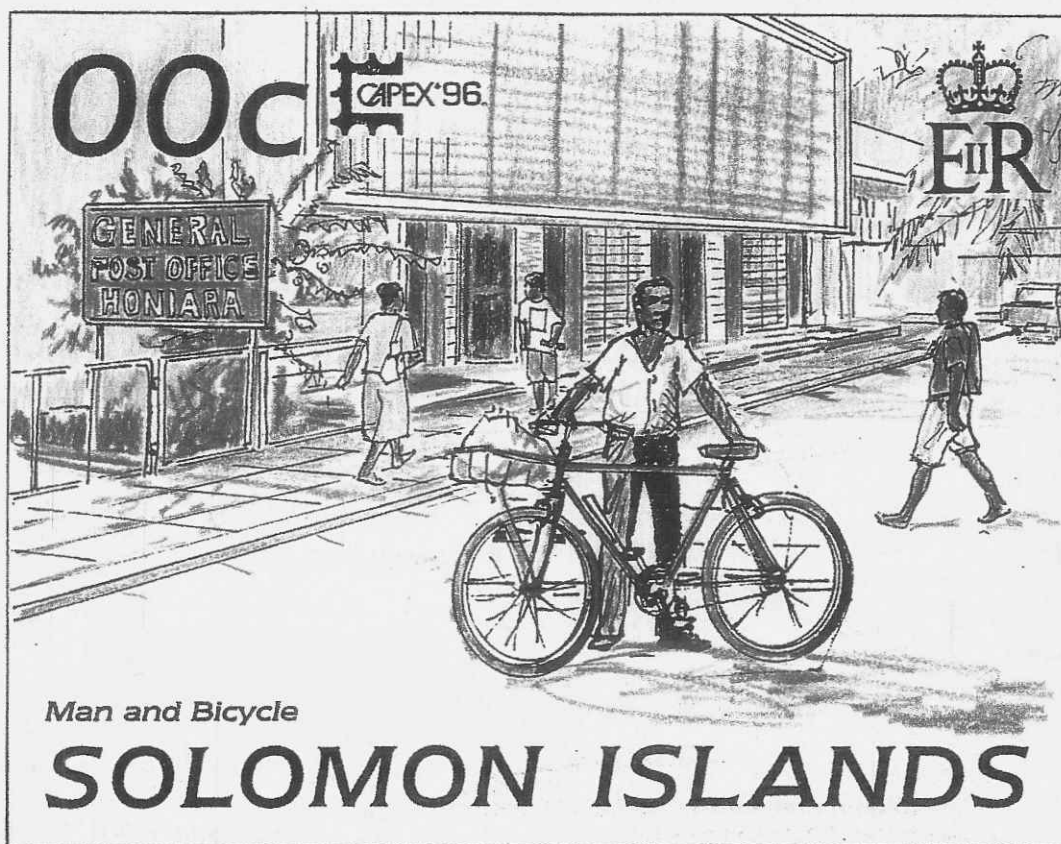


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Editorial

The annual cost of producing two issues of *Bicycle Stamps* instead of 4 issues has helped create a small surplus each year and has meant membership fees remained unchanged. However the surplus has now reached a few hundred pounds. After consultation with Steve Andreasen, our American Treasurer, we are granting twelve months free membership to all, as shown in the "Renewed to" date in the Club Roster September 2019. Once again I am grateful to Thomas Matthies for providing the "New issues" pages. Thomas also helps me by providing a PDF of each issue, which I then forward by email to a few members who prefer to see a colour version on their home computer.

It was some time ago that Ernie Clayton provided some Berlin-Warsaw-Prague slogans, just after the listing stopped at 1972. Two pages of his slogans appear now. Thanks Ernie.

I hope many of you are making use of the website set up by Jordi Quintana. It has now been in existence for 12 months and the domain name has just been renewed for 5 years.

There are articles this time on the USA Special Delivery stamps and examples of the Paris Pneumatic Mail stationery, used in Algiers. With the Olympics and Paralympics due in a few months time, there are some philatelic examples from past Games.

I have included 3 postcards issued by the German Cyclists' Federation in the nineteenth century from the collection of the late Fred Goatcher. He ran a competition, through the Cyclists' Touring Club, for a stamp to celebrate the CTC's 100th anniversary in 1978. A set of 4 cycle stamps was issued and the winning design became the official F.D.I. handstamp of a touring cyclist in the shadow of an Ordinary (Penny Farthing) cyclist.

I have omitted the 2 advertisements this issue but Piet Hein Hilarides is a dealer in cycle stamps and author of a bicycle stamp catalogue. His details are on the front cover.

Bob Lee runs a postal Bicycle Stamps New Issue service and buys thematic collections and can be contacted by email: boblee@thematix.co.uk or phone 020 8397 2332.

Keep on enjoying your collecting and do send me an article if you can. **Brian Sole Editor**

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New Issue Update

ANDORRA (SPANISH)	4.8.19	St	0,70 €	5TH LA PURITO / Cyclist from the back on a road through the Pyrenees	1→Pn(25)	88-06, {§}
ARTSAKH (former NAGORNO KARABAKH [ARMENIAN POST])	18.7.19	St	100 ₴	7TH PAN-ARMENIAN GAMES / Stylized cyclists - silhouette of historic building	4→4Shl(10)→ CShl(8+2t)	88-06
		Shl	10 x 70 ₴	– – / Shl of 10 volleyball stamps - pictogram in margin		88-06
		Shl	10 x 100 ₴	– – / Shl of 10 of the cycling stamps - pictogram in margin		88-06
		Shl	10 x 120 ₴	– – / Shl of 10 archery stamps - pictogram in margin		88-06
		Shl	10 x 230 ₴	– – / Shl of 10 running stamps - pictogram in margin		88-06
		CShl	div.	– – / CShl of 2 x 4 diff. incl. 2 x the cycling stamp and 2 tabs - pictogram in margin		88-06
* AUSTRALIA	8.7.08	BkP	2 x 50 c	LIVING GREEN / BkP with 2 stamps ("Travel Smart") of no bicycle interest - cyclist in margin	4→C(25x4)→ PBk(5x4)	88-10, {§}
* PBk		20 x 50 c	– – / PBk of 20 stamps of no bicycle interest, incl. the BkP (p.21) above - text: "bike" (p.20 & p.23), "Bicyclist" (p.27) - maybe on p. 23 bicycle in background	88-10, {§}		
* AZERBAIJAN	<u>5.6.18</u>	St	0,6 ₼	UCI BMX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 / Photomontage of velopark in background and BMX backwheel, UCI & event emblem, text	1→Pn(32)	86-06
BAHRAIN	8.11.18	St	400 f	IRONMAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 - KONA USA / H.H. Sh. Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa's victory (XC Division)	1	88-06, [BH009.18]
BULGARIA	16.5.19	St	1,50 LV	140 YEARS OF BULGARIAN POSTS / Mailcarrier with bicycle	1→MS+PS	88-06, {§}
		MS	1,50 LV	– – / MS of the stamp above - parts of bicycle in margin		88-06, {§}
		PS	0,40 LV	– – / imprinted above stamp of 16.5.2019 in diff. value		88-06, {§}
	21.5.19	St	1,00 LV	75TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROF. STEFAN GRUEV / Stefan Gruev, Bulgarian artist - self-portrait as cyclist without bicycle (printed as Se-Tenant with a tab of no bicycle interest)	1→Pn(25+25t)	88-06, {§}
* CANADA	18.3.05	St	50 c	TD BANK FINANCIAL GROUP 1855-2005 / Collage of layered images from past & present. Architectural details from a turn-of-the-previous-century TD building blend into the facade of the iconic TD Tower in Toronto with a cycle rack & bicycles beside the entrance.	1→Bk(10)	88-07, {§}, [CA017.05]
Bk		10 x 50 c	– – / Bk of 10 of the above stamp - bicycles on front cover and inside. (noticed in catalogue of Hilarides)	88-07, {§}		
* CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	22.12.89	St	18,00 E	CHRISTMAS / Playing children with draisine	6	88-07, {§}
CHINA, PR	1.6.19	CShl	Div.	CHILDREN'S SPORTS AND GAMES / CShl of 2 x 4 diff. Cartoon stamps of no bicycle interest - bicycle in margin	4→4Pn(16)→ CShl(2x4)	88-07, {§}
ESTONIA	23.5.19	St	0,65 €	100TH ANNIV. OF PATENT OFFICE / Stylized historic bicycle	1→Pn(20)	88-07, {§}
		Pn	20 x 0,65 €	– – / Pane of 20 of the above stamp - bicycle on tabs in margin (Se-Tenants)		88-07, {§}
FRANCE	25.8.19	St	1,30 €	75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF PARIS / M8 Light Armored Car passing under the Arc de Triomphe, people waving the flags of the Allied nations - cyclists in the crowd	1→Pn(40)→ MS(1)	88-08, {§}
		MS	1,30 €	– – / MS of 1 of the above stamp (published in a folder)	1→Pn(40)→ MS(1)	88-08, {§}
GIBRALTAR	25.4.19	St	50 p	NATWEST INTERNATIONAL ISLAND GAMES XVIII / Cycling	14	88-08, {§}
		St	£ 3	– – / Triathlon		88-08, {§}
GUINEA-BISSAU	21.5.19	St	800 FCFA	MAIL TRANSPORT / Mail e-bike, Germany	4→Ms(4)+ 1→Ms(1)	88-08
		MS	4 x 800 FCFA	– – / MS of 4 diff. incl. the above stamp		88-08
* GUYANA	17.12.91	MS	260 \$	CHRISTMAS CARDS OF THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY / MS of the Card of 1946 - stamp of no bicycle interest - character Bongo (from "Fun and Fancy Free", 1947) on monicycle in margin	19→?Pn(?) 8→8MS	88-08, {§}
ICELAND	7.2.19	Shl	50g inland	CENTURY OF THE UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS / Shl of 10 stamps of no bicycle interest - mail bicycle in margin	1→Shl(10)	88-08, {§}
IRAQ	12.3.19	St	250 D	SCHOOL SAVING / Drawing of schoolkids in landscape, means of travel, stamps - 2 hidden bicycles	4→4Pn(24)	88-08
		St	1000 D	– – / Drawing of children holding a banner with text "School saving" in Arabic writing and bicycle		88-08

ISRAEL	16.7.19	St	4,10 NIS	CYCLING IN ISRAEL / Mountain Biking	3→3Pn(15+5t)	88-09, {S}
		SeT	4,10 NIS	- „ - / Stamp above with tab - text "Cycling in Israel" and drinking bottle		88-09, {S}
		St	4,30 NIS	- „ - / Road Cycling		88-09, {S}
		SeT	4,30 NIS	- „ - / Stamp above with tab - text "Cycling in Israel" and cycling helmet		88-09, {S}
		St	4,50 NIS	- „ - / Urban Cycling		88-09, {S}
		SeT	4,50 NIS	- „ - / Stamp above with tab - text "Cycling in Israel" and bicycle bell with the text "I ♥ MY BIKE"		88-09, {S}
JAPAN	24.5.19	St	¥ 82	100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND FINLAND / At the lake - kayaks & 2 cyclists	10→CSHl(10)	88-09, {S}
		St	¥ 82	- „ - / Coffee time - bicycle leaning against the trees		88-09, {S}
		CSHl	10 x ¥ 82	- „ - / CShl of 10 diff. incl. the 2 above stamps		88-09, {S}
	27.6.19	St	¥ 82	100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ILO (INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION) / Workers in the city - cyclist	10→CSHl(10)	88-09, {S}
		CSHl	10 x ¥ 82	- „ - / CShl of 10 diff. incl. the above stamp		88-09, {S}
	23.7.19	St	¥ 62	LETTER WRITING DAY 2019 / Bicycle on backside of foil self-adhesive pane	5→Bk(2x5)	88-09, {S}
Bk		10 x ¥ 62	- „ - / Bk of 2x5 diff. stamps incl. 2x the above stamp	88-09, {S}		
MEXICO	29.4.19	St	15,00 \$	CHILDREN'S DAY / Two children about to deposit letters in a post box in Mexico - bicycle between children & post box	1→Pn(50)	88-09, {S}
MONACO	29.5.19	St	0,86 €	100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF FAUSTO COPPI / Fausto Coppi in front of european map with France & Italy - Banner with "Monaco 1952"	1→Shl(10)	88-09, {S}
		Shl	10 x 0,86 €	- „ - / Shl of 10 of the above stamp - words "Fausto" & "Coppi" on 2 separate tabs of margin (2 Se-Tenants with the name-tabs possible)		88-09, {S}
MOZAMBIQUE	10.4.19	St	300 MT	PAINTINGS OF PABLO PICASSO (PABLO PICASSO (1881-1973) / Pablo Picasso - Painting "Night Fishing At Antibes" In Background - Dora Maar Is To Be Seen Partly On Thr Right Side, With Her Bike	4→MS(4)+1→MS(1)	88-09
		MS	300 MT	- „ - / MS of the stamp above - no further bicycle motif in margin		88-09
NORWAY	23.8.19	St	INNLAND	NORWEGIAN BICYCLES / 1933: Diamant Road Racer	4→?→C(25x4)	88-10, {S}
		St	INNLAND	- „ - / 1936: Ideal Varesyssel (Cargo bicycle?)		88-10, {S}
		St	INNLAND	- „ - / 1972: DBS Kombi Butterfly		88-10, {S}
		St	INNLAND	- „ - / 1975: DBS Apache		88-10, {S}
SIERRA LEONE	30.1.19	St	12500 Le	SCOUTS / Drawing of Scouts with different equipment - bicycle in background	4→MS(4)+1→MS(1)	88-10
		MS	4x 12500 Le	- „ - / MS of 4 diff. incl. the stamp above - part of bicycle and bicycle helmet on tabs in margin		88-10
SWITZERLAND	25.4.19	St	1,50 CHF	150 YEARS LAKE LINE & TRAIN FERRY / The Lake Line - bicycles on the ferry	2→2Pn(20)	88-10, {S}
UNITED NATIONS - GENEVA BUREAU	17.5.18	St	1,50 CHF	STAMP EXHIBITION NABA LUGANO 2018 / The Salita Chiattono footpath - bicycle with panniers in foreground (published in a CShl (Special Event Sheet, personalized) of 10 diff. stamps & 10 tabs - status unsure, not registered in WNS but in Michel as regular stamp)	10→CSHl(10+10t)	88-11, {S}
URUGUAY	31.5.19	St	65 \$	100TH ANNIVERSARY: DEATH OF AMADO NERVO / MS of 1 stamp without bicycle interest - man w. bicycle during the funeral march in Mexico	1→Ms(1)	88-11, {S}
	4.7.19	St	22 \$	BICYCLE SYSTEM / 3 silhouettes of cyclists on bicycle paths	1→Shl(9)	88-11, {S}
Shl		9 x 22 \$	- „ - / Shl of 9 of the above stamp - more cyclists and bicycle path greyed out in margin	88-11, {S}		

Locals

ARGENTINA						
TRANSLYF S.A.	???	St		CANDIDACY OF BUENOS AIRES FOR THE 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES / Stylized cyclist	3	88-11
GERMANY¹						
ARRIVA (BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG)	12.4.18	MS	div.	COUNTRY GARDEN SHOW LAHR 2018 / MS of 4 diff.stamps incl. M 65 stamp of 1.2.2019 - no further bicycle motif in margin	6→6Shl(10)→MS(4)	88-12
LVZ POST	12.5.19	PS	45 c	LVZ FAHRRADFEST 2019 / Card with imprinted stamp "LVZ-Fahrradfest 12. Mai 2019" and backlit photo of 2 cyclists - same picture on backside	1	88-12

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/>)

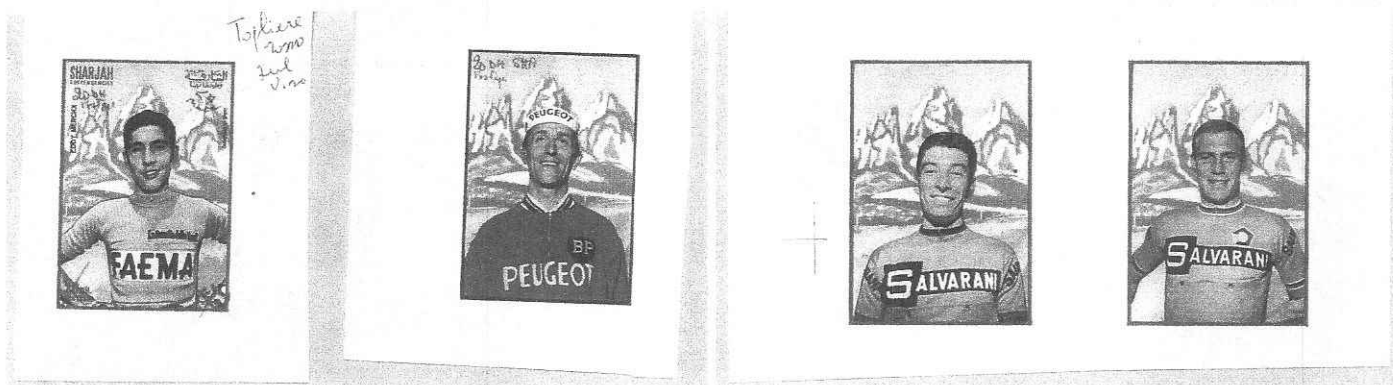
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1. Additions to the list are indicated by a heavy solid left-hand border to the country's name box. Additions that are not really new, but not mentioned in one of the known Bicycle Stamp catalogues (Batho, Hilarides, Malone, Muhsil, Waltl) marked with a white * in the border.
2. Issues marked * have been corrected or have additional information. The additional or corrected information is underlined.
3. On future issues the date is fat and gray shaded.
4. 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).
5. 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)
6. Content of set: Meaning of signs and abbreviations
"→" = published in ... (ex. 2→2Shl(10) = 2 stamps published in 2 sheetlets of 10 each)
7. The last column shows where the stamp is illustrated, with BS number, followed by page number.
8. 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>).
9. Personalized stamps are only listed if they are published by postal administrations or well-known organizations.

Many thanks to Piet Hein Hilarides, Michel Lesueur and Cyclophil for their valuable information.

Unissued stamps

4 Proofs of unissued stamps for Sharjah (~1969) with photos of Ajman issues (FORMAT INTERNATIONAL SECURITY PRINTERS LTD.) with handwritten notes.



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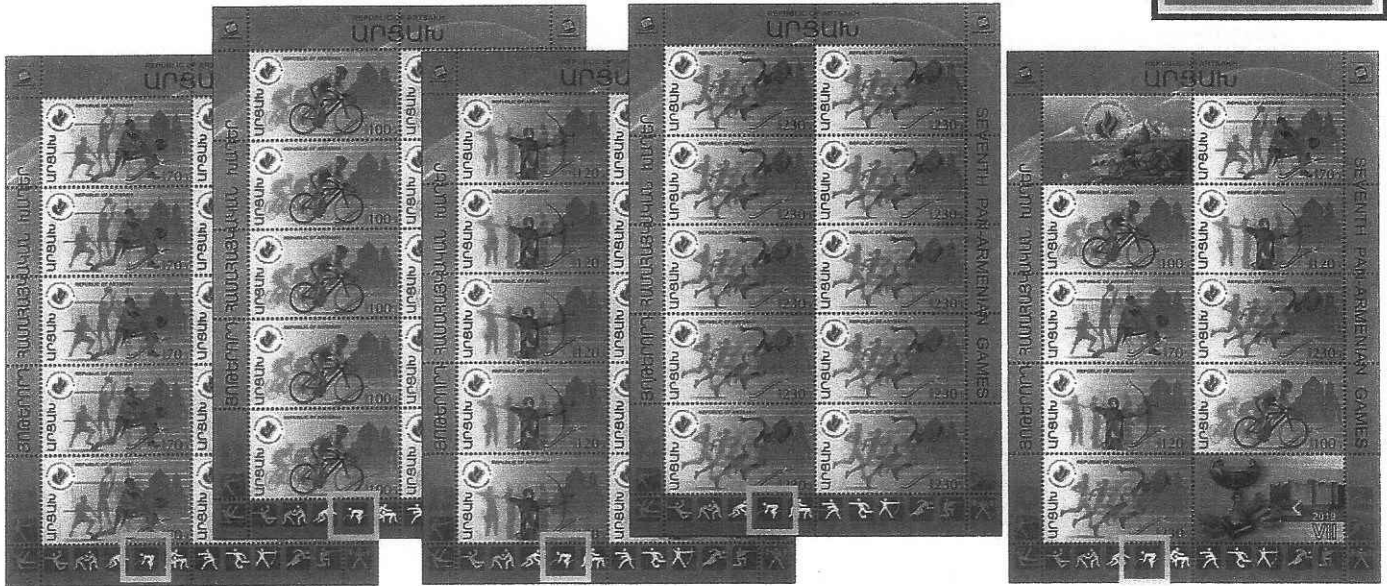
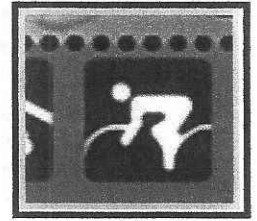
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4.8.19



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16.5.19



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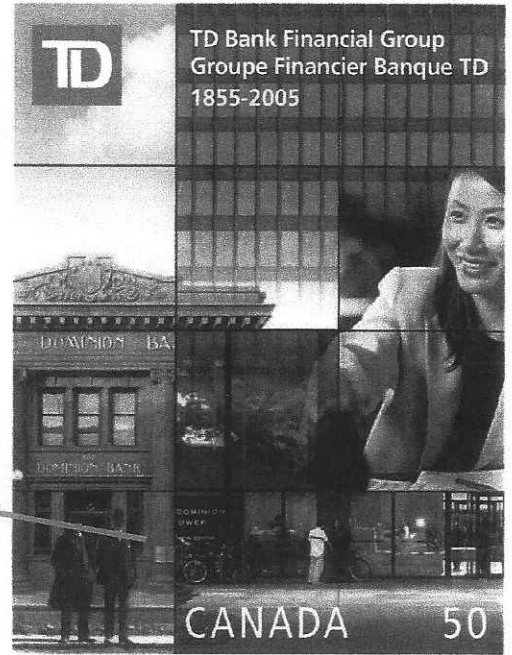




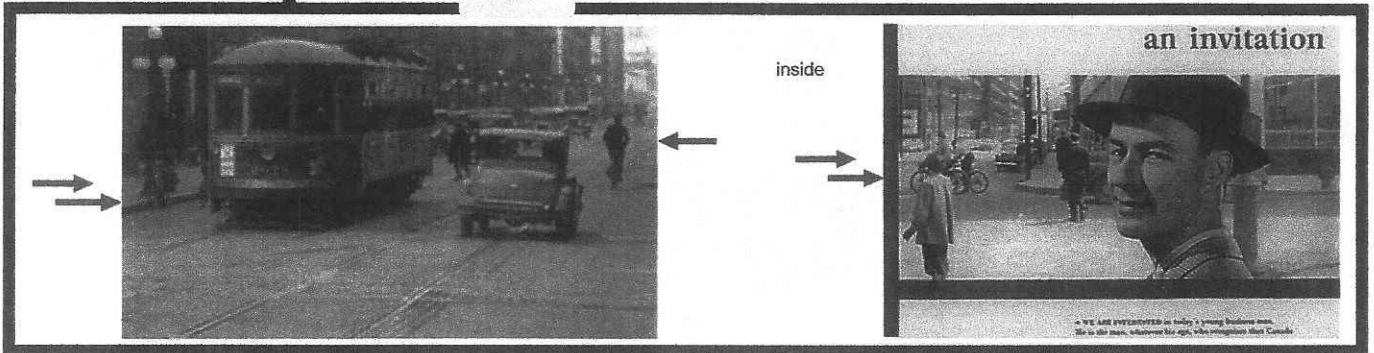
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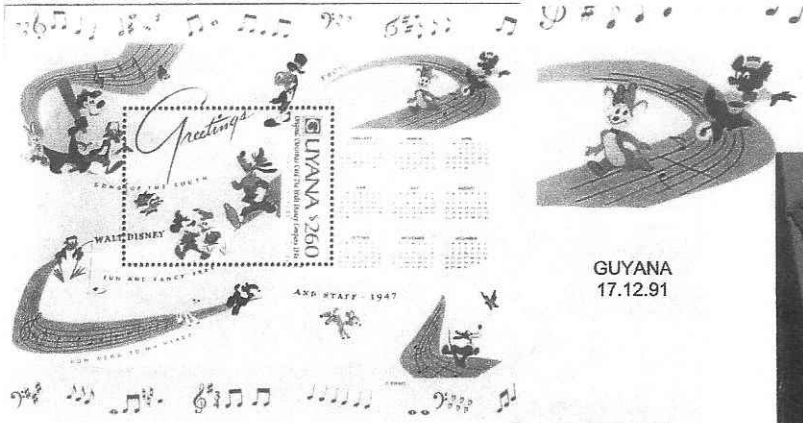


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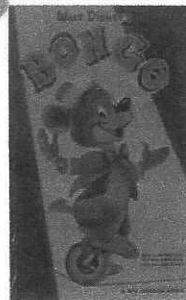


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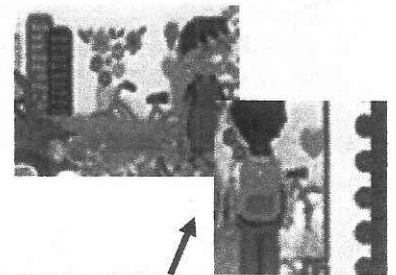
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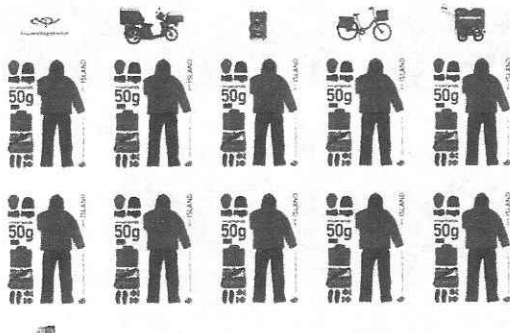
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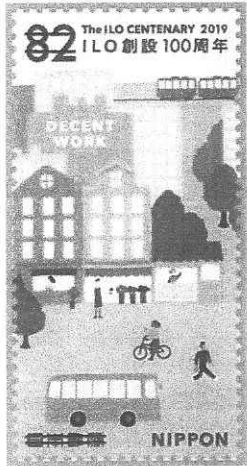
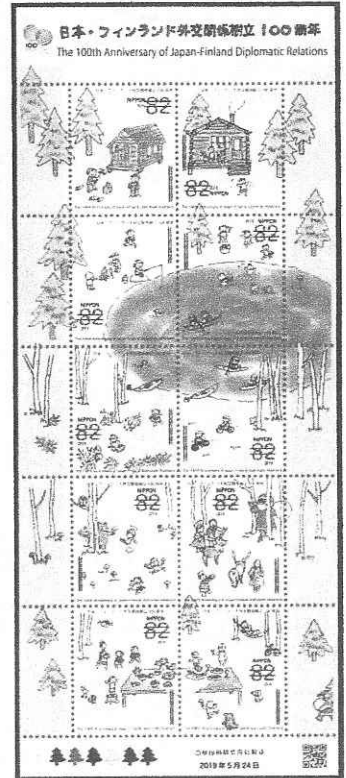


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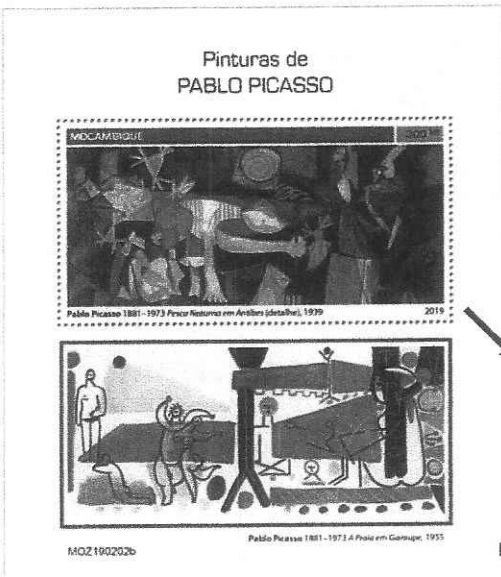


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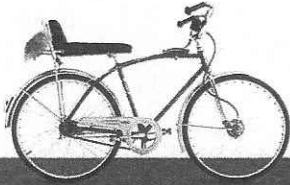
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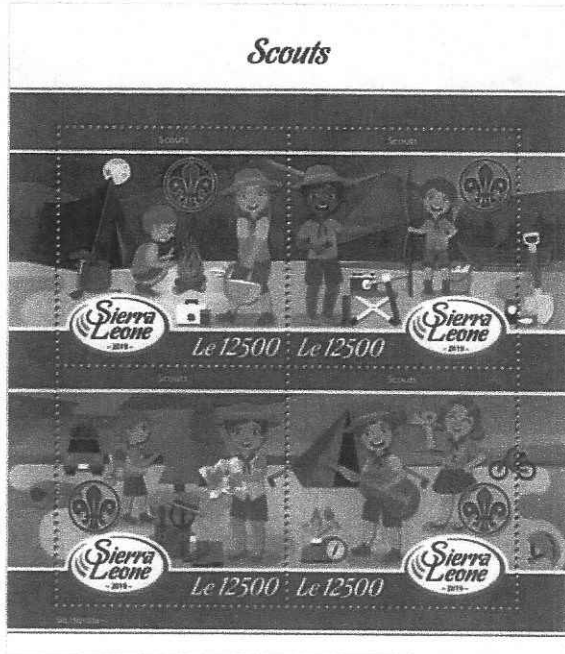
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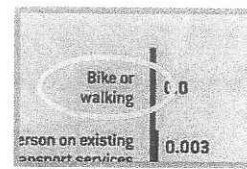
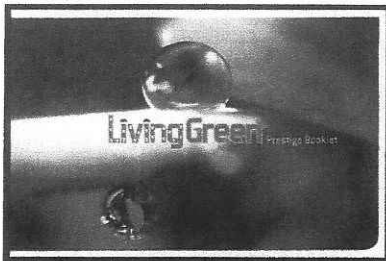
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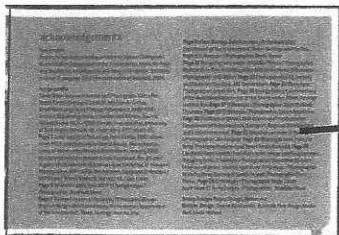
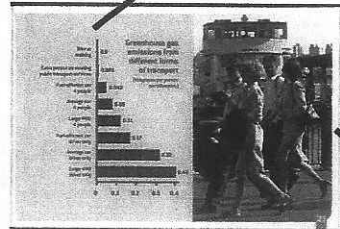


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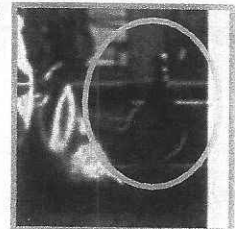
AUSTRALIA
8.7.08



green alternatives, several of which are illustrated on this stamp. we can bike, walk or get public transport to work or the shops, or use the phone or email instead of running around in the car.



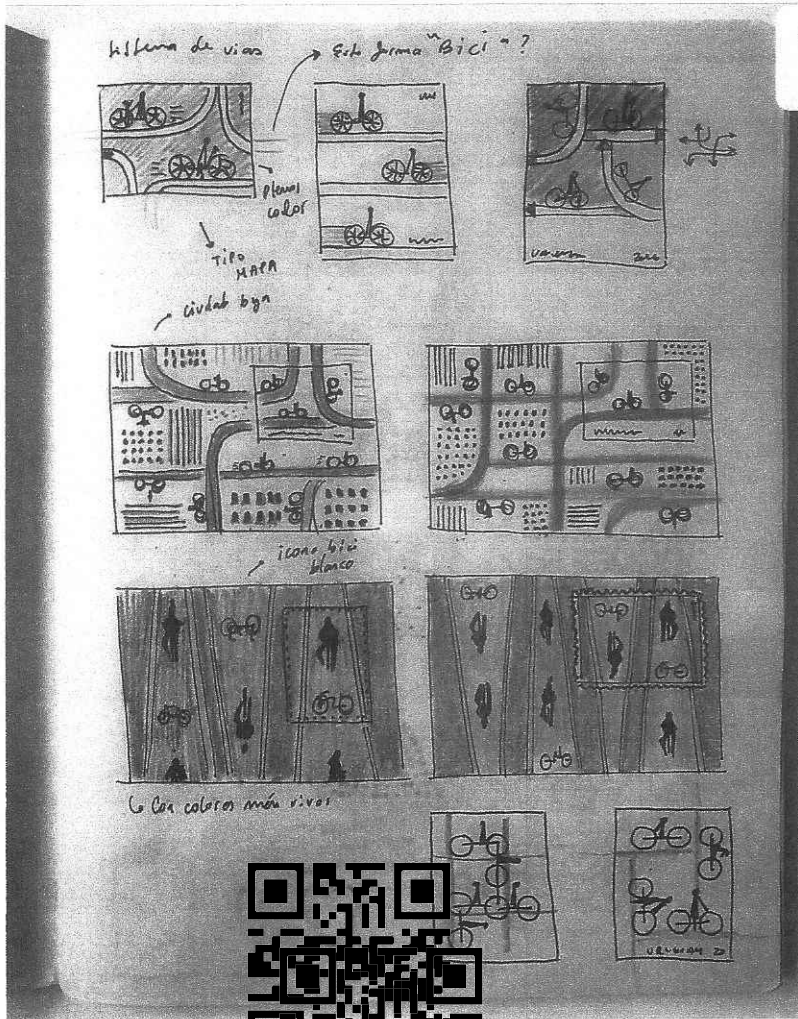
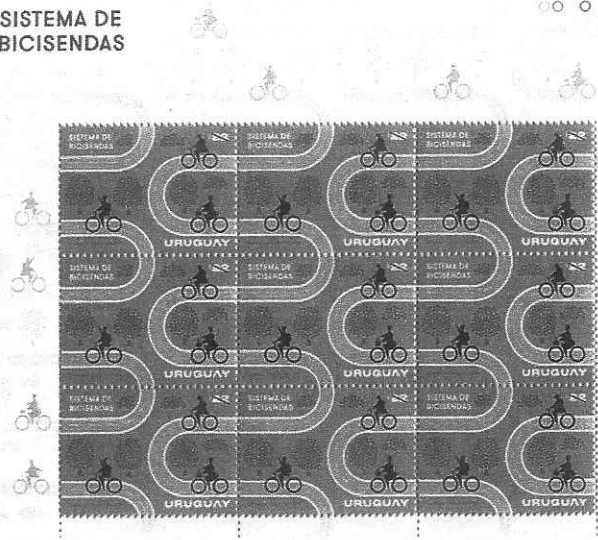
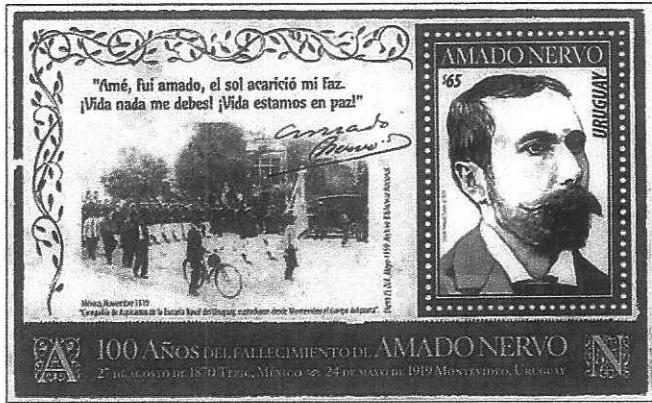
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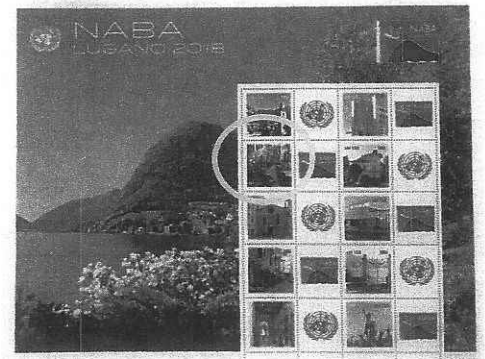
URUGUAY
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SISTEMA DE
BICISENDAS



Uruguay: alternative sketches for
"Sistema de Bicisendas" by
designer Martín Azambua

UN -
GENEVA
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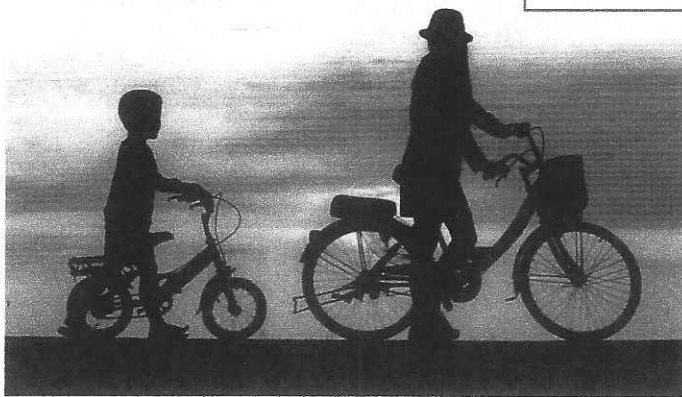
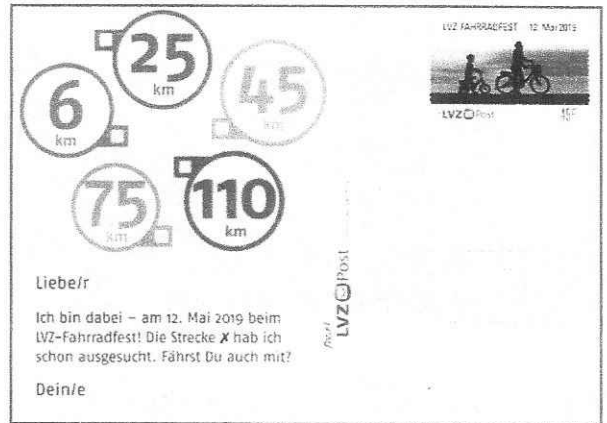
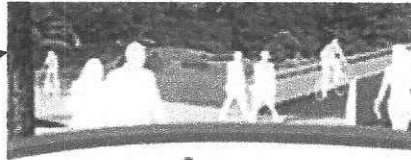
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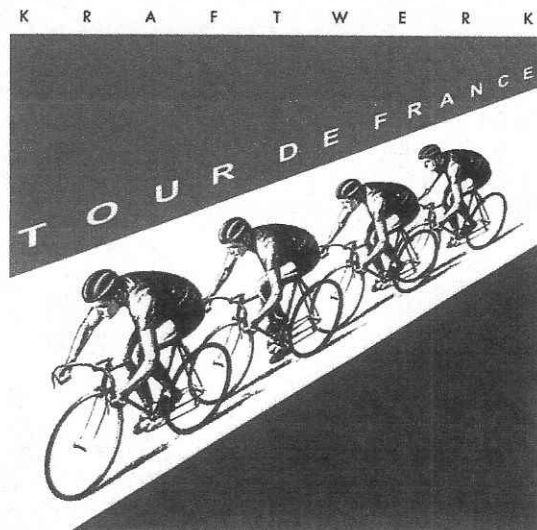
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Stamp sampling

Rumors from the internet reveal that the cover of the 1983 single record "Tour de France" of the German electronic music band Kraftwerk, released to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Tour, was inspired by an image that had appeared on the 1953 Hungarian postage stamp, commemorating the opening the Népstadion (People's Stadium) in Budapest. There is no verification about this but judge that for yourself ...



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Sydney



LE 23 SEPTEMBRE 1993, les membres du Comité international olympique réunis à Monte-Carlo désignaient Sydney comme ville hôte des Jeux de la XXVII^e Olympiade. Située sur l'une des plus belles baies du monde, la plus vaste et plus ancienne ville d'Australie accueille donc quelque 10 000 athlètes venus de près de 200 pays, du 15 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2000. Les Jeux Paralympiques se tiendront quelques jours plus tard également à Sydney.

C'est en 1896 que les Jeux Olympiques de l'ère moderne sont célébrés pour la première fois, à Athènes, sous l'impulsion du Français Pierre de Coubertin. D'abord constitués d'une seule édition intitulée « les jeux de l'Olympiade » (Jeux d'été), les JO s'étendent plus tard à de nouvelles disciplines avec la création d'une édition hivernale. Chacun des deux vient consacrer une Olympiade de quatre années. Les deux éditions se sont tenues la même année jusqu'en 1992 et se déroulent, depuis, à deux ans d'intervalle. Ainsi, les derniers Jeux d'été ont eu lieu en 1996 à Atlanta, ceux d'hiver en 1998 à Nagano. Les prochains Jeux d'hiver se tiendront à Salt Lake City en 2002 et le rendez-vous estival de 2004 sera célébré dans le berceau de l'Olympisme, à Athènes.

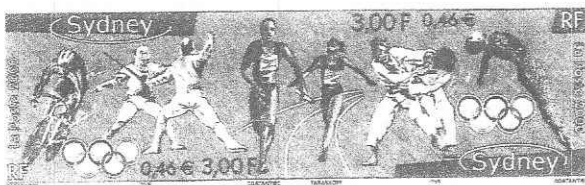
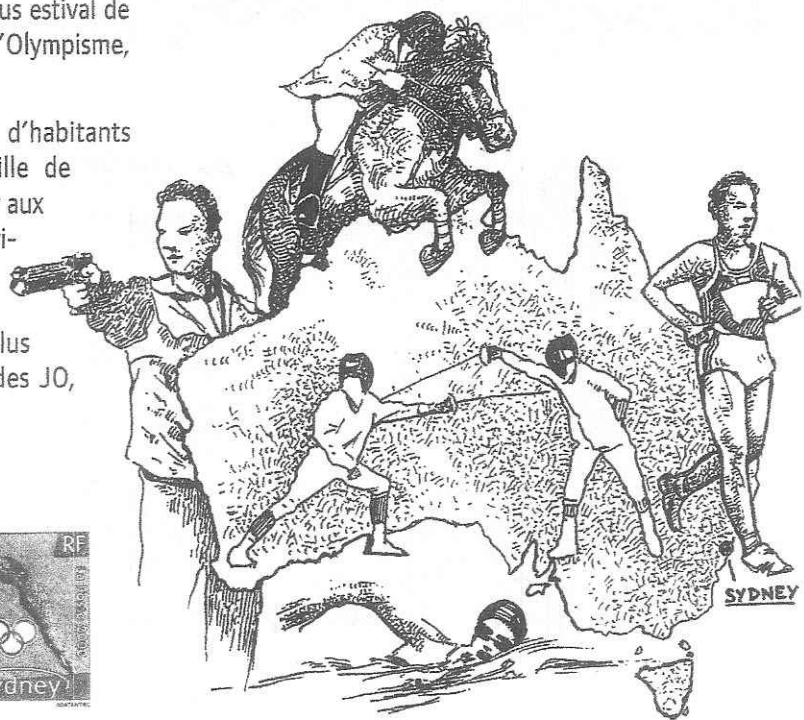
Après avoir mobilisé ses 3,9 millions d'habitants pour soutenir sa candidature, la ville de Sydney a tout mis en œuvre pour offrir aux athlètes et aux visiteurs le meilleur environnement pour partager le plaisir du sport. Théâtre central des Jeux de Sydney, le stade olympique sera le plus grand site en plein air de l'histoire des JO,

avec une capacité de 110 000 spectateurs.

Pour réduire au minimum les déplacements lors des compétitions et assurer aux athlètes comme au public des conditions optimales de confort, 21 des 28 disciplines olympiques seront concentrées dans deux zones distantes de seulement 14 km.

Le 15 septembre, des milliards de téléspectateurs et d'auditeurs pourront suivre en direct la cérémonie d'ouverture des Jeux, et se préparer à vibrer ensemble à ce rassemblement de toute la jeunesse du monde.

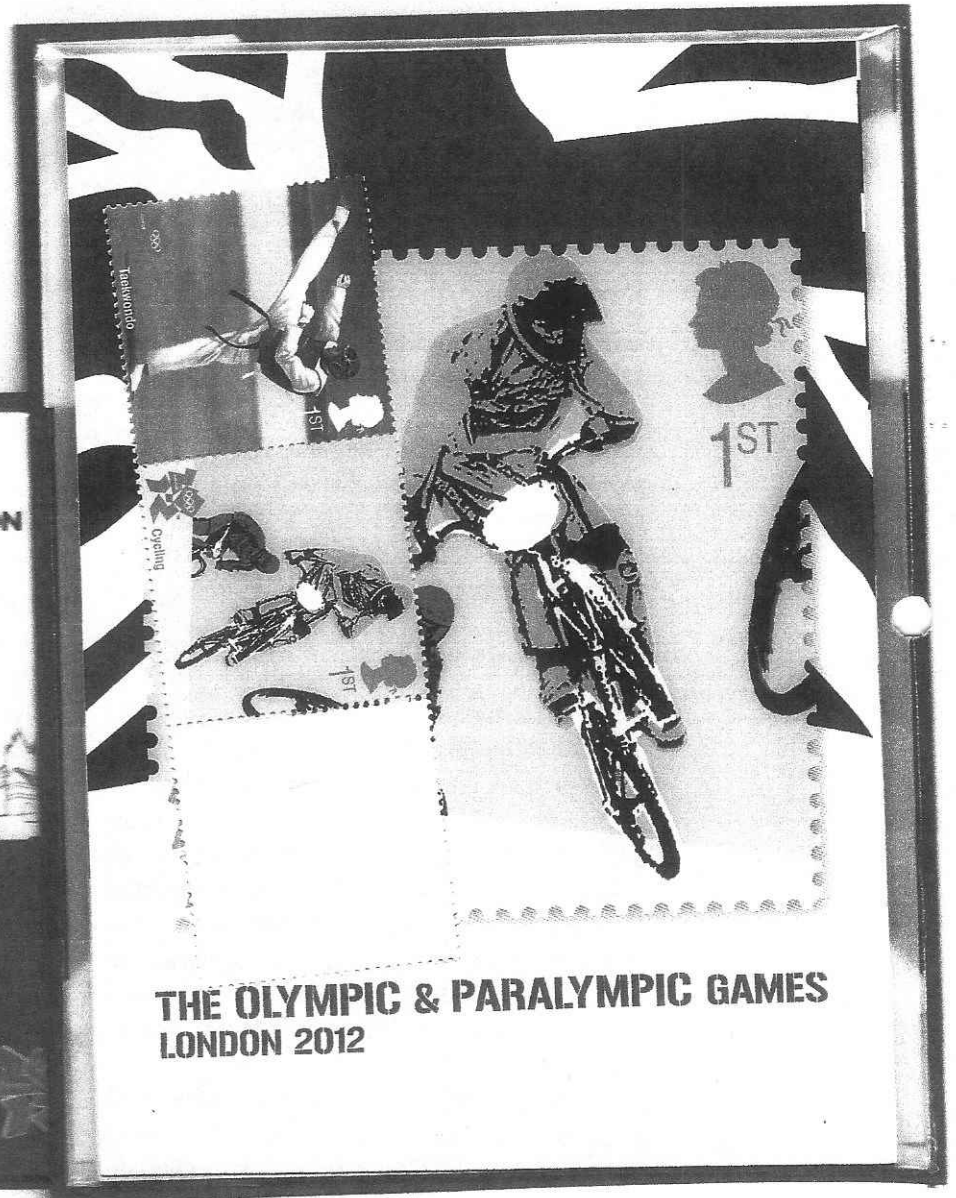
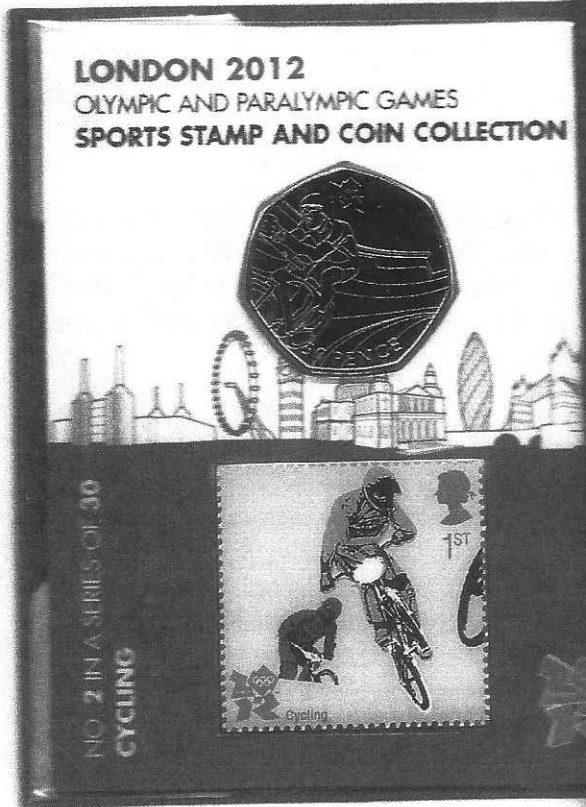
Par-delà les Jeux de Sydney, le mouvement olympique français célébrera le centenaire des JO de Paris, ainsi que la mort d'Henri Didon, fidèle ami de Pierre de Coubertin, et inventeur, en 1891, de la devise olympique « Citus, Altius, Fortius ». Prier du collège Albert-le-Grand à Arcueil, Henri Didon fut un grand précurseur du sport. Il formula de façon moderne l'idée que le sport peut jouer un rôle de catalyseur dans l'œuvre éducative et l'institution de la paix grâce aux Jeux Olympiques.



Pentathlon moderne. Taraskoff del.

LOOKING BACK TO THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012

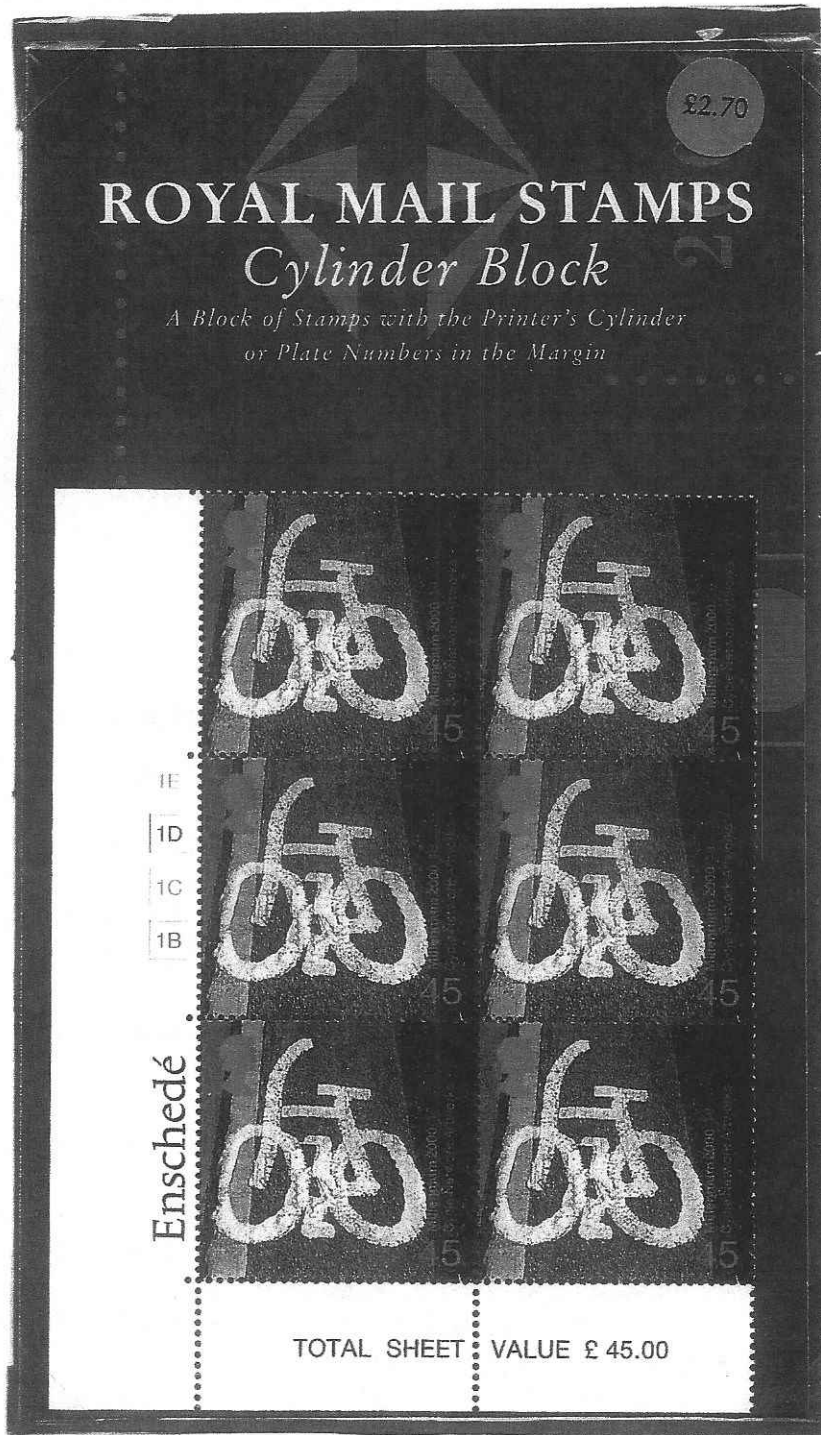
The 3rd Olympic issue on 27 Jul 2010 included a cycle stamp and 9 other sports. The same cycle stamp was included in a pack of 5 stamps and 5 postcards (right) and a stamp/ coin pack (below). A self adhesive cycle stamp was issued in a booklet 12 Oct 2010.



ROYAL MAIL'S MILLENNIUM COLLECTION 2000

ART & CRAFT was the title of Royal Mail's fifth millennium set for 2000.

The 45p stamp depicts the Cycle Network Artworks. Grants of 435 million pounds supported the National Cycle network, a major Millennium project which involved over 3,000 miles of construction spanning the country from the North of Scotland to the South East and South West of England & through Wales and Northern Ireland. Stamp photogravure printed by Enschedé.

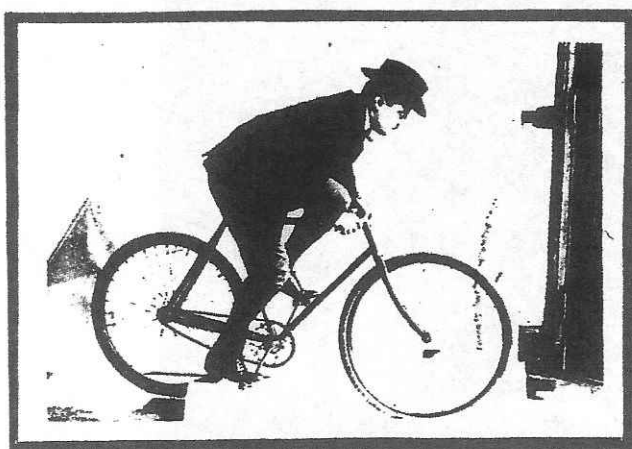


This cylinder block was issued in a special pack by Royal Mail whilst the stamp was on sale.

THE SPEEDY, HISTORY OF U. S. SPECIAL DELIVERY SERVICE

This is the title of a Book by Henry M. Gobie and published by his wife Wilhemina, copyright 1976. It is a hard back book of almost 300 pages describing the United States Special Delivery stamps issued between 1885 and 1971. The Bicycle Special Delivery stamps, 1902 -1917, are described in detail in Part II, which also includes 13 pages of the USA Postal Law and regulations, 1902, pertaining to the Special Delivery Service.

Mr Ostrander Smith, a Bureau artist and former Chief Designer for the American Banknote Company, suggested that the new stamp should show a messenger mounted on a bicycle. The suggestion was accepted and Mr Smith was photographed astride a Post Office bicycle to produce a rough first draft for the new stamp. A boy messenger's uniform and cap were substituted in the final artwork.



LEFT: photograph of R Ostrander on bike. RIGHT: Scott E11 Perf 11 with Plate No.

The die for the new 10c ultramarine stamp was engraved by Ponickau and Ellis and was first issued December 9, 1902, on double lined watermarked paper, perf. 12, one hundred stamps to a plate. Scott's catalogue number is E6 and Scott records the plate numbers as 1481, 1482, 1483, 1484, 1773, 1774, 1775 and 1776.

Postmasters had to comply with the 1902, and subsequent Regulations but it is clear that different interpretations applied. A brief summary follows,

1. The Special Delivery charge was 10 cents prepaid by the Special Delivery stamp plus the normal postage charge.
2. Letters bearing Special Delivery stamps had to be marked with a number and a record kept, which included the time of arrival. A messenger force was employed to carry out Special Deliveries immediately, if within one mile of the Special Delivery Office. The carrier-delivery limit applied at smaller Post Offices. If outside these limits items had to be forwarded in the next despatch.
3. Boy messengers from the age of 13 years, later from 16 years, were employed and took an oath in order to carry out these deliveries. They occupied an area in the office away from the regular postal staff.
4. Messengers were paid monthly a sum equal to 80% of the total value of the Special Delivery stamps on the items delivered, subject to a maximum sum of \$30. Each Messenger was allocated a book to record each letter delivered, subject to

examination by an Inspector in the department. Any reason for non-delivery had to be recorded and the item marked "Forwarded, delivery fee paid at first office". If an addressee had advised the Post Office of a change of address in advance, the item had to be forwarded in the next post and marked "Forward, fee not claimed".

5. The hours of Special Delivery were either 7am to 7pm or 7am to 11pm.

Stanley Gibbons *Stamps of the World*, under USA, illustrates E117 - Messenger on a bicycle - and the year 1917 with SG number E529. Michael Goodman, Editor of *Stamp Lover*, kindly provided me with a copy of the information on the bicycle stamp from Scott's Specialised USA stamp catalogue which provides far more detail.

The first bicycle messenger Special Delivery 10 cent ultramarine stamp, with shades, E6 was issued December 9, 1902. It had a double line watermark USPS and was perforated 12. In addition to the prices for a single mint and used stamp and on cover, prices are quoted for shades, blocks of 4, blocks of 6, plate blocks of 6 and marginal strips of 3 mint and never hinged mint. The earliest date known of the stamp on cover is January 15, 1903.

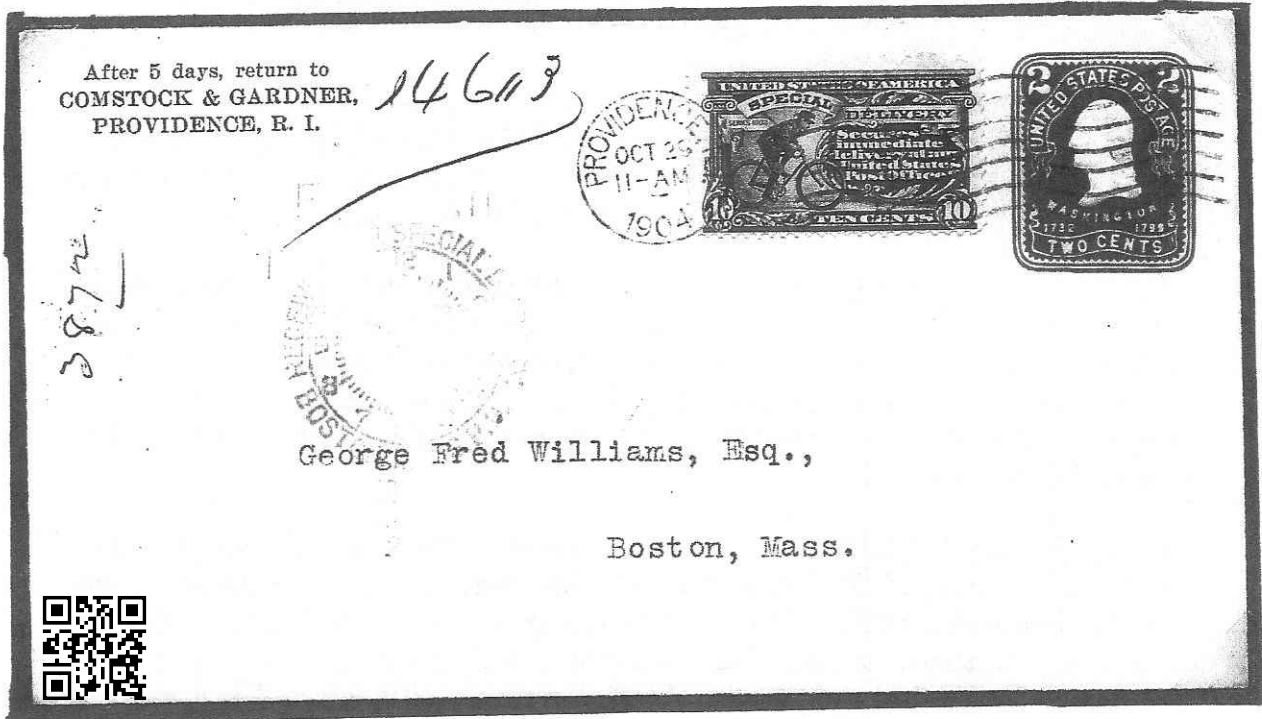
A smaller Green Special Delivery stamp was issued on December 12, 1908 described as "Helmet of Mercy" or "Merry Widow". This stamp proved to be unpopular and was replaced with a reprint of the bicycle stamp on 8 January, 1911, renumbered E8. The colour remained as before as ultramarine, with shades and perf 12 but the watermarked paper had a single line USPS. The earliest date known E8 on cover is January 14, 1911.

Further issues of the bicycle Special Delivery stamp followed. E9 was issued in September 1914, with a single line USPS watermark, but perf. 10. This was printed in plates of 200 and 4 panes of 50. The earliest known use of this stamp on cover is October 26, 1914. E10 was issued on October 19, 1916, still ultramarine with shades but on unwatermarked paper and perf. 10. This is the scarcest of the bicycle stamps. The earliest known date of use on cover is November 4, 1916. The final bicycle Special Delivery stamp was issued on May 2, 1917 on unwatermarked paper but perf.11. The stamp was in use until the next Special Delivery stamp was issued on July 12 1922 with an illustration of a motorcycle.



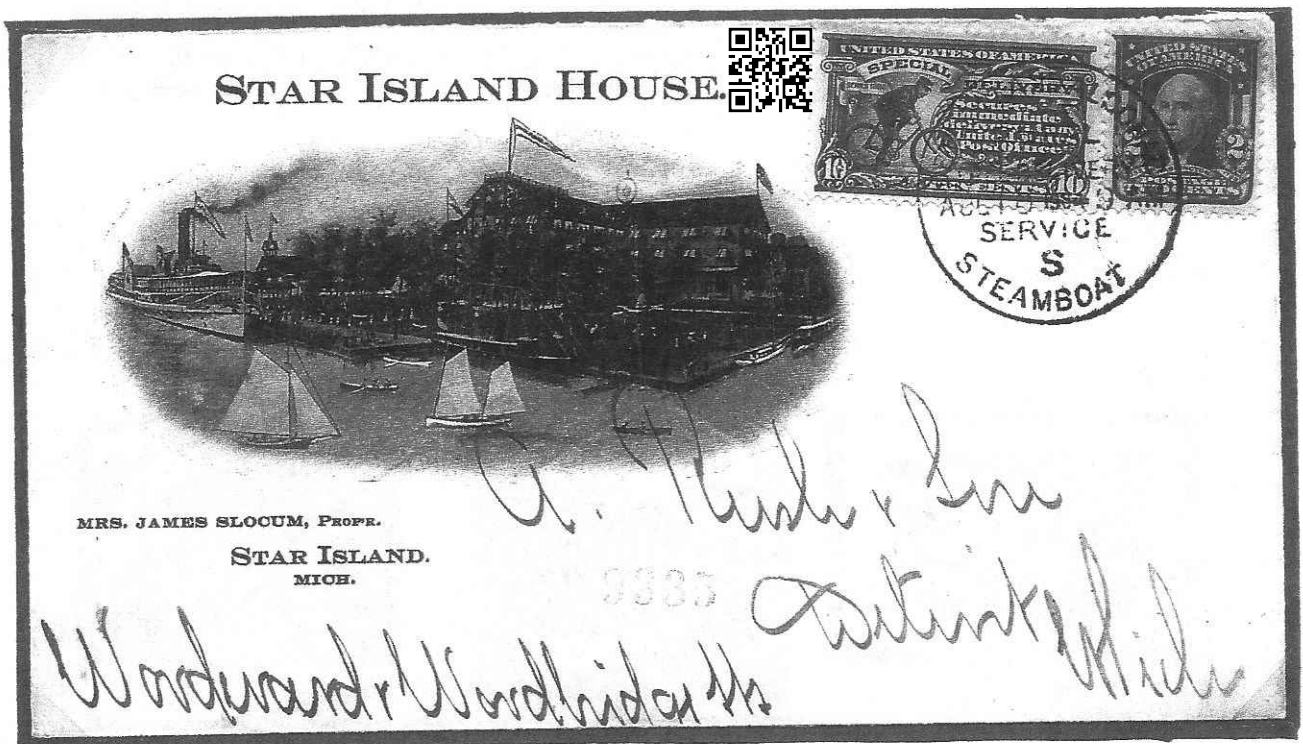
U.S. SPECIAL DELIVERY COVERS 1904

Whilst the instructions are very detailed, it does not appear that the postmasters or the messengers always conform to them. Examples from my own collection follow

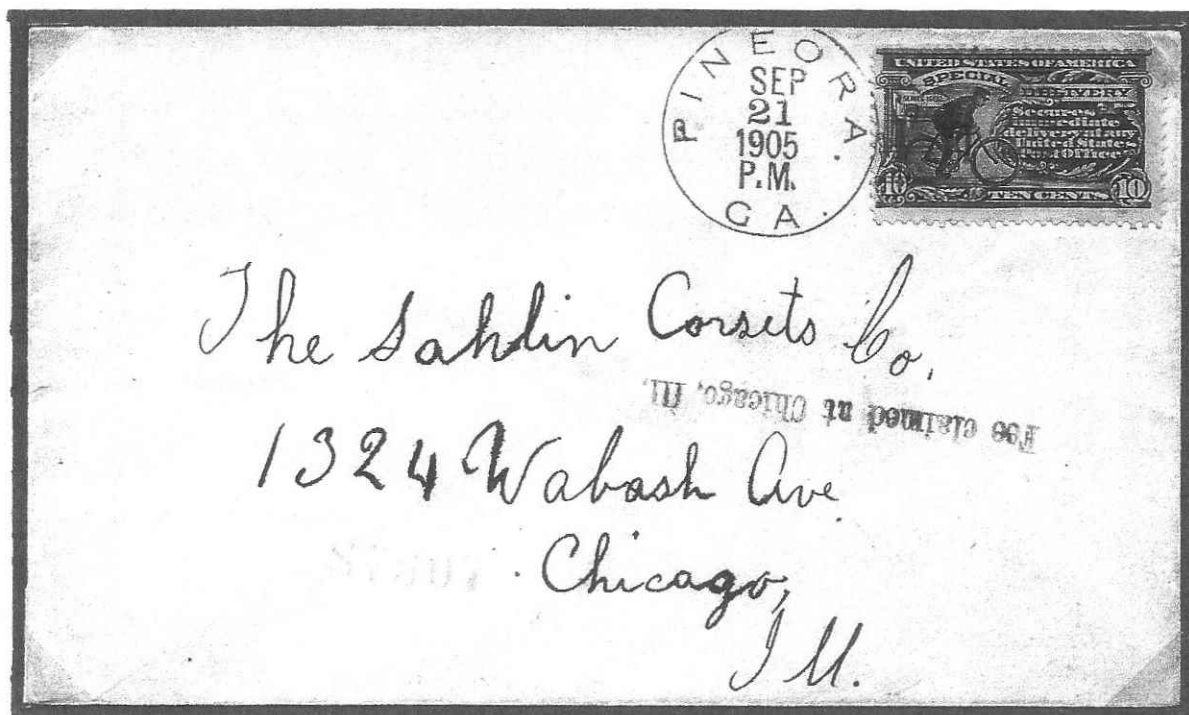


TOP: Special Delivery stamp on 2 cent postal stationery envelope sent Providence to Boston Oct 29, 1904. NB Boston Clock Dial 'FEE PAID Dial at 10am, 1904 OCT 29'

BELOW: Special Delivery stamp with large circular cancellation "DETROIT & ALGONAC RURAL FREE DELIVERY SERVICE AUG 10 1904 STEAMBOAT"



U.S. SPECIAL DELIVERY COVERS 1905 and 1907

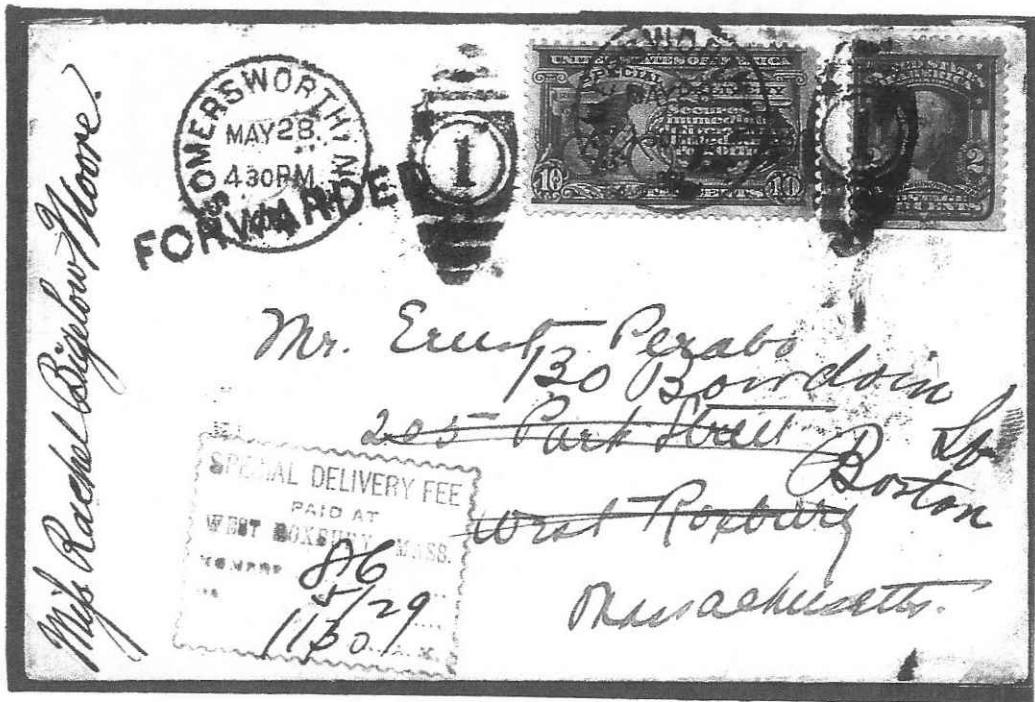


TOP: Special Delivery stamp E6 cancelled PINEORA, GA, 21 Sep 1905. A scarce cancel only recorded 20 Jul 05 – 1 Aug 06. NB rubber stamp, 'Fee claimed at Chicago, Ill' & No. 87907 BUT domestic postage not paid/ No postage due stamps.

BELOW: Special Delivery stamp Scott E6 from The Queen's Hotel Toronto Oct 15, 1907 to Chicago. NB large "R" (registered) but Special Delivery intended in Chicago.

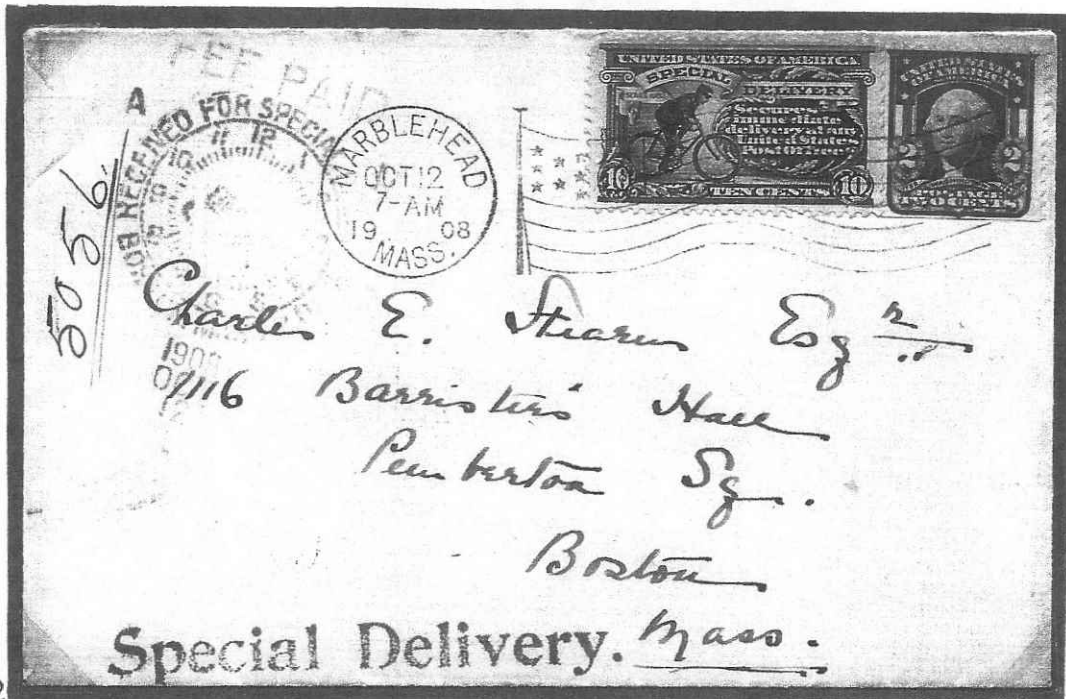


U.S. SPECIAL DELIVERY COVERS 1907 and 1908



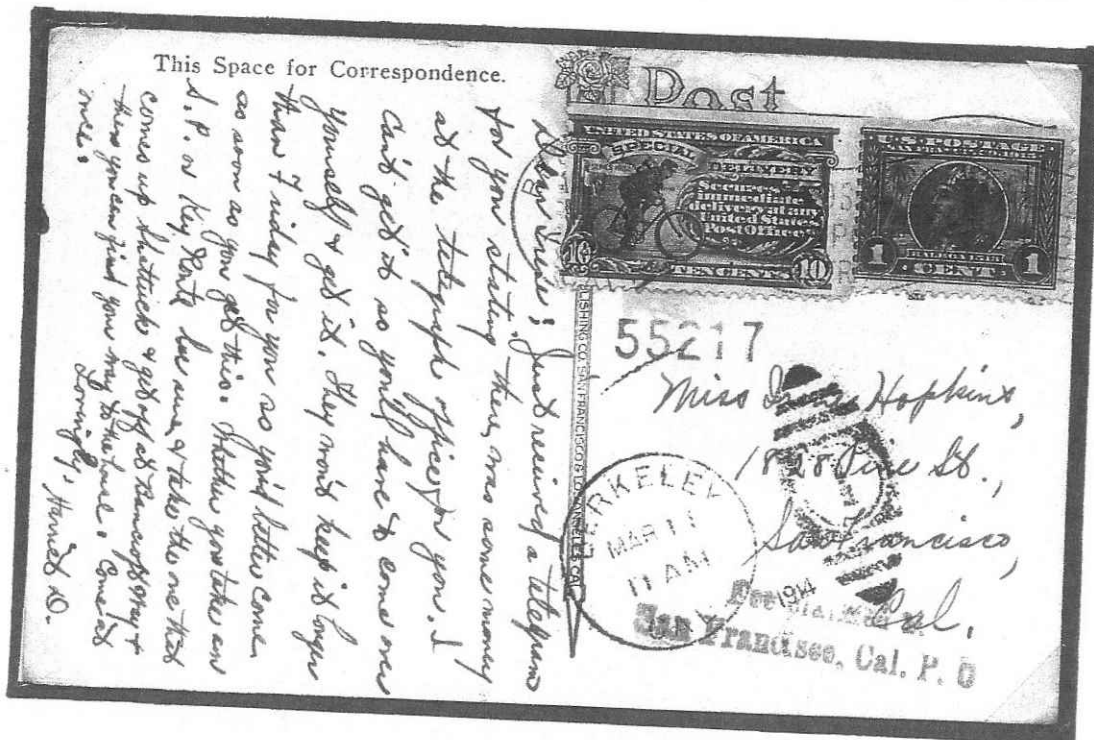
TOP: Special Delivery stamp cancelled Somersworth May 28, 1907. NB Rubber stamp in mauve "SPECIAL DELIVERY FEE paid at WESTBOXBURY, MASS plus 86(no),5/29(date)11.30 (time) handwritten. Addressee moved; FORWARDED added.

BELOW: Special Delivery Scott E6 cancelled Marblehead Mass Oct 12 1908 with rubber stamp 'SPECIAL DELIVERY' at foot & circular Boston 'clock dial' 'FEE PAID 4pm 1908 Oct 12'. Latest recorded date for 'Boston clock dial' per Markovits.



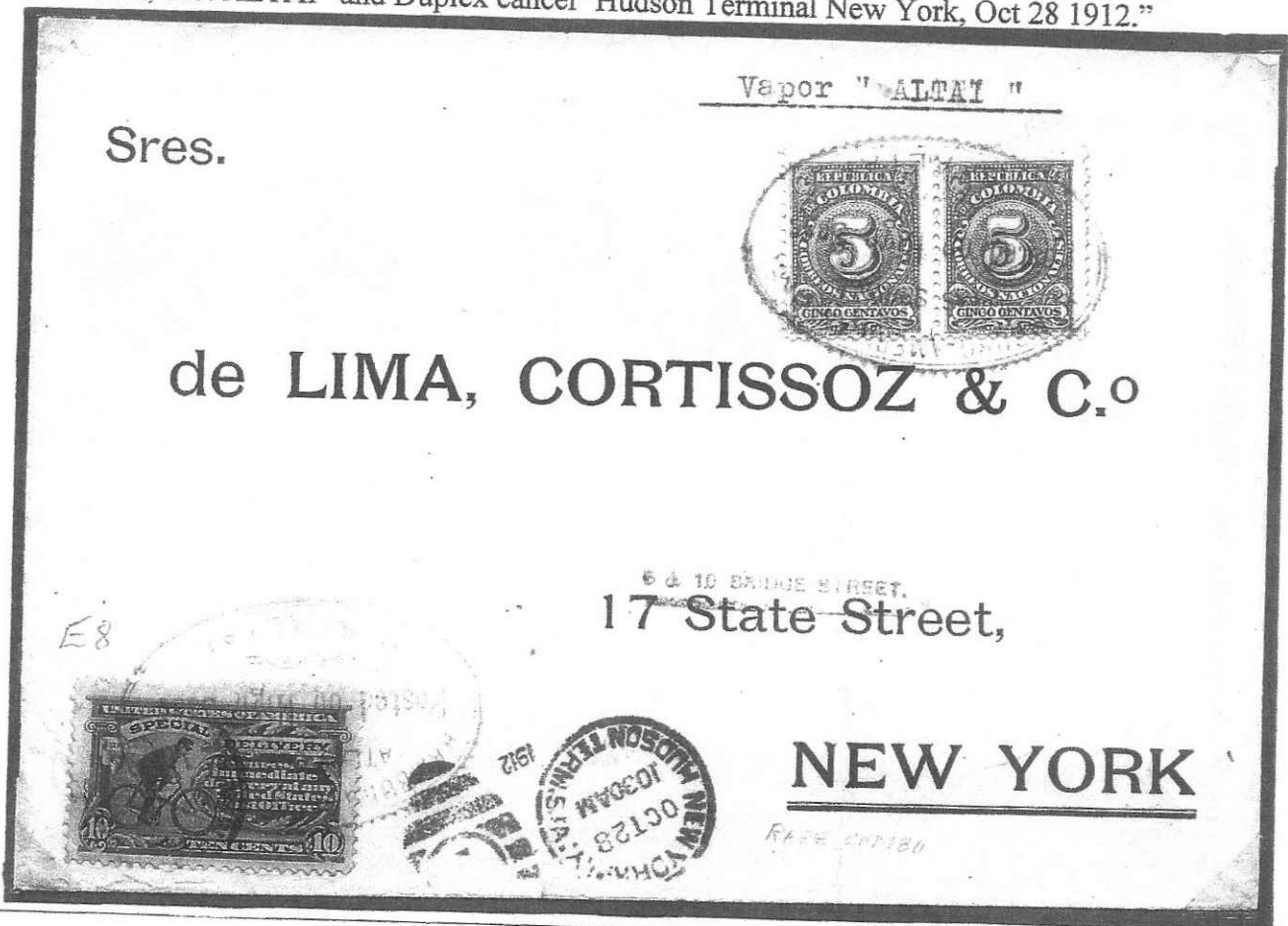
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U.S. SPECIAL DELIVERY COVERS 1914 and 1912



TOP: Special Delivery Scott E8 but imperf. top margin & 1c US stamp on postcard, Berkeley Mar 11, 1914. NB red-mauve, "Fee claimed at San Francisco Cal P.O."

BELOW: Special Delivery Scott E8. NB Oval cancel upside down on Special Delivery and Colombian stamps – "HAMBURG AMERICAN LINE posted on High Seas, S.S. ALTAI" and Duplex cancel "Hudson Terminal New York, Oct 28 1912."

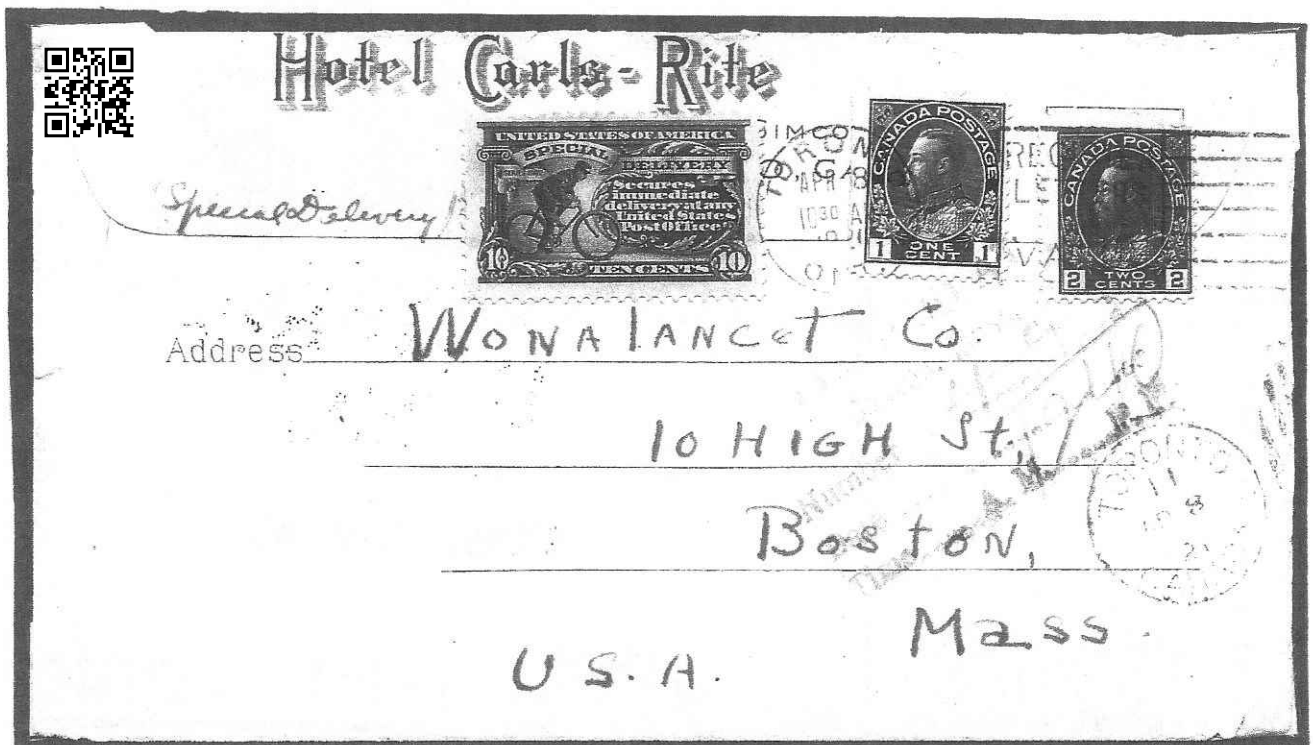


U.S. SPECIAL DELIVERY COVERS 1920 Shanghai and 1921, Toronto.



TOP: Special Delivery Scott E11, perf 11. NB Rare usage US Postal Service, SHANGHAI, China on 3c postal stationery cover and 2X2c USA stamps Aug 9, 1920.

BELOW: Special Delivery Scott E11 TORONTO CANADA April 8, 1921 with faint rubber stamp (not filled in) "Fee paid at Boston. Number.Date.. Time..AM..PM.."
The Agreement signed by Postmaster-General Burluson allowed both USA and Canadian cities to stock each other's Special Delivery stamps from Jan 1915.



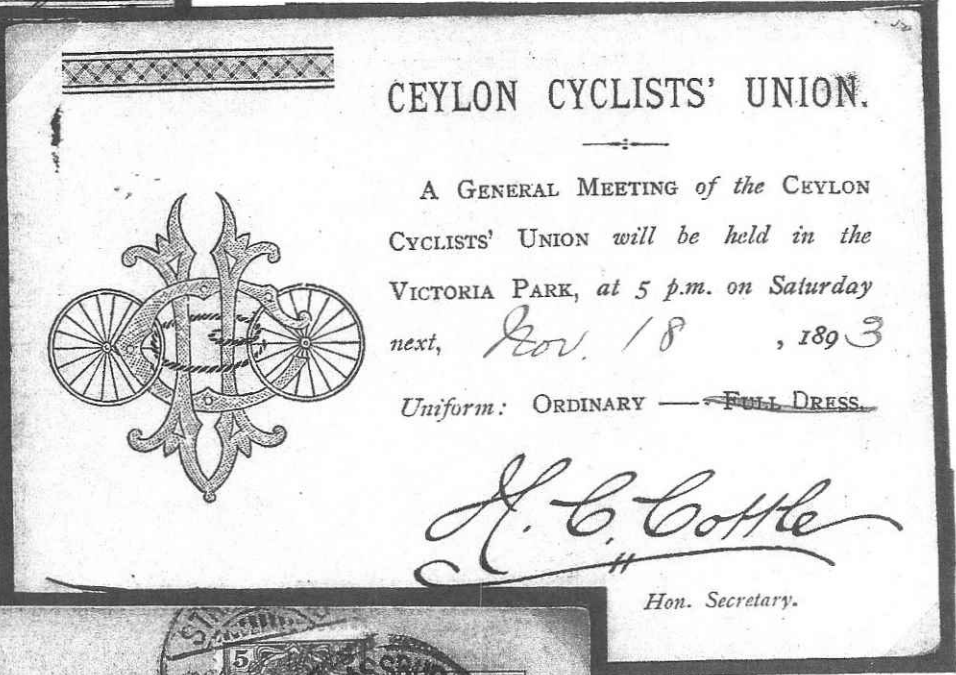
EXAMPLES OF PRINTED POSTCARDS USED BY EUROPEAN CYCLING ORGANIZATIONS.



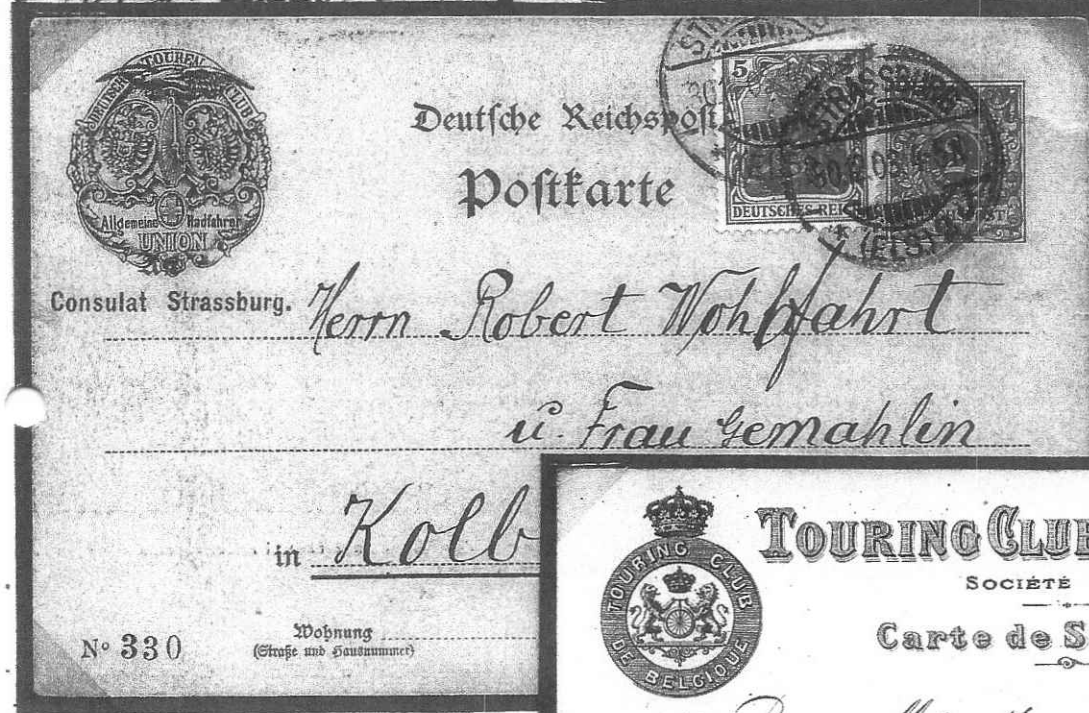
LEFT: NB Original logo for Cyclists' Touring Club on postcard dated 11 February 1892.

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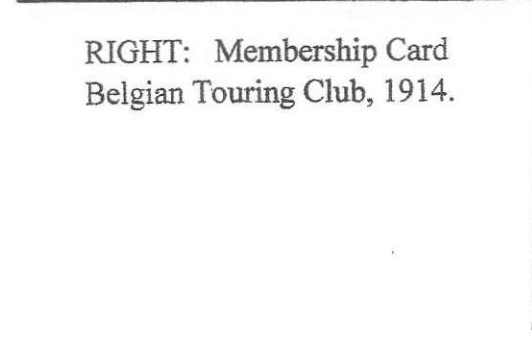
BELOW: Ceylon Cyclists' Union AGM Notice 1893.



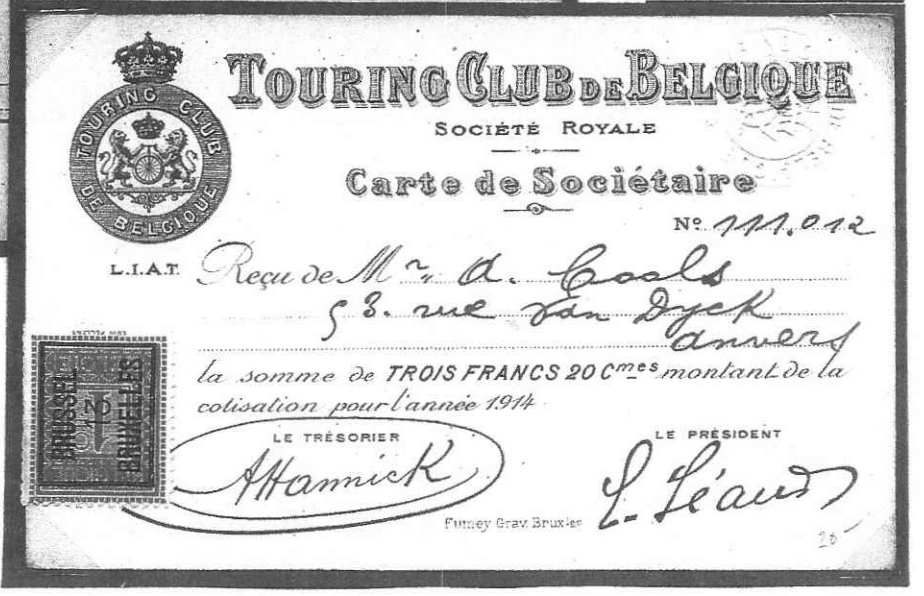
Hon. Secretary.



LEFT: Postcard German Touring Club. 1903. On back photo of 11 cyclists.



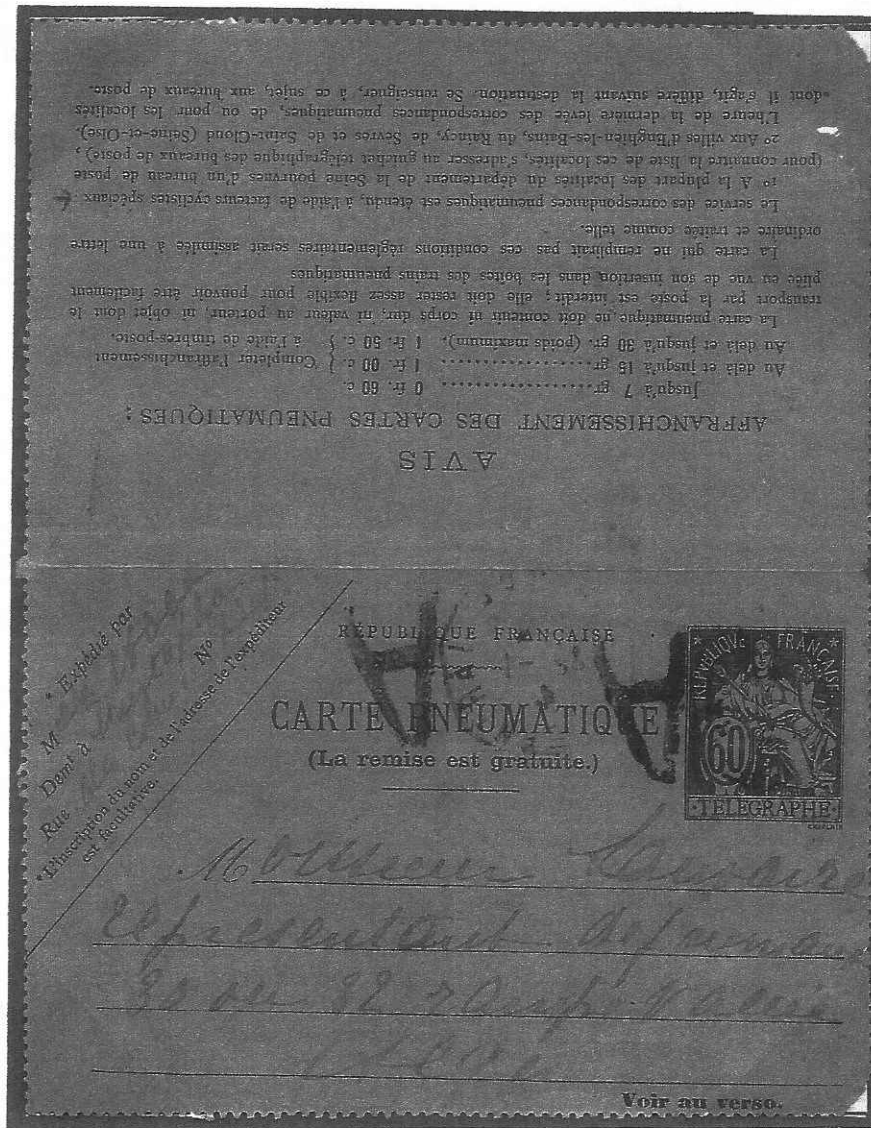
RIGHT: Membership Card Belgian Touring Club, 1914.



THE PARIS PNEUMATIC POST STATIONERY WAS ALSO USED IN ALGIERS

Algiers used the same pneumatic postal stationery as Paris, but had no pneumatic tube system installed. It was used in Algiers for its Express Delivery Service & delivered by messengers on foot or by cycle.

BELOW: 1921 Letter-card with imprint 60c Chaplain stamp used 25.01.23

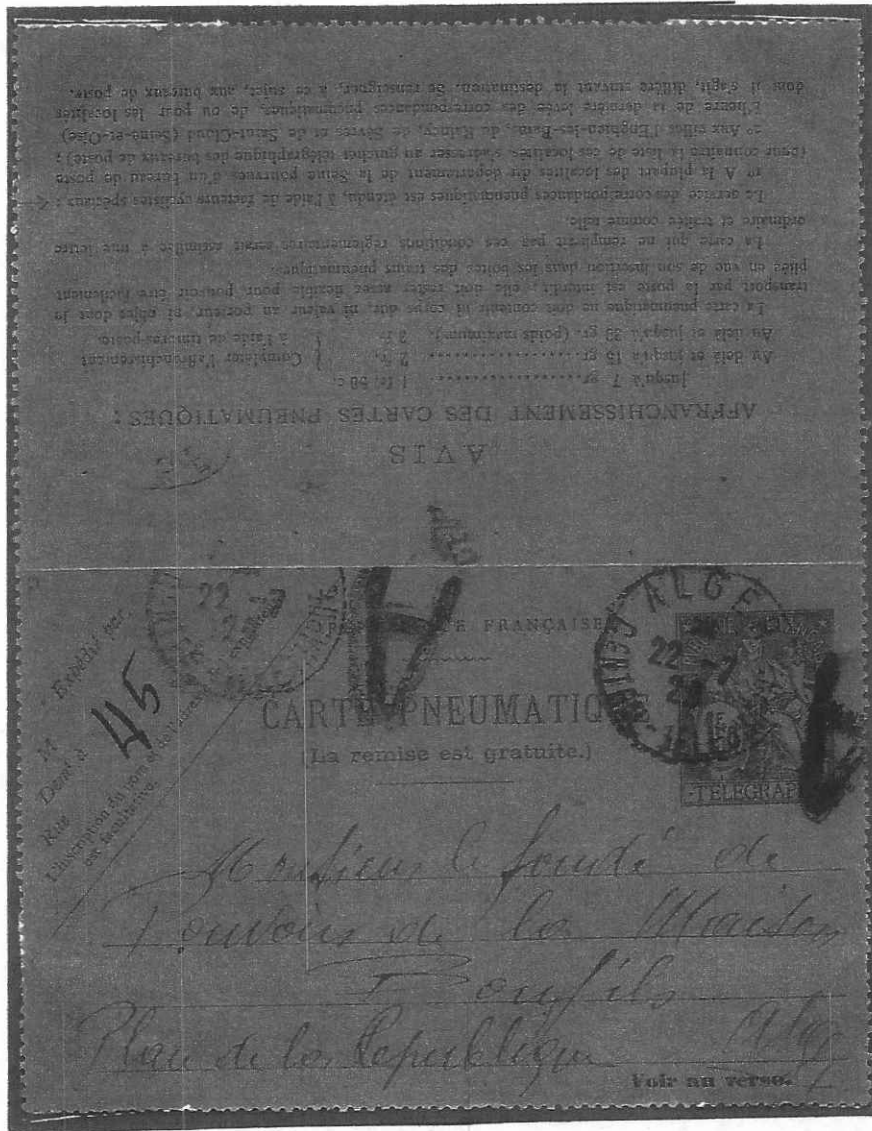


See AVIS (Notice) on back of pneumatic card but upside down
 "Le service des correspondances pneumatiques étendu, à l'aide
 de facteurs cyclistes spéciaux" (delivered by cycle messengers).

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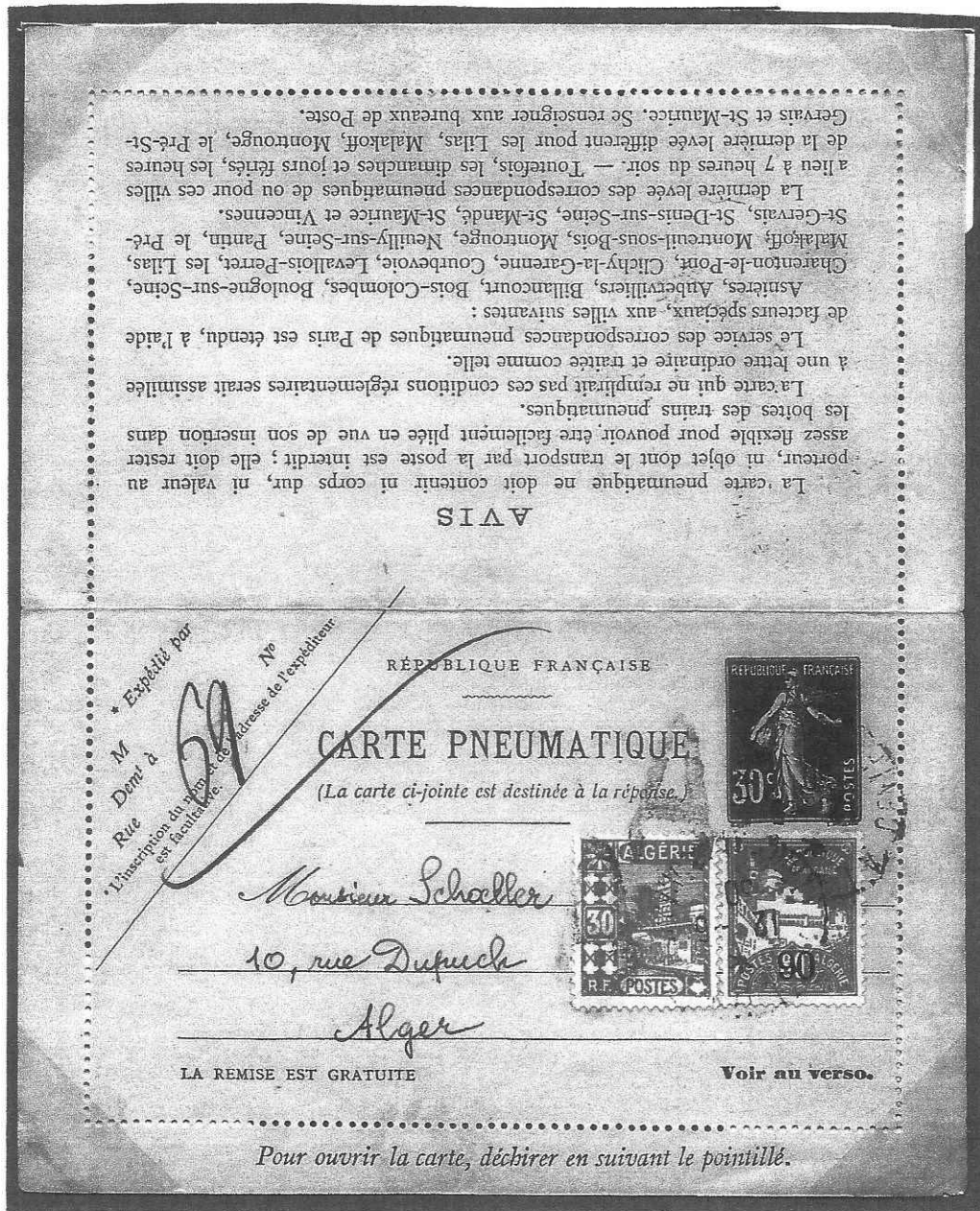
BELOW: 1929 Letter-card with imprint 1fr 50c Chaplain stamp used 22.07.29



See AVIS (Notice) on back of pneumatic card but upside down
 Although the cost of postage had increased the pneumatic post-card had the same message, that delivery by cycle messengers.

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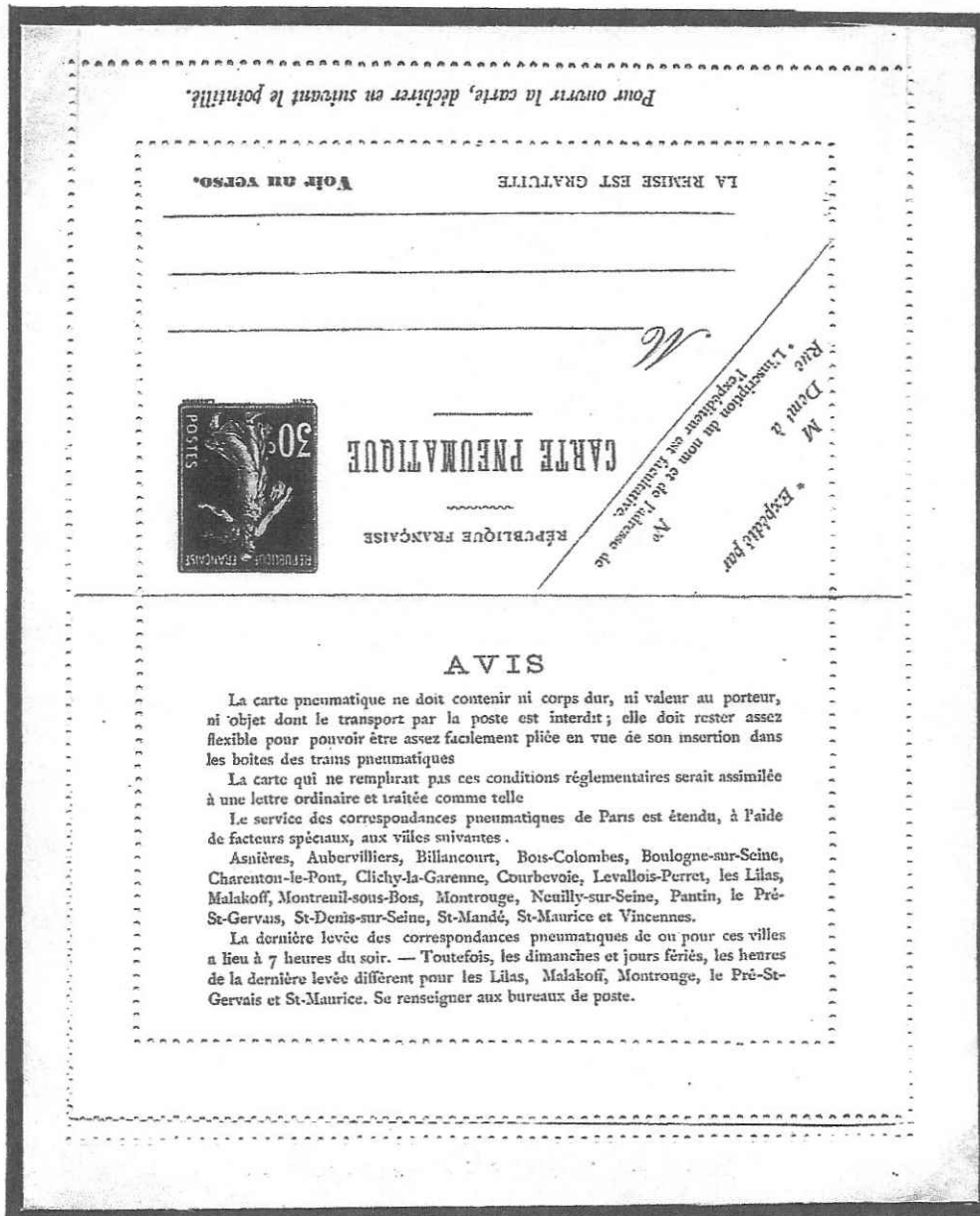
BELOW: Late use 1908 Letter-card with imprint 30c Sower stamp used 12.06.30
 uprated to 1fr. 50c rate from 1 May 1926. Algiers adopted own stationery in 1938.



There is no message inside; the reply card has not been opened and the reply section is still attached. It was used philatelically. The wording on the back confirms delivery by cycle messenger although the reference to the Paris Districts is not applicable.

THE PARIS PNEUMATIC POST STATIONERY WAS ALSO USED IN ALGIERS

BELOW: Scan of reverse of the late use of the 1908 Letter-card used 12.06.30.
The reply section is smaller but forms part of the pneumatic card, folded under.



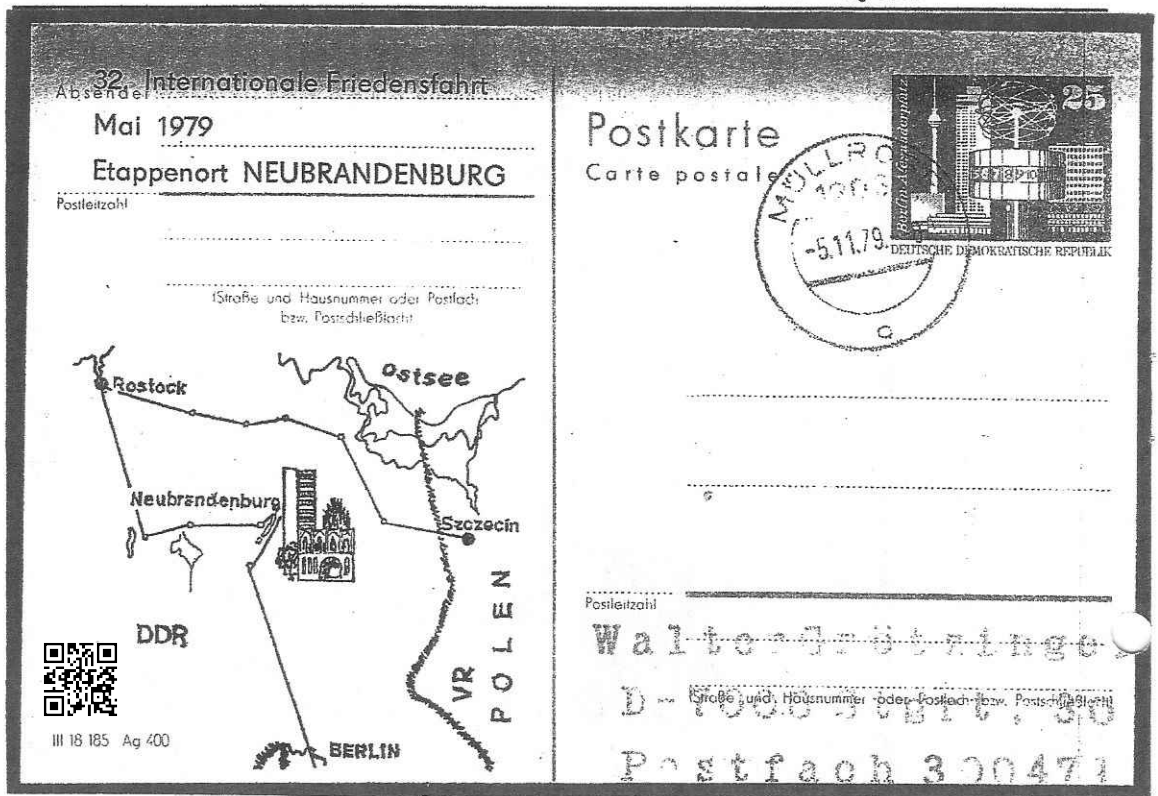
The attached reply section of the pneumatic card is shown upside down so that wording confirming delivery by cycle messenger can be read more easily. The wording is identical to the main section but the print is smaller.

BERLIN - PRAGUE - WARSAW PEACE RACE

Ernie Clayton

RIGHT: German Postal Stationery card for 32nd race with outline of the 1979 route.

BELOW: Registered Postal Stationery card & imprint of Polish stamp for the 30th race BUT with an illustrated - hand stamp for race no. 34 held in 1981.



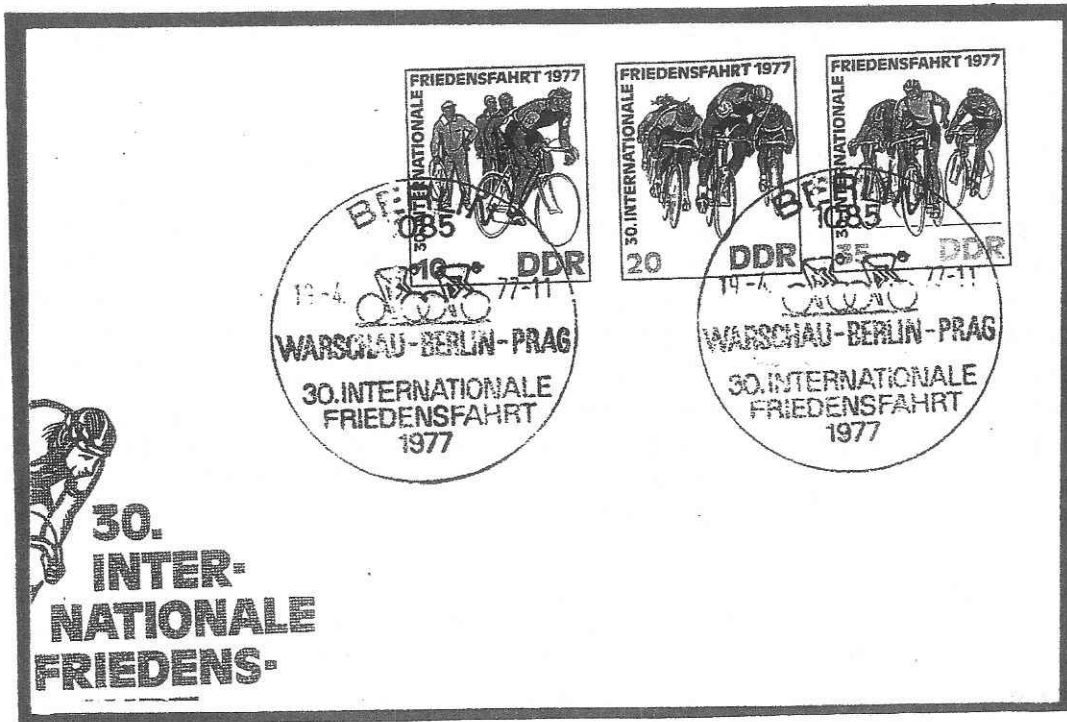
BERLIN - PRAGUE - WARSAW PEACE RACE

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Further scans from Ernie Clayton's collection



TOP LEFT: German postal stationery card pm BERLIN 14 May 1977 for 30th BWP race.
 TOP RIGHT: German cover with special handstamp for 26th race, Leader arm aloft, 1973
 BELOW: German cover for 30th WBP race and special handstamp BERLIN 19 May 1977.



BOOKS ON CYCLING.

With Christmas fast approaching here are a few books, one or two of which you may wish to add to your library. Jordi Quntana has included a wide range of philatelic books to help the philatelist. These are simply background books which can inspire additions to a thematic stamp collection on Cycling.

1. Mc Gurn, James. *On Your Bicycle: An Illustrated History of Cycling*, London: John Murray (Publishing) Ltd, 1987. ISBN 0-7195-4378-9. Hardback 208 pages 245 X 170mm well illustrated.

The 8 chapters start with details of Karl von Drais 1818 "draisienne" or walking machine. It includes a reference to Kirkpatrick Macmillan's 1840 two wheel machine with drive to the back wheel by treadles. Chapters on the Michaux front wheel drive, the High Wheel bicycle, the tricycle and safety bicycle follow. The book is indexed, gives source notes and fully illustrated.

2. Ritchie, Andrew. *King of the Road: An Illustrated History of Cycling*. London: Wildwood House Ltd 1975. ISBN paperback 0 7045 0109 0 and Berkeley California: Ten Speed Press, 1975. ISBN paperback 0-91 3668-41-9, 192 pages 275 X 205mm, an Index and lists over 60 books on cycling including H G Wells "The Wheels of Chance", published 1896.

3. Bathurst, Bella *The Bicycle Book*, Hammersmith, London: Harper Press, 2011. ISBN 978-0-00-730588-9. Hardback 306 pages, 225 X 140mm, with 16 pages full colour and a few black and white illustrations. It has a glossary of bicycle terms, a bibliography of about 40 books and lists several websites. This is a collection of stories which "offer us a brilliantly engaging portrait of cycling's past present and world conquering future. The result is a story of passion and obsession, of exultation, endeavour and risk. Above all, it is a story of a partnership between man and machine, perfectly balance – a story of love and souplesse." Souplesse is defined in the Glossary as "A French term incorporating the idea of suppleness and flexibility in motion, but conveying much more than that – grace, harmony, flow".

4. Fitzpatrick, Jim *The Bicycle in Wartime: An Illustrated History* Virginia USA, Brassey's Inc, 1998 ISBN 1-57488-157-4 Softback 241 pages 250 X 190mm, black and white photos, researched extensively. The first chapter, "The Experimental Years", describes the development of the bicycle from Von Drais' draisienne to the military safety bicycle of 1899. The 26th Middlesex (Cyclist) Volunteer Corps, established Feb 1888 was the earliest British military cyclist unit. The second chapter covers The Boer War, which proved the practical uses of the bicycle for laying tele-communication lines, carrying the wounded and patrolling railway lines with specialized war cycles. However, Army Commanders were reluctant to accept the use of the bicycle instead of the horse even at the start of the First World War, 1914. Succeeding chapters describe the use of cyclists by German, Japanese and Vietnam armed forces. The final chapter is headed "History, Obsolescence and Perceptions.

5. Burrows, John *My World on Wheels: the posthumous autobiography of Russell Mockridge*, London: Stanley Paul & Co. Ltd, 1960. No ISBN. Hardback 235 pages, 215 X 135mm. About 20 glossy black & white photographs. Russell began writing the book on his cycle racing life from 1946 to 1958, in May 1958, assisted by his friend, Melbourne journalist, John Burrows. On

“Fascinating and important I can’t imagine anyone who wouldn’t enjoy reading it.”—*Len Deighton*

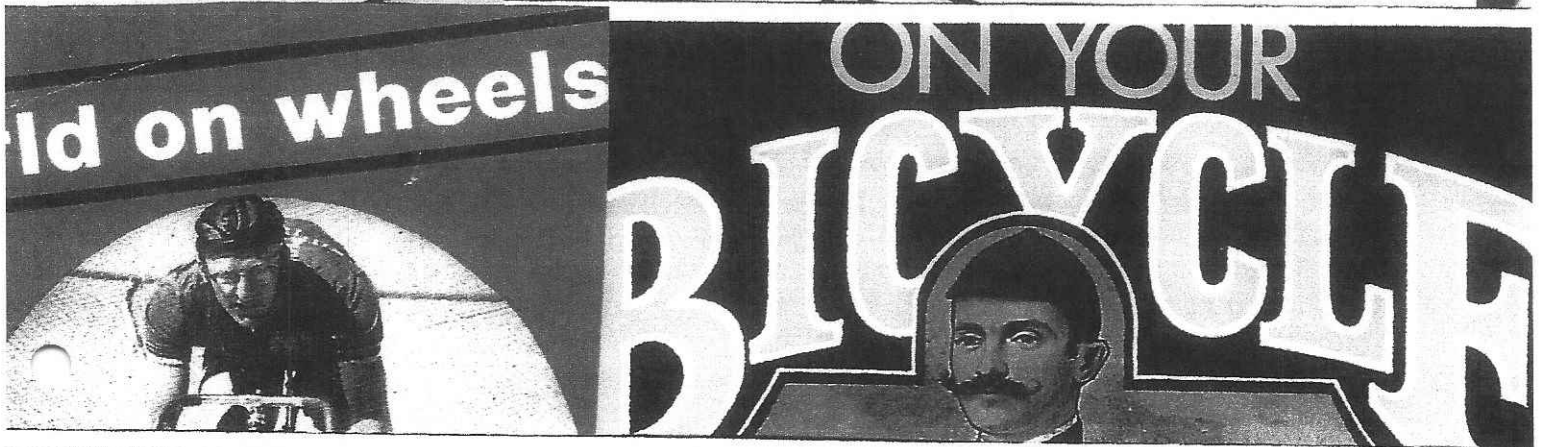
The Bicycle in Wartime



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September 13, 1958, Russell was killed whilst taking part in a Road race in a Melbourne suburb. In his relatively short career he had won two gold medals at Auckland's Empire Games and two Olympic Gold Medals at Helsinki. In 1955 he was the first Australian to complete the Tour de France post-war and he also won the Paris Six-day race with countrymen Patterson and Arnold.

6. Oakley, William *Winged Wheel: The history of the first hundred years of the Cyclists' Touring Club*. Godalming Surrey, Cyclists' Touring Club, 1977, ISBN 0 902237 10 1.

248 pages, 220 x 135mm, over 70 black and white photographs and 9 or 10 pencil drawings by Frank Patterson. The Index spreads over 7 pages in two columns. The Prologue commences, "This is a play about what has happened since the curtain went up in 1878 on the first Touring Club in the World.

"Queen Victoria was on the throne, Britannia ruled the waves; the sun never set on the Union Jack, income tax was six pence in the pound. The Safety Bicycle had not arrived to bring men down from their Olympian perch on Grand Old Ordinaries to ride as ordinary mortals.

"Like other plays it has passed through times of popularity and times of public indifference; but, after one hundred years it is still running. It is an amateurs' play, faithfully serviced by a small body of retainers. Actors innumerable have made their entrances and exits, but always enough have been on stage for the play to go on."

The book contains a wealth of information but is easy reading.

7. Wilkinson-Latham, Robert. *Cycles in Colour*. Poole, Dorset, Blandford Press Ltd, 1978.

ISBN 0 7137 0853 0. 195 pages, 200 X 135mm, including 113 colour photographs of bicycles. After 100 pages of the history of the bicycle, there are illustrations of the Hobby horse, the Boneshaker, Ordinaries, 'Dwarf' Ordinaries, Quadricycles, Tricycles, tandems, the safety Bicycle to 1900, the Bicycle as a War Horse 1875-1945 and The Bicycle since 1900.

8. Roberts, Derek, *Cycling History Myths and Queries*. John Pinkerton, November 1991

ISBN 0 9507431 5 1. Hardback 99 pages, 235 X 155mm; black and white illustrations throughout; a detailed two page Bibliography and a 9-page index in 2 columns. In the Introduction the author suggests that anyone seeking information about the history of cycling should start by reading two books – *King of the Road* by Andrew Ritchie and *On Your Bicycle* by James McGurn. The book is unusual in that it consists of 167 questions, followed by an answer to each by Derek Roberts. The first question is "Why are the bicycles of the 1860s and early 1870s called boneshakers?" and ends at 167, "Were cycle-wheels ever built with cane rims?" The short answer was "No".

9. Whittle, Jerem, *Le Tour. A Century of the Tour de France*. Hammersmith, London, Collins, 2003. ISBN 0 00 716594 3, a weighty hardback, 256 pages, 285 X 250mm.

The book consists of 10-year chapters and relies heavily on full pages of photographs, mainly in black and white but in full colour from the end of the 1970s. It ends with statistics and lists of every Yellow Jersey winner from 1903, Green Jersey (Points) winner from 1953 and Polka Dot (King of the Mountains) Jersey from 1933 to 2002, with an extensive Index.

The book lists Lance Armstrong as the winner of the Yellow Jersey from 1999-2002, before he was stripped of all titles for drug-taking, despite consistently denying it for years. It is interesting that Greg LeMond, the first USA winner of Le Tour in 1989 and 1990, makes no reference to Lance Armstrong in his Foreword. The author does refer to Lance Armstrong as a former cancer-

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sufferer who had dominated the Tour since 1999 but continued "The uncompromising Armstrong may have little time for the niceties of French cultural history or the Tour's genteel traditions but in terms of developing the race's global appeal his emphatic wins have been a resounding marketing success. Not that Desgrange (the Tour's founder) would have much time for a rider who barely speaks French, rides conservatively for most of the season and who once observed, a little dismissively, that "the Tour is a bike race –not a popularity contest."

10. Beeley, Serena *A History of Bicycles: From Hobby Horse to Mountain Bike*, London, Studio Editions Ltd. 1992. ISBN 1 85170 753 0 hardback 144 pages 297 X 228mm.

The author studied the history of design at Manchester University and had been Curator of the National Cycle Museum at Lincoln for three years. The book follows the pattern of the other books with a similar title listed above but expands on the participation of women cyclists in racing and leisure cycling. There are references to the recumbent cycle, the 1991 Moulton, the Bickerton folding cycle and illustrations of stunt riding on BMX bikes. There are numerous examples of advertising, especially of the older bicycles on postcards.

11. Augendra, Jacques *Fausto Coppi*, Barnes, London, Bromley Books. 1999.

ISBN 0-9531729-6-1 hard back, 155 pages 300 X 240 mm.

Originally published in France by Calman-Lévy, 1997.

Fausto-Angelo Coppi, born 15 September 1919 died 2 January 1960 of malaria, contracted on a cycling trip to Upper Volta and wrongly treated by his doctor. He was a national hero in the eyes of the Italian people. His funeral took place in the old church of Campo Santo but the chapel was far too small to accommodate all his friends and admirers. It was estimated that 30,000 people stood on the hill of Castellania to render homage to Coppi. The book contains many large black and white photographs of moments in his illustrious career.

12 Ballantine and Grant, Richard and Richard. *Richards' Ultimate Bicycle Book* Dorling Kindersley, 1992 ISBN 0-86318-659-9 hardback 192 pages 275 X 220mm fully illustrated in colour throughout with a glossary and detailed Index.

This is a practical book which commences with a chapter on The Essential Bike. This includes Bike Anatomy with an illustration of a bicycle with a derailleur gear, spread across a page and a half and a name against approximately 70 parts. Sections follow, in great detail, of the Mountain Bike, the Racing Bike, the Touring Bike, the Everyday Bike and the Future Bike. It ends with a thorough section on Cycle Maintenance. There are tips on the right clothing to wear and on learning to ride, with examples of children's bikes.

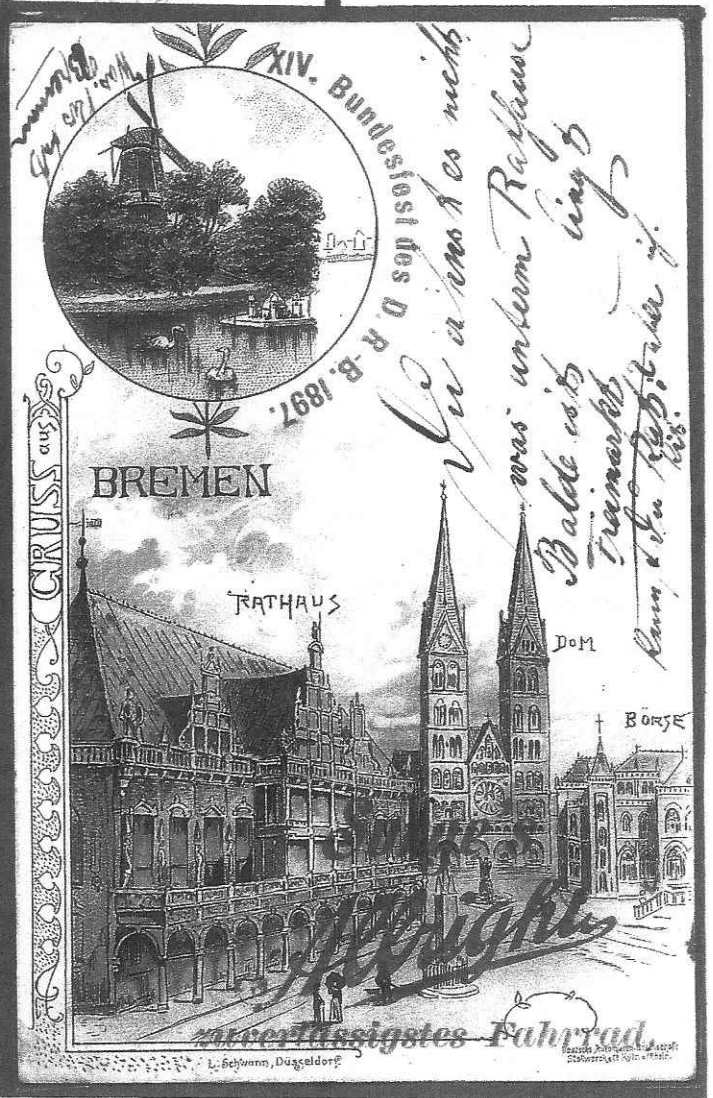
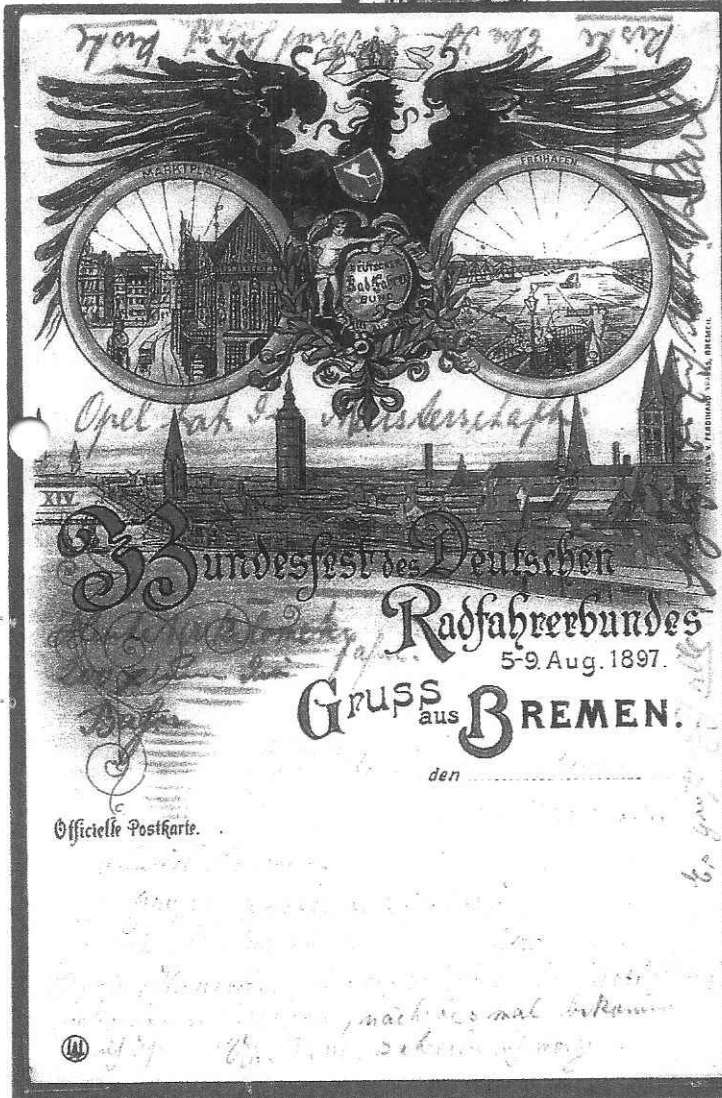
13. Street, Roger *The Pedestrian Hobby-Horse: At the Dawn of Cycling* Christchurch Dorset: Artesius Publications, 1998 ISBN 0 9532722 0 6. hardback 195 page 245 X 175mm with black and white illustrations throughout and a few colour plates.

The author is a retired senior partner of a firm of solicitors with a spare time interest in, and collector of, veteran cycles. He has examined, checked and re-checked almost every word written on the subject and provided a fascinating story with much new information.

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