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Undated Christmas Card, probably post 1900, but could be earlier Ex the late Fred Goatcher's cycle stamp collection.

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Editorial

Welcome to the belated March 2020 issue of Bicycle Stamps.

The UK is still in the grip of the pandemic Coronavirus with the Government urging everybody to stay home if at all possible. All shops, Churches, pubs and restaurants have been closed, except those selling food or providing medicines. Every country in the world appears to be affected although actions to control the spread of the virus do vary.

Sporting events have been very badly affected and in particular the UK Football season, with all League Games called off and no decision yet on promotion and relegation matters. I have just read that the Tour de France has been re-scheduled to take place from August 29th to September 20th, instead of July, provided 'lockdown' has been lifted. If it does go ahead it will clash with the Tour of Britain, due to run September 6th to 13th 2020.

On a slightly more cheerful note, we have had a change of USA Treasurer. Steven Andreasen has stepped down for health reasons. Steven has been a great help to me, collecting subscriptions in US dollars and by sending frequent updates. His successor is Corey J Hjalseth and I am glad that arrangements for the changeover have gone smoothly. Vojtech Jankovic organised an auction of his own cycle material very efficiently. I was pleased to add a few unusual items to my collection and I hope other members did too.

The theme of this issue of *Bicycle Stamps* is 19th century local bicycle stamps. Information has been gleaned from Ronald Sudbury's *Stamp Collecting for the Cyclist*, Jean-Pierre Mangin and René Geslin's *Le Cycle et La Poste*, Lowell B Cooper's *The Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail of* 1894 and *Glasewald-Privatpostmarken-Katalog*. The images are from my own collection. Any additional information will be welcome.

I would like to thank Jordi Quintana for submitting the article on a heroic Italian soldier. In addition, Thomas Matthys has again provided several pages of the latest New Issues. Don't forget to look at the website www.bicyclestampsclub.org set up by Jordi Quintana.

Brian Sole Editor

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New Issue Update



ANDORRA (SPANISH)	4.8.19	Pn	25 x 0,70 €	5TH LA PURITO / Pane of 25 of the stamp above - Text 'Volta Ciclista "La Purita" in margin (Pane of stamp from BS 88-06)	1→Pn(25)	
ARUBA 28.6.1	28.6.19	St	220 с	SPORTS / Shanaya Howell - femal BMX rider from Aruba	4→4Pn(?)→M S(4)	89-06 {§}
		MS	4 x 220 c	- " - / MS of 4 diff, incl. the above - No Bike Motif In Margin		89-06 {§]
BELARUS	15.10.19	Shl	6 x A	100 YEARS OF SIGNAL TROOPS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS / Sheetlet of 6 stamps of no bicycle interest - Tandem bicycle power generator to power a radio station in margin	1→ShI(6)	89-06 {§
	19.9.18	St	1,20 Y	60TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF NINGXIA HUI AUTONOMOUS REGION / Town & nature - tiny girl on bicycle near the lake (Se-Tenants of 3 diff.)	3→CPn(6x3)	89-06 {§
	26.9.19	St	1,20 Y	GUANGDONG-HONG KONG-MARCO GREATER BAY AREA / High-quality Life Circle - man on a bicycle	3→3Pn(16)→ MS(3)	89-06 {§
		MS	3 x 1,20 Y	- " $-$ / MS of 3 diff. incl. the above - no further bicycle motif in margin		89-06 {§
CHINA, REPUBLIC 25. OF (TAIWAN)	25.9.19	St	8 NT\$	TAIWAN INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION / Multipurpose Smartcard with picture of bicycle	4→4Pn(18)→ MS4)	89-06 {§
		MS	4 x 8 NT\$	- " - / MS of 4 diff. incl. the above - no further bike motif in margin		89-06 {§
		Pn	18 x 8 NT\$	- " - / Pane of 18 of the above - Smartcard in margin		89-06 {§
COLOMBIA ;	3.12.19	St		COLOMBIAN SPORTS HEROES OF 2019 / Mariana Pajón Londoño - BMX, Goldmedal Panam Games 2019	3→MS(3)	89-06 {§
		St	5000 \$	- " - / Egan Arley Bernal Gómez - Winner of Tour de France 2019]	89-06 {§
		MS	3 x 5000 \$	- " - / MS of 3 diff. Incl. The both above - Londoño & Gómez in margin		89-06 {§
CROATIA	18.11.19	St	A	FATHER ANTUN CVEK - THE GOOD SPIRIT OF ZAGREB / Father Antun Cvek on his bicycle	1→Shl(9+t)	89-07 {§
Cuba	30.4.18	St	40 c	TRANSPORT IN SERVICE TO TOURISM / Man on E-Bike	6→?	87-08 {§
	20.7.19	St	90 c	EXTREME SPORTS / Mountain biking	4→4Pn(24)	89-07 {§
CZECH REPUBLIC	1.2.20	St	В	DEFINITIVE STAMP / Vintage 'Favorit' bicycle in green colour (a bicycle for daily use in a racing bike type design)	1→Pn(50)	89-07, {{
FRANCE	7.11.19	MS	2 x 2,60 €	100TH ANNIV. OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I (see BS 87) / MS of the same stamps - diff. Margin with no bike (published in a folder at "Salon Philatélique d'Autonome 2019")	1→3MS(2)	89-07, {§
FRANCE ATM	7.11.19	St	div.	REOPENING OF POST MUSEUM / Postman on bicycle (1950)	1	89-07, {§
GREAT BRITAIN 6.6.1	6.6.19	St	1,35 £	D-DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY / Commandos of HQ 4th Special Service Brigade wading ashore on Juno. Photographed by Handford (Lt), No. 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit. Cyclist on the back landing craft.	6→3Pn(15x2) +5→MS(5)	89-11, {§
		St	1st	- " - / Commandos of HQ 4th Special Service Brigade wading ashore on Juno. Several Soldiers with bicycles.		89-11, {{
		MS	5 x 1st	- " - / MS of 5 diff. stamps incl. the above - no bicycle motif in margin		89-11, {§
GUERNSEY	1.10.19	St	£ 0,90	50TH ANNIVERSARY - POSTAL INDEPENDENCE / Internet ordering explosion increase parcel deliveries - bicycle pictogram	6→6Shl(10)→ MS(6)	89-07, {§
		Shl	10 x £ 0,90	- " - / Shl of 10 of the above - bicycle pictogram in margin		89-07, {§
		MS		- " - / MS Of 6 Diff. Incl. The Above - No Bicycle Motif In Margin		89-07, {§
		Sh		- " - / Uncut press sheet of MS (limited to 500)		89-07, {{
HONGKONG 5.12.	5.12.19	St	2\$	OLD MASTER Q / "to journey" - Old Master Q, Big Potato and Mr Chin on unicycles, water activated gum (Sold in panes of 25 with cartoon on backside. So every stamp has a diff. Backside.)	8→8Pn(25)+2 →2MS(1)+8→ C(5x8)+8PS	89-08, [HK063.1
		St	2\$	- " - / - " -, self-adhesive (sold in boxes with a coil of 5 x 8 stamps)	N N	89-08, {
		PS	Air mail	- " $-$ / Postal Stationary with the above stamp imprinted and the same motif on the front		89-08, {
Sandara Sandar	8.9.19	St	В	100TH BIRTHDAY OF GIANNI BRERA - SPORTS JOURNALIST (1919-1992) / Portrait of Gianni Brera and sport pictograms incl. cycling	1→Pn(45)	89-08, {{ [IT054.1
	15.9.19	St	В	100TH BIRTHDAY OF FAUSTO COPPI (1919-1960) / Fausto Coppi just followed by his shadow	1→Pn(45)	89-08, {§ [IT056.1
JAPAN	20.8.19	St	¥ 63	MIFFY / Miffy (= Nijntje) on bicycle	20→2sPn(10)	89-08, {
		sPn	10 x ¥ 63	- " - / self-adhesive Cshl of 10 diff., incl. the above	16	89-08, {
JERSEY	1.10.19	St	1,46 £	50 YEARS OF JERSEY POSTAL HISTORY / Mail carrier with bicycle	8→4Pn(6x2) →Bk(2x8)	89-08, {
		BkP		- " - / BkP with 4 diff. stamps incl. the above	Variation (See (SINE) (SI	89-08, {

		BkP		- " - / BkP with 4 diff. stamps incl. the above		89-08, {§}
		BkP		- " - / BkP with 4 diff. Stamps - mail carrier with bicycle in margin		89-08, {§}
		PBk		-,, - / PBk with 4 BPn incl. The 3 above - word "bicycle" on one page		89-08, {§}
KOREA (SOUTH)	30.5.19	St	380 Won	KAKAO FRIENDS / Apeachon a bicycle (Emoticons of Instant-Messaging service "KakaoTalk". Apeach is the mischievous peach that escaped from a peach tree is full of charms. She lures others with her attractive backside.)	10→CPn(10)	89-08, {§}
MAURITIUS	19.7.19	MS		GAMES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLES / MS of 3 diff. Stamps of no bicycle interest - mascot on bicycle on bicycle in margin	3→MS(3)	89-09, {§}
MEXICO	12.11.19	St	11,50 \$	MAILMAN DAY / Mailman on bicycle in background	2	89-09, {§}
NETHERLANDS	19.8.19	St	Internationa I 1	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / Local train from Arnhem to Winterswijk - 2 children with bicycles on the street	12→2MS(6)	89-09, {§}
		MS	6 x I1	- " - / MS of 6 diff. stamps incl. the above		89-09, {§}
PANAMA	24.6.19	St	2,00 B	500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF PANAMA CITY / María Carter "Pantalones", leader of "Panama Solidaria" on her bicycle	4→4Pn(?) Bk(4x6)	89-09, {§}
		BkP	6 x 2,00 B	- " - / BkP of 6 of the above stamps		89-09, {§]
		Bk		- " $-$ / Bk of 4 diff. booklet panes incl. the above, one page with the stamp motif		89-09, {§]
PHILIPPINES	30.11.19	St	12 P	30TH SEA GAMES / Cycling (Se-Tenants possible)	4→CSh(2x4)+ 2→(MS2)	89-09, {§]
POLAND	5.11.19	PS	А	WORLD CONFERENCE ON DOPING IN SPORT / Imprinted stamp of no bicycle interest - Pedal, chain ring and broken chain on card	1	89-09, {§}
ROMANIA	19.9.19	SeT	12 L	PHILATELIC EXHIBITION EFIRO 2019 / Stamp of no bicycle interest - postman with bicycle on tab (Se-Tenent in diff. Configurations)	3→3Pn(13+2t)→3Shl(8+1t) +1→MS(1)	89-09, {§
		Shl	8 x 12 L	-,-/Shl of 8 with the tab from above in center	- I - INIO(1)	89-09, {§
SERBIA	20.8.18	St	23 D	TOURISM IN SERBIA / Landscapes in Zlatibor - pedal boat on lake	1→Shl(10)	89-10, {§}, [RS049.18
SINGAPORE 9.	9.8.19	St	90 c	NATIONAL DAY STAMP 2019 -PARKS / East Coast Park - woman on bicycle	4→4Shl(10)+ 1→Ms(1)	89-10, {§}
		St	2\$	-, - / Diff. parks with diff. Activities - 2 tiny cyclists		89-10, {§}
		MS	2\$	- ,, - / MS with the stamp above		89-10, {§}
	11.1.20	St	60 c	200 YEARS OF POLICING / Police woman and man on bicycle	6→6ShI(10)	89-10, {§}
SLOVAKIA 2	27.3.20	St	1,70€	MILANOPHIL 2020 - ACT NOW / Stylized cyclist	1→Pn(30)→M S(1+9t)	89-10, {§}
	Too to the state	MS	1,70€	- ,, - / MS of the stamp above with 9 tabs		89-10, {§}
SLOVENIA	31.1.20	St	В	GREETINGSTAMP: VALENTINE'S DAY / Heartshaped stamp with a couple on a tandem	1→Shl(10)	89-10, {§}
SPAIN	4.11.19	MS	4,00€	THE SIMPSONS / Folded MS of 1 stamp without bicycle interest. Bicycle in picture on backside	1→MS(1)	89-10, {§}, [ES085MS 19]
SPAIN - ATM	2.1.20	St	A, A2, B, C	125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING THE CORPS OF CYCLING MAIL CARRIER / Parts of historic and modern bicycles - bicycles graphics in background	1	89-10, {§}
SRI LANKA	29.10.19	St	45 Rs	WORLD POST DAY - 2019 / Diff. Activities around a post office - man on bicycle in front	1→Pn(20)	89-10, {§}
SWEDEN	7.11.19	St	BREV	RAILWAY STATIONS IN WINTER / Järle - pedalpowered Draisine (rail vehicle) in front	5→Bk(2x5)	89-11, {§}
		Bk	10 x BREV	- " - / Booklet of 2 x 5 diff. Stamps incl. the above		89-11, {§}
TOGO	30.8.19	St	800 F	TOUR DE FRANCE / Sprint with green jersey	4→MS(4)+1→	89-11
		St	800 F	- " - / Yellow jersey & team	MS(1)	89-11
	- 1	St	800 F	- " - / Peloton		89-11
		St	800 F	- " - / Peloton		89-11
		Shl	4 x 800 F	- " - / Shl of the 4 stamps above		89-11
		St	3300 F	- " - / Sprint with green jersey		89-11
		MS	3300 F	- " $-$ / MS of the stamp above, card of France and team of yellowjersey in margin	1	89-11
TRISTAN DA CUNHA	19.6.19	St	45 P	75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY / Troops making their way from LCI(S) landing craft onto the 'Nan Red' sector of Juno Beach at St Aubin-sur-Mer, on the morning of 6 June 1944. Photographed by Handford (Lt), No. 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit. Cyclist on the back LCI.	4→4Shl(10)	89-11, {§}
URUGUAY	4.10.19	St	22 \$	10 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY SYSTEM SINAE / 3 bubbles - in one bubble cyclist in background	1→Pn(25)	89-11, {§}

Key: (Changes marked with |)

- 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.
- Issues marked * have been corrected or have additional information. The additional or corrected information is underlined. 2.

On future issues the date is fat and gray shaded.

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).

Abbreviations:

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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, CShI = Composite Sheetlet, Bk = Booklet, BkP = Booklet Pane, PBk = Prestige Booklet, CBk = Chequebook, Coll = Collection, PS = Postal Stationary, FDC = First Day Cover, MC = Maximum

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. \(\tilde{\mathbb{L}} = TTCT \)

Content of set: Meaning of signs and abbreviations

"→" = published in ... (ex. 2→2Shl(10) = 2 stamps published in 2 sheetlets of 10 each)

The last column shows where the stamp is illustrated, with BS number, followed by page number.

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).

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.

EMAIL FROM GUY SALMON 8 November 2019

Dear Brian

The 07.11.2019, new items "Bicycle Stamps" are issued in France

Franking label (Vignette d'affranchissement LISA): Musée de La Poste-Facteur à bicyclette vers 1950 – 4 values:

-CC ** 0,86 EUR ECOPLI

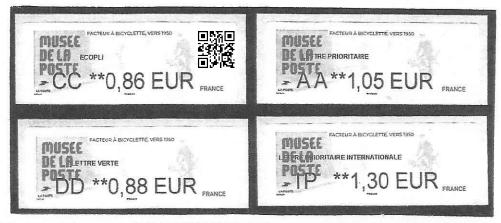
-DD** 0,88 EUR LETTRE VERTE

-AA** 1,05 EUR LETTRE PRIORITAIRE

-IP ** 1,30 EUR LETTRE PRIORITAIRE INTERNATIONALE

Best regards

Guy Salmon



PTO for more images of NEW ISSUES. Ed.





CUBA 20.7.19

CZECH REPUBLIC 1.2.20







FRANCE ATM 7.11.19

CROATIA 18.11.19

> JAPAN 20.8.19







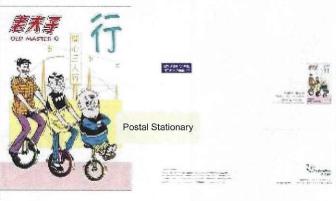




GUERNSEY





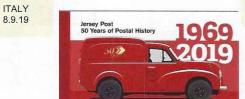






ITALIA BA TITNICA





Jari Majander: "It is always a pleasure to see such nice designs of stamps! The biggest competitor of Mr Coppi?

His own shadow!"



ITALY 15.9.19





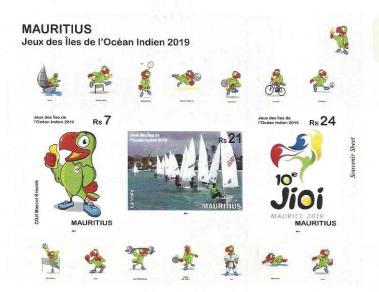
















PHILIPPINES 30.11.19 NETHERLANDS 19.8.19 MAURITIUS

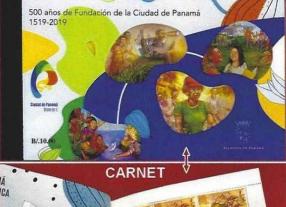
19.7.19

MEXICO 12.11.19

PANAMA 24.6.19



PANAMA SOLIDARIA





POLAND 5.11.19









SERBIA 20.8.18

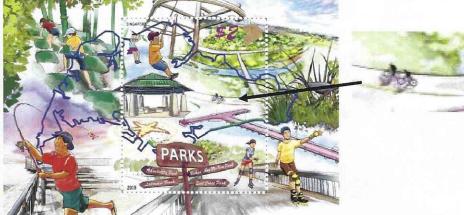


SINGAPORE 11.1.20



SINGAPORE 9.8.19





SINGAPORE 9.8.19







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SLOVENIA 31.1.20







SPAIN 4.11.19

SPAIN - ATM 2.1.20



Madrid Chamartín

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SRI LANKA 29.10.19







Tour de France



TOGO 30.8.19



TRISTAN DA CUNHA 19.6.19



D-Day Soldiers wade ashore on Juno

GREAT BRITAIN 6.6.19









URUGUAY 4.10.19





Enrico Toti. A Bersagliri soldier, heroe of Italy.

Jordi Quintana



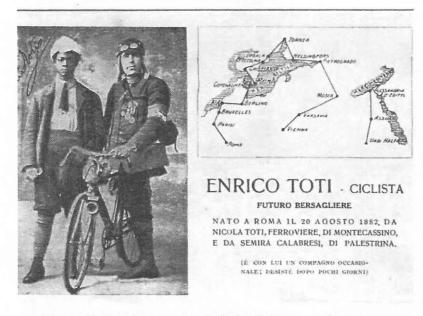
FOTOGRAFIA DELL'EROE (17/6)

Enrico Toti (20 August 1882 in Rome – 6 August 1916 in Monfalcone) was an Italian cyclist, patriot and hero of World War I. He was born in Rome in 1882. Enrico lost his left leg while working for Italian railways, at the age of 24 (1908).

After his injury he discovered the bicycle and discovered that he can move faster than walking with crutch aid. He adapted his father's bicycle with a single cranck and pedal. Enrico was a stubborn young man and just after that accident he multiplied his desire to do and to demonstrate that he was still able to do anything, in short, to be normal; By those way he became a touring cyclist. In 1911, riding on a bicycle with one leg, he cycled to Paris, and then through Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark, up to Finland and Lapland. From there, via Russia and Poland, he returned to Italy in June 1912.

In January 1913 Toti started cycling again, this time in Egypt; from Alexandria, he reached the border with Sudan where the English authorities, considering the trail too dangerous, ordered him to end

the journey, and sent him to Cairo where he came back to Italy.



When war broke out between Italy and the Austrian Empire, Toti tried to volunteer for the Italian army but was not accepted due to his injury. Undaunted, he reached the frontline with his bicycle and managed to serve as an unpaid, unregistered, fully nonregulation "civilian volunteer" attached to several units. Forced to leave the combat zone and return home by the Carabinieri (Military Police), stubbornly returned to the front and finally managed to join (still unofficially) the 3rd Bersaglieri Bicycle Battalion.

He was killed (6 August 1916 in Monfalcone) in the Sixth Battle of the

Isonzo. Fatally wounded in a clash, he hurled his crutch at the enemy. Before falling on the ground, he shouted: "Nun moro io!" (romanesco vernacular for "I do not die!"). The circumstances of the fact have never been fully clarified. What is certain is that the post-war regime exalted the figure of the fighter with a crutch for propaganda purposes, but it is also true that man per se remains a hero regardless.

He was buried with all honors in the Monfalcone cemetery. In 1922 he was transferred to Rome where he received the honors of thousands of people in the various cities where he was stopped. On May 24, upon arrival in Rome, it was exhibited in the funeral room set up in the Historical Museum of the Bersaglieri before being buried in the Verano Cemetery.

He was posthumously awarded the Gold Medal of Military Valor (Italy's highest award for valour), one of the relatively few civilians to have this honour bestowed on them. Many cities and towns in Italy have streets, squares, statues and monuments dedicated to Enrico Toti. Because he is a national hero, his name appears as a tribute: Two submarines of the Italian Navy were named after Enrico Toti and duing the fascism existed the IX Legione Ferroviaria Enrico Toti.





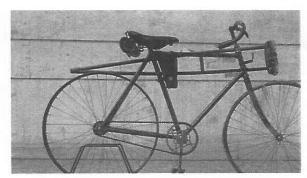
In 1934 Italian post authorities issued a long set of stamps to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Military Medal of Valor, where the 30c stamp shows Enrico Toti in a clash hurling his crutch at the enemy, his iconic image in Italy, with the legend "L'indomito valore" (The indomitable value).

Because the 100th Anniversary of his death, in San Vito Al Tagliamento a special postmark was used (23.09.2016)



His bicycle has been restored and exhibited in the Bersaglieri Histroical Museun in Rome.





First Enrico Toti submarine, a Balilla-class submarine, was built in 1925. This kind of submarines proved to be too large to be effective patrol submarines and they were used as transport submarines to supply Italian forces in North Africa. She sank HMS Triad in 1940.

A new generation of submarines were built in 1968 for the Marina Militare. Because it was the 1st submarine, this kind of submarines are called "Toti-type". These boats were small and designed as "hunter killer" anti-submarine submarines. At the end of his live, the Enrico Toti submarine was preserved as a museum ship in the Museum of Science and Technology of Milan. This fact was also commemorated with a stamp, issued in 2005











XI Legione Ferroviaria Enrico Toti medal, the 2nd submarine (up) and the 1st submarine (down)

"CHAIN REACTION" - WOMEN'S LIBERATION.

A thematic collector sent me a 3 page article in the April 2020 issue of *Picture Postcard Monthly*, by Malcolm Luty. It included illustrations from 16 postcards featuring men and women on manufacturers' bicycles. Many of these are also available on smaller poster stamps.

The writer began by quoting a comment by the former Monty Python star, Sir Michael Palin, "One of the most important days of my life was when I learned to ride a bicycle". Malcolm Luty proceeded to give a shortened history of the bicycle, beginning with Karl von Drais' 'Walking Machine', in 1816. He claimed that the machine came about because von Drais wished to find an alternative means of transport other than a horse. Apparently, in 1815 the volcano, Tambora, erupted in Indonesia, causing volcanic ash to be spread across the globe. This led to the death of many horses and the failure of 1816 harvests.

I had not heard of this before, in any literature I have read about the bicycle.

The introduction of the 'safety' bicycle in the 1880s led to changes in women's' lives in particular. The early 'boneshakers' and High bicycles were the preserve of middle and upper class males. The safety with its normal size wheels, pneumatic tyres and its frame coped with ladies' Victorian skirts. Cycling allowed women to travel without a chaperone and to mix with male cyclists on equal terms in cycling clubs. Women began wearing cycling bloomers which helped to change rigid fashion styles of the day.



This postcard was published by Stewart & Woolf, London EC and printed in Saxony Series No. 134. It has a double circle postmark BATH S.O.3.30 pm 21 March 1905. The quotation at the foot reads, "That which you cannot, as you would achieve. You must perforce accomplish as you may". *Titus Andronicus Act II Scene I.*

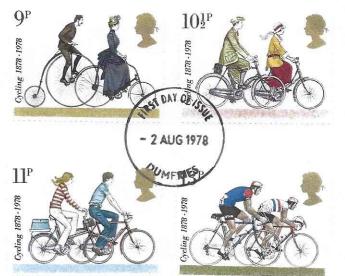
In April 1999 I displayed "Go by cycle!" to Bromley and Beckenham PS. A few days ago I received a telephone call from the Secretary, David Rennie. He has been writing the history of the Society from the reports of the earliest meetings of the Society. He has reached 1999 and asked if I could provide scans of one or two items from my display of that year. Although I had prepared a record of each display, about 6 months ago I had deleted records before 2000! The only information I gleaned was that I <u>had</u> displayed "Go by cycle!" to the Society on 28 April 1999!

I selected the following 4 items to scan and email to the secretary.

- 1. The 1978 GB Cycling stamps on FDC with a circular cancel 2 Aug 1978 Dumfries.
 - The cover included an appropriate slogan "Kirkpatrick Macmillan blacksmith of Courthill, Dumfriesshire Inventor of the Bicycle in 1839". I had purchased this cover from the dealer A G Bradbury. For some years this cover demonstrated Macmillan's place in the history of the bicycle. After a judge warned me not to include a particular item in my exhibit in future, because it was illegal, I checked a few other items in the collection. This included referring to George Pearson's "Special Event Postmarks of the UK" to check on the Kirkpatrick Macmillan slogan. It did not appear! David Rennie referred my comment to Adrian Bradbury who confirmed that he had printed the slogan himself on about 20 covers. So although not official, there are only a small number of covers bearing that slogan.
- 2. Another cover advertised at the time of the issue of the 1978 Cycling stamps had a Bill Tidy cartoon. Each cover was numbered and I requested a low number for my cycle collection. You can see that I was sent No. 011, with a slip of paper and a handwritten note "I'm afraid if you still require No 001 you will have to negotiate with H.M. the Queen"!
- 3. The slogan used 24 May 1982 for the start of the 25th Milk Race Bournemouth with the wording inside the two wheels of a bicycle. The Race was sponsored by the Milk Marketing Board and was one of the early Round Britain Stage Races. A stranger approached me after I had displayed my cycle collection some time later. He said he had a unique cycling cover and then enquired if I had one with the Milk Race slogan. I confirmed I had and he offered to sign my cover also, creating mine as one of two covers! I located my cover as soon as I got home and posted it off to him. In due course I received the cover back with the typed message, "Started by me at 10.30 hours" and signed, Gordon Anstee, Mayor."
 - I am also showing another cover with the same postmark, autographed by Yuri Kashirin, the winner of the Stage.
- 4. A hand drawn cover with a coloured illustration of 4 men cycling through the night and a street lamp shining on them. The cover has 2X 2½d Queen Victoria Jubilee issue stamps and postmarked NO. 8 96 (November 8th 1896). In the 1990s this cover was on the introductory page of my display.

Kirkpatrick Marmillant blacksmith of Courthill, Dumfriesshire

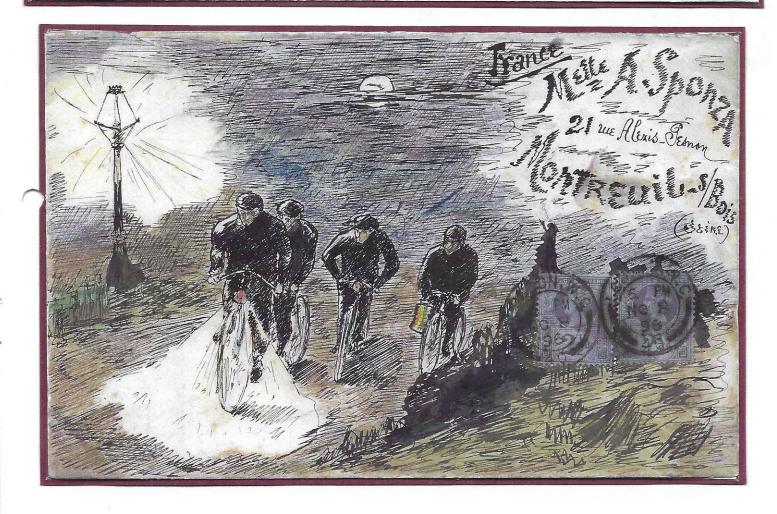
Inventor of the Bicycle in 1839



1878/1978
Cycling
Post Office First Day Cover

A. G. Bradbury 35NorthdeneRo Leicester







I'm afraid if you

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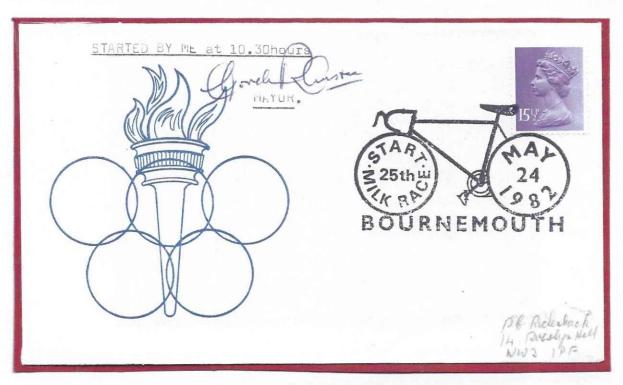
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FROM MY COLLECTION Milk Race Slogan 24 May 1982 Bournemouth

The Milk Marketing Board took over Tour of Britain Cycle race in 1958; renamed it 'The Milk Race' TOP: Cover signed by the Mayor, Gordon Anstee, who started the Race at 10.30 hours 24 May 1982

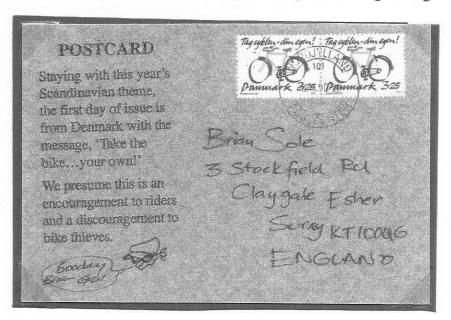


BELOW: Cover signed by the winner of the Milk Race 1982, Yuri Kashirin

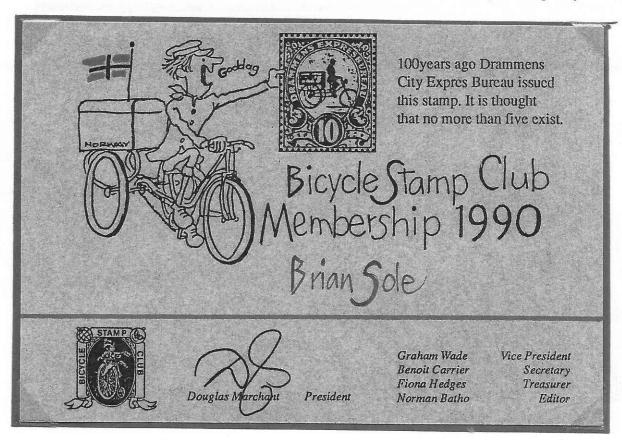


1990 BSC MEMBERSHIP CARD prepared by Graham Wade

In 1990 Graham Wade, designer of stamps for Papua New Guinea, illustrated the elusive local Denmark **Drammens Express Bureau** stamp for a tricycle postal service by Christian B Lorentsen, issued 1890. Graham added a cartoon drawung of himself on a bicycle flying the Norwegian flag.

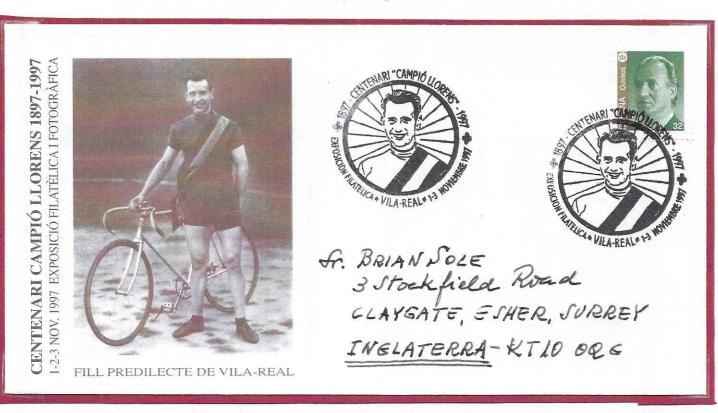


ABOVE: Scan of front of card, reduced. Denmark stamp was part of a campaign to stop bicycle thefts.





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According to Mangin and Geslin's *Le Cycle et la Poste* there were bicycle deliveries of mail in Hamburg from 1886 but the local stamps used did not feature a bicycle. That honour went to Bochum with an issue of 6 local stamps in August 1887, each stamp showing a lady holding a letter, riding an 'Ordinary' or penny-farthing bicycle. The stamps are available both perforate and imperforate. Ronal Sudbury's *Stamp Collecting for the Cyclist* records the local Bochum issue of 1887 to be the first to show a cyclist. However *Glasewald's Privatpostmarken Katalog* records the date of issue as 1888.

The stamps are illustrated below. Two lower value stamps,1pf and 3pf are coloured light green and carmine red respectively and the four other values appear in two colours on the perforated version but a single colour on the imperforate versions. This single colour corresponds to the background colour, behind the bicycle, on the perforated versions.



Four other imperf. stamps from this issue are shown below and raise queries in my mind.

One of the 2pf imperf stamps is printed in a yellow colour and the other in yellow and black, identical to the perforated stamp. The yellow stamp may have been a colour trial. Alternatively, the yellow imperf and black imperf 2pf stamps could have been colour proofs and the yellow and black imperf the final proof before the printing of the perforated 2pf stamp.

The 5pf imperf. is printed in a light blue, whereas the imperf 5pf above is in a brown colour. These may have been colour proofs and not trial printings.

Finally, the imperf. 20pf is a light green shade and may have been one of two colour proofs before the printing of the 2-colour perforated 20pf. Any other suggestions? Douglas Marchant produced the lower Cinderella sheet for *Thematica* '87,





THE EARLY BICYCLE STAMP ISSUES Frankfurt am Main 1887 Brian Sole

In August 1887 Frankfurt-on-Main issued a stamp to commemorate the Fourth Convention of the German Cyclists' Federation. It was issued with and without perforations. The central figure in red is riding an Ordinary or penny-farthing bicycle. The wording around the centre is "IV Bundesfest d. Deutschen Radfahrer Bundes".



NB Left hand stamp. Plate fault top line, "Gircular Post" for "Circular Post"

Non-postal poster stamps issued for later conventions included, 14th Bremen 1897; 27th Gorlitz 1910; 28th Frankfurt am Main and 30th Breslau.



The City of Hamburg issued a set of 6 stamps in March 1888 depicting various methods of transport, varying from carrier pigeons to railways, one of which shows a Humber type tricycle of the era. Examples below are all perf 11½ but some issues are perf 14½. The set was reissued with an overprint, "Hammonia" in November 1889.

BELOW: A French mint Letter-Card with an advertisement by P. Boulanger of a more modern tricycle. NB A scan of the front of the Letter-Card, reduced, is inset.





EARLY BICYCLE STAMP ISSUES Fresno and San Francisco 1894 Brian Sole

A major depression occurred in America in 1893 affecting railroads and their need for new railroad cars. In November 1893 the Pullman Company reduced its work force from around 6,000 to 2000 employees with a simultaneous reduction in wages. The workforce was soon increased back to 4,200 but the wages reduction remained. On 11 May 1894 a strike began at the Pullman factory and this action was supported by the American Railway Union, (ARU). Employees who refused to handle Pullman cars were fired by the railroads resulting in the ARU ordering a boycott of all Pullman cars on 28 June 1894. Commercial and mail transportation was halted along the San Joaquin valley between San Francisco and the towns inland. On 4 July 1894 President Cleveland ordered Federal troops to protect the mails. This resulted in increased violence and destruction of property. On 10 July, Eugene V. Debs, leader of the ARU was arrested and charged with obstructing the United States mail and later sentenced to six months in prison for contempt of court. By 15 July the strike action was effectively ended due to the actions of the Federal troops. On 16 July mail started to arrive in San Francisco.

A local cyclist, Arthur C Banta of Fresno California saw an opportunity to increase his business as Agent for the Victor cycle, manufactured by the Overman Wheel Co., during the Pullman strike. He decided to introduce a cycle mail service run in eight stages between Fresno and San Francisco, a distance of about 210 miles. He published a notice –

BICYCLE MESAGE ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO

"The undersigned begs to announce to the Public that he will introduce a Messenger Route to San Francisco, on bicycles, via White's Bridge, Pachecho Pass, Gilroy and San Jose.

"A daily service will be established between Fresno and San Francisco beginning Saturday morning July 7th 1894. The rate for letters to San Francisco and intermediate parts will be 25cents. All mail matters should be addressed to street and number and will be stamped and deposited at the Post Office at destination..

"All mail should be left at VICTOR CYCLERY, 1750 (per Ronald Sudbury but 1730 on another letter seen), Hughes Hotel, not later than 10pm to ensure delivery the following day.

"The San Francisco headquarters will be Overman Wheel Company, corner Larkin and M'Allister Streets, and San Jose at Merrigot and Co.'s.

Call or communicate with

Arthur C Banta

To repay the 25c fee, Banta had some diamond-shaped stamps printed in deep green. The design and engraving were the work of Eugene Donze of Fresno. He engraved the design in positive on a copper die so that the stamps were produced in negative. The printing, direct from the die, was done by O J Trent of Fresno. The adhesive stamps were printed in sheets of six. The stamps were also printed in brown direct onto official U.S. stationery bearing a 2c embossed postage stamp.

Unfortunately Donze had printed "Francisco" as "Fransisco". He corrected this on 7th July by retouching the first 's' on the die so the letter resembled a 'c' and made a few minor amendments to the die. Donze also produced a new die on 16 July, the day that the service ended, having begun on July 6th. About 380 letters were carried, of which 315 were franked with the diamond stamps.

FRESNO AND SAN FRANCISCO 1894

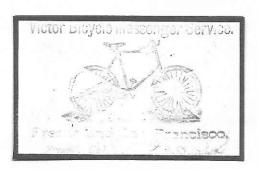
Sheet of six stamps with "FRANCISCO" spelt "FRANSISCO" printed by 7 July 1894, before error noticed.



Mail transport halted in San Joaquin Valley. Arthur BANTA arranged relays of cyclists to deliver mail.

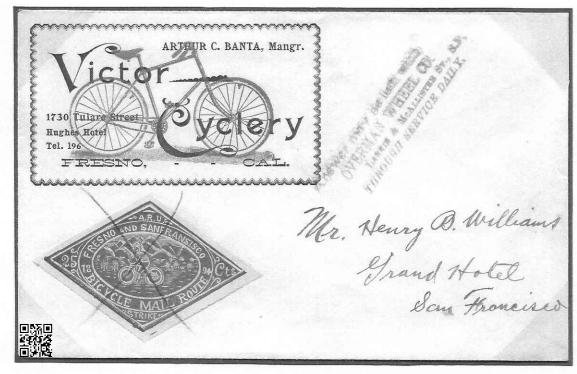
BELOW:

Cover may have been carried but no postal markings. SPELLING ERROR on stamp SAN FRANSISCO



LEFT:

Copied from the back of the cover but size reduced.



FRESNO AND SAN FRANCISCO 1894

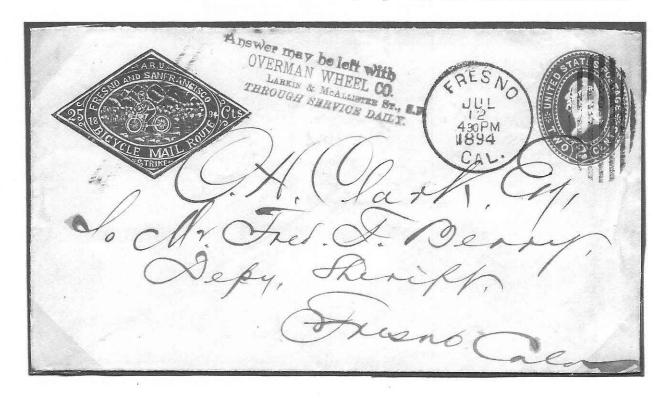
Mr Donze attempted to correct the die by making a 'C' out of the 'S'. He retouched the die and added his initials 'E.D.' on the lower corner of the margin.





LEFT: Reduced copy of the VICTOR BICYCLE MESSENGER SERVICE handstamp on reverse of Cover below, with the date July 11 1894

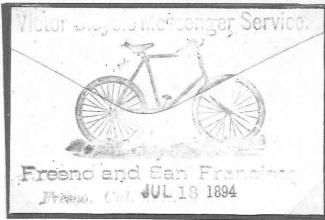
FIRST DAY COVER 12 July 1894 with brown stamp imprinted onto U.S. Official P.S. cover



FRESNO AND SAN FRANCISCO 1894 REPRINT 16 July 1894

Compared with 7 July printing. 1. Overall height of pre-cut sheets 62-63mm, NOT 67-68mm. 2. No rouletting down between stamps. 3. No missing roulette under 's' of 'cents' at top right.

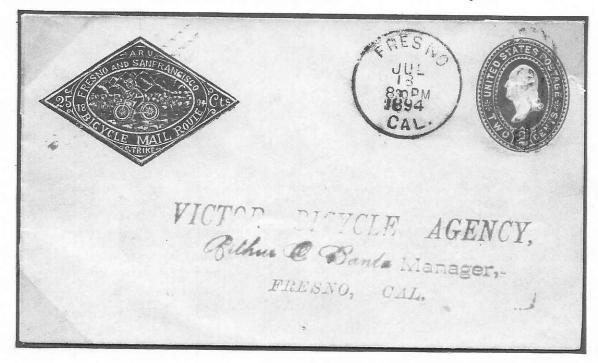




LEFT: Actual size copy of rubber stamp on the back of the cover below.

BELOW: Official U.S. postal stationery cover with brown imprint of local stamp sent 18 July 1894 Fresno to Fresno, not by cycle.

NB: Last relay by cyclists took place on 16 July 1894.



FRESNO AND SAN FRANCISCO 1894

Letter signed by Arthur C Banta dated August 6 1894. The stamp attached is NOT one of the original 816 stamps; the spelling of "FRANCISCO" has been amended.



Enclosed please find one of the original Stamps issued for use on the Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route during the A. R. U. Strike. Kindly accept same with compliments.

Very respectfully yours,

THE BICYCLE MAIL between Fresno and San Francisco during the railway strike in 1894 is recalled in an editorial in an Oakland newspaper sent us by Mr. L. Lazarus. During the railroad strike in '94 all communication between Fresno and San Francisco was cut off and a well known stamp collector, Arthur C. Banta, started a postal service with bicycle carriers which required the use of a special stamp that he had prepared for the purpose. The stamp pictured the cycle rider crossing the San Joaquin valley with a mountain background. The strike was called off in a few dayy and covers bearing these stamps are very scarce and seldom seen west of California.

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Men and women were split into the categories of elite, under-23 (only men) and junior, competing individually in the two traditional road race and time trial disciplines of road bicycle racing. The 2019 championships saw the introduction of the mixed team relay, a team time trial which was raced together by the elite men and women. Mads Pedersen of Denmark won the men's elite road race and Annemiek van Vleuten of the Netherlands won the women's elite road race. The elite time trial titles were taken by Australian Rohan Dennis and American Chloé Dygert Owen.