

# Bicycle Stamps



THIRD ISSUE - AUTUMN 1987



Editor: Douglas Marchant,

England.

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Last summer the Premier Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' was published. This marked the culmination of many months of effort, primarily by our Editor Douglas Marchant, to save what remained of the Bicycle Stamp Study Unit of the American Topical Association.

The work of Douglas, combined with the subscriptions of the 58 founding members, brought the Bicycle Stamp Club into existence.

During our first year, mostly by word-of-mouth advertising, we increased our membership by about 20 interested collectors. Two 64 page issues of 'BICYCLE STAMPS' were printed and distributed; and a 'Bicycle Stamp Check List' was published. Both of these publications won awards at a USA Philatelic Literature Fair. We established a flourishing New Issue Service for the use of members. We joined the British Thematic Association and on 20-July submitted all of the necessary paperwork to re-establish our American Topical Association affiliation. We conducted a survey to determine the members collecting interests (results are published herein).

All of the work of organization and operation of the Club has been done by about 10% of the membership. Where are the rest of you? This is your club. The officers and the club need your input and assistance, if the Club is to flourish and grow. Let us hear from you. Articles for 'BICYCLE STAMPS', information about new issues, comments, and criticisms; all are welcome. Join the fun. A little time and a little postage is all it takes.

*Norman Batho*  
Norman Batho, Hon. Secy.

Handcar 1880s  
USA



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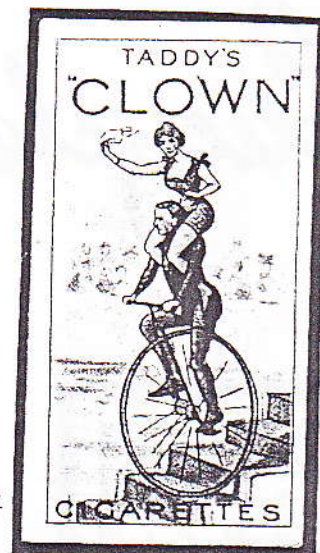
USA.  
UK enquiries to the Honorary Treasurer, Paul Butler  
England.

Pushcart 1880s  
125





STOP PRESS -----  
 French Vignette.  
 10th September  
 1987.



OTHER THINGS TO COLLECT  
 Members might appreciate seeing a picture of the rarest and most expensive Cigarette Card of cycling interest. It is one of a set of 25 with an estimated price of £10,000...

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The Bicycle Stamps Club is affiliated to the



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 British  
 Thematic  
 Philatelists  
 THE BRITISH PHILATELIC FEDERATION

and is a Study Unit of the



President: Graham Wade, 7, Rivertop Close, Normanhurst, NSW 2076, Australia.  
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# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Membership Total 65. Members live in Australia (3), Austria (2), England (30), France (1), Italy (1), Japan (3), The Netherlands (2), New Zealand (2), San Marino (1), Scotland (2), United States of America (17) and West Germany (1).

Included in the Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' was a renewal/Questionnaire Form. Members were asked how frequently they would wish to see the publication of 'Bicycle Stamps':

Three monthly	7	Three or Four monthly	3	Three or Six monthly	2
Six monthly	13	Six or Twelve monthly	1	Twelve monthly	3

The 3 opting for a yearly publication cancel out 3 of those opting for a quarterly publication. Thus a clear majority of those voting have opted for the publication to continue on a semi-yearly basis.

Members were also asked what philatelic items they collect:

Mint stamps	37	Overprints	20	Post Office Postcards	21
Used Stamps	25	FDC's	23	Stamp Booklets	18
Vignettes	15	Postal Stationery	23	Signed Proofs	14
Souvenir Sheets	30	Cachets	18	Perf. Stamps	24
Locals	28	Maximum Cards	21	Imperf. Stamps	18
Re-issues	18	Sets though only one is a bicycle stamp			4

The Survey clearly vindicates the New Issue Service for most of the members do not want to buy the non-bicycle stamps in a set and I know that Douglas Marchant tries extremely hard to obtain just the bicycle stamps which is far from easy. The more members in the Service, the easier it would be for often he has to purchase a sheet of 50 stamps. Members who also collect Blocks of Four, are very useful to him as that soaks up the excess.

Norman Batho,  
Honorary Secretary.


# MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Our Treasurer, Paul Butler of England, suggested that we should have a Membership Card and so our President, Graham Wade of Australia and designer of postage stamps for Papua New Guinea, was asked to produce some sketches. He came up with some very exciting designs and a postal ballot was held between Norman Batho of America, Paul Butler and your Editor from England and Graham of Australia. "Great minds think alike" for all four agreed on one of the sketches. Not long after you read these words, you will know which of the designs all four officers opted for.

A

Let's make it a post card so it can go into our collections

POST CARD



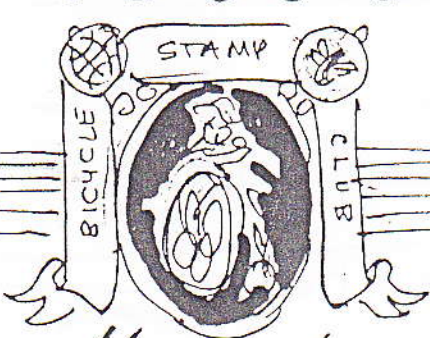
100 years after the first bicycle was pictured on a stamp in Bochum Germany Your club has decided to produce a numbered membership certificate as a suitable centenary celebration.

Notice the same young lady and the flowered ordinary is featured on the reverse.

lets find a suitable stamp in here

Members name & address

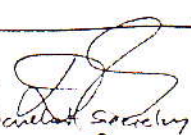
Photograph of Girl off Berlin Stamp



No 16

Membership 1987

is a registered member of the Bicycle Stamp Club

  
 Douglas W. ... Secretary

we could number them if we are really keen

Space for name

I think Norman Batho might have something to say about this...



B

A Fun Card

MEMBERSHIP CARD

THE BICYCLE STAMP CLUB

BOCHUM  
PRINZBILDE  
PENNIG  
ONE PENNY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
president

*[Signature]*  
secretary

or maybe even credit Card size

MEMBERSHIP CARD

NO 16





NAME \_\_\_\_\_

secretary \_\_\_\_\_

president \_\_\_\_\_



Or a more formal Certificate style.  
 Colour Paper — Text style letter

B	MEMBERS	IN	BRITAIN	FRANCE	UNITED STATES	12				
THE NORTHERN COUNTRIES	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	GERMANY	<h1>Membership</h1>			ITALY			
								JAPAN		
				<h2>The Bicycle Stamp Club</h2>					AUSTRALIA	
				<p>this is to certify that</p> <h3>Jack Smith</h3> <p>is a member of this worthy and highly esteemed club</p>						NEW ZEALAND
										
										
<p>Secretary</p>										
										
<p>Treasurer</p>										
A	13	<p>1st Cuba stamp</p>								

coolgardie bike

Boden

This might take a bit of time as I would hand letters each name just like the title text style

1st Cuba stamp



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thematica '87

A Black Print is a government produced or authorized impression in black from original plate, issued in non-postal form. Issued in postal form it is a reprint in black.

A Black Proof is a proof impression in black colour. There is a view that black impressions from engraved plates are all proofs when done at a time from the master.

Privately printed materials from photographs, originals, or whatever are Facsimiles; some are called souvenirs or paper memorabilia.

I.W.Martin BSC.

Editor's Comment - I'm rightly chastised. See page 31.

I take exception to the statement in the first issue which seems to put Havnoonian forward as Founder. To the best of my knowledge, James Palmieri convened and founded the Club (The Bikes on Stamps Study Unit) and willingly handed things over to Havnoonian. Later he had to withdraw altogether owing to personal circumstances.

David Sher BSC

Copy of original announcement in 'Linn's Stamp News' 26th March 1979 →

### *Bicycles on stamps*

I collect stamps concerned with the topic of bicycling, including bicycle racing (which I also do as a hobby), touring, mail delivery, children on bicycles, or any other stamps showing a bicycle in the background. My collection to date includes about 410 issues from 101 different countries. I would be interested in corresponding with anyone sharing this common subject, whether exclusively on bicycles or as part of a sports collection.

Dr. James R. Palmieri  
Naval Medical Research Unit 2  
Jakarta Detachment  
APO San Francisco 96356

Editor's Comment. I didn't join BOSSU until 1982 and I was, thus, unaware of James Palmieri's contribution so I am more that pleased that David's letter enables the history of our Club to be corrected and for James Palmieri's contribution to be acknowledged.

I don't think I had better renew my membership. I was one of the original people in the BOSSU, but I feel hurt by the way you have handled the re-incarnation. The feeling remains that you should have supplied a copy of the Premier Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' to the old hands of the Unit. I am also almost to the point of being bitter that you did not send me a copy of the Tenth Issue of 'The Spoken' Word'

Charles Teed.

Editor's Comment. Frank Havnoonian undertook the responsibility of sending copies of the Tenth Issue of 'The Spoken' Word' to the American members of BOSSU and to refund my expenses in editing that issue and for circulating copies to the non-American members. I understand that Frank didn't circulate copies to American members and I have yet to receive my expenses back. Having already suffered a not inconsiderable financial loss, was I to be further out-of-pocket by supplying free copies of the Premier Issue to all the then members of BOSSU...

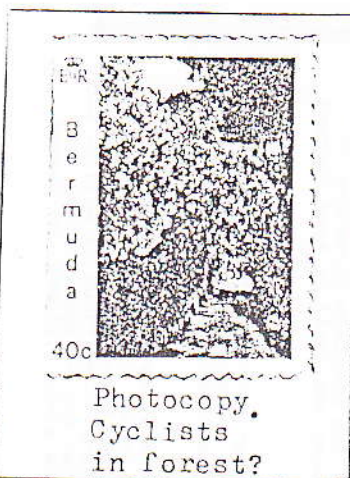
You made a mistake on page 86/2 of the Illustrated Check Listing in the Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'. The Guernsey Postcard (item 5) illustrates the 8p definitive stamp issued on the 23rd July 1985 and not 1983

Editor's Comment. Why didn't any member send me such a letter?



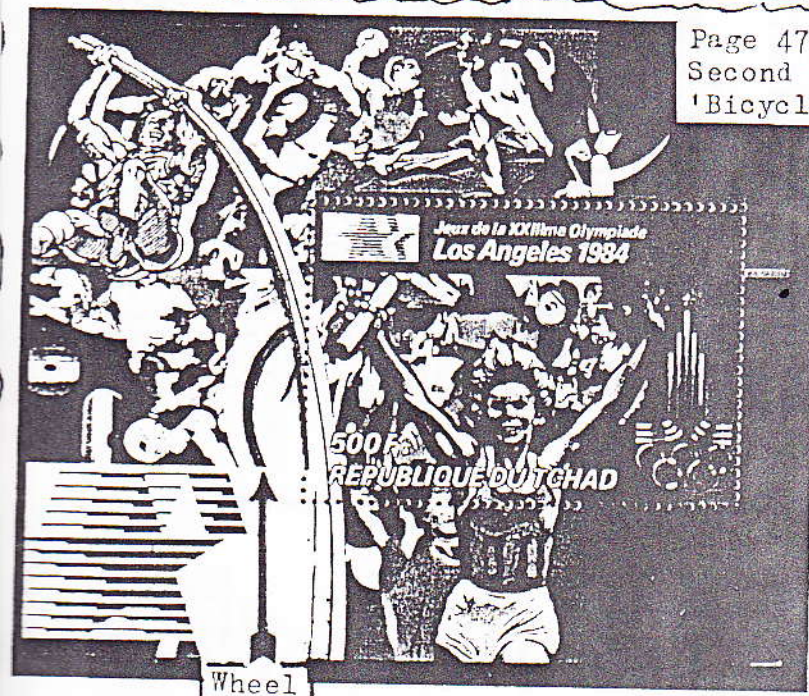
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BOSSGE

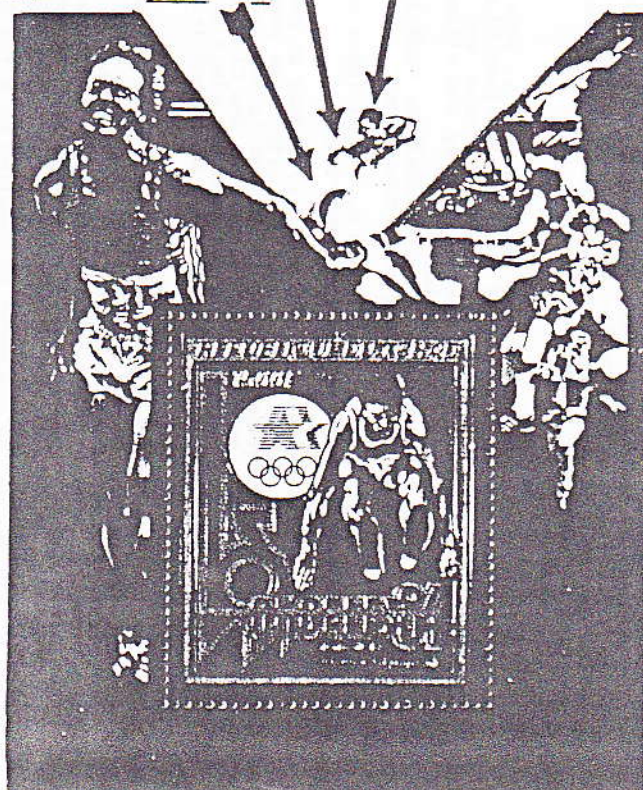


A few members wrote to me asking for me to point out the bicycle connection in the 1500f Souvenir Sheet. One wrote and told me he had found it, but he was wrong! Now they are all out of their misery and I suspect they will be kicking themselves for not seeing the connection before now. And now a real mystery. I'm told that the Bernauda item has some cycling connection, but what is it and why can't I find the item in a stamp catalogue? DM.

Page 47 of the  
Second Issue of  
'Bicycle Stamps'



Two Cyclists



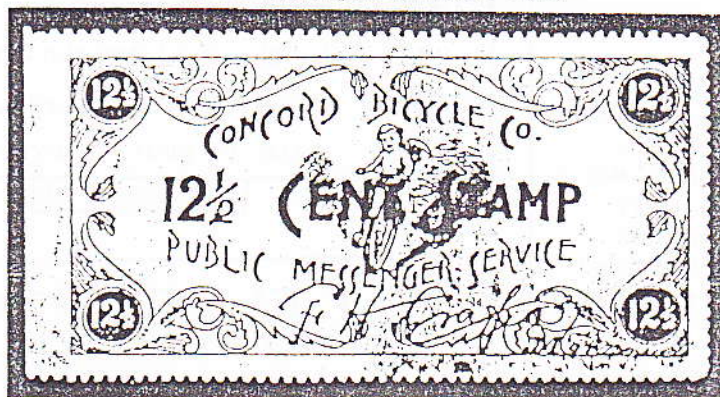
# DISCOVER THE BICYCLE CONNECTIONS

These items were issued by Chad in the Summer (31st July or 2nd August) of 1982 and they all have a bicycle connection. Rupert Walzl brought the 30F stamp and the 500F sheet to my attention. I saw the stamp's bicycle connection straight-away, but the sheet's connection took a lot of time - months - to discover. The 1500F Gold de luxe sheet was another matter entirely. I saw it displayed in a stamp dealers and immediately saw the bicycle connection. I showed that sheet to one of our (BSC) members and he could not see it until I pointed it out to him. Some months later - after he had acquired the Sheet - he asked me to show him the bicycle connection again as he could not remember it and could not discover it for himself. CAN YOU SEE THE CONNECTIONS?

Answers in the Third  
Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'

DM





I first heard of what is quite possibly the oldest American Local Bicycle stamp, when Michael Orenstein of the Superior Stamp & Coin Company of Beverly Hills near Los Angeles, showed me a photocopy of the "Concord Bicycle Co. Public Messenger Service" Local stamp (see illustration). He told me that, although he had a photocopy, he had never seen an original and he had been seeking one for over fifteen years.

He kindly allowed me to photocopy his photocopy and I made further copies and sent them to various friends and dealers. One was sent to Norman Batho, the Bicycle Stamps Club's Honorary Secretary, so that he too would seek it out. "Eureka!", he wrote in February of this year, for he had managed to locate this elusive item. When he wrote to me on the 24th March he gave the background to the find. Mr. Champagne, a stamp dealer, reported that it was found in the basement of a person who had just died. His relatives were going through his things and found it on the floor. They thought it might be worth something... The dealer estimated the value to be between \$50 and \$250, but since there were no prior sales records, auction prices or catalog values, Norman was able to argue that the valuation was pure guesswork and bought it for a "very reasonable sum"

The local is quite large, rosy of color with elaborate scrollwork surrounding a cherub riding a high-wheeler. It has an odd face value of 12½ cents and is signed F.H.Crapo. It used to be a "Parcel Post" local stamp of the "Concord Bicycle Co." AND IT IS PROBABLY THE EARLIEST BICYCLE LOCAL MAIL STAMP OF AMERICA.

Some years ago the Concord Library of New Hampshire had some information which I quote: "It is known of record that during 1889-1890, Frank H. Crapo was a clerk and bicycle repairer at the rear of 70 N. Main Street, Concord". The Library's Directory also listed the owner of the Concord Bicycle Company at the rear of 70, N. Main Street as Frank H. Crapo, and also recorded the "Concord Bicycle Company Rapid Messenger Service" as run by F.H.Crapo at rear of 70, N. Main Street. Mr. Crapo was still in business in 1895-1896 as owner of the Concord Bicycle Company with three "drop stations" for the Messenger Service. Around 1900 he became a travelling salesman and around 1906 moved to New York City. He died towards the end of the Second World War I believe.

Norman Batho's original is mint, but has a crease in the lower left hand corner. As one can see from the illustration to this article, the crease is not very noticeable. I have seen a photocopy of a used one, but without a date on the cancellation mark. It was pasted on to a page of an old album and, on the reverse of the page, the following inscription was penned: "I knew Frank Crapo well and can vouch for its genuineness. The Highwheel was used. Rare item". The inscription was signed by W.W.Rich.



### Errors in Postage Stamp Design No. 3

"Errare est Humanum" - Latin for "It is Human to err", but it is still surprising just how many errors slip through all the stages of design, approval, printing and distribution, without being detected.

The Niger stamp on the cover asserts that the "Bicyclette" was invented in 1818 and the Antigua-Barbuda stamp shown on page 29 makes the same assertion. Baron von Drais invented his Draisine in 1817!

No less than TWO errors will be found on the Barbados stamp shown on page 33. The Cook's badge (bottom right) is upside down and the Pathfinder's badge (top left) points skywards!

The Danish Post Office has a problem differentiating between men and women (see page 21) and just look at the size of the boy's bicycle on the St. Kitts's quintych (see page 30). Maybe the boy is holding his dad's bicycle!

DH

THEMATICA '88 is planned for 28 May 1988  
in the Carisbrooke Hall.

Seymour Street. Marble Arch, London W2.  
date in your diary now.

See page 31

## LE CYCLE ET LA POSTE

PAR  
JEAN-PIERRE MANGIN  
ET  
RENÉ GESLIN

Nouvelle Bicyclette "PASSE-PARTOUT"  
Modèle des Postes et Télégraphes  
Modèle pour un futur usage.

PRÉFACE DE MONSIEUR GÉRARD LONGUET  
Ministre des Postes et Télécommunications

Soon to be published.  
Details will be sent  
direct to all members  
by Jean-Pierre Mangin



### CYCLE EXPRESS SERVICE

THE STAMP SHOW 1964  
August 1st & 2nd

Cycle Express Messenger Service between  
Palais Grande, Rockdale, and Rockdale  
Post Office to commemorate the  
70th ANNIVERSARY  
of the Coolgardie Cycle Express Service



Illustrated above are the original  
Coolgardie Cycle Express stamps of  
1894



Mr. J. Ferret

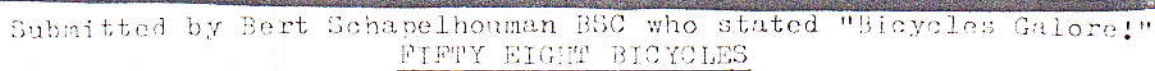
3 Nullaburra Rd  
New Port / Sydney  
Flat 3

N.S.W.



This is a re-enactment not mentioned in the survey of Australian  
Coolgardie items in the Premier Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'

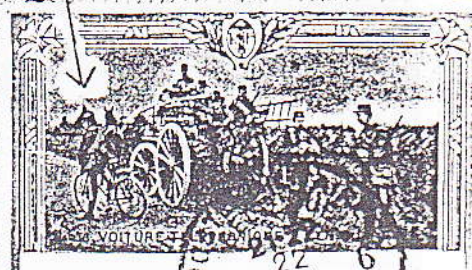






René Geslin sent me this photocopy of a postcard posted in 1917. The French "vignette" (RF = Republic of France) must have had postal validity for it enabled the card to travel in the post to Paris. The cancellation stated, in Dutch and in French, Military Post - Belgium. Dm

le 20 juillet 1917.  
Cher Monsieur  
CARTE POSTALE  
Espérant aller en  
congé, j'espère que  
je pourrai vous  
envoyer un certificat.  
Tout espérant  
aujourd'hui excellente  
santé, ainsi que Madame  
ma chère, je vous envoie  
mes civilités très distinguées,  
F. Gauthier  
12<sup>e</sup> C<sup>ie</sup> - 17 237 A. 5<sup>e</sup> rue



Monsieur  
12, Rue Jouffroy  
Paris 17<sup>e</sup>

COMITÉ NATIONAL DU MONUMENT AUX MORTS  
DES GROUPES CYCLISTES  
DE CHASSEURS A PIED ET ALPINS



En achetant ces vignettes, vous aurez  
témoigné de votre sympathie à  
l'Œuvre de Reconnaissance Nationale  
envers nos petits  
DIABLES BLEUS Morts pour la France.

Prix : 10 Francs

"SE SOUVENIR"

On page 29 of the Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' I asked for any information about three French vignettes. René Geslin responded by sending me a photocopy of this Stamp Booklet. See page 28 of the Second Issue DM

U. N. C. C.

Siège Social :  
37, Rue Julien-Lacroix  
PARIS - XX<sup>e</sup>  
Tél. : MÉnilmontant 46-80



Vignette colours:  
Border in Royal Blue and the  
Picture in Blackish Blue-Green.  
Variation: Colours reversed.  
Colour Guide used:  
Michel Farbenführer.

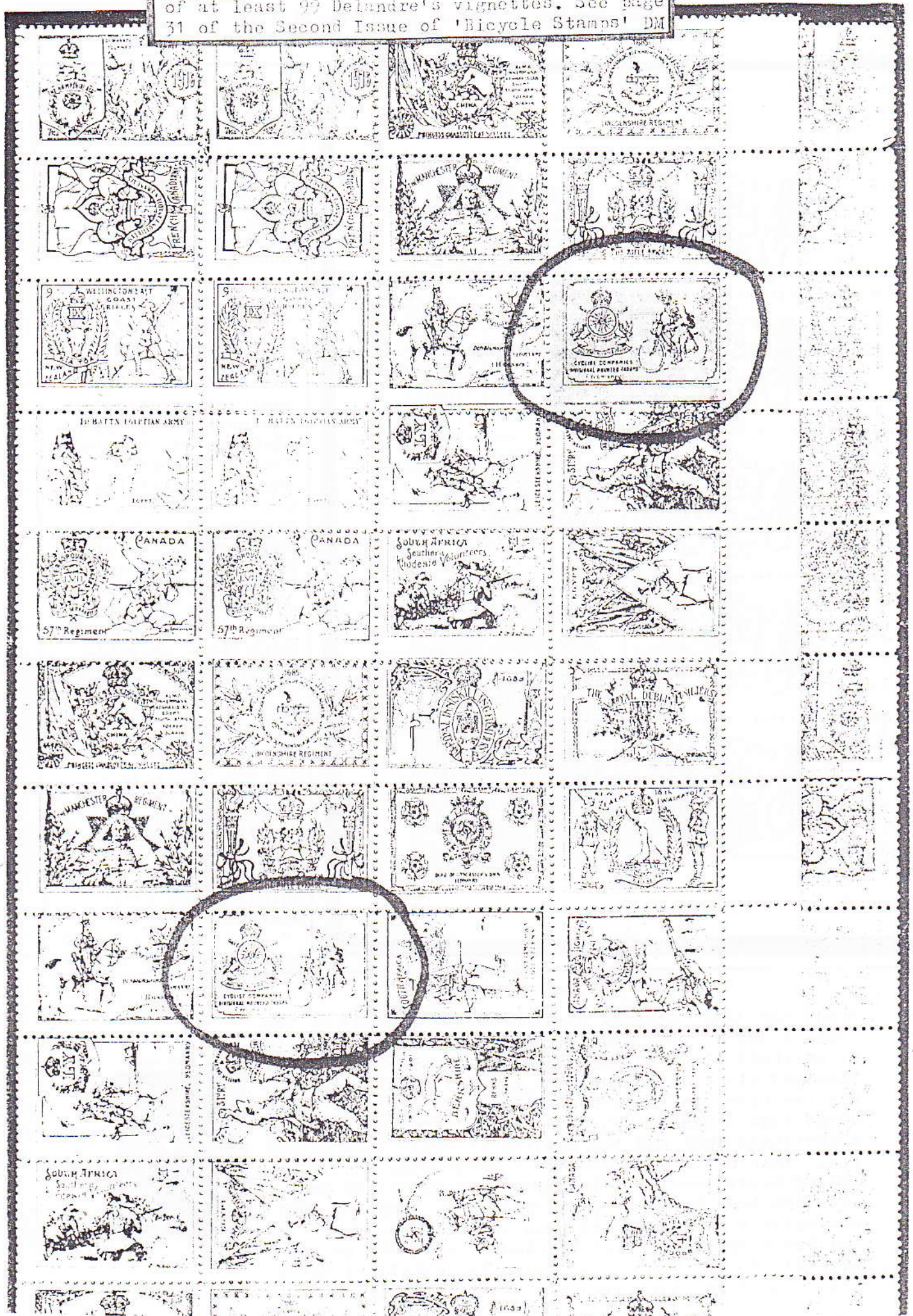
Barri, Paris

Déclarée à la Préfecture de Police  
Sous le N° 164.377  
Agrée du Ministère de la Guerre  
Affiliée à la Flamme sous l'Arc-de-Triomphe

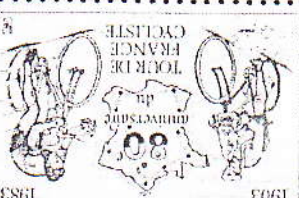
Back cover of Booklet.  
Notice that its issue  
was Agreed by the  
Minister of War.



René Geslin sent me this photocopy of a sheet  
of at least 99 Delandre's vignettes. See page  
31 of the Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' DM







As a result of the Tête Bêche pair of vignettes shown on page 35 of the Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps', René Geslin has sent me a few sheetlets - one is reproduced here. Notice that it is the middle vignette of the right hand strip that is the odd one out and can make both vertical and horizontal Tête Bêche pairs. I have four different sheetlets. All four are identical in background - white - and design. And all four have the same "odd man out". The difference is in the colours: Map & cyclists - emerald-green and lettering - carmine-red. Second sheet is the same colours, but reversed. The third sheet is map and cyclists - cobalt and lettering - vermillion and the fourth sheet is the same colours, but again reversed. Colour Guide used: Michel-Farbenführer.

DM

### "Foul & Ugly?"

"Foul and Ugly" Mystery Resolved - see page 23 of the Tenth Issue of 'The Spoken' Word. So many have written to me about the item reproduced here that I cannot now remember all their names, but I think Ronald Sant BSC was the first to write so I will quote from his letter dated 14th October 1985. "The Danish item you showed is a Christmas Seal and the wording is "Jul" (pronounced Yool) meaning Yule = Yuletide = Christmas. They are issued every year to raise money for charities and, although they have no postal validity, they are very collectable for they have been issued ever since 1904 and are very attractive" I thought the word on the Seal was "Ful". Danish for Foul (and ugly?). I agree with Ronald for they are far from being ugly.

DM

Denmark



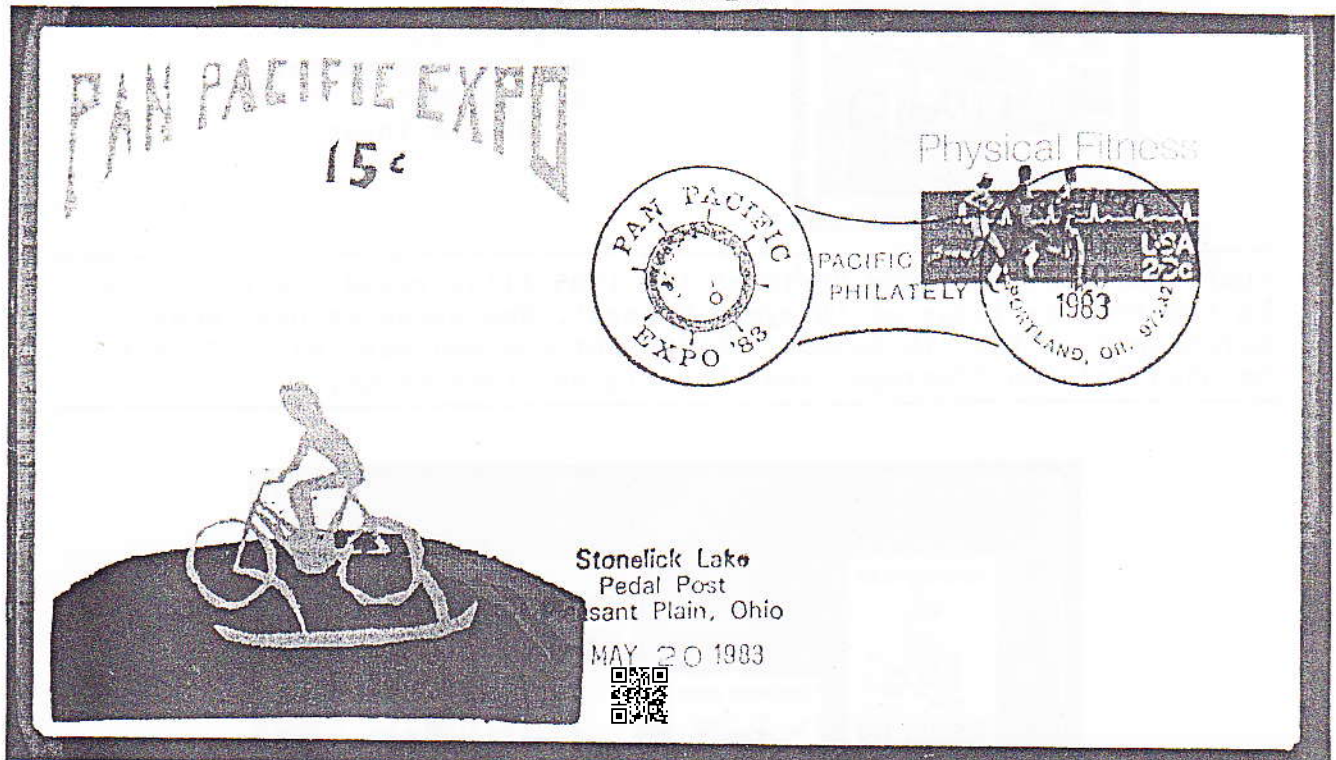
1959



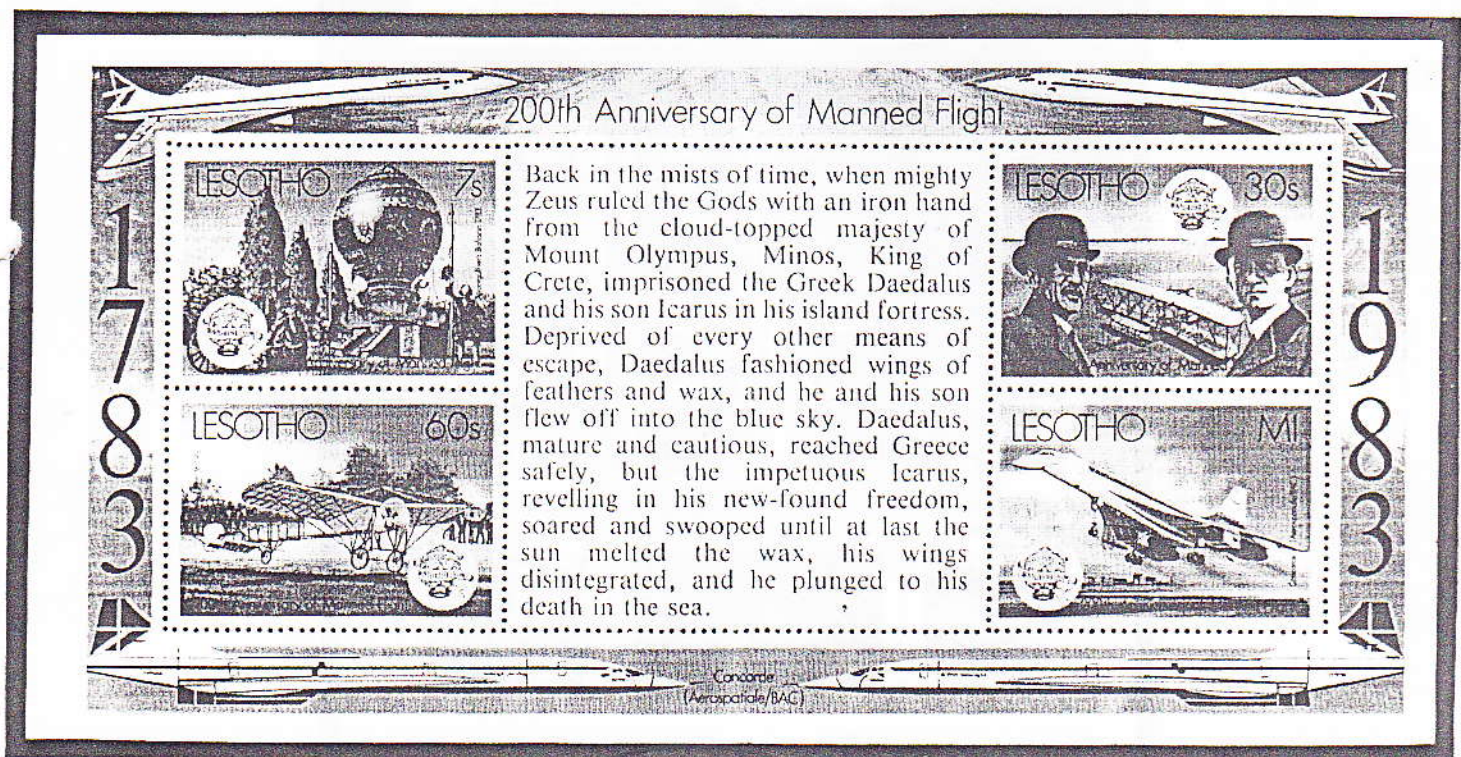
# 1983 UPDATING.

1983 Illustrated Check Listing - see Tenth Issue of 'The Spoken Word'  
Up-Datings will be found on pages 46 & 47 of the Premier Issue and on  
Page 52 of the Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'

PLEASE NOTE: Any item marked \* in this magazine is outside the Scope of the  
NEW ISSUE SERVICE



USA Stonelick Lake Local. 20th May



Lesotho. 11th July. A Stamp Booklet was also issued containing two  
pages. One as shown on the cover of the 1983 Illustrated Check Listing  
and the other as shown above.

Redonda. Item 34 of that Check Listing. Date of Issue now known to be  
15th September.



# 1985 UPDATING

1985 Illustrated Check Listing - see Premier Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'  
 Updatings will be found on page 53 of the Second Issue



This is the "1985"  
 overprinted stamp.  
 See page 53 of the  
 Second Issue

Thailand. Item 23, page 85/10 of the 1985 Illustrated Check Listing  
 in the Premier Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'. Now known to have been  
 surcharged on the 7th October. 6.50 Baht crossed-out and 8.50 Baht  
 printed between "Postage" and the original face value.

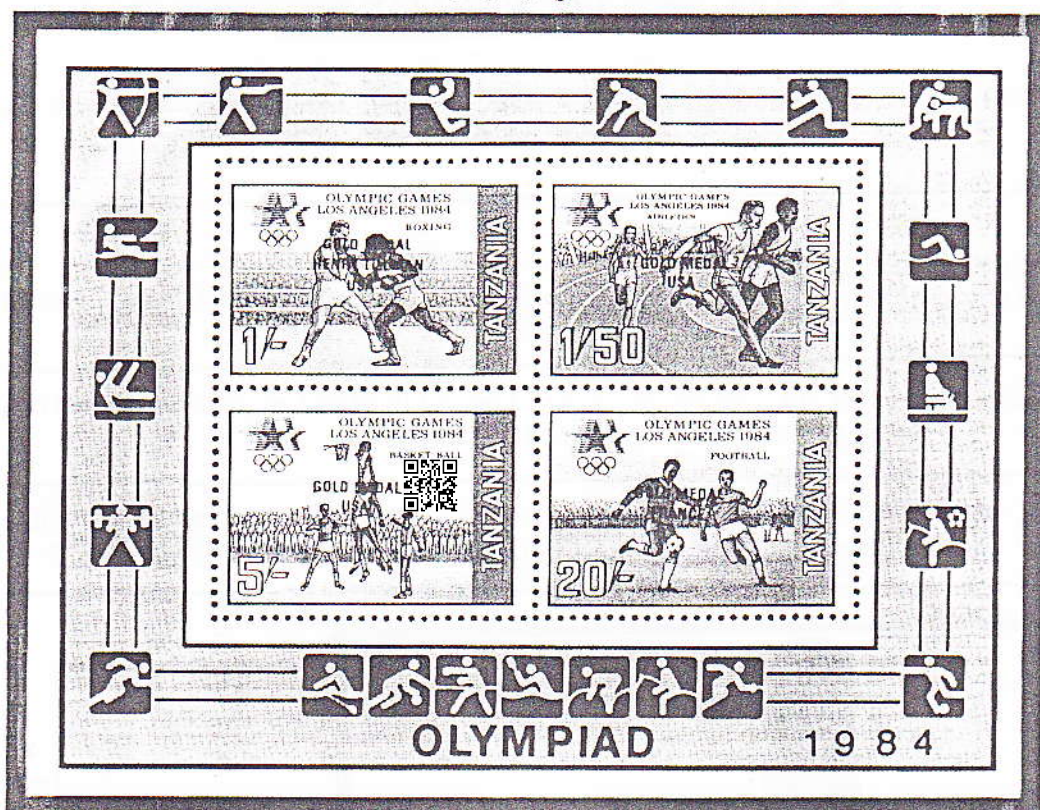


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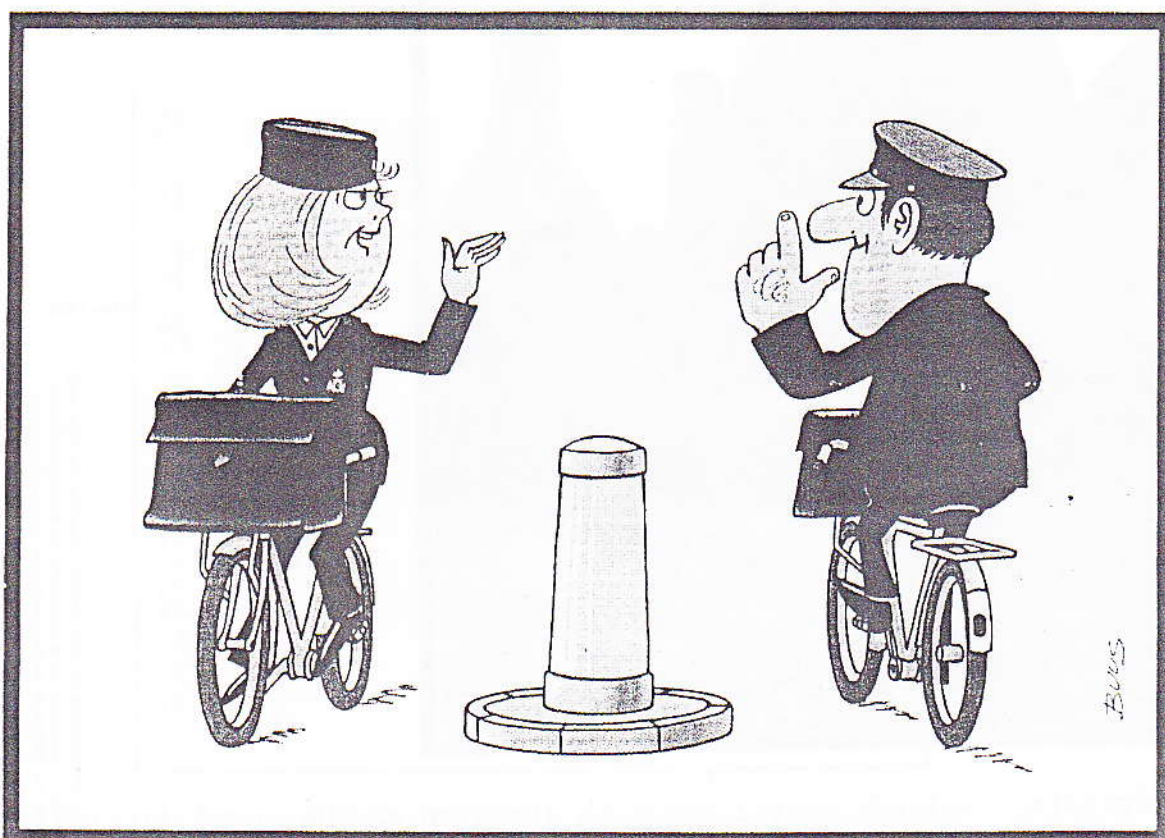
Sweden. Date of Issue not known. Postcard illustrates "Flying  
 Machine" stamp (which was issued only in Souvenir Sheet format).  
 See Item 49, page 84/19 of illustrated Check Listing in this  
 issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'



1985



Tanzania. 6th August 1984 (see item 37, page 84/15 of Illustrated Check Listing in this issue of 'Bicycle Stamps') "Gold Medal" overprinted on the 22nd October 1985



Denmark. October 1985. Post Office Postcard No. 16 "Danish Postmen" One is surely a woman though...



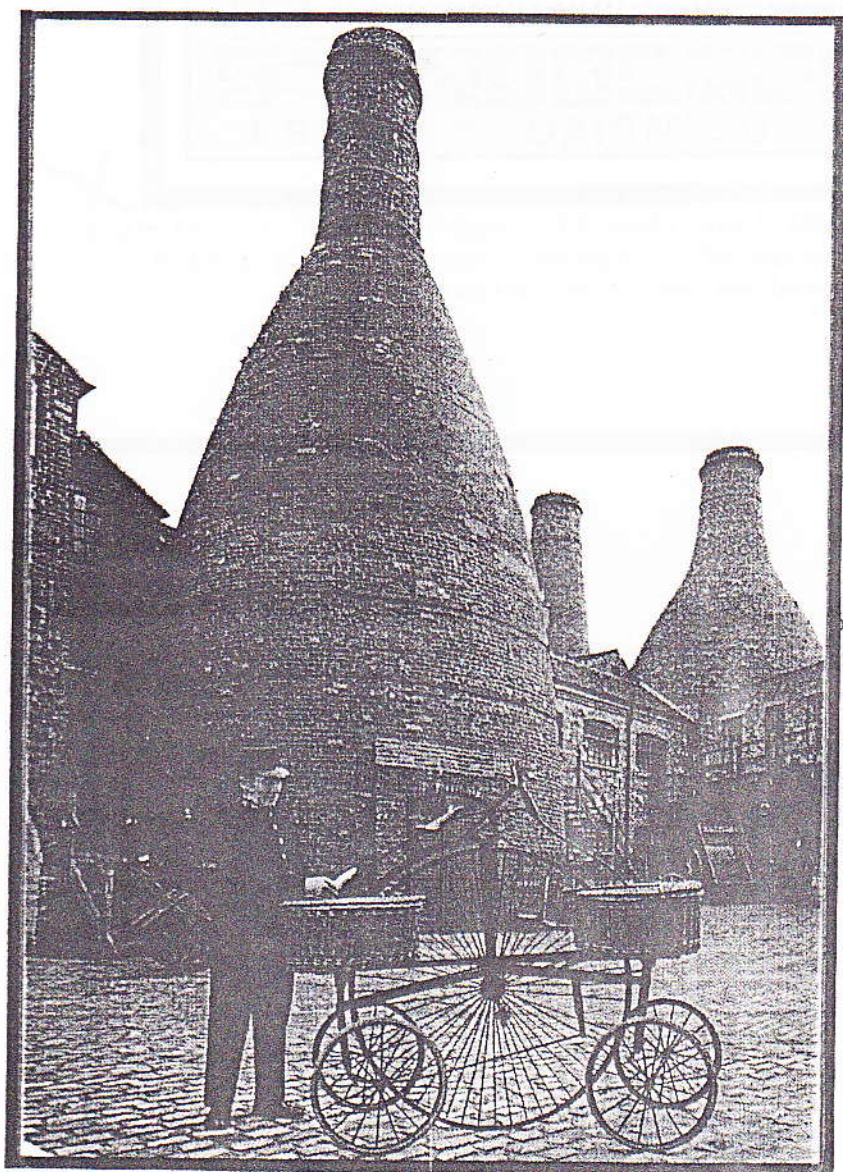
# 1986 UPDATING

1986 Illustrated Check Listing - see Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' and page 8 of that issue

Guernsey. Item 5, page 86/2 of the Illustrated Check Listing. The definitive stamp shown on the 6th April 1986 postcard was issued on the 23rd July 1985 and not 1983.

New Zealand. Item 24, page 86/7 of the Illustrated Check Listing, was issued on the 1st August 1986.

Poland. The postcard shown on page 53 of the Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' was issued on the 6th January 1986 and not in December 1985.



issued 31 March 1981

The Centre-cycle of 1881, better known as the 'Hen and Chicks', was used for a short time for parcel deliveries where it is pictured, with a postman in period uniform, against a background of bottle kilns at the Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent.

Based on the first anniversary of the Philatelic Office, Walsley, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 1AD, this card and other Post Office Picture Cards can be obtained from the above or any Philatelic Office, or from the Philatelic Bureau, Edinburgh EH3 9BB.

May 1986

The Centre-cycle of 1881, better known as the 'Hen and Chicks', was used for a short time for parcel deliveries where it is pictured, with a postman in period uniform, against a background of bottle kilns at the Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent.

A re-issue of Card May 10 especially for the National Garden Festival 1986 at Stoke-on-Trent.

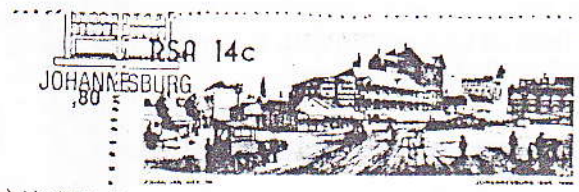
Great Britain. Midlands Postal Board (a division of the Royal Mail) Postcard MPB 10, originally issued on the 31st March 1981, was re-issued for the National Garden Festival in May 1986.



1986.



Poland. 21st June. Postal Card, originally issued on 12th December 1983 (despite date printed bottom left), given a bicycle picture for 1986 A.I.T. Cycle Rally.



Republic of South Africa. 25th September. 1 of 4. Tiny figure in a white suite just to the right of the centre of the stamp is riding a bicycle. Norman Batho has reported that "some stamps on the left hand margin of the sheet are overprinted. The overprint is half on the stamp and half on the selvege" and he supplied the photocopy shown on the right above.



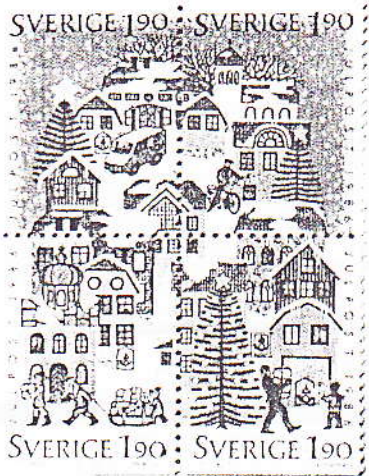
U.S.A. Californian Local. 12th November.  
Norman Batho BSC investigating. See page 27



1986



Panama.  
21st November. 1 of 2.



Om du postar dina julkort senast den 17:e,  
kan du vara säker på att de kommer fram i tid.  
Har du förresten sett de nya julfrimärkena?  
De finns att köpa nu. Ett häfte kostar 22:80  
och räcker till 12 julkort.



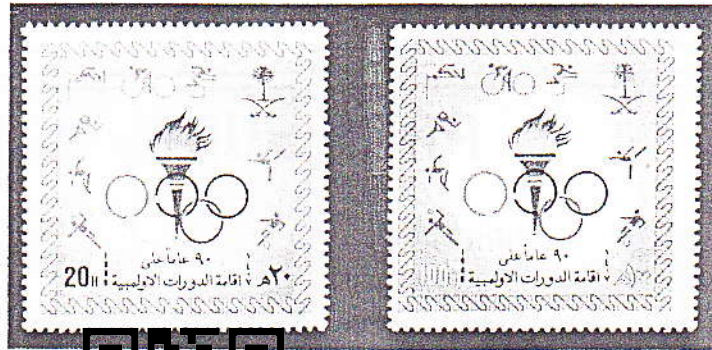
Sweden. 25th November. Postcards.



Panama. 18th December. 2 of 3



1986



Saudi Arabia 27th December, 2 of 2.

郵



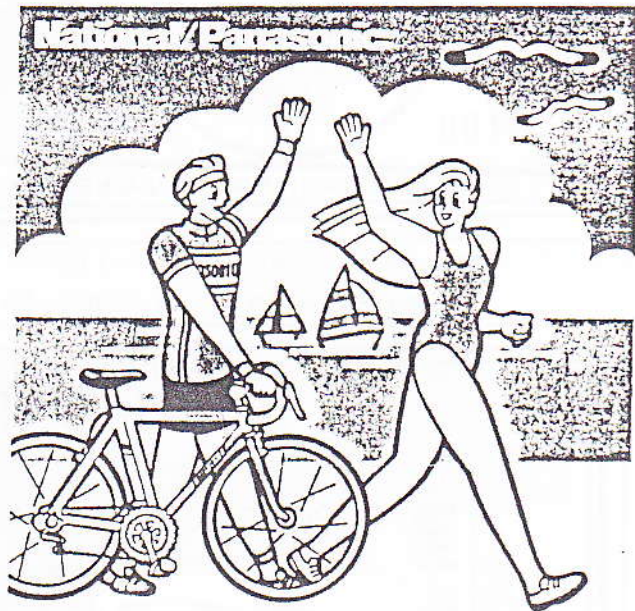
Japan. Postal Card.

Information about advance issues for 1988 and for the 1983, 1985, 1986 & 1987 Up-datings have been provided by Norman Batho, Peter Duck, Piet Hein Hilarides, Martha Jack, John Mansell, Takao One, Robert Raine, Björn Rombach, Bert Schapelhouman, David Sher, Brian Sole, Geoffrey Thorne, Ivan Trinder, Graham Wade, Rupert Walth, and Shiro Yagami. My thanks to them all and to anyone I have failed to list

DM



Front



暑中お見舞  
申し上げます

平素は格別のお引立てを賜り  
心から感謝申し上げます。  
酷暑の折柄

くれぐれもご自愛の程  
お祈り申し上げます。

昭和六十二年 盛夏

大阪府柏原市片山町十三番十三号  
ナショナル自転車工業株式会社  
社長 服部隆一

Back

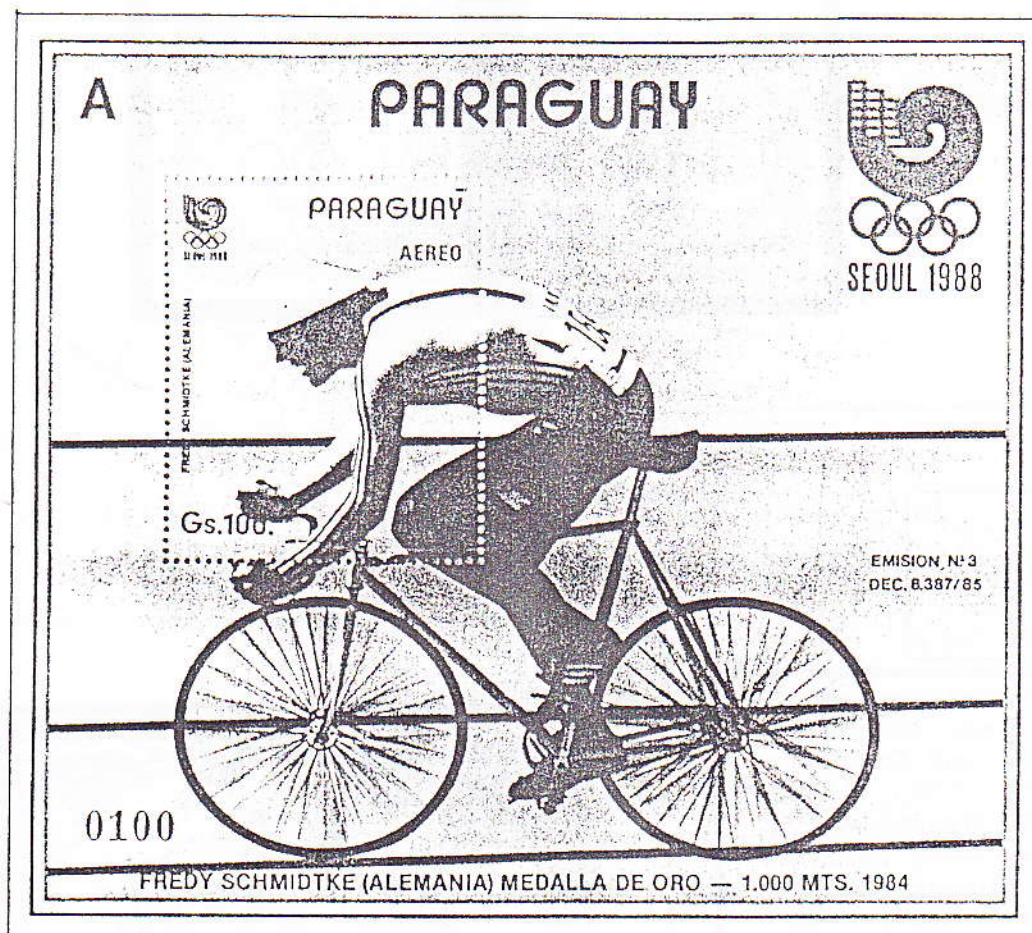
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This is Japanese For 61 indicating that the Card was issued during the 61st year of Emperor Hirohito's reign. Thus the Card was issued in 1986.



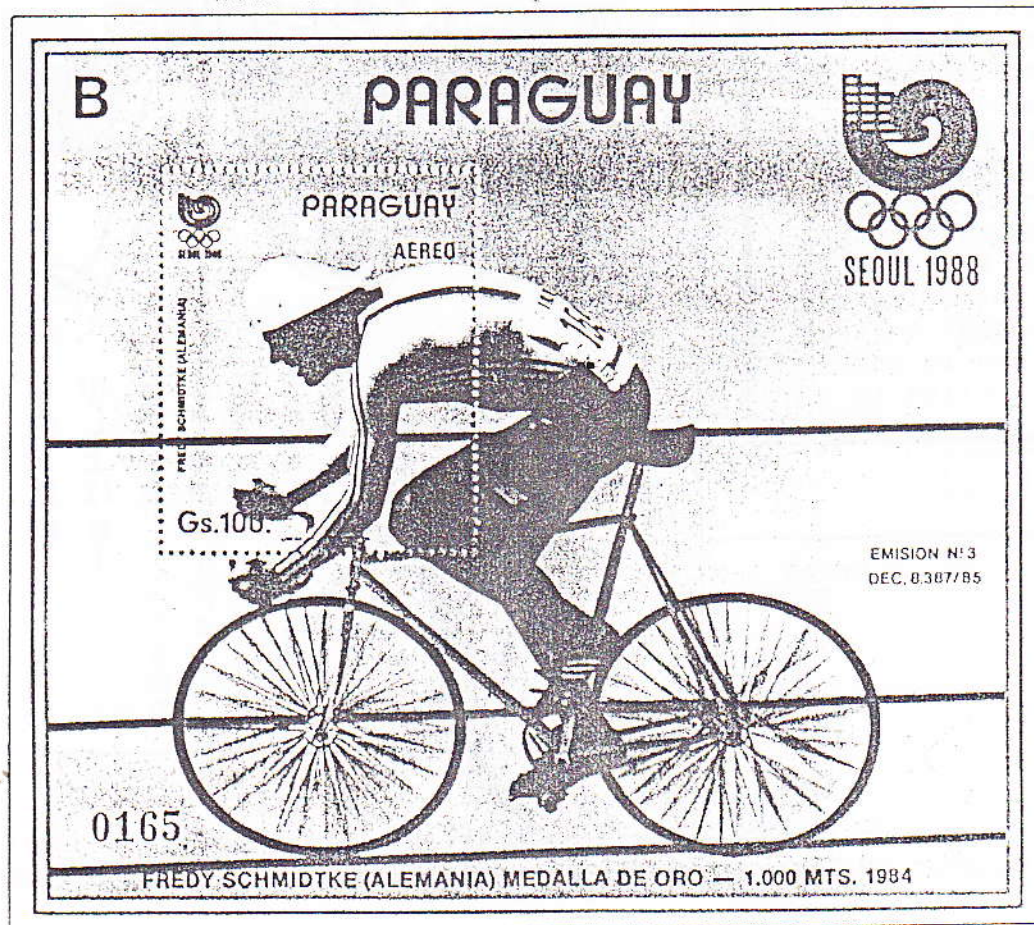
1987

X



Date of Issue not known, but believed to have been very recently.  
Note letters in top left hand corner

X





1997



Czechoslovakia.  
20th January. 1 of 1. X



Ireland.  
27th January 1 of 2. X



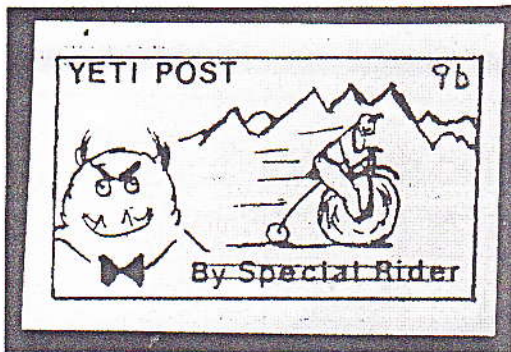
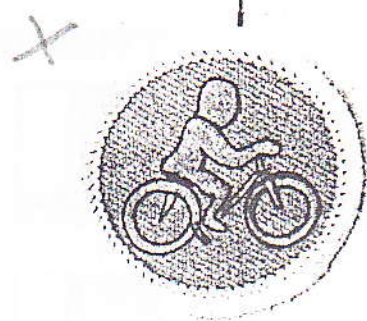
X O-K  
*Bike Stamp*

USA. 30th January. 1 of 1.  
David Sher BSC said "turn  
this stamp upside down and  
look at what is then the  
bottom..."

X 29.1.87



USA.  
12th March.  
1 of 1.  
Cyclist  
badge.



USA Californian Local. 30th March.  
Norman Batho BSC investigating.  
See page 23.



1st April - biptych. X

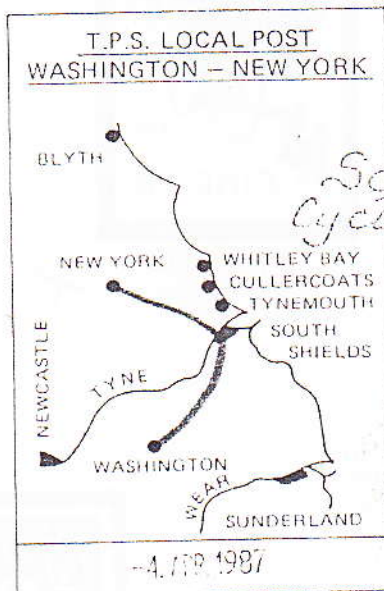


\* 1st April - a hoped!

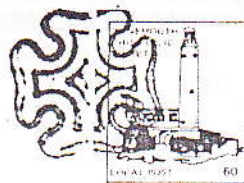


1987

Great Britain. 4th April.  
 'Scout Cycle Mail' Local.

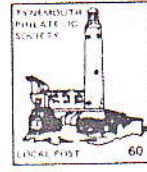


*Scout  
 Cycle Mail*



*Mr. Clayton  
 The Rinkshop  
 New York*

# TYNEMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY



LOCAL POST

LOCAL POST

1927-DIAMOND JUBILEE-1987



Great Britain. 4th April.  
"Scout Cycle Mail" Local.



The Tynemouth Philatelic Society celebrated its Diamond Jubilee this year by hosting the North of England Philatelic Association's Annual Convention on the 4th April. To mark the event in true philatelic style, a special cycle mail run was made from Washington (County Durham) to New York (North Tyneside). Those two towns were selected, one suspects, to appeal to American collectors.

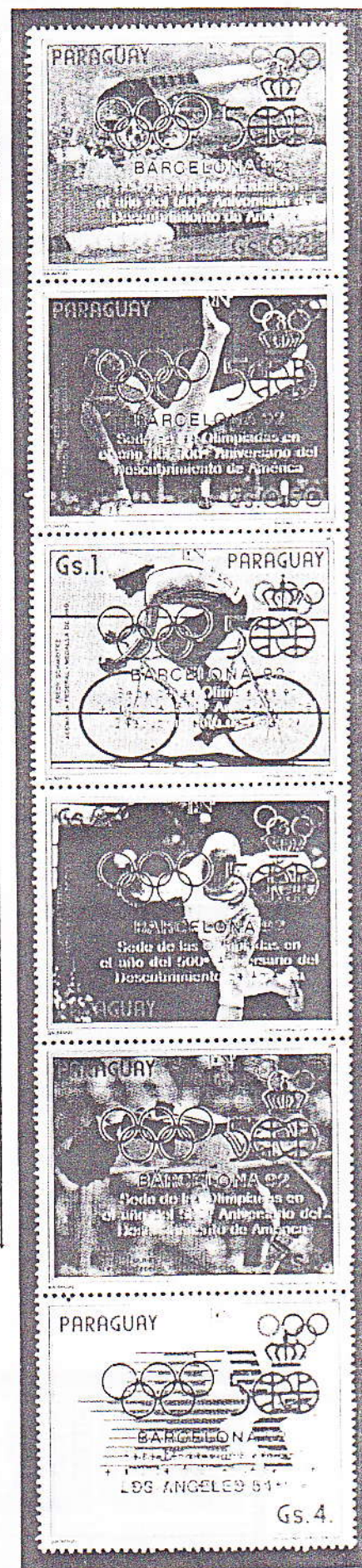
However, the Souvenir envelopes were marked "Scout Cycle Mail" as they were carried by a party of Venture Scouts from the Whitley Bay and Monkseaton Troops. The party cycled from Washington to New York crossing the River Tyne by Ferry (South Shields to North Shields). The envelopes were then carried on to the Convention at Cullercoats.

Local Post "Stamps" were produced for the run in sheets of twelve and illustrated the St. Mary's Lighthouse. The "60" on the "Stamps" does not indicate a face value, but the Diamond Jubilee of the Tynemouth Philatelic Society.

All the envelopes were carried by the Venture Scouts on bicycles "in rough weather". They were quite happy with the cycle ride, but, if the Society has any further trips in mind, "Improve the weather" was their plea.

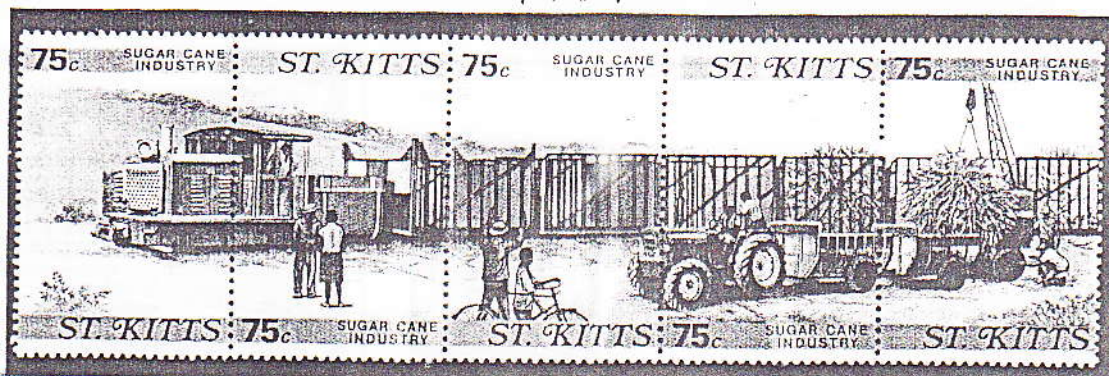


9th April. 1 of 5.



24th April.  
Overprint of 16th  
January 1985 Issue.





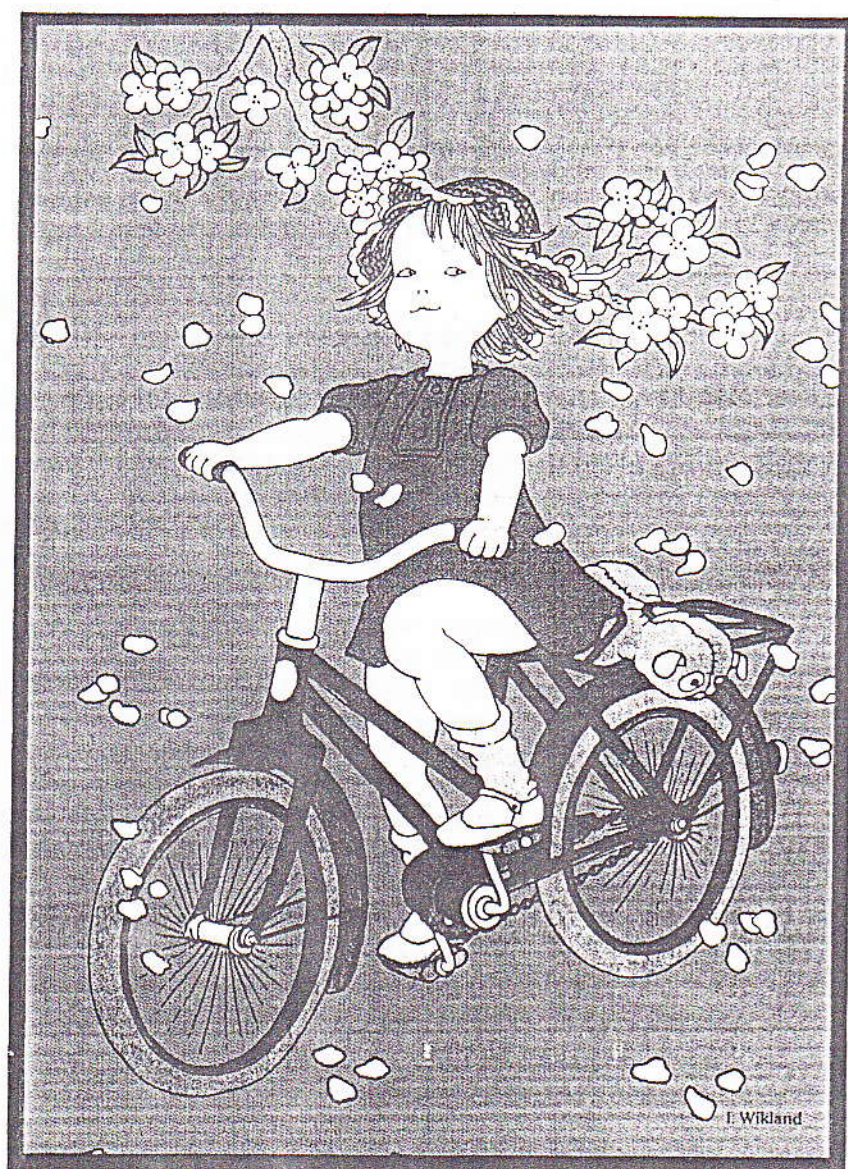
15th April. 1 of 2 quinttyches (strips of 5 making one picture)



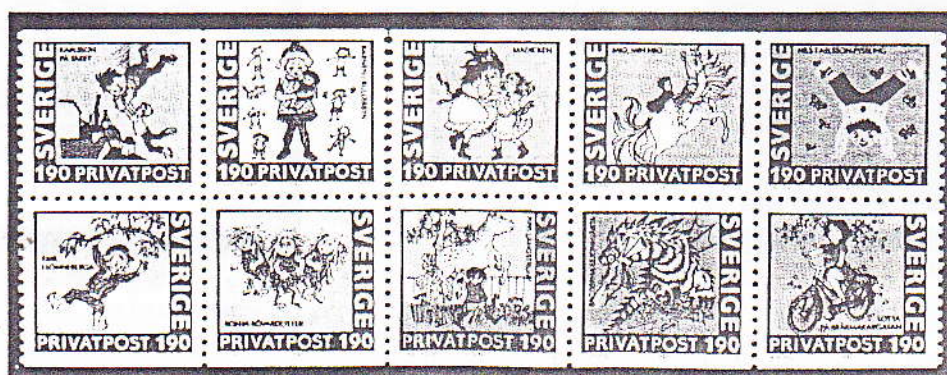
Russia  
6th May  
1 of 1



\* Switzerland.  
26th May.  
1 of 2.  
Ghost bike  
wheels...



Sweden. 14th May. Post Office Postcard.



Sweden. 14th May. 1 of 2 identical panes.



# Thematica'87

was the first British National Meeting entirely devoted to Thematic Collecting.

Organised by the London and Provincial Stamp Club who are offering Facsimile Sheet No. 21 as First Prize in the Club's October 1987 Competition.

Brian Solo BSC gave a talk on 'The History of the Bicycle' illustrating his comments with a selection from his award winning collection.

Our Club as described in the Souvenir Programme

## TABLE No 12A THE BICYCLE STAMPS CLUB

The Club was founded in November 1985. The first issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' listed 58 founder members, world-wide. The Club has a President, Graham Wade, designer of stamps for Papua New Guinea, who resides in Australia. The Secretary is Norman Batho of U.S.A. and the Treasurer, Paul Butler, resides in England. The guiding force who brought about the formation of the club is Douglas Marchant; Editor of 'Bicycle Stamps' and Organiser of the New Issue Service.

Right at the last moment, Douglas Marchant BSC thought of the idea of a Facsimile Sheet, but his set of the Bochum Locals were not perfect enough for that purpose and he had to use the 3pf Local's illustration as the basis for the other five.

See pages 10 & 14



# Thematica'87

SATURDAY 30th MAY 1987

LONDON

*Bicycle Stamps*

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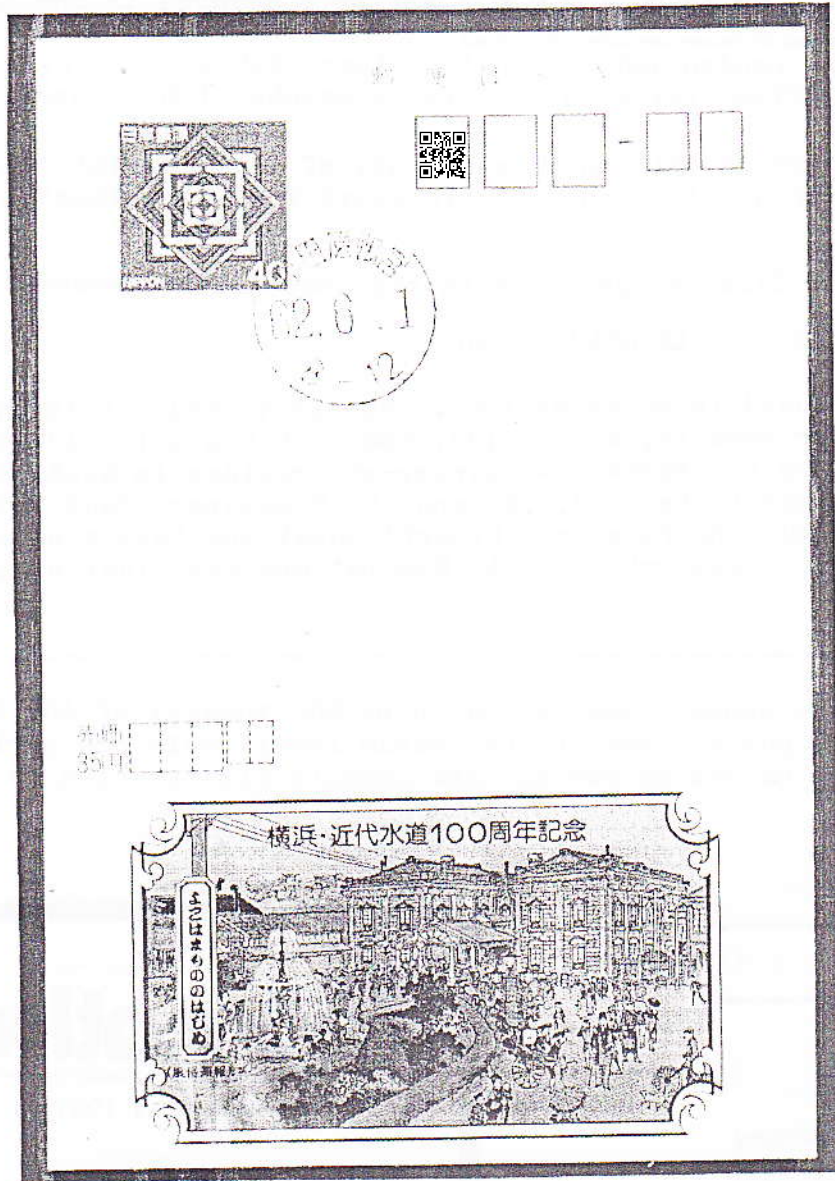


The first postage stamps depicting bicycles were the six 'locals' issued by Bochum Germany in 1887

PROOF NO: 100 OF A LIMITED EDITION OF 500



1987



Japan. 1st June. Postal Card.



Central African Republic. 4th June.  
1 of 5 & S/S. De Luxe Sheets believed  
to have been issued.



Norway. 10th June. 1 of 1.

No Bike  
stamp





15th June. 1 of 1.



Russia. 22nd June.  
1 of 3 & S/S.  
Exercise Bicycle



24th June. 1 of 4  
Cyclist badge



28th June. OP of  
9th April issue.

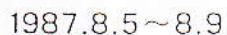


5th August  
1 of 5 & S/S



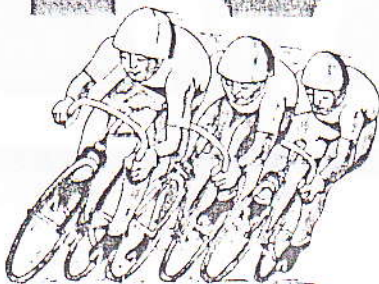
Japan

## 記念カード



はばたけ若人

北の天地に



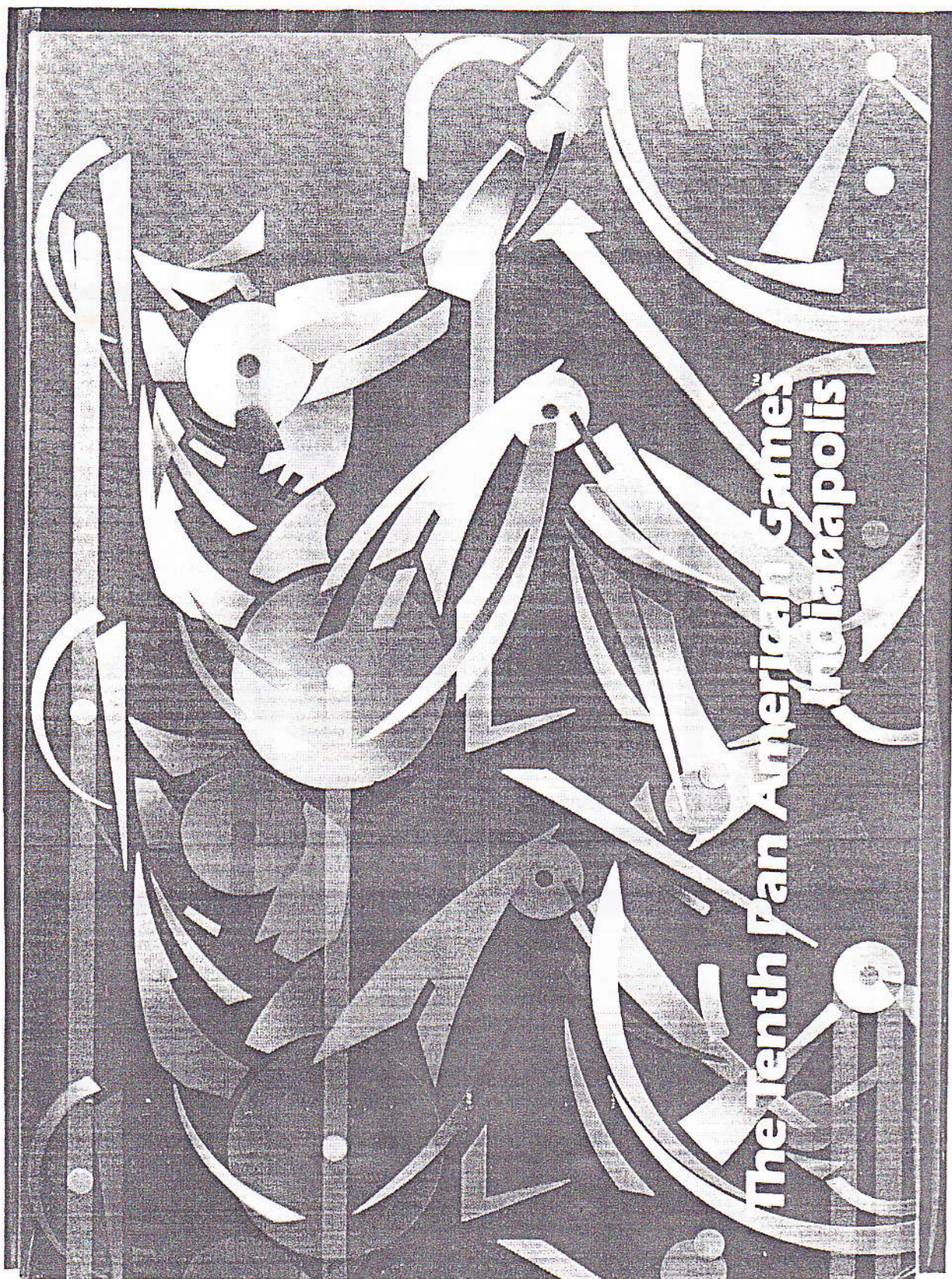
〒042 函館東郵便局郵便会

[illegible]

このカートは定形郵便物の最大寸法(235×12cm)で、郵便物としてお出しのときは60円切手を貼ってください。

5th August.





U.S.A. 7th August. Cover of Folder containing a block of four of the "ghost bicycle wheels" stamp of 30th January 1987 and cancelled with a "First Day of Issue" cachet i.e. 30th January and not the date the Folder was issued. A set of three Pan American Games "Maximum Cards" was also issued on the 7th August and one of those postcards was of the same design as the Folder cover illustrated above.





10th August.  
1 of 4 & S/S.



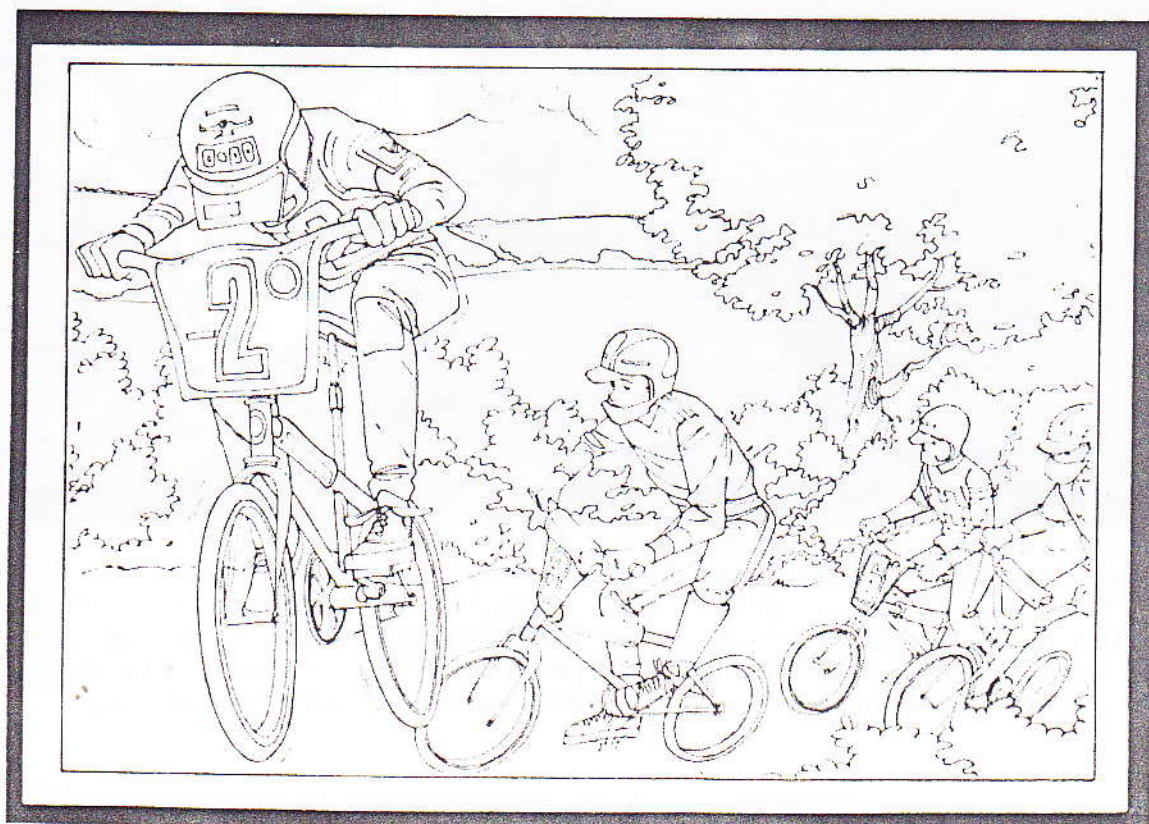
20th August. 1 of 1.



Austria  
25th August  
1 of 1.



Denmark. 27th August. 1 of 1.



Ireland. 31st August. 1 of 4 Postal Cards. Reverse side shown.



1937



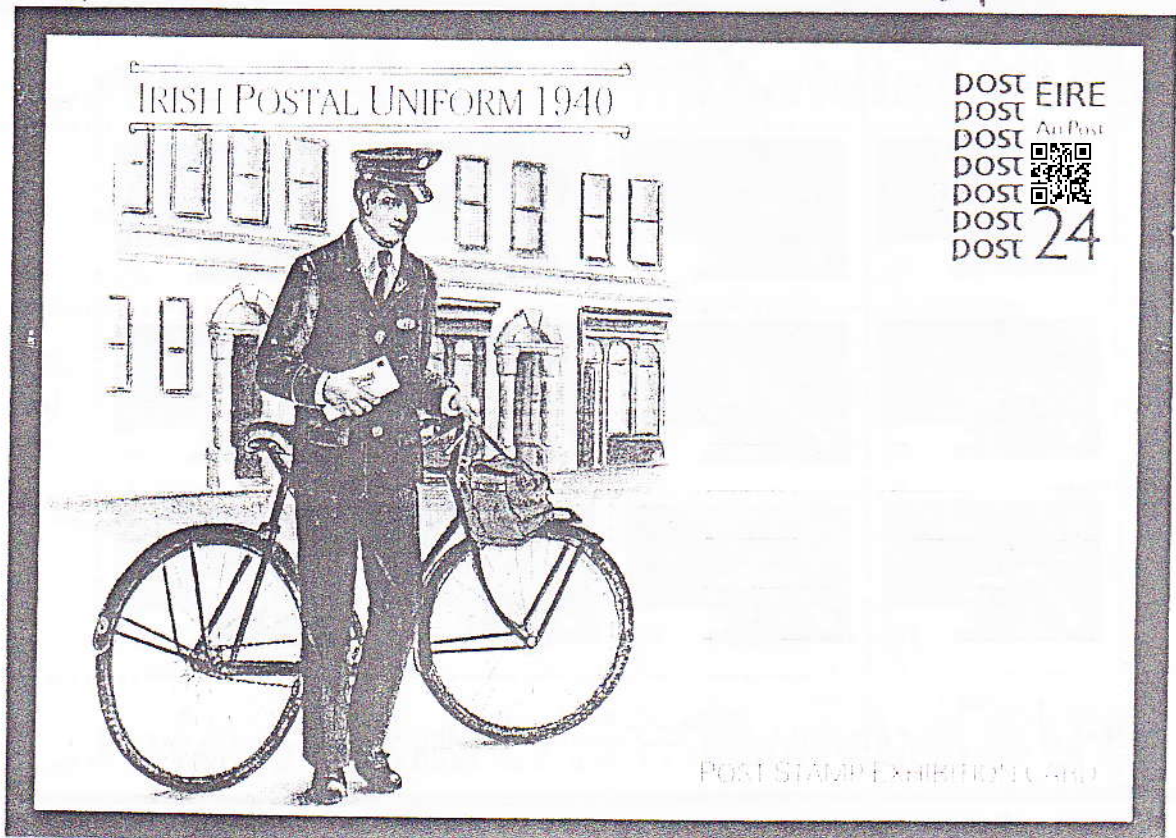
2nd September. 1 of 3.



Great Britain. 8th September.  
1 of 4. Links up with Siege of  
Mafeking 'Local' of 1900.



Sweden. 10th October. 1 of 2 identical panes.



Ireland. 15th October. 1 of 4 Postal Cards.



# Mail handlers of 1890s seen on FRG stamp

The Federal Republic of Germany publicized Stamp Day on Oct. 25 with the Oct. 15 release of an 80pf commemorative stamp, according to a Deutsche Bundespost announcement.

The design of the stamp features a mail-handling scene dating from 1897 and artist Elisabeth von Janota-Bzowski of Dusseldorf based it on material from the Museum of the Deutsche Bundespost in Frankfurt, Main.

Stamp Day in the Federal Republic of Germany is highlighted by various philatelic activities, including exhibitions.

Since 1975, the Association of German Philatelists, with its more than 1,500 affiliated societies and youth organizations has organized events. This year, they will be held in 11 towns throughout the country. Featured will be special event post offices at which commemorative cancels marking Stamp Day will be used.

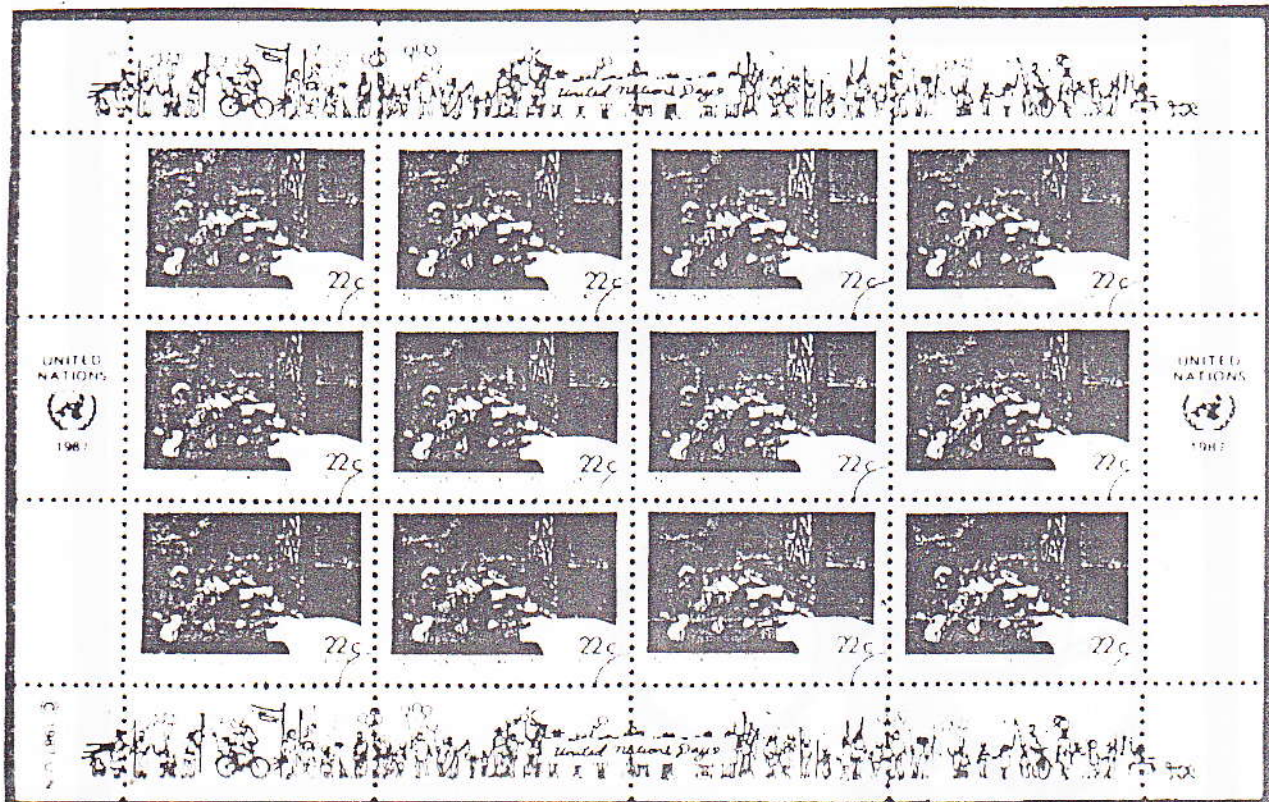
The stamp was produced in six-color offset by the Federal Printing Office, Berlin, in sheets containing 25 stamps.

West Germany.



15th October. 1 of 1.

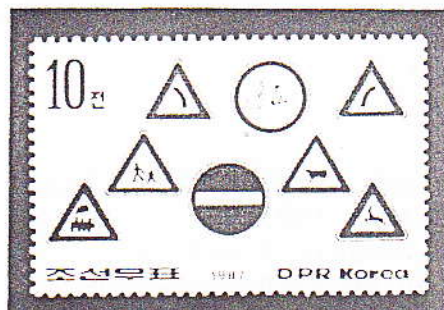
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United Nations. 23rd October. 6 of 6. A set of six sheetlets with identical salvages.

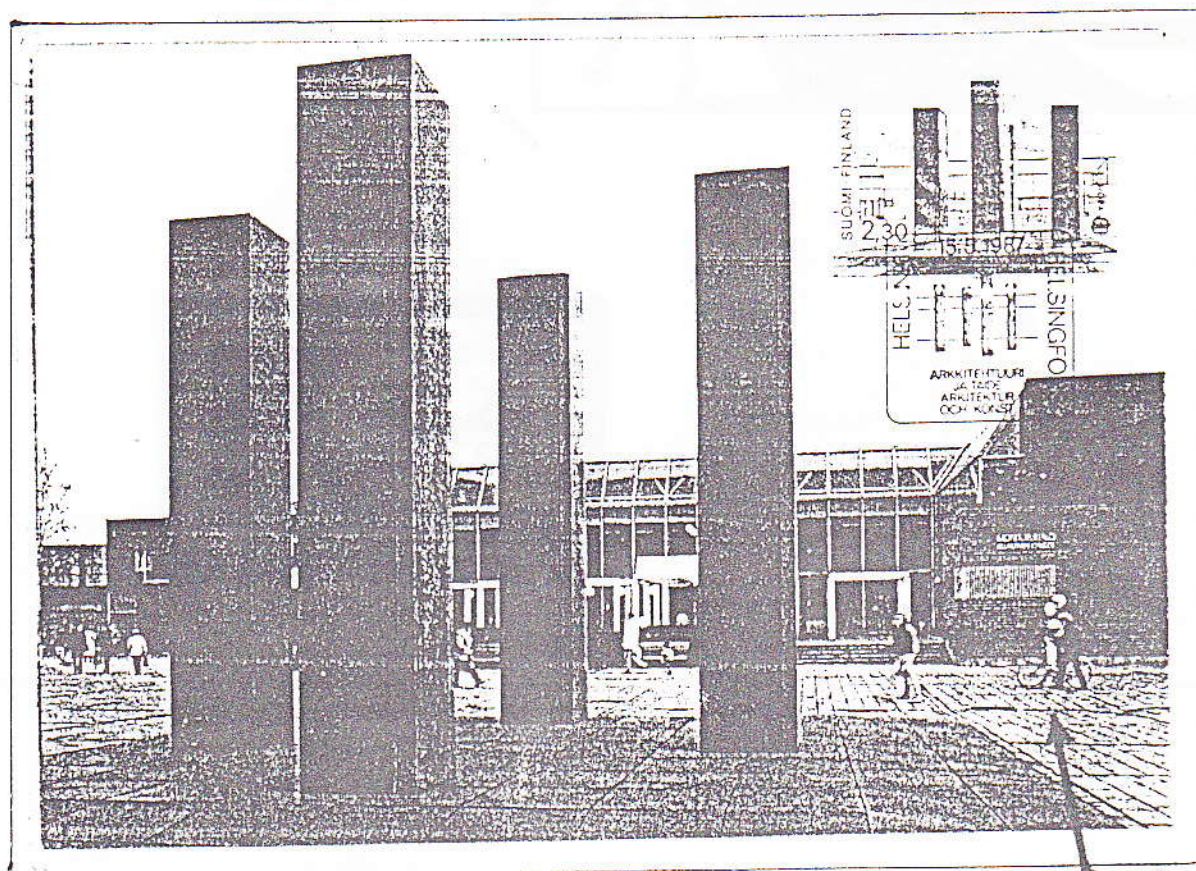


1987



North Korea.  
27th February 1987.  
Issued Perf. & Imperf.  
1 of 8.

New Zealand. Taumanga Bicycle Post. 1st April 1987 (see page 39 of the Third Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'). Geoffrey Thorne BSC investigated. No stamps were produced. The envelopes were cancelled with a hand stamp with no value and people paid as they handed the envelopes over. The service lasted seven weeks.



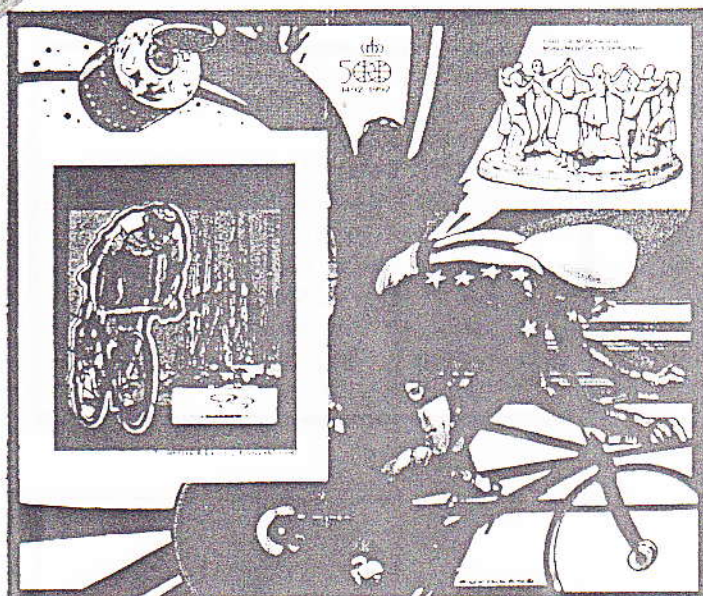
Finland. 15th May 1987 Maximum Card.



North Korea.  
31st May 1987.  
1 of 6.  
A Unicycle...

No  
R.W.



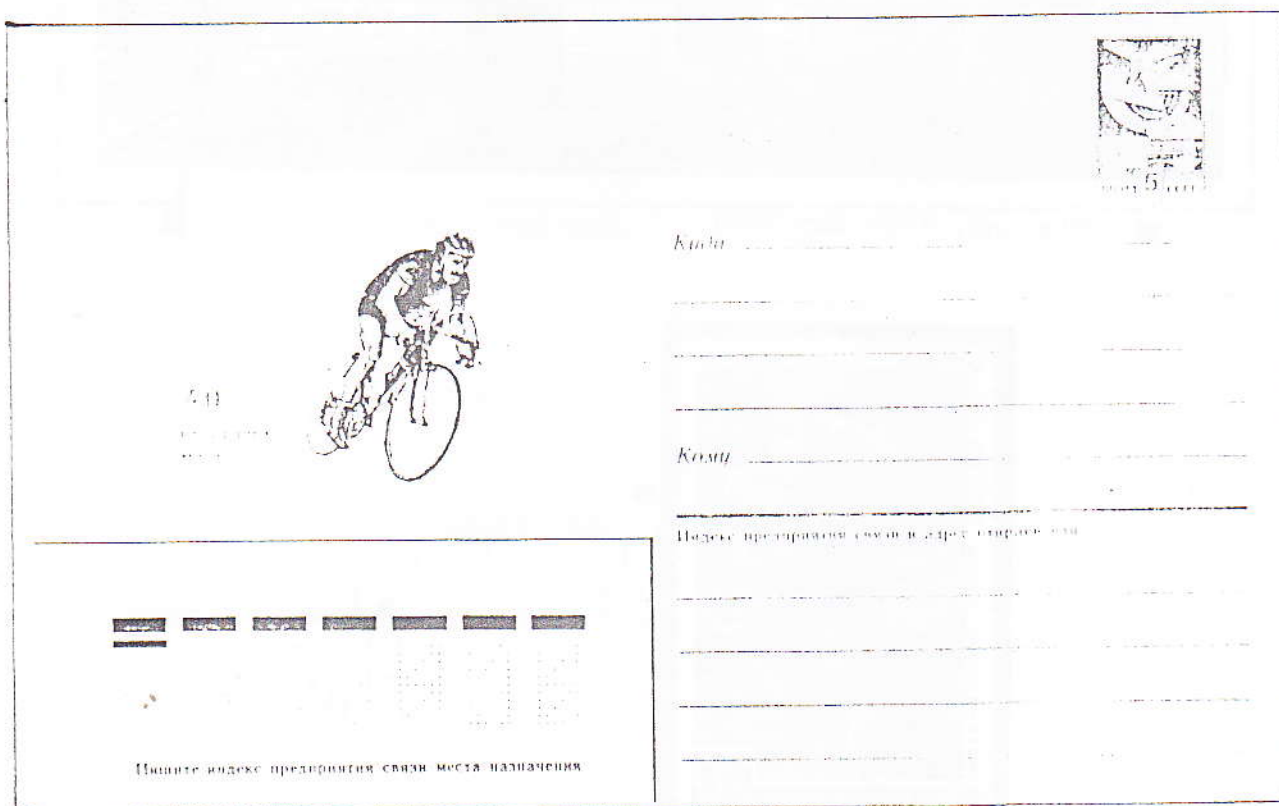


Central African Republic.  
4th June 1987.

The bicycle stamp was  
shown on page 32 of the  
Third Issue of 'Bicycle  
Stamps'.

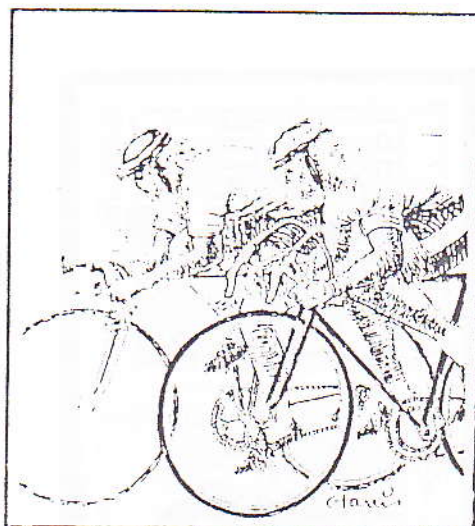
We now know that a De  
Luxe Sheet was issued  
for each of the five  
stamps in the set.  
This is the bicycle one.

Benin.  
1st July 1987.  
1 of 2.  
Illustrated as  
the word tricycle  
appears on the  
stamp.



Russia. Postal Stationery envelope. 6th July 1987.





10th Pan American Games

U.S.A. 24th July 1987.  
The U.S.A. Post Office  
issued envelopes,  
with the design shown  
on the left, on the  
first day of the Games

On the right is the  
cachet used to cancel  
the stamp issued on  
the 30th January 1987.  
So those envelopes  
are not First Day  
Covers...



10th Pan American Games • 1987 •

中国之声，友谊之桥。

李先念



BICYCLES

People's Republic of China.  
Postal Stationery envelope.  
11th September 1987.

Togo.  
14th September 1987.  
1 of a set of 4 and  
a Souvenir Sheet



The Paraguay "A" and "B" De Luxe sheets illustrated on page 26  
of the Third Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' were issued on the 29th  
September 1987





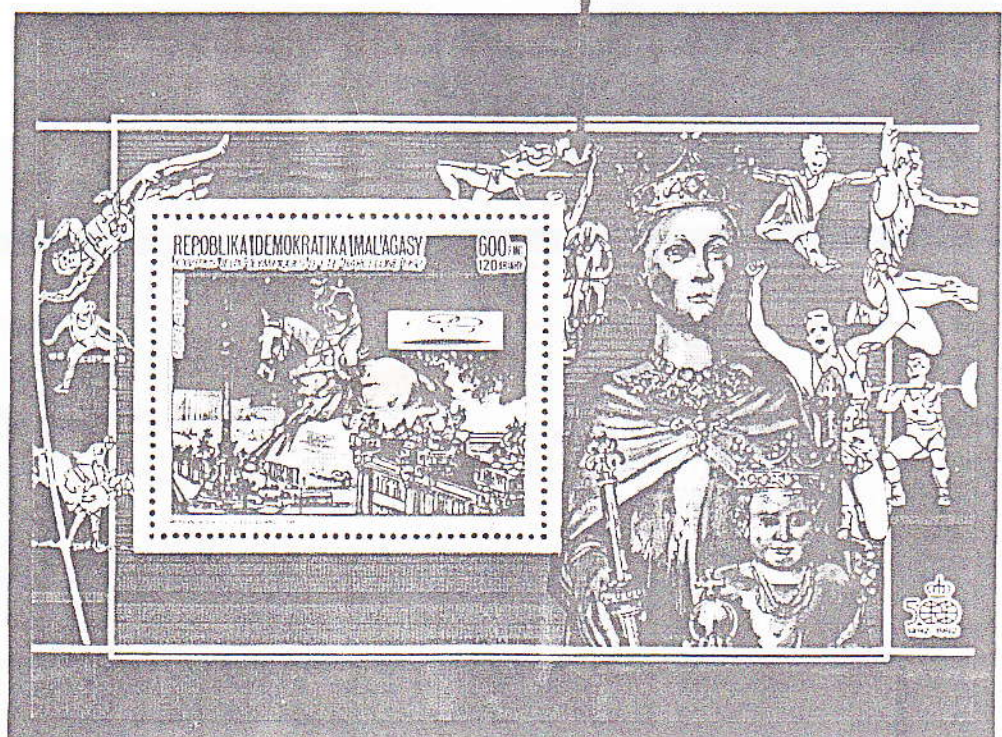
Japan. 1st October 1987. Postal Card. According to Shiro Yagami BSC the word "bicycle" appears more than once in the text...



Paraguay. 29th October 1986 issue overprinted on the 1st October 1987 OLYMPIEX '88 SEUL 1988.



Uganda. 4th October 1987. 1 of a set of 4 & Souvenir Sheet.



Malagasy. 7th October 1987. Souvenir Sheet of a set of 6



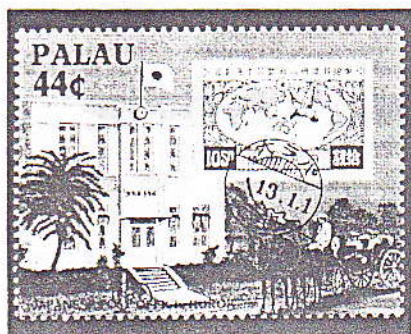


Federal Republic of Germany.  
15th October 1987.

On the left is the original design for the stamp on the right. The man handing over two bags of mail has had his coat changed from red to blue and the dog and motorscooter have been deleted.



Romania. 15th November 1987. Se Tenanted pair.



Palau.  
16th October 1987.  
1 of 4.



Bangladesh.  
24th October 1987.  
1 of 5.



Macau.  
18th November 1987.  
1 of 4 and 3/S.

Czechoslovakia. 18th November 1987

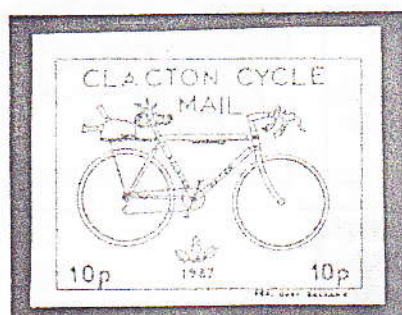


1 of 5 all issued in sheetlets of 4. According to Piet Hein Hilarides BSC a tricycle is shown

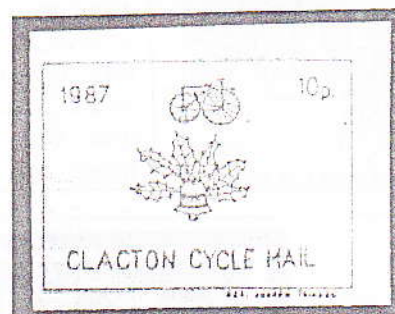


Great Britain - Local. 8th December 1987

# CLACTON-ON-SEA - THE SIXTH YEAR



10p (Raleigh Bicycle)  
Printed Green on White  
paper. Designed by  
Gary Ballard.  
Print run - 2,907.

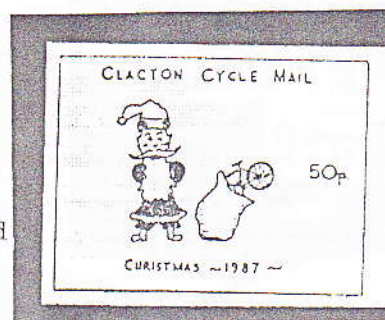


10p (Victorian Bicycle)  
Printed Green on White  
paper. Designed by  
Joseph Trinder.  
Print run - 1,557.



20p printed Green on  
GREEN paper. Designed  
by Sarah Trinder.  
Print run-- 999.

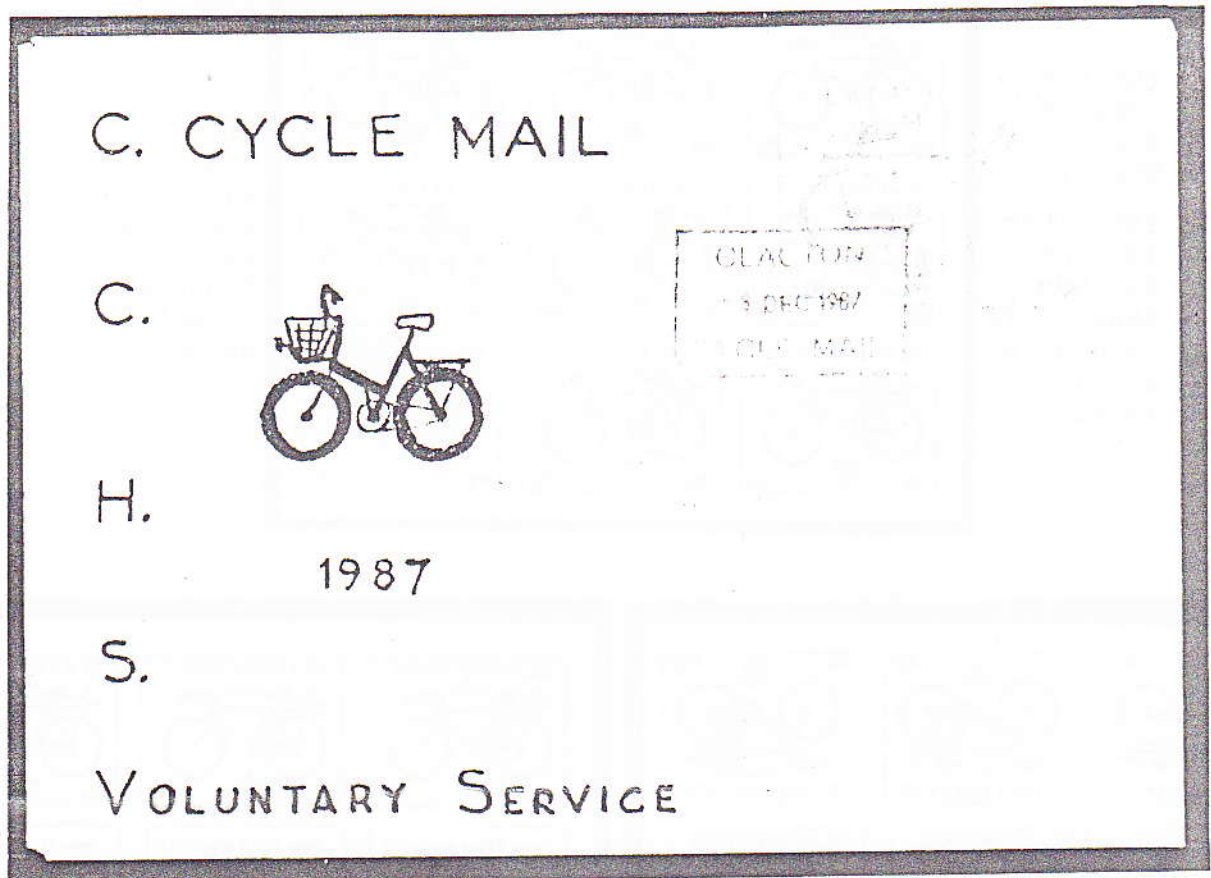
50p printed Red on  
White paper. Designed  
by John Moore.  
Print run - 702.



Once again the Cycle Mail was run on the familiar lines and post boxes were placed in the same shops and emptied between 10th and 22nd December. The Clacton Urban District was split up into the same 15 rides (Nos. 1, 2, 3a & 3b and 4 to 14). Details of the previous five Services will be found in 'The Spoken' Word' ('Bicycle Stamps' forerunner), Tenth Issue, pages 14 to 21 (1982, 1983 & 1984), 'Bicycle Stamps' Premier Issue, pages 38 to 43 (1985) and Second Issue, pages 42 to 45 (1986). And so it is necessary to only mention the production details of the 1987 stamps, sheets, etc. The first printing of the two different 10p stamps and of the 50p stamps was made on the old gum arabic adhesive paper. The new paper bought was of a much whiter poly-vinyl coated variety and had to be used for the second printing which became necessary when the previous paper stocks became exhausted. All stamps were printed in sheets of nine and Miniature Sheets of four. The sheets of nine were all guillotined from the first printing, but the Miniature Sheets were available on the original paper. At the request of your Editor, further sheets of nine were produced for members of the Bicycle Stamps Club and, on noticing that some of these sheets had Se Tenanted stamps, some more were produced and a very few of the 10p (Victorian Bicycle) and of the 10p (Raleigh and Victorian Bicycles) sheets became available on both types of paper. The number of Christmas Cards handled was 2,714.

Ivan Trinder

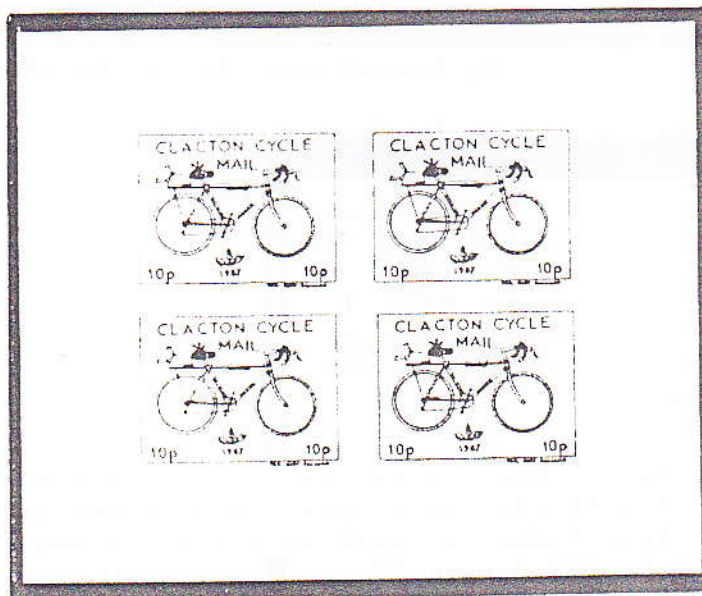




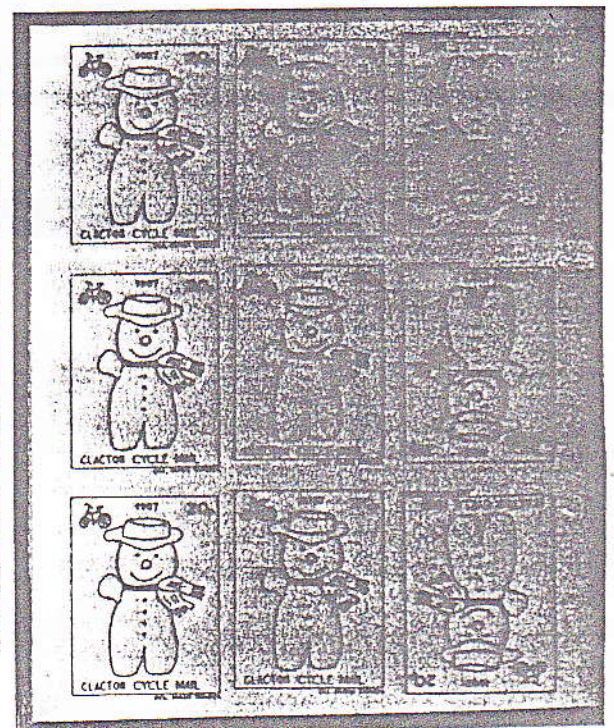
1 of the set of 4 PDC's (actual size)

All the following Clacton illustrations are reduced in size

The 20b 3 x 3 sheet



1 of the 4 Miniature Sheets

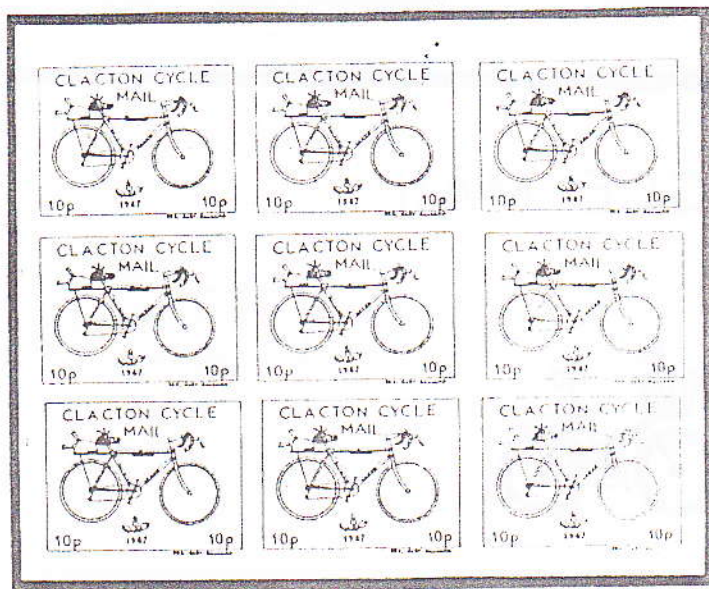


Notice 20b Permitted stamps

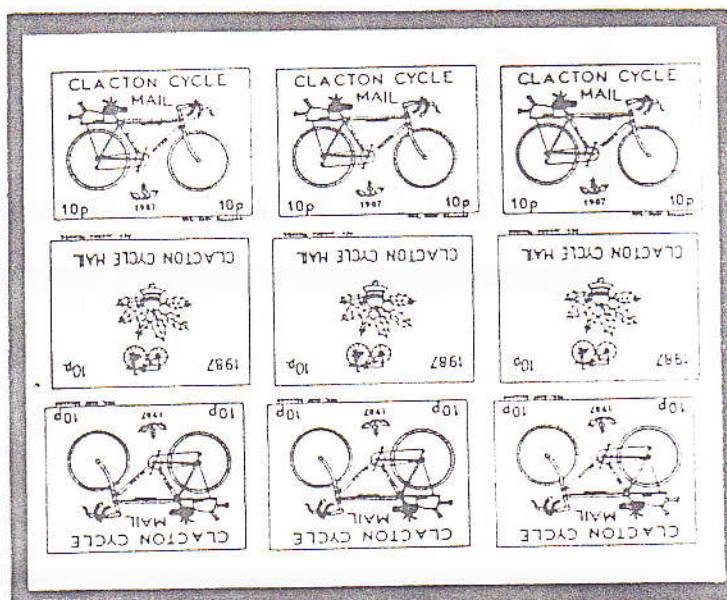
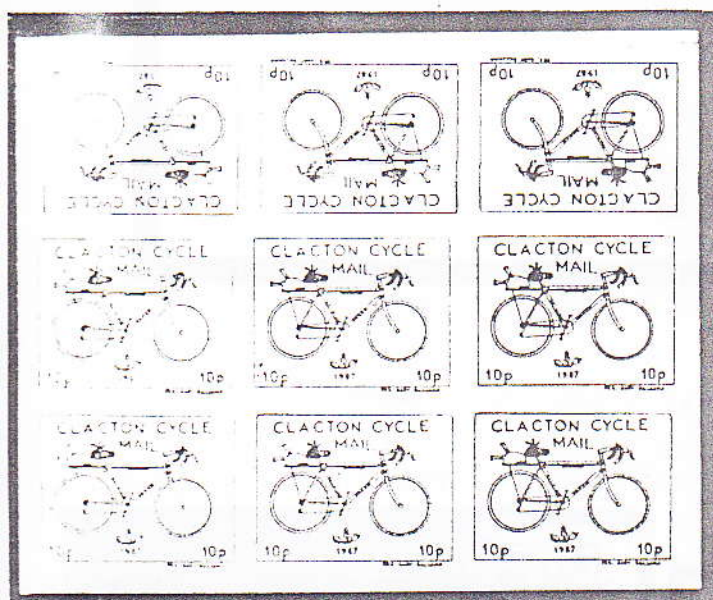


The 10p  
(Raleigh)  
3 x 3  
Sheet.

The other  
10p and  
the 50p  
Sheet were  
issued in  
similar  
format.

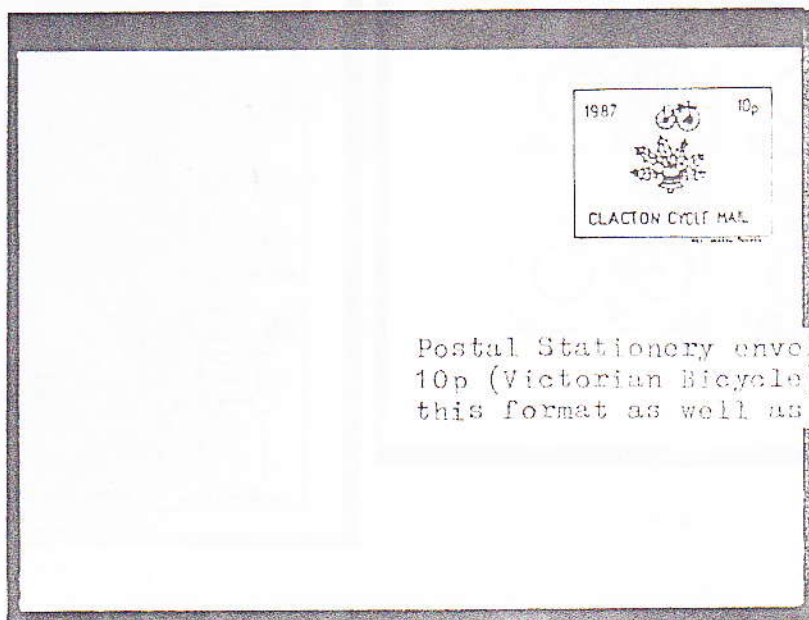


The 20p  
3 x 3  
Sheet was  
available  
in Se  
Tenant  
format  
only.



The 50p and of course the 20p 3 x 3  
sheets were issued in similar format.

Se Tenant and Tête Bêche stamps!



Postal Stationery envelope. Only the  
10p (Victorian Bicycle) was issued in  
this format as well as a loose stamp





Romania. 1 of 6.  
10th December 1987.



Panama. 1 of 5 & S/S.  
11th December 1987.



Vignette - by itself  
and on cover



Cover - not actual size



The vignette on this cover may be difficult to see - it is a facsimile sized 31 x 37mm of the 1900 Mafeking Local. The facsimiles shown on page 4 of the Premier Issue of Bicycle Stamps were sized 22 x 27mm.





S MARCHANT  
Cove, Shirley  
SURREY, CRO 8AX  
ETAGNE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
to our French member  
Jean-Pierre Mangin BSC.  
Sometime during 1987  
he celebrated his 50th  
Birthday and had some  
blank envelopes  
printed with his own  
vignette.  
What a Great Idea!



Federal Republic  
of Germany  
Vignette Sheet.







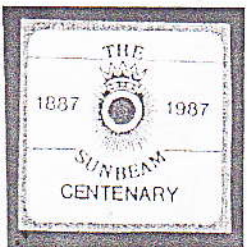
Our President, Graham Wade, designed the above and personally posted it to members using the Australian Nurse with bicycle stamp of 13th March 1985.



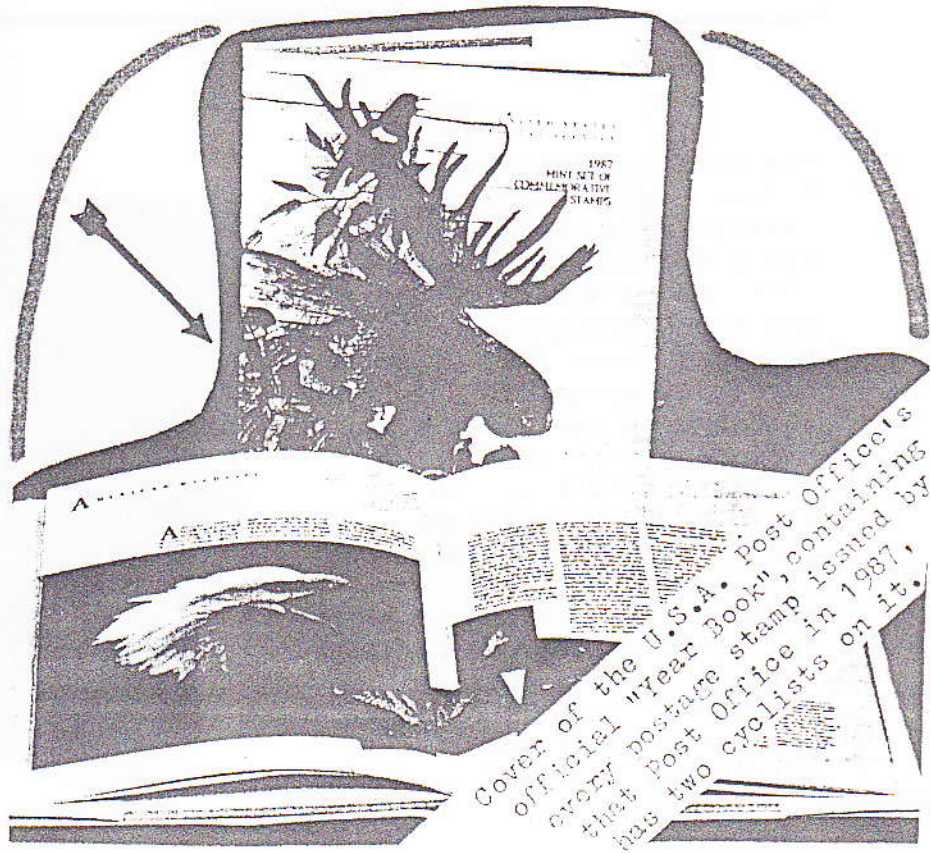
Part of the sheet of Christmas 1987 Danish Christmas Seals



Mexico. 1987. No Date of Issue known - and may never be known. They are issued when stocks of previous stamps are exhausted and that varies from local post office to local post office

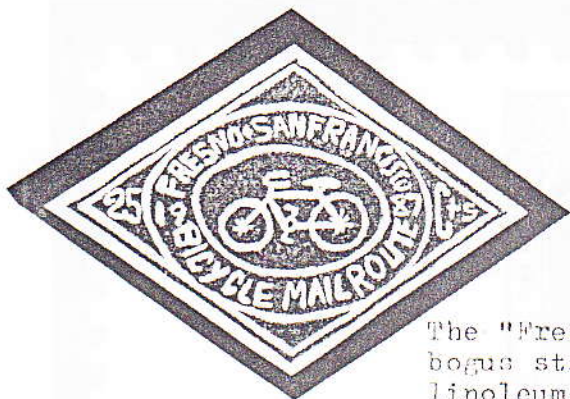


British Vignette



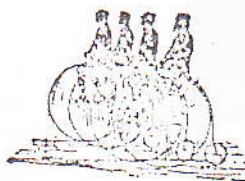


1988



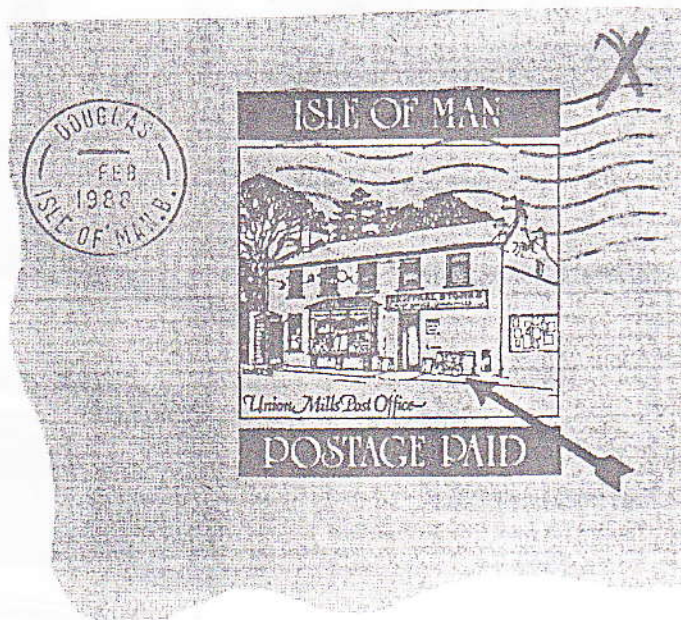
The "Fresno - San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route" bogus stamps were produced by a prisoner, by linoleum block carvings, at a prison in California. Interesting and nice to collect, but no postal significance at all" - Norman Batho BSC.

Jay Nesbitt  
C-42679 #8186  
P.O. Box 8101  
San Luis Obispo, CA  
93409-0001

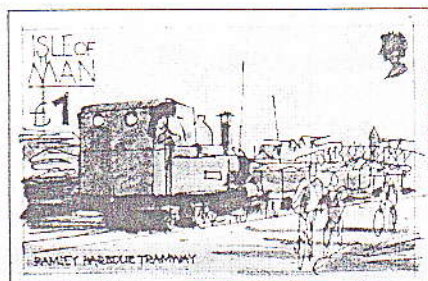


Norman Batho  
358 Iverson Place  
E. Windsor, NJ 08520

The Manx (Isle of Man) Post Office produce special Postage Paid envelopes sized  $6\frac{1}{2}" \times 9\frac{1}{2}"$  to post stamps and FDC's to customers of their New Issue Service. The 10th February issue (see opposite page) was posted in envelopes showing, in the stamp area, a picture of the Manx Union Mills Post Office with a bicycle parked outside. Statements sent to customers were posted in similar envelopes, but sized  $5" \times 7\frac{1}{2}"$ . The Union Mills Post Office "stamp" printed on those envelopes was only fractionally smaller - about 1mm less in height and 1mm less in width.





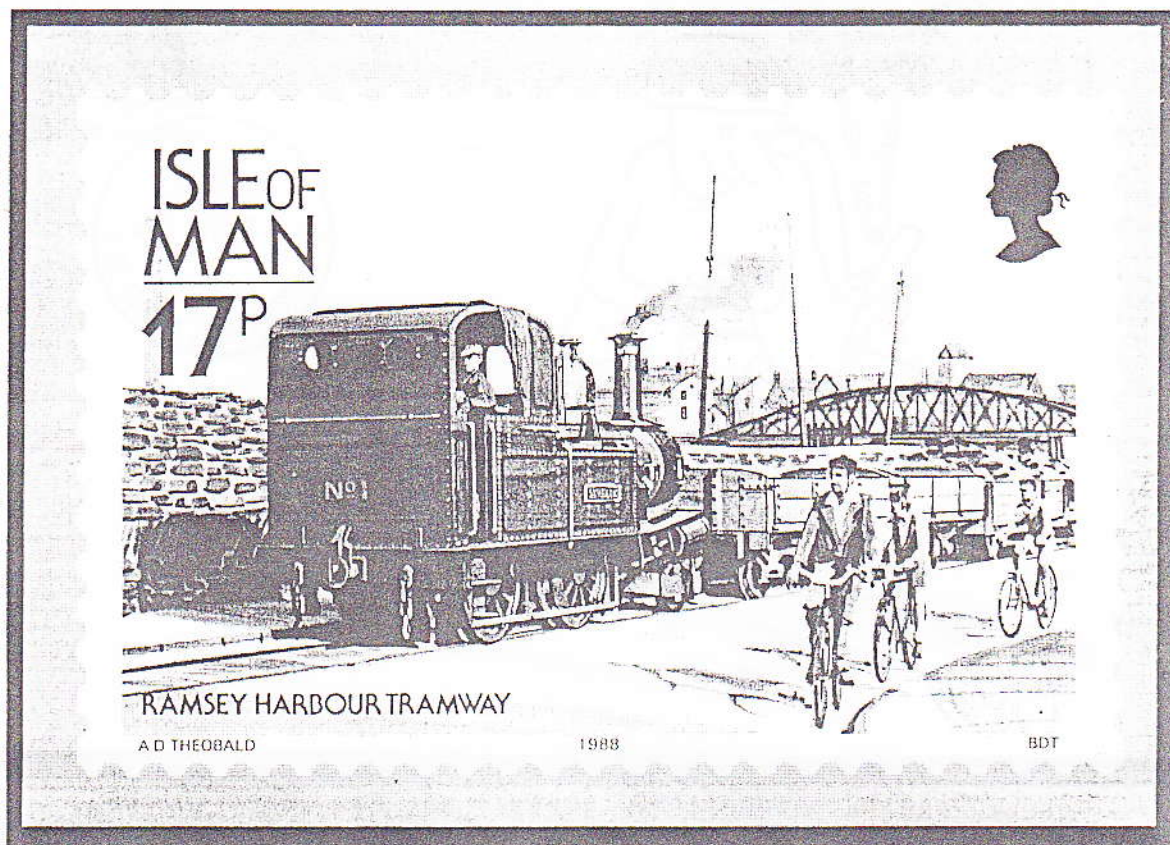


Isle of Man.  
10th February  
1988. 1 of a  
set of 12  
definitives.

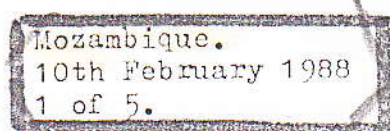


Tony Theobald's original  
sketch for the stamp

...and the actual stamp with a  
face value of 17p instead of £1



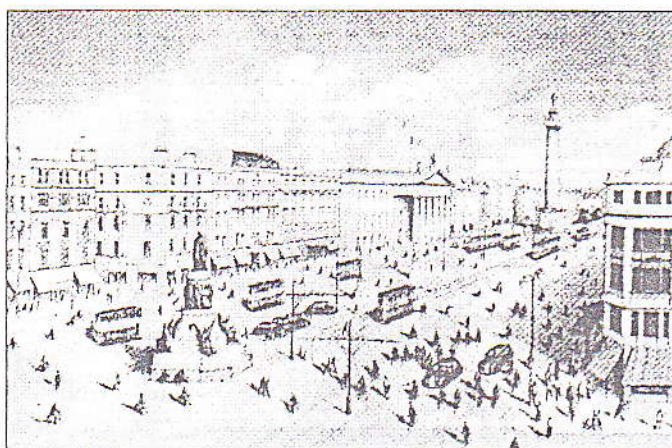
Official Manx Post Office  
postcard showing the stamp



Russia.  
18th February 1988.  
1 of 5 & Souvenir  
Sheet.  
Wolf in car chasing  
a rabbit on bicycle



### Dublin millenium



Ireland. 15th March 1988. One of a set  
of five "larger than normal" Postal  
Cards (not sold separately). Only one  
(of O'Connell Street in the 1940s) has  
an illustration of a bicycle, but not  
an illustration of one, but SIXTY...





Australia. 16th March 1988.  
 1 of a set of 26 stamps.  
 13 issued on the 17th February 1988  
 and 13 issued on the 16th March 1988.



*The Great Recreation  
 as seen in the Cartoonist's view of 'As'*

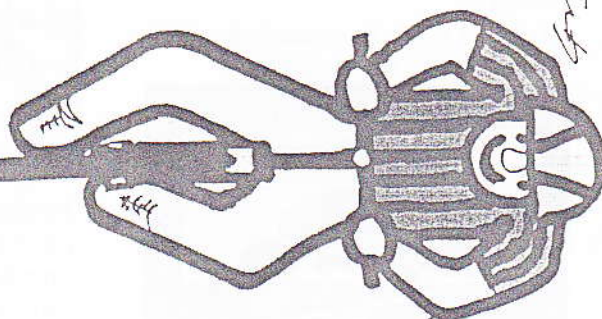


Graham Wade's personal FDC (above) and Max. Card (below)



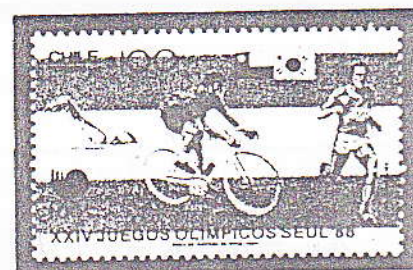
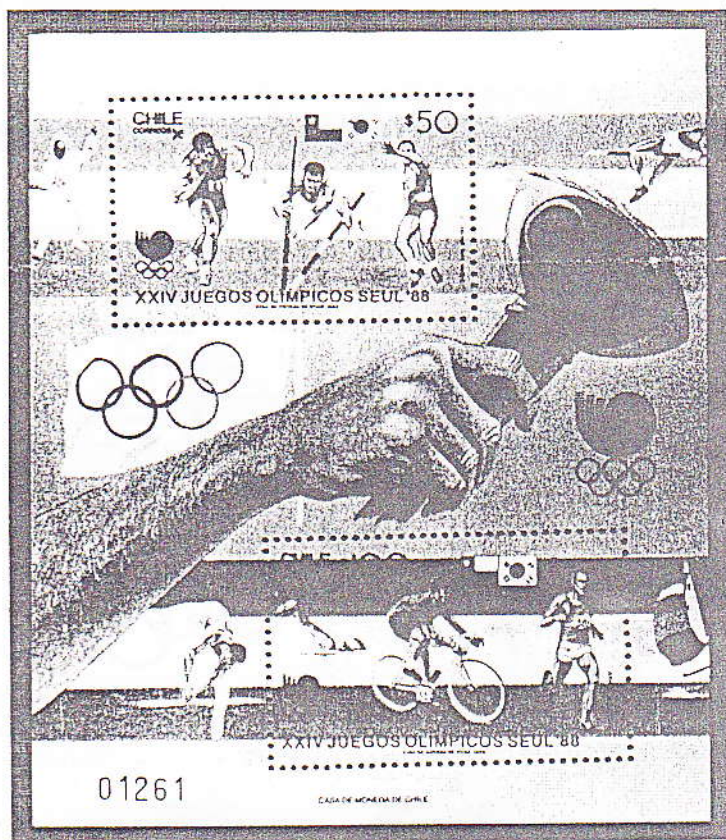
*Recreation*

**LIVING  
 TOGETHER**  
 A CARTOON  
 VIEW OF  
 AUSTRALIA



*Graham Wade*

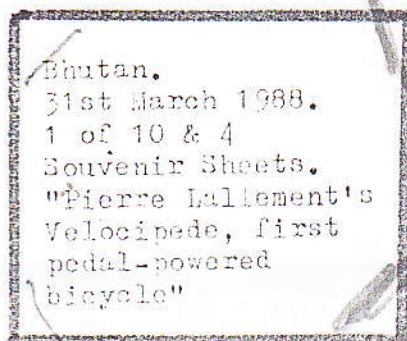




Chile.  
18th March 1988.  
1 of 2 and  
Souvenir Sheet.



British Vignette  
26th March 1988.

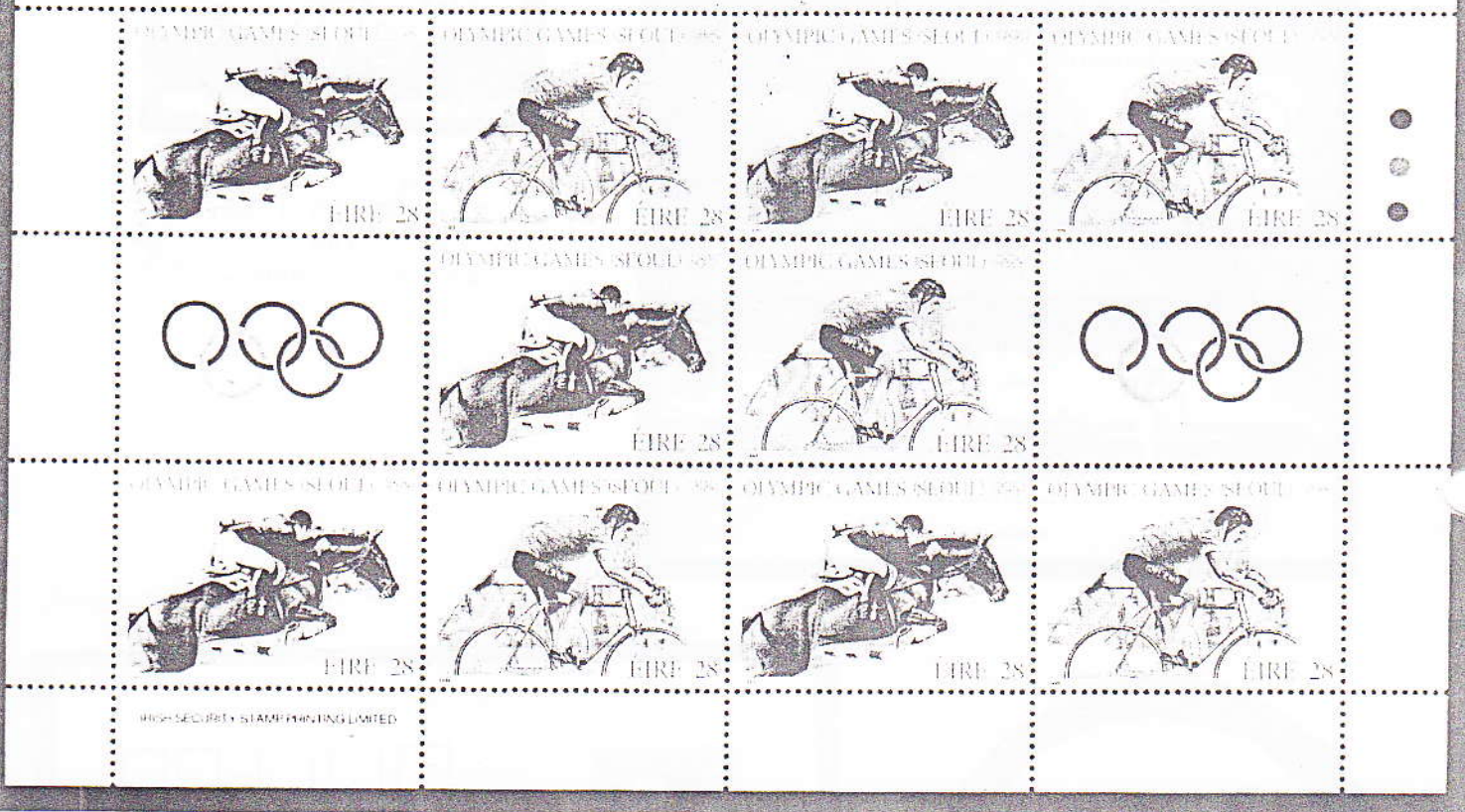




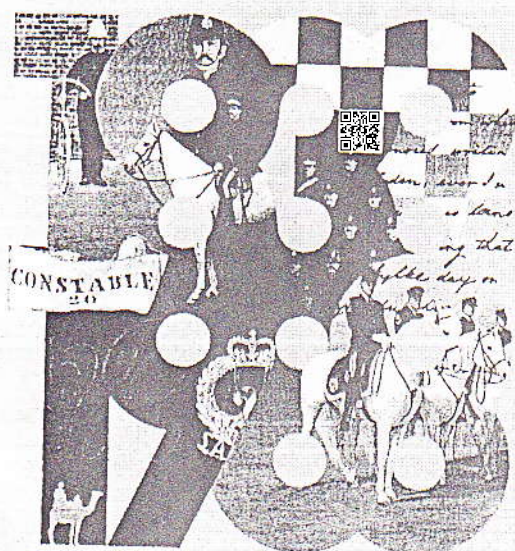
Two cyclists are winning and two horses bring up the rear...

# OLYMPIC GAMES (SEOUL 1988)

£2.80



Ireland. 7th April 1988



1838-1988 150th Anniversary  
South Australian Police



37c Australia

Australia. Postal Stationery envelope. 28th April 1988





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OTHER THINGS TO COLLECT  
CYCLES No. 5

*Jo Liebig*  
CARDS

1873-1878. 1 of 12. F54/S41 card f  
The Extract in Various Countries.

Liebig Extract of Meat Co. Ltd. was founded in London in 1856 and issued what has become the most collectable of Trade Cards, from 1872 to 1974. The early cards were probably handed out to customers by French retailers following the pattern of most early French "trade cards" and so it is possible to obtain odd cards in a set of six, sixteen or even twenty-six. Later the method of distribution changed, and customers were able to obtain complete sets (almost always of six cards) in exchange for coupons which appeared in, or on, the packets of meat extract. As a result, odd cards are not so easy to come by as complete sets. Liebig also issued Menu Cards, Table Place Cards, Calenders, Playing Cards, postcards, cookery books and wallets. Well over 10,000 different trade cards were issued and many in six or more different languages. Illustrated here are all the known bicycle ones. The year of issue is given together with the F (Fada) and S (Sanguinetti) Catalogue numbers of the sets following by the Sanguinetti reference for the card shown. The set title comes from the Murray Cards' Catalogue. The research was undertaken by the Editor of 'Bicycle Stamps' with the generous help of Denis Gemmani BSC.

"Where is the dog?"



1895. F461/S462 b  
Sports II (With  
Hidden Objects).

"Where is the third cyclist?"



1894. F430/S428 f  
Children's Games.

