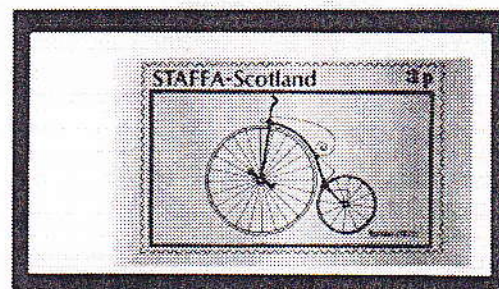


Bicycle Stamps



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Picture the scene. A cold, damp mid-winter afternoon in the beautiful Peak District of northern England, 1984. A satisfying day cycling to Matlock to join the Tandem Club's New Year event. A few hours to kill before the Youth Hostel opens. The town quiet, most shops shut, most people glued to their TVs in post-Christmas somnolence.

One shop is open, its blazing lights welcoming the public. A stamp shop. We go in. Hey! A stamp with a bicycle on it. Think back to childhood stamp collecting - vague recollections of only a few others. The proprietor says there are in fact lots of bicycle stamps. Unbelievable! We buy all he has and he gives me the address of Peter Howard, an established collector of bicycle stamps (who, in turn, very kindly gives me a selection of his spares which form the nucleus of my collection), and as we leave the shop, I am wished 'Happy Collecting'.

And it really has been 'Happy Collecting' ever since. I greatly enjoy leafing through old albums or the off-chance of a find. I get much pleasure finding stamps where the bicycle is incidental to the main subject: Racing cyclists obvious have bicycles, but so do tourists, postmen, nurses, Scouts, children and even circus chimpanzees. Other groups of bicycle stamps also have great appeal - rickshaws, veteran-cycles, tandems and road safety. I guess this reflects my cycling interests as a commuter and tourist rather than a racing type.

But what excites me most, and is totally beyond the comprehension of many people, is the street scene where, if one looks very closely, there is a teeny tiny bike or two. Think of the BSA one and you'll know what I mean. And how deflated I feel when my 'bike', put under a magnifying glass, turns out to be something completely different - like an adult with a child at each side!

My enthusiasm for collecting bicycle stamps has been sustained and enhanced by many people, of whom three stand out in particular: Ronald Sudbury whose detailed book on the subject kept me going before the BSC was active, Douglas Marchant whose extremely complex and time-consuming task of running the New Issue Service brings me most of my new stamps, and Norman Batho whose computer checklist makes my collecting so much easier.

Three cheers for all of them, and may stamp designers like Graham Wade long continue to sneak a bicycle or cyclist into their creations. And may you be tempted to write about and illustrate your favourite group of bicycle stamps - offers to the Editor.

Fiona Hedges

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EDITORIAL

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THIS EDITORIAL AND THE REPORT FROM OUR SECRETARY AND THE REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER.

Editor

I have now edited six issues of 'Bicycle Stamps' and I have to edit the next issue and I have edited the last issue of our forerunner, 'The Spoken Word'. That's a total of EIGHT issues. Now, according to our Bylaws, the normal period of service for an Officer of our Club is two years which means, for the Editor, FOUR issues. Methinks it's time for me to step down. And I do know that one very capable member wants to be Editor. So that means that I may step down with a clear conscience knowing that the decision will not leave the Club in a fix. But just because one member is keen to stand, should not put you off thinking about standing for Editor too. Be warned, although editing our magazine is a very enjoyable and rewarding job, it is also a totally exhausting job - and I am totally exhausted. I do need a rest.

Nominations

But it isn't just the Editorship that we must consider. As our Secretary, Norman Batho, states in his report, "It is time to begin thinking about the election of Officers". Leaving aside the vacant Vice Presidency, we have four officers and, of those four, only one, our Treasurer, Fiona Hedges, has indicated that she wishes to stand for election. That is a relief for the Treasurer's job is the most thankless job, but, even though the lecturer in accounts who audited our accounts was very complimentary about her thoroughness, that should not prevent you considering putting your name forward for that position. Even if she has been Treasurer for just a year, no-one in our Club should be deterred from standing. Now read the Secretary's Report and send him your nominations - to be received by the 1st August together with brief biographical notes. He awaits your nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor.

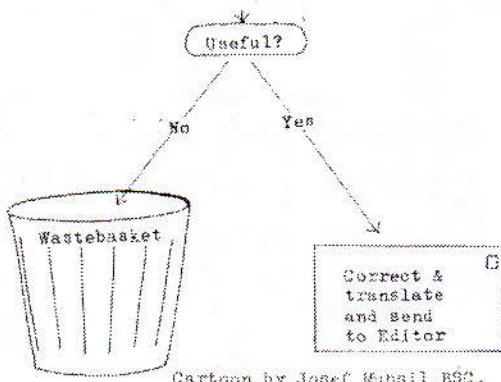
Subscriptions

And now you must read the Treasurer's Report. We have a financial problem. And letters have been flying hither and thither in an attempt to resolve it. I had to "drop out" of the discussion if this issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' is to reach you before the Summer! At the time of writing this Editorial I do not know the problem's answer. There should be a slip of paper enclosed with this issue and that should give the answer. In all probability, an increase in subscription rates will be called for. Probably a necessity. I hope everyone will be asked to pay the same rate. It always seemed unfair that Americans, for example, have been asked to pay £2 more than the British members even though the British members were subsidising the Americans. Whatever the increase, I do hope that you all feel that membership of the Bicycle Stamps Club is worth whatever the amount is. The main benefit of membership is of course the magazine. So paying whatever the new rate is will be taken as a compliment to my efforts in trying to establish a really first-rate journal. Considering the cost of New Issues, the cost of membership is a very small amount. And your officers give their services without any reimbursement. By translating the article on the next page, I have saved the Club about £150.

Translations

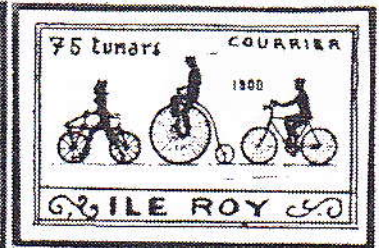
Which brings me to a moan. With the exception of our Japanese members who always translate everything into English for me, members too often send me items in Dutch, French, German, Italian, etc., with no translation. Why am I assumed to be a wizard with languages? I'm not! One member recently sent me some spares of an Italian local which he thought I might be interested in. I told him that I might be if he could give me the bicycle connection. He then sent me some information in French. I then asked him to translate it for me and how did he reply? "I can take no credit (for the information)". Fat lot of use that was! Even if English is not your mother tongue, do you best to translate into my language please. Denis Gemanal recently did that for me. So the next issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' will carry background information on the stamps of the Italian Bicycle Battalions. Josef Mubell, whose mother tongue is German, sent me the cartoon on this page and in English too! I think no more needs to be said - except that if you can't translate, still send any information to me and I will have to try to cope.

Thematica '89
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We have booked a table for the Sunday for you to use.
Bring along your spares and offer them to the other members. If you want to add to your collection, then come along too.



Cartoon by Josef Mubell BSC.

Does any member know anything about these "ile Roy" French-Swiss items? The 50T 1974 one might be a motorbike. I have two - one in ultramarine and the other in dark pink. The other illustration is undoubtedly a bicycle item. I have eight in different colours: Green-grey, Salmon, Venetian Red, Orange-red, Ultramarine, Green-blue, Sepia and Dark lilac (the latter overprinted "Specimen" in green).



Thanks (and embarrassment)

And I am exceedingly grateful to all those who have sent me information. Norman Batho's exhortation for members to write articles for other magazines, has borne fruit and, as promised, I have reproduced those articles in this issue. That promise still stands - so send me your articles please. My thanks too for all the kind remarks about the Fifth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'. I'm having some problems in getting my cycling cap on... That cap will fit in a moment though! I'm embarrassed. In the last Editorial, I mentioned that Graham Wade was told by David Sher that General Gaisan was the "Founder of the Swiss Cycling Regiments". Well, I wrote to David Sher and he pointed out the book 'Stamp Collecting for the Cyclist' by Ronald Sudbury clearly stated the General's involvement. Please don't read page 8 of that book for I would be further embarrassed. However, I then wrote to Ronald Sudbury and he told me that the information came from Rene Geslin. I then wrote to Rene Geslin. Five months have passed and no reply. Maybe there is a member who can write to him in French...

Members' Achievements

Takao Ono was a member of the Japanese Cycling Team at last year's Olympic Games and submitted an entry to the Olympiex '88 exhibition. Piet Hein Hilarides is training to be a national philatelic judge. Raymond See gained the Grand Award in the NAFEX sponsored by the Philippines Philatelic Club last year. Frank Pegley has won so many local philatelic First Places that I can't begin to think of listing them. But our members who are relatively new to our hobby, are bringing awards home. Martha Jack achieved Third Place in her Tri-Cities competition and Brian Mynott (and this surely is an inspiration to us all) gained Third Place in his local club's thematic competition after just an hour's work putting his entry together. Incidentally, Martha Jack has a supply of the 1988 USA Tanden stamp for sale at \$1 each and Daniel Nibbelink has some duplicate stamps for sale. Daniel has a check listing on computer in an Appleworks file and he is willing to share the listing with others for the cost of a disk and postage. Daniel asks for help in forming a Blacksmith thematic collection.

New Issue Service

As members know, I operate the Club's New Issue Service. I am getting better and better at acquiring stamps, but the better I become, the more I am penalised. And that just doesn't seem to be right! It's not just a question of the length of time between paying for stamps and getting the money back from the members for, unfortunately, although the majority of the members play fair with me, there are a few rotten apples. One chap hasn't sent me any money since last Summer and the money he sent did not cover what he then owed and now I have had to "drop him" from the Service owing me about £200. I find that pretty ironic given the Guest Editorial of the Fourth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'. He isn't going to get any flitter at my expense! One recently joined member returned two stamps to me because one was not a bicycle stamp. The price of the pair set, 25p. Is that chap serious! Another recently joined member asked for his entry date to be backdated by "1 to 2 years" so I dutifully bought some stamps for him. He returned everything to me except a couple of bicycle stamps costing, together, 65p. And then he had the audacity to complain about "too few new issues for the trouble involved". As I have no way of knowing who is going to be a rotten apple, I am compelled to ask that any member wishing to join the New Issue Service must now place an advance of £50. Sorry about another moan. To those good people who do play fair, my grateful thanks and my thanks too for your letters of appreciation. It is extremely hard work, but those letters keep me going.

Norman Batho's Generosity

Enclosed with this issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' you should find a Gill Craft FDC of the 1988 American Tanden stamp. We have Norman Batho's generosity to thank for the gift. But let's not thank Norman's generosity, but the man himself. Thanks Norman.

Douglas Harbant.



17.11.58

Hartelijk gefeliciteerd tot ons Nederlandse lid Piet Hein Hilarides

I know of only one member, Bert Schapellhouman of America who hails from the Netherlands, who will, besides Piet Hein himself, be able to understand that the above offers "Heartly congratulations to our Dutch member Piet Hein Hilarides" and as "Nederlands is een moeilijke taal voor buitenlanders" (Dutch is a difficult language for foreigners), it is necessary to provide a translation of the whole page on Piet Hein Hilarides and his collection and which was printed in a leading Dutch national newspaper. Your poor Editor, who is a complete "knaakop" (chesshead - dunce) with languages, has done his best to convey exactly every sentence. If I have made any errors or, indeed, if I have made a complete and utter mess of it, I apologise, but, Piet Hein, why didn't you send me an English version. You know your knowledge of English is far greater than my knowledge of your "moeilijke taal"...

Douglas Marchant.



Papua New Guinea. 3rd July 1986. See pages 10 & 11 of the Second Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'.

AD PAGINA TWEE

DINGDAG 7 FEBRUARI 1989

Sjak Jansen



De fietspostzegel, een wereld op zich



zeelig pagina's dik, raadpleegde hij niet minder dan twaalf boeken. Men moet dan denken aan werken als *ABC van het postzegelverzamele* van Karel J.F. Heymans, *Fietsend door de eren van Gerard H. Mink en The Bicycle* van Ronald F. Sully.

Hilarides wil met zijn manuscript opgaan voor goud Vijf jaar geleden was hij, op een expositie in Roemenie, al eens versierd brons. Het deontomen van de concurrenten maakt zijn hobby erg dynamisch, meent de Fries. Het verzamelen zelf blijft volgens hem ook spannend. "Je weet namelijk dat je nooit compleet zult worden", zegt hij. "Je voelt er natuurlijk wel voor, maar de kans is erg klein."

De moeilijkheid zit hem in de schadelijke uitgiften. Het lukt je bijna niet om daar de hand op te leggen. Bij de reguliere handel moet je niet aan de kloppen, die houdt zich er afzijdig van, zegt Jaskou. "Dat zijn geen postzegels. Als je ze ook goed bekijkt: het is dikwijls meer papier dan postzegel."

Van schadelijke uitgiften is over het algemeen sprake als de oplage te klein is of als een heel klein land per jaar zo veel zegels uitneemt dat het niet meer in verhouding staat tot de postale behoefte. Als voorbeeld noemt Hilarides de Arabische Emiraten. Die hebben tussen 1964 en 1972 de markt overspoeld met schadelijk te noemen en daar hadden ze duidelijk een commerciële bedoeling mee.

Zwarte lijst

Gedrukte fietspostzegels komen vooral uit de landen achter het IJzeren Gordijn. De Vredeskoers, de Tour de France van het Oostblok, is voor landen als de DDR, Polen en Tsjecho-Slowakije elk jaar wel aanleiding om enkele fietspostzegels uit te brengen. Hilarides koopt het weinig moeite die in zijn bezit te krijgen. Via de kanalen van de Bicycle Stamp Club lukt het hem zelfs zegels van verre reizen als Palau, Mongolië en Equatoriaal Guinea te bemachtigen. Vooral met de uitgiften van dat laatste land - ook al prijken die op de zwarte lijst - is hij ingenomen. "Kijk eens wat een prachtige zegels van de Tour de France. Je zou denken: Frankrijk geeft die wel uit, nou vergeet het."

Juli vanwege de Tour en de Giro d'Italia is de fietsstafette wel populair in die landen. En Hilarides moet nagaan: wat vlagerpost betreft blijft Nederland achter. Het is ook er kreterig, in, ook dat heeft zijn nadelen volgens de Leeuwarder. Maar aan de kant vind ik het ook wel weer prettig. Als er niet zo veel overal is, is het allemaal maar te overzien."

DE Leeuwarder PIET HEIN HILARIDES (50), van beroep leraar Frans, stelde een boekje samen: *'La bicyclette dans la philatélie'*. Het is een specialisme dat hij bestemd voor fietsfilatelisten. Hij is er zelf zo een. Een gewone postzegel vermog hem nauwelijks te boeien. Maar als er een fiets op staat...

VANDAAG op pagina 2: Gegrepen door de fietspostzegel.

Voor lezers van De Rijswijkseerist is Piet Hein Hilarides geen onbekende. De Fries geeft in dat maandblad regelmatig beschouwingen over fietspostzegels. Hij bericht welk land er weer een heeft uitgegeven maar hij schrijft ook over de zwarte lijst.

Niet elke fietspostzegel is namelijk een echte, een officiële. De F.I.P., de Fédération Internationale de Philatélie, heeft een heel register aangelegd van allemaal schadelijke uitgiften.

Welke dat zijn, is niet altijd even bekend bij de fietsist. Leden van de Bicycle Stamp Club weten het over het algemeen wel. De B.S.C. is een vereniging van lichte mensen waarvan de penningmeester in Engeland woont, de secretaris in de Verenigde Staten en de voorzitter in Australië. Graham Wade heet hij. Hij ontwerpt postzegels voor Papua New Guinea. "Als het een Lutherse kerk moet zijn", zegt het enige Nederlandse lid Piet Hein Hilarides, "lekt hij er voor ons een klein fietsje op. Je hebt dan wel een hoop nodig om dat fietsje te zien, maar dat doel er niet toe. Voor ons is dat een fietspostzegel."

Dreumes

Elke is er één volgens de Fries, immers zoveel worden er niet uitgegeven. Tegelijkertijd zijn alleen tot de Nederlandse uitgiften, dan komt hij tot tien, meer niet. De eerste Nederlandse fietspostzegel verscheen in 1960, dat was er een van 4 cent, uit een serie van vijf Kinderzegels. De zegel toont, behalve een kind op stelten, een dreumes op een fietswiel. Daarom is het een fietspostzegel. Maar tegen en tien van Nederlande oorsprong verschenen vorig jaar op 17 mei. "Op dat moment was er al vijf jaar geen uitgekomen", merkt Hilarides op. Men kan zich voorstellen in welk een staat van opwinding hij die dag verkeerde. Het koninkrijk hield hij zich naar het postkantoor.

Tien fietspostzegels. Piet Hein vindt het nogal weinig voor een land dat bekend staat als een fietsland. Daar is de historische dienst van de F.I.P. ook met vlagerpost. Frankrijk heeft een aantal postzegels, want de fietsist beperkt zich niet alleen tot zegels. Hij verzamelt alle postale beschikbare die iets met de fiets te maken hebben en dat iets mag je ruiter opvallen: dat kan zelfs een fietsband zijn. Hilarides wil het nog wel extremer stellen. Het achterlijkste. Al nu de zegel of stempel slechts dat beschiedende roe afgaakt tonen, dat nog hoort bij thuis in zijn verzameling. Iedere rechtzakkende fietsist zal die zegel of stempel willen hebben, zo verzekert de kenner uit Leeuwarden. Het laatste is volgens

hem als zo'n poststuk gelopen heeft, als het bent is. Hij is dan ook altijd verbaasd wanneer er een brief in de bus ligt met een fietspostzegel erop. Een fietsist zal niet gauw een gekke fietsist of fietsistzegel op een poststuk doen. De onderlinge correspondentie wordt als het even kan met fietszegels gefrankeerd. "Mijn collega-verzamelaars sturen mij van alles toe", zegt hij, "maar het elendige is, ik kan niets terugdoen. Nederland heeft bijna niets. Ja, eens in de vijf jaar verschijnt er 'no een vlagerstempel'."

Hij benijdt de trein- of luchtvaartfilatelisten wel eens. Die weet zich heel wat mysterie bedekt, om van verzamelaars die dierenpostzegels nog maar te zwijgen. Hilarides ontmoette op een postzegelbeurs eens iemand met zeventien duizend fietszegels. Zo'n aantal is volgens hem eigenlijk niet meer te behappen. "Ik kan me voorstellen dat die man zijn collectie gaat splitsen in zoetwater en zoetwaterzaken."

Op zijn eigen terrein zijn er verzamelaars die avonds een tweedeling hebben aangebracht. Die spreken alleen nog maar fietspostzegels welke verband houden met de wielaras. Zegels betreffende de fiets in het circus, de fiets in de fabriek, de fiets en de fiets in de literatuur hebben zij van de hand gedaan. Deze thematische filatelie - Hilarides signaleerde het reeds in zijn column in De Rijswijkseerist - wilt het steeds meer van het één of meer landen sparen de zogenaamde traditionele filatelie. "Daar is ook wel een aardigheid aan", meent Hilarides. "Dat is gewoon een kwade van geld. Als je tegen een handelaar zegt: ik wil volgen de week gewoon Nederland compleet hebben, postfris (ongestempeld), hier heb ik een kwade van geld. Als je tegen een handelaar zegt: ik wil volgen de week gewoon Nederland compleet hebben, postfris (ongestempeld), hier heb ik een kwade van geld. Als je tegen een handelaar zegt: ik wil volgen de week gewoon Nederland compleet hebben, postfris (ongestempeld), hier heb ik een kwade van geld. Als je tegen een handelaar zegt: ik wil volgen de week gewoon Nederland compleet hebben, postfris (ongestempeld), hier heb ik een kwade van geld."

Niet lonend

Dat vergt soms dagen spaarwerk, zo stelt de neorderling. Niet dat hem dat berispt. "Oh nee", zegt hij, "dat is juist de charme van deze hobby. Dat moet je zelf doen, want voor de handelaar is dat niet lonend. Zo'n fietszegel van 14 bleef van 1960, daar was hij geen een naar gaan zoeken. Ik wil wel in mijn verzameling dat ik niet heb opvindend zijn. Dat miste ik bij het traditionele sparen. Het mijn verrijkte het ik Nederland verzameld. Maar als je zoals ik toen bijna compleet bent, dan merk je dat het avontuur weg is. Je zoekt de zegels, maar je doet er verder niets mee. In 1978 dacht ik, ik moet wat anders gaan doen. Ik kreeg het nu aan mijn hand. Toen nu nu dat ene Ronald Sully uit Engeland een catalogus van

fietspostzegels had uitgegeven. Onmiddellijk dacht ik dat ik het had."

Dat de fietspostzegel aan hem opgelichte is eigenlijk geen wonder, want hij is al vele jaren lid van de Nederlandse Fries. Een rondje met het Tjerkmeur, daar zegt hij niet gauw nee tegen. Dit is voor hem ontspanning, zo als dat zijn bedoeling is dat zijn fietsistfilatelie een plezierige is. Bij de jaarsbezoek heeft hij met een Amerikaanse verzamelaar nog een stuk door Friesland gefietst. Vervolgens was

het tot sleep in de nacht kletteren over fietspostzegels. Want dat is in hij fietsistfilatelie: ze kunnen lezen en schrijven met elkaar.

Verhaal

De Amerikaanse heeft nogal mooie tekenen van Hilarides. Tevens is

mitskop. Het is een zegel die een driewielertoon is waarvan de Fries dacht dat het een fiets was, maar die bij nader inzien een auto-motortje uit 1897 bleek te zijn. Alles wat gemotoriseerd is, dus ook de fiets met hulpmotor, valt binnen een verzameling "gelield". Een regel met een verband is ook die van 2 franc uit Mail, waarop een bewegende fietsist staat afgebeeld, de eerste Amerikaanse. Hij, er staat hij 1899. Dat is dan de laatste van 1897, maar ja, weten zij in Mail veel."

Het moet onbekendheden den kan men allemaal terugvinden in La bicyclette dans la philatélie, een 55 pagina's dikke catalogus die een wereld op zich open. Zelfs de treinfilatelie zal niet vreemden dat er zo'n verzameldheid aan fietspostzegels bestaat. Hilarides' benoeming erin gaat overigens verder dan het louter verzamelen ervan. Hij doet er ook studie naar en schrijft er dan een soort van gidsje bij, welke hij instuurt naar concurrenten of zoals hij het graag zegt: vrienden. Voor zijn laatste artikelen

AD ('Algemeen Dagblad' - General Daily Newspaper). Page Two Tuesday, 7th February 1989. (by) Sjakk Jansen.

THE BICYCLE-POSTAGE-STAMP, A WORLD OF ITS OWN

The Leeuwardener (he lives in Leeuwarden) Piet Hein Hilarides, aged 50, by profession, a teacher of French, has written a book 'The Bicycle in Philately'. It is a specialist work written for Bicycle Stamp collectors. He is an avid collector himself. The normal postage stamp hardly interests him. But if there is a bicycle on it...

Today on page 2: We grasp on the Bicycle-Postage-Stamp

Photograph caption: * Bicycle-Philatelist Hilarides: "The Bicycle with help-motor is not in our collection picture"

For readers of 'The Bicycle Tourist', Piet Hein Hilarides needs no introduction. He regularly writes on Bicycle Postage Stamp matters in that Frisian (belonging to the Dutch Province of Friesland) monthly magazine. He reports which countries have issued stamps and he also writes about those on the Black List.

Not all Bicycle Postage Stamps are genuine or official. The F.I.P., the International Federation of Philately, keeps a complete register of all spurious stamp issues.

Which they are, is not always even known by the philatelist. Members of the Bicycle Stamps Club know the problem well. The B.S.C. is a world-wide club of some eighty members of which the Treasurer is English, the Secretary is an American and the President is Australian Graham Wade who designs stamps for Papua New Guinea. "Such as the Lutheran Church issue" said the only Dutch member Piet Hein Hilarides, "Where he placed a small illustration of a bicycle for us. I have it, but you need a magnifying glass to see the little bicycle. For us, that is a Bicycle Stamp"

Toddlers

There is a growing following for the Frisian although there are no Frisian issues (!). He has, himself, determined that no more than ten Dutch stamps featuring bicycles have been issued. The first Dutch Bicycle Postage Stamp appeared in 1958 and that was a 4 cent stamp in a series of five children's stamps. The stamp showed a child on stilts and a toddler on a tricycle. Therefore, it is a Bicycle Stamp. Numbers nine and ten of Dutch origin appeared last year on the 17th May. "That ended a period of five years without a Bicycle Stamp" said Hilarides. People can see what a state of excitement he felt that day. With thumping heart, he sped to the Post Office.

Ten Bicycle Postage Stamps! Piet Hein thinks that a small number for a country that is known to be a bicycling nation. A miserable service from the Dutch Post Office and that goes for other philatelic material such as cachets and meterpostmarks for the Bicycle-Philatelist's interest is not limited to postage stamps. He collects all postal material that has some connection with the bicycle. And that is Hilarides's desire. Even items that show just a bicycle-tyre. The rearlight. Even if the stamp or cachet be poor, that is still a red signal saying make room for me, but every right-minded Bicycle-Philatelist makes up his own mind as to which stamps and cachets to add to his collection, so reassured the connoisseur from Leeuwarden.

The real joy is the speedy pursuit of a postal item. He is always delighted when a letter arrives through his letter-box with a Bicycle Stamp on it. A Bicycle-Philatelist doesn't place ordinary (Queens) Beatrix or Elizabeth stamps on a postal article. The mutual correspondence adds to his collection. "My fellow-collectors are also my allies too", he said. "But the wretched thing is that I cannot return the compliment. The Netherlands has next to no Bicycle Stamps. Yes in a five year period, not one"

He is envious of Train and Airplane-Philatelists. He is a pauper and they are royalty. Collectors of animal-stamps have no reason to protest, but Hilarides's meeting with stamp-dealers and others has led to a collection of some 7,000 items. That number is a result of his determination. It did not just happen. "I can suggest that a person can split his collection into, for example, saltwater and saltwater fishes"

In his own collecting area, likewise, subdivision is possible by putting together all those Bicycle Postage Stamps showing sport-cycling. Stamps concerned with the bicycle in the circus; the bicycle in factory strikes (!) and the bicycle in literature, are other subdivisions. This thematic (topical) philately - Hilarides already writes about in his column in 'The Bicycle Tourist' - is more and more being catered for by more and more countries instead of traditional philately "whose stamps are not very pretty", said Hilarides. "So it is the trend; particularly when it is a question of money too. I am not in favour of a dealer who says to collector after collector, 'in a week I will have a complete mint collection for 100,000 guilders'. But with Bicycle Stamps, that is not possible and thankfully so. Leaving aside the spurious issues, there are not much more than 1,500 stamps and, yes, you have to seek them out.

Not Paying

That sometimes means many days research work. Does that worry him? "Oh no", he said, "That is just the charm of this hobby. The searching is something for me to do and I do not have to pay money to a dealer. Such a bicycle stamp issued by Libya and priced at 1.50 Guilders, can take an hour to find. I get completely excited when I make such a discovery. That element is missing from traditional philately. Until I was forty I collected Dutch stamps, but as you may imagine, I had collected almost every Dutch stamp. So I had to find another

collecting venture. In 1979 I decided what the venture was to be. I was at home reading one of the publications there and I read that Ronald Sudbury of England had compiled a catalogue of Bicycle Postage Stamps. Immediately I said 'That is it!'

That Bicycle Postage Stamps appealed to him is not really surprising for he has been a member of the bicycle touring club 'Frisia' for many years. His cycling is not for speed, but for relaxation. The majority of Bicycle-Philatelists cycle for the pure enjoyment it gives to them. During the past year he cycled with an American collector through Friesland and, deep into the night, they chatted about Bicycle Stamps. That is the way it is with Bicycle-Philatelists. They also read letters from and write letters to each other.



Story

The American just had to laugh about Hilarides's purchase of a Czechoslovakian issue. A stamp in the set had, what appeared to be, a tricycle on it and the Fries thought it was thus a Bicycle Stamp, but it was a car (automobile) of 1897. He added "All were motorised including the tricycle with help-motor (!) and so had to be withdrawn from the collection". Another stamp with a story is the 2 franc stamp of Mali on which a well-known hobby-horse is shown. The first Draisine "It was stated, 1809. That was a mistake. It should have stated 1817 and, yes, the Malians should have known better".

That sort of error, people may find again and again listed in 'The Bicycle in Philately', a 56 page catalogue of stamps of the world shown at a glance. Even the Train-Philatelist does not realise that such a diverse range of Bicycle Stamps exist. Hilarides's efforts go further than the mere compilation. He also studies and then writes a sort of thesis which he then submits to competition or as an entry to philatelic exhibitions. For his younger writers, he has written no less than twelve books, each of 60 pages, which they may consult. People may also study the works of others: 'ABC of Postage Stamp Collecting' by Karel J.F. Heymans, 'Cycling through the Centuries' by Gerhard H. Minck and 'The Bicycle and the Postage Stamp' by Ronald P. Sudbury.

Hilarides has, with his manuscript, striven for Gold and that is what he has won (at national level?) for the last five years. At an exhibition in Romania he won a Silver Bronze Award. Participating in competitions makes his hobby quite exhausting, indicated the Fries. He gets more joy from his "collecting self". It is more exciting too. "You never complete your collection, but you naturally strive to do so, but the possibility is not great"

The difficulty is, for him, the spurious issues. "By the time you realise an issue is spurious, you might already have it and business rules mean that you cannot take it back to the dealer and coldly say 'They are not genuine postage stamps' and that is more annoying still when you consider that they are, more often than not, mere paper than postage stamps"

The spurious issues are more general than most realise. A number of small countries issue far more stamps than can be justified by the countries' postal needs. A notable example are the Arab Emirates. They have, between 1968 and 1972, overflooded the market with spurious issues - so many there had to clearly been a commercial purpose too.

Black List

Valid postage stamps come particularly from the countries behind the Iron Curtain. The Peace Race, the Tour de France of the Eastern Bloc, is often used by East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia as a reason for issuing a few postage stamps. Hilarides's fortune is to have those few in his possession. Via the channel of the Bicycle Stamps Club he is able to succeed in acquiring stamps from various countries including Palau, Mongolia and Equatorial Guinea and especially the latest issues from such countries - also shining a torch on those on the Black List - which he is keen to know about. "Once upon a time, there was an opinion that splendid stamps were issued for the Tour de France. You would think France would issue good stamps. Now forget it"

Just because the Tour and the Giro d'Italia are popular in all countries, doesn't mean also popular to Bicycle-Philately. And Hilarides ended by saying that as far as postage stamps are concerned, Italy and France are in the same party too. The Netherlands included. Pretty niggardly. Ah, that is something we must pursue, said the Leeuwardener. "But, on the other hand, I find stamps pretty. If that was not so, I would not get much general feeling of beauty in looking at my collection"



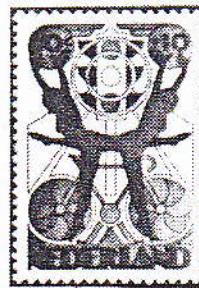
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STOP PRESS

USA Russian Scouts' Local - see page 36. I found this sheetlet in my collection under miscellaneous items. The "1986" items are both printed brownish-violet. This item is printed green. Note "1909-1969". I wonder if that will help Norman Batho in his quest for information?



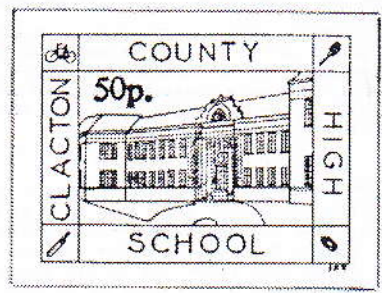
Spain, 7th March 1989. 1 of 4 (2nd set of 4. The first set of 4 was issued 3rd October 1988) in a series of 30 Pre-1992 Olympic stamps. The bicycle stamp is numbered 7 and printed in sheets of 30 stamps and two tabs (4 vertical rows of 8). Actual stamp size - see page 50

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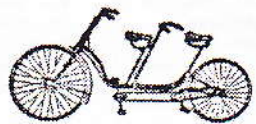


French Polynesia. 16th March. 1 of 2. 70fr. stamp shows "Copra shed on beach, family, bicycle". Norman Batho BSC.

France. Mid-March 1989. Norman Batho reports that a vignette, very similar to the one illustrated on page 2 of the Third Issue of 'BS', was issued for the Paris International Cycle Exposition.



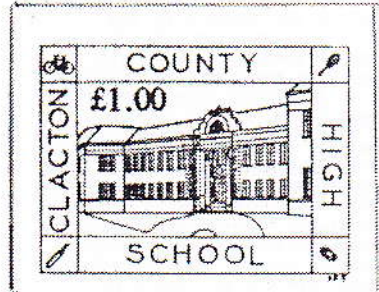
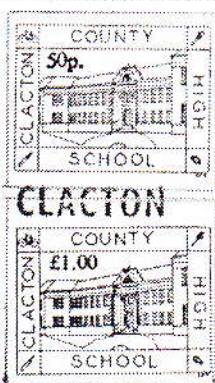
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SOUVENIR COVER



"I.E.T." The stamp's designer - Club Member Ivan Trinder

Great Britain. 11th April. Invalid locals. 900 printed light blue (50p in red) and 405 printed red (£1 in violet) on white paper. All printed in sheetlets of 9 on PVC gummed paper. 50 trials were printed light blue on yellow paper. 500 Souvenir covers were produced. All to raise money for the school's voluntary service. Ivan Trinder BSC.

In January of this year, Gunther Popperl BSC of West Germany published a new catalogue. *Motiv Fahrrad Auf Briefmarken aus 35 Laendern in Europa* is a 51 page 8½" x 11¼" lithographed listing of bicycle and bicycle related stamps of Europe. Catalogue numbers are not cited, but the date of issue is given together with a black and white photograph for each entry serves as ample identification.

Conspicuously absent are the 'Local' issues including those of Germany. Other omissions include several Jul Post issues of Denmark and the Swedish Circus issue of October 1987.

The Reunion overprint of the 18th March 1972 French stamp is included; an incorrect Norwegian issue is pictured; the Hungarian section was incompletely numbered and the poor quality of the photographs were the obvious problems noted. Different catalogues often give different dates of issue, so I didn't check the issue dates.

This is truly a "Generic" catalogue. Except for country names, there is nothing to be translated. A collector from any country in the world could make good use of this publication and it is available at a special price of DM12 to BSC members: Gunther Popperl, An der Baruna 7, 3507 Baunatal, West Germany.

Reviewer:

Norman Batho.



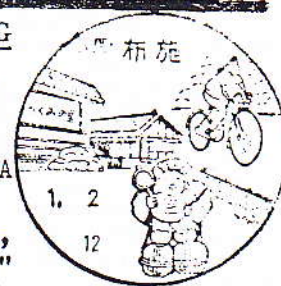
9th February
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10th February
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J A P A N E S E D A T I N G

Some recent Japanese Cachets. Shiro Yagami BSC reports how to Date them. With the death of Emperor Hirohito, the SHOWA reign ended and the reign of HIEWA began. With SHOWA items, we had to add 25 e.g. "60.8.1" (60+25=1985, August 1st). With HIEWA, we must add 88 (1+88= 1989) as from 8th January 1989.



12th February
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M e m b e r s ' A d v e r t i s e m e n t s

BICYCLE STAMP COLLECTION FOR SALE - Ideal for the newcomer who wants to leap ahead! About 400 stamps (mostly mint) and 45 Souvenir Sheets. Plus Clacton 83-87 (65 items), facsimiles, Swiss Military, etc and all ten issues of 'The Spoken' Word' and the first five issues of 'Bicycle Stamps'. Offers in the region of £750 expected. For further details contact Michael Gaze BSC, 18, Ashgrove Crescent, Billinge, Nr. Wigan, Lancs., WN5 7NH, England.

TIMARU. "I have purchased TWO collections and can offer approvals. They are not cheap" and "come and see the finest stock of CYCLE PHILATELY at my table at THEMATICA '89". Peter Rickenback BSC, 14, Rosslyn Hill, London, NW3 1PF.

THEMATICA '89 (Britain's National Thematic Stamp Exhibition). 24th/25th June (10.30am to 5pm) at Carisbrook Hall, 63, Seymour Street, London W2 2HF. Free admission. Frank Pegley BSC is displaying his award winning bicycle stamp collection. What about you? A trophy to be won. Details from Brian Sole BSC Thematica Exhibitions, PO Box 255, 6, Buckingham Street, London, WC2N 6JR.

PHILATELIC MATERIAL WANTED for purchase or exchange. "I am interested in stamps, sheets, booklets, postal cards and covers, aerogrammes, telegrams, cachets, postal meters, etc." André Devos BSC, Rue Clairmaie 3, 7618 Taintignies, Belgium.

CHEAP BICYCLE STAMPS, POSTCARDS & CIGARETTE CARDS WANTED. Please send list or "on approval". Aled Owen, BSC, 98, Llanelian Road, Old Colwyn, Cllwyd LL29 9UH, Wales.

SWISS MILITARY STAMPS. Send me your Wants List using the coding system of the Fifth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' Special Supplement and this issue's Supplement to that Supplement. Douglas Marchant (address - see the cover).

"It is time to begin thinking about the election of officers"

Norman Batho

With this, the 46 issue of Bicycle Stamps, your club goes into the last half of its third year. The present volunteer officers of the club have, in various capacities, seen to the organization of the club and to the running of its affairs.

It is time to begin thinking about the election of officers.

Our Bylaws provide for publication of ballots for the various offices in the autumn issue of Bicycle Stamps, in odd-numbered years, as indicated in the extract from the Bylaws below. A sample nomination format is indicated below, and a ballot will be included with the autumn issue.

Nominations must be completed and returned to the secretary in time for publication in the autumn issue. (see below). It would be of interest to other club members if brief biographical notes were to be returned with the nominations, for publication in "Bicycle Stamps."

The ballots, to be included with issue #7 (Nov 89), must also be returned as indicated below. The new officers will assume their duties on January 1, 1990, and the result of the election will be published in issue #8 (May 89) of "Bicycle Stamps."

There is a possibility that two candidates may receive the same number of votes in a two way contest and there is a possibility of no candidate receiving a majority of the votes in a contest with more than two candidates. To deal with those possibilities the Alternative Vote System has been chosen for our election. Under this system one ranks the candidates for each office, in order of choice, on the ballot. In the event of a tie vote in a two way contest, second choice votes will be considered, in an attempt to break the tie. In the event no candidate, in a contest involving more than two candidates, receives a majority of the votes, the candidate receiving the fewest number of first choice voice votes will be dropped and his second choice votes will be promoted to first choice votes and will be redistributed accordingly. If no candidate then has a majority, the candidate with the next fewest votes will be dropped and his second choice votes will be promoted to first choice votes and will be redistributed accordingly. Etc.

The present status of your officers is as follows:

President	Graham Wade, Australia
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Norman Batho, U.S.A., having been appointed following the resignation of Carl Wiedman, U.S.A.
Treasurer	Fiona Hedges, England, having been appointed following the resignation of Paul Butler, England
Editor	Douglas Marchant, England

To facilitate the transfer of funds between the U.S.A. and England, the nose of the present treasurer, Norman Batho has also been serving in an unofficial capacity as treasurer for the U.S.A. Depending on the country of residence of the new officers, a similar position or positions may need to be established for the same purpose.

The following extract from our Bylaws describes our election process.

ARTICLE III. Officers

SECTION 1. Officers.

The officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Editor. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws.

SECTION 2. Eligibility.

Any member of the Club in good standing, shall be eligible to hold any office or to serve on any committee. Any officer may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a majority vote of members in good standing. Successor to office of President shall be the Vice President. The President shall appoint the successor to fill vacancies in the other offices as they occur until the next biennial election.

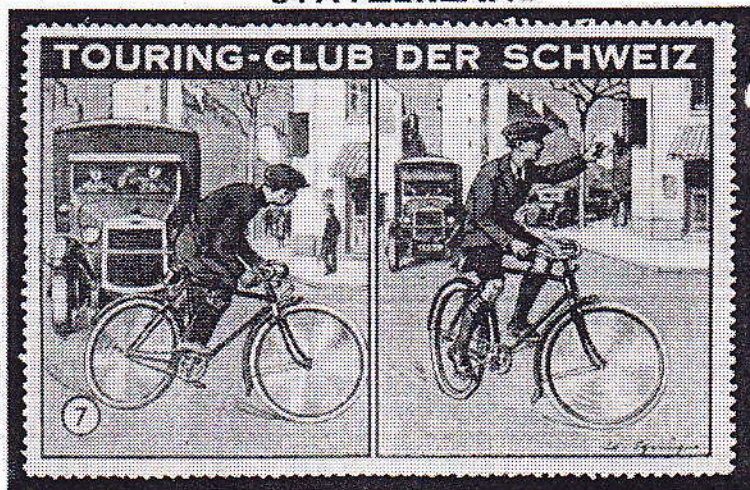
SECTION 3. Election.

The officers of the Club shall be elected by a mail ballot of the entire membership for two year terms with elections held in the odd numbered years. The terms of office shall commence on January 1 of each even numbered year and shall conclude on December 31 of each odd numbered year, or until each successor is duly elected. Each prospective candidate for office must be nominated by 2 other members, all 3 in good standing. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Secretary, accompanied with evidence indicating that the nominees, if elected, are willing to discharge the duties of their respective offices. Nominations must be received by the Secretary sufficiently in advance of publication of the autumn issue of Bicycle Stamps to have the ballot included in that mailing. Ballots must be sent to the Secretary within 30 days of the date of publication for tallying. Elections should be held using the Alternative Vote System. All candidates will be notified of the result within 30 days of the tallying and the result of the election shall be published in the spring issue of Bicycle Stamps.

A brief statement, "I nominate 'x' for 'y'. He/she has agreed to his/her name being put forward for the position.", will serve as a nomination form. Mail to Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor, NJ 08520, U.S.A.

Norman Batho.

SWITZERLAND



Touring Club of Switzerland vignette No. 7. I wonder what Nos. 1 to 6 and 8 upwards look like... DM.

CHECK LISTING. Our Secretary, Norman Batho, is the Compiler of the BSC's Computer print-out Check Listing. It won a Silver Award at the American Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum Philatelic Literature Fair in 1987. Members may order a copy from him at \$6.00 (\$8 air mail) or from our Treasurer at £4. The Editor offers his apologies to anyone who wrote to 158 instead of 358 Iverson Place (see page 6 of the Fourth Issue of 'BS')

See the Fifth Issue of 'BS' page 5. Also page 33 of the Fourth Issue



Norman Batho BSC sent me these photocopies at the end of last year



When I received those photocopies, I thought they resolved the problem. Probably a sheet of stickers from a children's book. The idea was probably more prevalent in the past than today, but the idea was for the child to affix the stickers in the appropriate places in the book.

Then, in January, Norman Batho visited "someone who had been collecting 'Trains', such as we collect bicycles (and) in his collection I saw the 1934 postman on his bicycle item shown in the last two issues of 'BS'. The item was the bottom left on a sheet of 15 (5 x 3). The collector had the following complete sheets:

Frame	Centre	Frame	Centre
Purple	Orange	Brown	Blue
Purple	Brown	Blue	Rose

In addition, he had perf. and imperf., Green frame and Brown Centre with 'New York 1947. Grand Central Palace' overprint in blue. That building was destroyed years ago". It is not unknown for children's book stickers to be printed in various different colour combinations, but overprinted!

APOLOGIES to Daniel Nibbelink BSC for the misspelling of his surname on page 8 of the Fifth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'

APOLOGIES for informing members of my suspicion that the following book was probably Out-Of-Print (see page 7 of the Fifth Issue of 'BS'): 'The Fresno to San Francisco Bicycle Mail of 1894' by Lowell Cooper, 1982. Bert Schapelhouman BSC has informed me that the book is available from the publishers, Leonard Hartmann, Box 36006, Louisville, Kentucky 40233, USA at \$50. Postage and packing extra.

"Cashiers" should have been spelt "Cahiers" - third from last book on p. 7.

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Dear Client,

We have been fortunate in being able to obtain several copies of the ONE PENNY Victorian advertising envelope listed in H&G as #KB20.

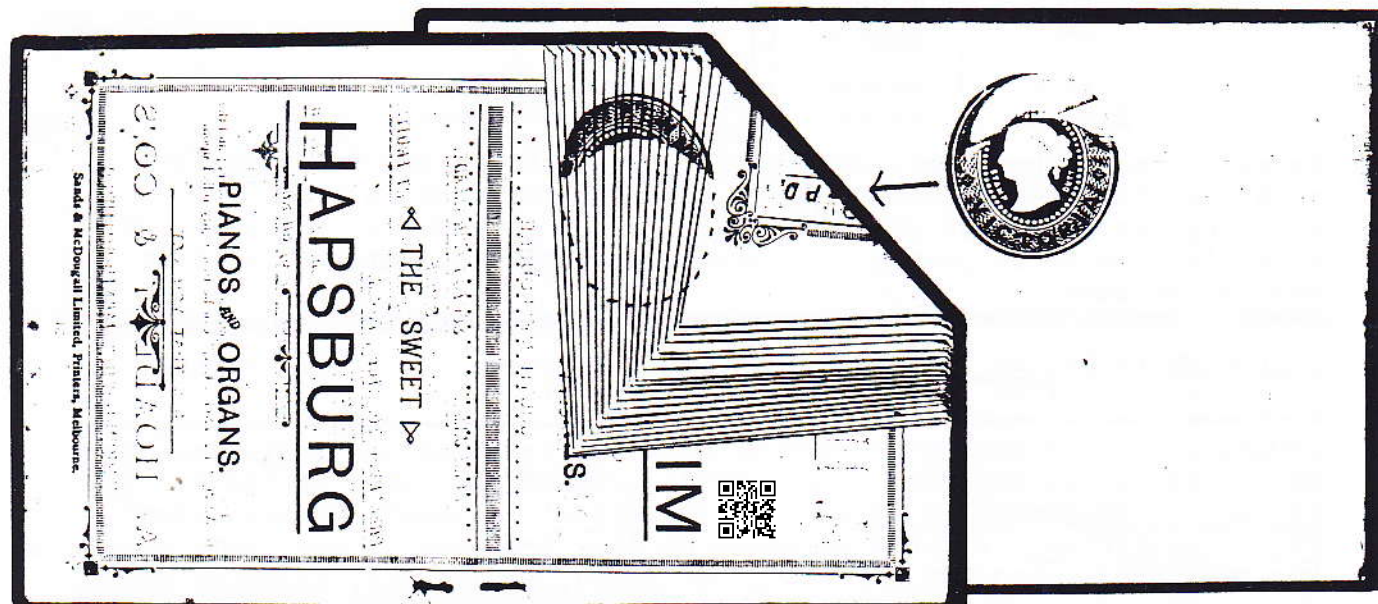
The advertising booklet as shown below is removed from the envelope to demonstrate that the stamp design denomination is partially printed on each of the folded booklet pages. The balance of the stamp design is printed on the envelope. The promoter sold these at one halfpenny to prospective users. It could only go through the post intact. His profit came from selling the advertising. The information we have is that a member of parliament objected to the item on the grounds that no one should be able to profit from the government postal service. The promoter was sued and his stocks confiscated pending the outcome of the trial. The government won its case and the confiscated stocks were destroyed.

In addition to those which were sold prior to the government's suit, a small quantity, which had been used by the prosecutor as evidence during the trial, had been inadvertently retained and stored under his home. About eighty (80) years later, the prosecutor's descendants found them and sold them to the individual from whom we purchased them. They are exceedingly scarce.

The attached photocopies show the advertising contained in the booklet at 74% of the original size. The price is US\$500 each. They will be sold in the order in which payment is received. Telephone orders using a Mastercard/Visa will be accepted. California residents- PLEASE ADD 6% SALES TAX!

Satisfaction guaranteed!! The item will be posted fully insured by our private carrier.

Ten months ago Sherry Schmidt BSC kindly sent me photocopies of this 'Classic Philatelics' item. The reason for sending the information to 'Bicycle Stamps' are the two pages - reproduced on the opposite page - from the booklet. The photocopy of the booklet is reproduced below. Notice that above is stated that the photocopy is "74% of the original size". I have had to reduce the "74%" by 86% to be able to fit it in to the space available. As soon as I received the photocopies from Sherry, I wrote to all four of our Australian members for further information, but, disappointingly, none have anything to add to our knowledge except that the Victoria Postal Museum has been closed.



The booklet contains 32 numbered pages and 14 inserts printed on one side.

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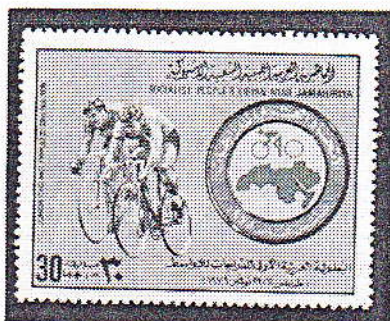
Observe the novel motion picture
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 For bicycle, with and for road.
 Swift bowls the wheel from street to street.
 The poetry form and figure plump
 Give both the wheel and man a thing.

Two of the pages from the ONE PENNY Victorian advertising booklet. Victorian has two meanings here: a) during the reign of Queen Victoria and b) issued by the Australian State of Victoria of which Melbourne is the Capital City.

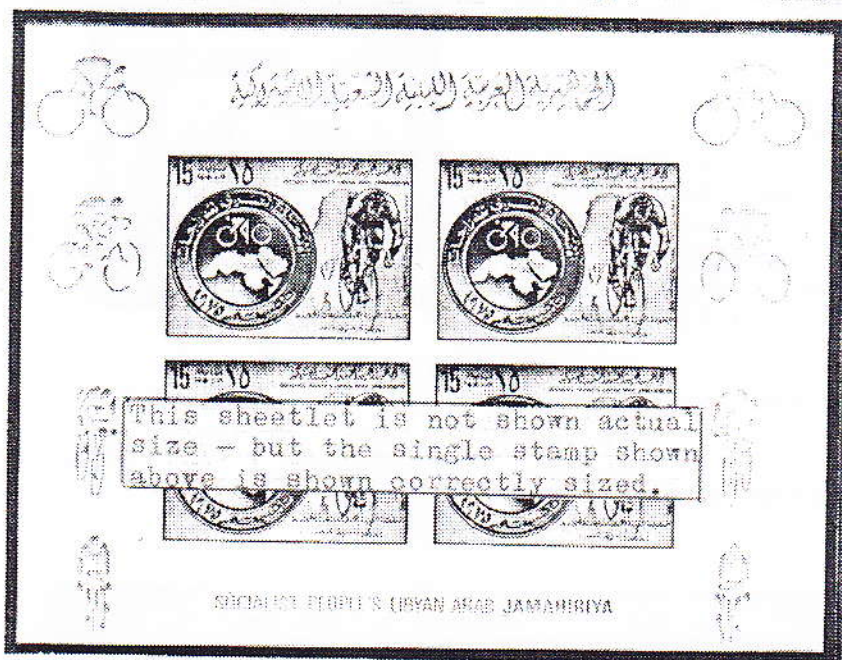
1) Red, 2) Green, 3) Purple & 4) Blue

1) Gold & 2) Greyish

Set of Olympic Games Souvenir Stickers



On the 27th November 1979, Libya issued a set of two bicycle stamps and each stamp was issued both perf. and imperf. in little sheetlet format - as shown below. There might possibly be a design error for "The inscription in English says 'Junior Cycling, Tripoli, 21-23 Nov. 1979' yet the medal depicted is dated 1975 in Arabic. I cannot read the rest of the inscription which might explain all. Does any member know the answer?" - Ronald Sant BSC.



THE BICYCLE STAMPS CLUB

The club for wet winter days and arm-chair cyclists everywhere.

Most cyclists will have come across the 1978 set of stamps commemorating 100 years of the CTC, and stamp collectors who cycle must have noticed cyclists adorning Seoul Olympic stamp sets. These are but the tip of the iceberg: from the late 19th century onwards nearly 200 countries have issued in total rather more than 1200 'bicycle' stamps.

Racing and touring cyclists obviously ride bicycles, but so do postmen, scouts, nurses, children, rickshaw drivers and even circus chimpanzees; all have been shown with their bicycles on stamps. Veteran bikes, tandems, road safety issues, healthy living, anti-pollution, flood relief, cyclo-cross, manufacturing industry and many other subjects have been promoted with bicycle stamps. On some stamps the bicycle is so small that a magnifying glass is called for if the bike is to be observed - but that's all part of the fun of the quest.

You could collect bicycle stamps all on your own, but if you were to join the Bicycle Stamps Club you would be in touch with an international group of collectors, receive two 64-page A4 magazines per subscription (full of information about old stamps and illustrations of new ones), be able to join the New Issue Service which gets reductions on new stamps by buying directly and in bulk, and be able to buy our computer checklist which is, to my mind, invaluable.

Interested? If so, contact me, Fiona Hedges, Hon. Treasurer BSC, 137 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0HD for further information. SAE appreciated.

'The Oxford Cyclist' Winter 1988

Sixth Issue's Puzzle

"I am trying to mount my collection of bicycle stamps so that I have exactly the same number of stamps on every album page. When I mount more than one, but less than seven a page, I have exactly one left over. When I mount seven a page, I have exactly the right number. How many stamps do I have?" asks Norman Batho BSC

The Answers to the last Issue's Puzzle are...

One member and only one member - our Treasurer Fiona Hedges - solved the Puzzle, but, before she managed to solve it, she was given additional information so is it really fair to name her as Ms Sherlock Holmes of the Bicycle Stamps Club? Shall we see if any other member can solve the Puzzle with that additional information? The clue given in the last Issue was "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a part of the main" and members were informed (page 8) that I had misquoted from 'Devotions' by John Donne. The correct quotation: "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main". One of the most famous quotations in the English language. Each "piece" (stamp) is of a "Continent" so that all that was necessary to start solving the Puzzle was to work out which stamps were European ones; which stamps were African ones and so on. To qualify for the accolade of being named 'Bicycle Stamps' Puzzle-Solver par excellence, answers please by 1st August. DM.

Some National Post Offices have their own bank called GIRO. Björn Rombach BSC has sent me this Danish Giro 'Pennepostkupon' (Pen Pal Post Coupon). Does any BSC member know Danish so that it may be translated? The "explanation" given below is from a leaflet of the British Giro and does not relate to the Danish 'Pennepostkupon'. It is cited for the benefit of members who live in countries without Giro banks.

There are Giro organisations in Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and West Germany.

To make a transfer to a Giro account in one of these countries simply write, on the back of the

form, the name and Giro account number of the beneficiary, the country, the amount in local currency or a sterling equivalent amount, and a message if required. Any sum can be specified in the currency of the country of destination and will not be reduced by charges; postal Giro administrations do not impose a fee for

international transfer credits. Giro transfers are the cheapest and easiest method of making payments abroad and it will always be worthwhile to ask if the recipient has a postal Giro account. The legend 'GIRO', 'POSTGIRO' or 'CCP' is often shown before a Giro account in advertisements.



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Sæt x her ☐ hvis du før har indsendt pennepostkupon.

Du kan vælge mellem alle lande.

Dine ønsker efterkommes så vidt muligt, men hvis de valgte lande ikke er på lager, vælger Penneposten, fordi alle nationaliteter er lige kammeratlige.

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Danmark	Kenya	Sydafrika
England	Kina	Syrien
Filippinerne	Korea	Tanzania
Finland	Libanon	Thailand
Frankrig	Luxemborg	Tjekkoslaviet
Ghana	Malawi	Tunis
Grækenland	Malaysia	Tyrkiet
Holland	Marokko	Tyskland
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	Peru	Ægypten
	Polen	Østrig

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Du skriver kammeratligt til dem, hvis adresser du får. Skriv dansk til Danmark, Finland, Island, Norge og Sverige, engelsk til andre lande, hvis du ikke kan deres sprog.

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Venlig hilsen,
PENNEPOSTEN

Pennepostkuponer udleveres gratis på posthusene og af landpostbudene.

GIRO INDBETALINGSKORT

Afsenderbetegnelse

Til frankering
ved indbetalingen

kr. øre

kroner i
bogstaver

56527

PENNEPOSTEN

Postbox 396

1504 København V

Nr.


Udfyldes af
posthuset

Indbetalingsposthusets stempel

pennepost IK 30 S (7-70) POK 1.

Kupon til modtageren (meddelelser kan anføres på bagsiden af denne kupon)

Skriv blokbogstaver eller på maskine

Afsender:

(navn)

(adresse)

(postnummer - posthus)

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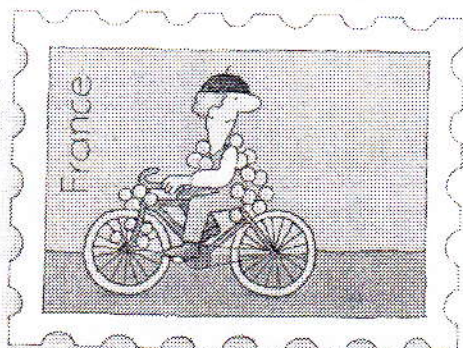
for penneven(ner) og evt. bog, se bagsiden

Indbetalt den

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Indbetalingsposthusets
afgangsstempel

This is one side... and this is the other side



Not stamps - just a couple of
illustrations from a Guide to
British Girobank's
Postcheque Service



Piet Hein Hilarides BSC
sent me this "stamp" or
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from a Dutch Girobank
leaflet

*Christmas Greetings
and
best wishes for the New Year*

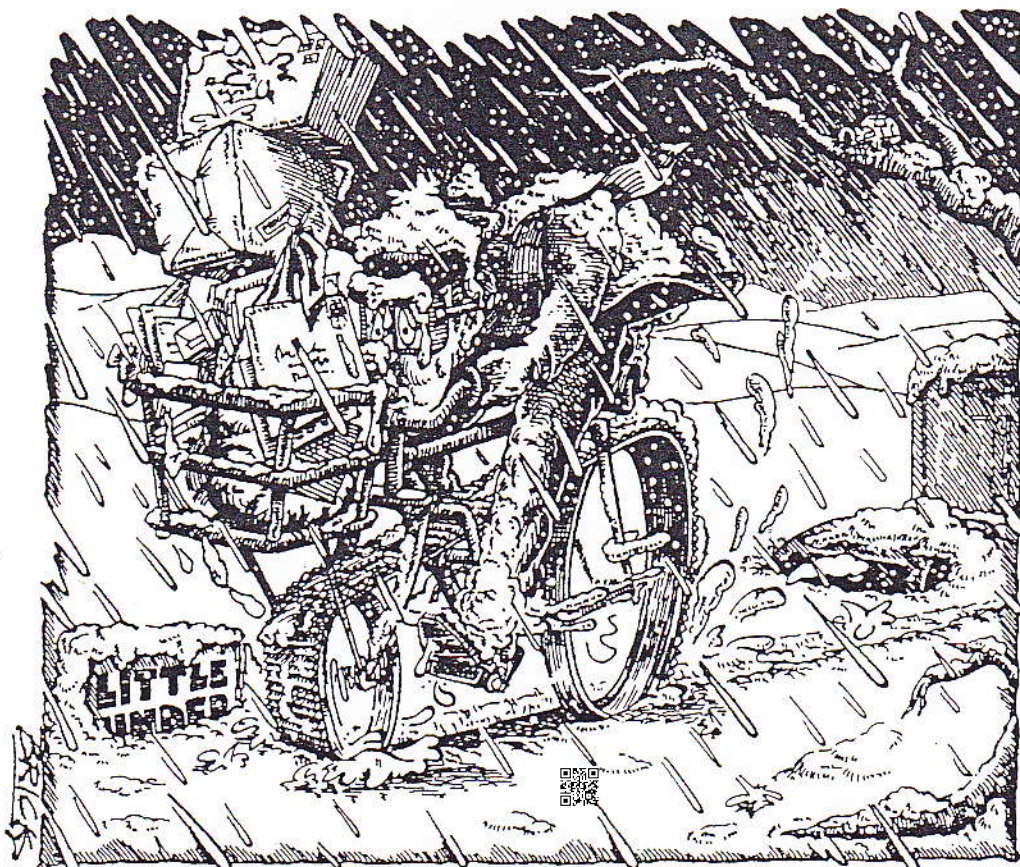
*Beannachtaí na Nollag
agus
Dea-Ghul' i gcoir na hAithbhliana*

This Greetings Card and the Cover in which it is enclosed were designed for use with the special Christmas Stamp which is being issued this year by the Irish Post Office.

This is the first Irish Christmas Stamp and, while it will have a special appeal to all Stamp Collectors, it will be universally welcomed.

No, below is not a stamp, but a Christmas Card from the Irish Post Office and sent to me by Norman Batho BSC. The "first Irish Christmas stamp" was issued in 1971 - see back of the card reproduced above. DM.





18^P

Great
Seasonal
Cycling Feats
No. 26

I saw this S*T*A*M*P illustrated in the 'New Cyclist' No. 4. Winter 1988.
BUT when was it issued - the 1st April maybe! However, a problem for our
Secretary's Check Listing... DM.

MYSTERIOUS CTC POSTAL CARDS

Cyclists' Touring Club.

E. R. EHIPTON,
Secrétaire.



47, Victoria St.,
LONDRES, S.W.

In a more serious vein, Brian Mynott BSC recently sent me a photocopy of a CTC Postal Card postdated 1898 and something about it struck me as rather odd. Even more recently I saw a similar CTC Postal Card, also postdated 1898, when I paid a visit to John Mansell BSC and he told me that something about it struck him as rather odd.

Both the Postal Cards are reproduced on the next two pages - one page for each card and each will be seen to be a "double" Postal Card. The photocopy at the top is one side of the card and the photocopy at the bottom is of the other side of the card. The top left hand section is the reverse of the bottom left hand section and the top right hand section is the reverse of the bottom right hand section.

One is printed in English and French and the other is printed in English and German. They both serve the same purpose. To ask the permission of a Hotel to be listed in the CTC's annual Handbook. That request is the bottom right hand section. The Postal Card was then folded and the address written on the top right hand section. The hotelier was asked to reply on the top left hand section and then fold the card the other way round so that the bottom left section is seen by the postman - and this is the rather strange thing about both cards. The stamp printed on the bottom left hand section is a British stamp which surely was not valid for postage from France or Germany to Britain. Can anyone throw any light on this matter? DM.



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Cyclists' Touring Club.



Siège Social :

47, Victoria St.,
Westminster,
Londres, S. W.

REPONSE.

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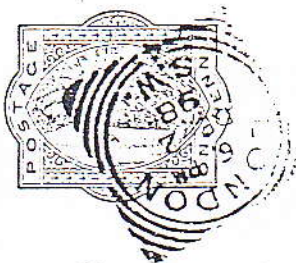
Propriétaire de l'Hôtel

Metropole
à Lugano (Tessin)

s'engage à appliquer aux sociétaires du
Cyclists' Touring Club les conditions portées
dans le certificat de nomination qui lui a
été transmis.

Signature

Propriétaire.



UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE

POST CARD - GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

M. A. Rocca

(ou Successeur), Propriétaire de

l'Hôtel Metropole

à

Lugano

(Tessin)

Suva

ANKERED CARD IS INTENDED
FOR THE ANGLES
CARTE CROQUÉE EST DESTINÉE
À LA RÉPONSE.

From the Collection of Brian Mynott BSC

ANGLETERRE.

E. R. SHIPTON,

Secretary Cyclists' Touring Club,

47, Victoria Street,

Westminster,

LONDON, S.W.

POST CARD - GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE

(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

REPLY.



Cyclists' Touring Club.

E. R. SHIPTON,
Secrétaire.47, Victoria St.,
LONDRES, S.W.

A. M. l'Hôtelier,

Le Secrétaire du Cyclists' Touring Club
vous sera reconnaissant si vous voudrez lui
faire savoir par retour du courrier sur la
carte postale ci-jointe si vous êtes encore dis-
posé à faire recommander votre hôtel gratuite-
ment dans l'Annuaire du C.T.C. (une société
qui compte 55,000 membres), et d'appliquer
les conditions portées sur le certificat de
nomination qui vous a été transmis.

Dans le cas affirmatif, veuillez signer la
carte réponse ci-attachée et la lui renvoyer
sans délai.

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Cyclists' Touring Club.



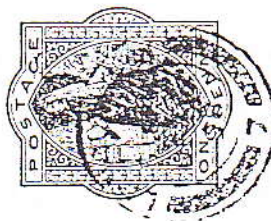
HAUPT-BUREAU:
47, VICTORIA ST.,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.

ANTWORT.

Herr Payrischer Hof., Besitzer
des Hotels Altenburg
in Altenburg
verpflichtet sich den Mitgliedern des Cyclists
Touring Club, welche sich als solche durch
Vorzeigung der Mitgliedskarte für das laufende
Jahr ausweisen, diejenigen Vorzugspreise resp.
Ermässigungen einzuräumen, welche er den
Mitgliedern des
D. Radfahrer-Bund
gewährt.

Unterschrift

Hotelbesitzer.



UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
POST CARD—GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND
(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

An den Herrn Besitzer oder Gastwirth,

Payrischer Hof.
Altenburg
(Saxe-Altenburg)
Germany



THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED
FOR THE ANSWER.
LA CARTE CI-JOINTE EST DESTINEE
A LA REPONSE.

From the Collection of John Mansell BSC

ENGLAND.

E. R. SHIPTON,

Secretary Cyclists' Touring Club.

47, Victoria Street,

Westminster,

LONDON, S.W.

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
POST CARD—GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND
(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

REPLY.



Cyclists' Touring Club.

E. R. SHIPTON,
Secretary.



47, Victoria St.,
LONDON, S.W.

An den Herrn Hotelbesitzer,

Der Sekretär des Cyclists' Touring Club
wird Ihnen dankbar sein wenn Sie ihn gütigst
auf beigefügte Postkarte umgehend kennen
lassen ob Sie auch für die Zukunft bereit
sind Ihr Hotel im Handbuche des C.T.C.
unentgeltlich empfehlen zu lassen, und die
Preise und Ermässigung anzuwenden, welche
Sie den Mitgliedern des
D. Radfahrer-Bund
gewähren.

In bejahendem Falle, bitte beigelegte Post-
karte zu unterschreiben und dieselbe sofort
zurück zu senden.



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Carl Wiedman, associate editor

BICYCLES ON POSTAGE STAMPS II

by Carl Wiedman

BSC

For many years, a number of stamp issuing countries have been responsible for large quantities of new issues each year. This profusion of new issues is undoubtedly the result of the desires and purchases by collectors, but by the same token, the large quantities have caused many to lose interest in general collecting. Consequently most collectors now limit their interests to specific topics, such as individual countries or single subjects.

In recent times the topical subject of bicycles on postage stamps has received a great deal of interest. This is partially attributable to a general increase of interest in the bicycle itself, both for sport and pleasure, in the American scene. By contrast there are countries where cycling is considered the number one sport, and in other European nations, bicycle racing champions have attained super-star status. In these countries, track and road racing events are scheduled on a regular basis.

There was considerable interest in American bicycle racing in the 1930's and early 1940's during the days of the popular six-day races. In recent times there has been a strong resurgence in the sport of bicycle racing, and the results in both the Tour de France and the Olympics have demonstrated that the Americans are not without interest and ability in the racing scene.

In many countries around the world there has been a substantial growth in bike ownership and riding, for both pleasure and transportation. Part of this is sparked by the growing recognition of the importance of exercising for health purposes.

With the growing interest in bicycles and cycling, there has been a parallel growth in stamp collector interest in the topical subject of bicycles on postage stamps. Clubs have been organized, and a considerable amount of correspondence and cooperative effort has taken place. The result has been the development of a computerized listing of relevant stamps which is regularly updated. Careful attention is paid to new issues, and input from collectors around the world has provided a good basis for the subject. In the current master list there are in excess of 1100 different postal issues having a bicycle theme - either a bicycle or part of a bicycle, a tricycle, a bike racer, the word 'bicycle' or 'tricycle', or a velodrome would qualify. In addition there are about 250 local issues, or non-official printings for postal use in a specific area, and usually having to do with mail delivery by bicycle. In addition, about 200 different bicycle stamps have been printed by the Trucial States, although these have almost no postal validity. The Trucial States comprise the Arab shiekhdoms which announced their independence in 1971 and formed the United Arab Emirates.

Collecting interest includes single stamps, blocks, sheets, entire sets with one or more bike items, souvenir sheets, first day covers, and various printed postal

items such as envelopes and booklets. Many collectors also search for advertising covers, imperforate varieties, and stamp proofs.

While the listing of known examples is nearly complete and comprehensive, a new find is made occasionally amongst older issues, and such a find becomes a newsworthy event for the dedicated collectors. In addition, certain examples sometimes bring about disagreement as to the validity of the subject - whether or not it is truly a bicycle example. It is sometimes difficult to determine if it is truly a bike or part of a bike being illustrated, and there are also disagreements as to pedal-started motorized vehicles.

At first look, a typical collection will appear to be dominated by sports subjects. In fact, a large majority of all bicycles-on-stamps issues have been related to racing events, and in Olympic years, the total of new issues goes up considerably. In both 1980 and 1984, the number of bicycle stamps that were added to the listing exceeded fifty issues, and the 1988 view appears to be equally productive.

On the other hand, a careful look at the overall use of bicycles in stamp designs over the years shows that sports was not the only related subject, and particularly not the earliest. In the early years, the primary use of bikes in the format was related to the actual delivery of mail, and most frequently to the special delivery of postal items. In the days before motorized vehicles attained sufficient reliability for door-to-door distribution, bicycle use for mail delivery was widespread and convenient. The special delivery stamps of Cuba in 1899, and of the United States in 1902 marked the start of regular postal issues featuring bicycles.

However, while these were the first of the regular issues, a number of non-official printed stamps relating to or showing bicycles were used much earlier. In 1887 in Germany, in 1894 in the United States, and in 1897 in Australia, certain local issues were privately printed and sold for use on mail that was delivered in limited areas. The reason for the bicycle depiction was that such deliveries were made by bike. The 1894 American example was the San Francisco-Fresno mail service that was established during a railroad strike, and stamps and envelopes were printed and used for the bicycle delivery of mail. (see ref.) Other 'local' bicycle stamps are known, dating to fairly recent times, and these have become a collection subject in themselves.

In addition to mail delivery and sports, other postage stamp topics and themes have brought about the incorporation of bicycles in the design. Some of these include subjects such as safety, children, scouting, transportation, military, and cartoons. More recently, the actual history of the bicycle has provided an interesting subject for new issues. Some of these related subjects are described, and the year of issue and *Scott Catalog* numbers shown.

Carl Wiedman's first article 'Bicycles on Postage Stamps' in 'The Wheelmen' was reproduced on pages 28 to 30 of the Premier Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'

MAIL DELIVERY

The earliest of subjects with bicycles in the design, mail delivery by bicycle, was used in stamp designs in a number of countries. While the earliest deliveries were by foot and horseback, bicycles certainly assisted the postman in his rounds, and this wide-spread use of the bicycle helped build its popularity for use by the general public. The earliest of mail delivery-related issues are shown, but many more have been forthcoming in the '60's, '70's, and '80's.

SPORTS

The subject of sports has been the major theme calling for the illustration of bicycles in the design of postage stamps. The first of these was in 1931, with the issuance of a set of seven stamps in a set honoring the

First Balkan Games, one of which was for bicycle racing. This and other sports events have taken place on a regular basis, and have received continued interest by stamp-issuing and participating countries. Some of these events are:

Balkan Games	Giro d'Italia Races
Spartacist Games	World Cycling Championship
Warsaw-Prague-Berlin Peace Race	Cent. Am. & Caribbean
Games Bolivar Games	Commonwealth Games
Tour de France	Pan American Games
SEAP Games	Asian Cycling Championships
Olympics	Tour of Bulgaria

Of these, the Peace Race, Tour de France, and the Olympics have been predominate in attracting new issues which have shown racers on bikes as well as individual winners. The first twenty years of sports issues featuring bicycles are shown.



1. Cuba	1899	E2*	Special Delivery - 'Inmediata'.	6. Bulgaria	1939	E1-5	Special Delivery.
2. Cuba	1902	E3	Special Delivery - 'Inmediata'.	7. Bulgaria	1946	500	Postman on bike.
3. U.S.	1902	E6	Special Delivery.	8. China	1947	764-5	Post office with small bike.
U.S.	1911-16	E8-11f	Special Delivery, changed perf., watermarks.	9. East Germany	1953	178	Postman with bike.
4. Cuba	1910	E4	Special Delivery.	10. Hungary	1953	B209,10	Postal delivery on bike.
5. Panama	1929	E3,4	Special Delivery.	11. France	1958	B320	Various modes of mail transport.
Panama	1929	C1-4	Same with airmail overprints.	12. Ivory Coast	1961	191	Postman and bike (with motor).
				13. Congo Republic	1961	537	Postman delivery by bike.

*Scott Catalog nos.



1. Bulgaria	1931	241	First Balkan Games.	8. Germany	1949	R304,5	Trans-Germany Race.
2. Bulgaria	1933	248	Same set with new colors.	9. Russia	1949	1379	National Sports.
3. Russia	1935	564	Spartacist Games.	10. Bulgaria	1950	707	Cyclists in race.
4. Bulgaria	1947	578	Balkan Games.	11. Bolivia	1951	358	Fifth Athletic Championship Matches.
5. Poland	1948	419	Peace Race.	12. Romania	1951	782	Tour of Romania Cycle Race.
6. Poland	1948	423-5	Tour of Poland Bike Race.	13. Italy	1951	584	World Championship.
7. Japan	1948	421	Third National Athletic Meet.	Trieste	1951	128	Same over-printed.
				14. Venezuela	1951	C334-7	Velodrome.

SAFETY

A number of countries have issued stamps emphasizing the importance of road safety when riding bicycles. In most countries, bicycles have the same rights of the road as do motor vehicles, but are also subject to the same traffic safety regulations, a point which cyclists sometimes overlook.

CHILDREN

Stamps honoring the nation's children have frequently done so with bicycles as part of the design. While the use and enjoyment of bikes has never been limited by the age of the rider, their importance for young people's enjoyment and development has been shown in many stamp designs. The earlier issues are described.

(See photograph on facing page.)

1. Israel	1966	314	Cyclists giving hand signals.
2. Nigeria	1972	280	Bike with cars on road.
3. Hungary	1973	2249	Cyclist involved in mishap.
4. Australia	1975	608	Damaged bicycle wheel.
5. Denmark	1977	599	Symbolic accident portrayal.
6. Bophuthatswana	1978		Safety scenes.
7. Bophuthatswana	1978		Safety scenes.
8. New Caledonia	1980	456	Safety cartoon.
9. Netherlands	1983	649	Symbolic accident portrayal.
10. Liechtenstein	1985	813	View of road accident.

BICYCLE HISTORY

While bikes have appeared on stamps for many years, it has only been in recent times that the bicycle itself has been honored by stamp issues. The bicycle has been important historically in many countries around the world. It was an early development and invention because of man's need to achieve greater mobility, and there have been constant changes and improvements since the initial 'walking bicycle' or Draisine of Germany in the early 1800's.

A great step was made when Michaux, of Paris, France, introduced the pedal drive in the 1860's with the early velocipede or 'boneshaker' as it had become known. It was subsequently found that increasing the diameter of the front driving wheel enabled the rider to travel further with each turn of the pedals, and created a much more efficient machine. Thus the high wheel or 'ordinary bicycle' came into being. They were pleasant and easy to pedal, and marked the beginnings of a very great increase in interest in bikes and bicycling. Many of these still exist today, and are used with enjoyment and ease on modern paved roads.

Further developments emphasized the need for greater safety, finally resulting in chain drives to the rear wheel, and greater comfort, with spring suspensions receiving a great deal of interest by inventors and manufacturers. Of course, an underlying concept in all design considerations has been the need for speed and mobility, and modern bikes combine these features in excellent machines.

A number of the stamps honoring cycling's history are shown. These are frequently part of a larger set, and are not shown in chronological order of issue.

MISCELLANEOUS

Other topics have featured bicycles as part of the design. Some of these include scouting, transportation, manufacturing, animals and cartoons. Also a number of stamps have been issued in which a bicycle has been shown as an incidental part of a particular scene or setting.

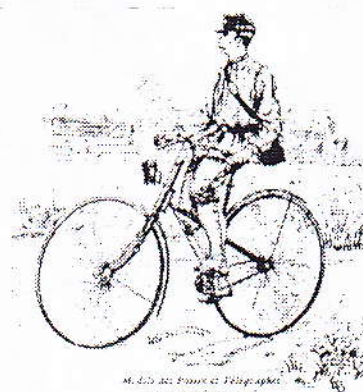
With interest in the bicycle continuing to grow both for competitive sports and for pleasure riding, it is natural to expect a strong continuation of new bicycle stamp issues. As a topical theme the number of collectors has grown markedly. Clubs have been organized, books have been published, and a great deal of serious study has been devoted to this important subject of philately.





1. Liberia	1957	364	Playground with bike.
2. Netherlands	1958	B326	Children on a tricycle.
3. Netherlands	1962	B369	Going to school on bike.
4. Cuba	1970		Child in safety depiction.
5. Cent. Afr. Rep.	1969	C74	Children's toys.
6. Albania	1971	B392	Painting of girl on bike.
7. Albania	1972	B464	Painting of girl on bike.
8. Niue	1974	171	Christmas issue, child and trike.
9. Niue	1975	175	Christmas issue, cartoon.
10. Jordan	1977	1010	Child and toys.
11. Neth Antilles	1978	B159	Girl riding bike.
12. East Germany	1979	2020	Group of young bike racers.
13. Surinam	1979	539	Issue honoring Year of the Child.
14. Virgin Islands	1979	359	Year of the Child, with bike.

LE CYCLE ET LA POSTE



JEAN-PIERRE MANGIN

RENÉ GESLIN

PRÉFET DE MONSIEUR GERARD LONGUET
Ministre des Postes et Télécommunications





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The *Bicycle Stamp Check List* is available from the same address @ \$6.00 pp. in the USA.

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|------------------|------|-------|--|
| 1. Great Britain | 1973 | 843-6 | A set of four stamps honoring a century of organized cycling in England. |
| 2. Venezuela | 1981 | 1256 | One of a set of four depicting road transportation. |

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|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| 3. France | 1963 | 1002 | A single stamp honoring Pierre and Ernest Michaux, founders of the pedal drive. |
| 4. Togo | 1979 | C186 | An issue honoring Sir Rowland Hill, and the Center cycle, an early contrivance used for mail delivery. |
| 5. West Germany
West Berlin | 1985 | B630-33
981223-6 | Eight stamps showing examples of bike development. |
| 6. Mongolia | 1982 | 1233-41 | A set of eight, plus a souvenir sheet showing early bikes. |
| 7. Mali | 1978 | 100, 111
C60 | A set of three showing the Draisine, the Michaux, and a 1989 French bicyclette. |
| 8. Togo | 1978 | 1003, 4,
C350-53 | Six different historical bikes. |
| 9. Austria | 1985 | 1328 | A single stamp showing the ordinary in a modern art view. |
| 10. United States | 1992
1985 | 1901
2137 | Two stamps in the transportation coil set having historical bikes. |
| 11. Poland | 1996 | 2776-81 | Six stamps commemorating the 160th anniversary of the Warsaw Cycle Society. |
| 12. Czechoslovakia | 1979 | 2255-9 | A set of five stamps showing bikes from 1870-1978. |

'Push On' - magazine of the Bicycle Institute of New South Wales
Australia.



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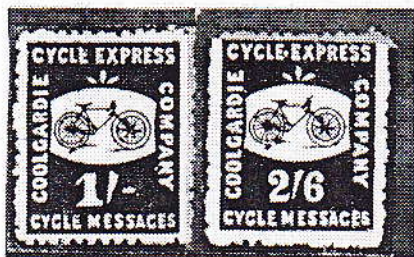
by Graham Wade BSC President.

Law breaking comes pretty easily to most of us. They tell us it's in our blood. The famous Coolgardie Cycle Express printed the first Australian bicycle stamps and they broke the law. The first cyclist we find on an official Australian Post Office stamp is riding illegally, too!

Coolgardie Locals

Over the years, governments have claimed that they have exclusive rights to deliver mail but, in 1892, the mail just wasn't being delivered to the new West Australian goldfields. Those were the days when many more Australians were entrepreneurs and it was urgent for the developing mines and the prospectors to get fast and reliable information. So, a local businessman, James Healy, set up his Cycle Express Company, right opposite the sleepy Coolgardie post office.

First the cyclists brought mail quickly from the rail head at Southern Cross but the postal authorities awarded a contract to a coach line for this run. Healy next took the opportunity for his crack cyclists to get the mail to the outlying goldfields. They say a considerable amount of gold was carried by Healy's team. The business went very well and, in 1894, he decided to issue stamps for the service rather than simply rubber stamp the envelopes "PAID". Here they are: the 1/- and 2/6 blues.



The services were, by the standards of the day, quite expensive and the riders were highly respected for their achievements in express delivery. Fortunes were at stake with letters, claims, assays, samples and share certificates being carried.

The service expanded to the point that, in 1895, Healy included a string of camels



on the operations to carry the ever-increasing loads of mail and took the opportunity to issue three attractive two-colour stamps - 6d, 2/- and 5/- "Coolgardie Cycle Express Company" surrounds the camel and rider.

These stamps had been on sale for two days when the Western Australian Government declared them illegal and stepped in to stop their sale. The Government then moved to generally restrict Healy's operations. It all became too much and quite unprofitable for the Coolgardie Cycle Express Company which soon closed down.

By then, however, Healy and his bike riders had done a great deal for the development and establishment of the great W.A. goldfields. The stamps remain as small reminders of those rip-roaring and romantic early days. They have also cast a long shadow for, in 1964, at the Rockdale stamp show, the blue 1/- and 2/6 bike stamps were reprinted and overprinted with the date "1964". Mail was carried from the Show at the Palais Grande to the post office by penny farthing cycle. While this was great fun, it was, of course, quite anachronistic as the success of the Coolgardie services was dependent on the latest safety design cycles, much as we ride today and as depicted on the stamps. In the build up to "Wapex", the West Australian Philatelic Exhibition of 1984, three facsimile sheets were

produced of the stamps and taken along for re-enactments of the services.

Lake Lefroy

There was to be one other short-lived cycle mail with its own stamp issue. Two cyclists, H. Lacy-Hillier and F.E. Maskell, formed a partnership to get the mail into Coolgardie from Lake Lefroy. The service lasted from February to June in 1897. Their 6d stamp, which was a copy of a Western Australian Swan issue, was added to envelopes as an extra stamp along with the normal post office stamps. Again, when the postmaster in Perth heard of the service and of the stamp they had printed, he wrote and warned Hillier and Maskell to desist or "a penalty would be enforced for the offence". The "H" and "M" in indelible pencil across many of the stamps stand for Hillier and Maskell, owner-riders of the Lefroy service.



South Australian Centenary

Things went pretty quiet on the stamp front for many years until, in 1936, the Australian Post Office released three commemorative stamps with a tiny bike depicted on them.

The 2d, 3d and 1/- stamps showed the same design with the settlers proclamation tree central, a bushland scene to the left and modern Adelaide to the right. A close look (and I mean *close*!) at the city street will reveal a cyclist riding on the wrong side of the street. So there it is, illegal riding preserved and commemorated by the Commonwealth!



There was a stamp replica card of these designs printed from the original dies and released in different colours for the South Australian sesqui-centenary in 1886.

Environment Dangers

The 1975 issue of environmental dangers showed bush fires, pollution and road safety. The sad, grey 10 cent road safety design shows a crushed bicycle wheel just beyond a "Stop" sign. Talk about illegality! The facts of the case are somewhat uncertain but some "person or persons unknown" - car driver, bike rider, or enraged pedestrian - must have broken some law. But the advice that the stamp gives - "STOP Australia" - maybe goes a bit too far.



We are fortunate that this and the next bike stamp were executed by two of Australia's best designers. This one by Gordon Andrews and the next by Des O'Brien. (The records say others were involved but I'm dubious.)

Olympics, 1976

Four stamps came out at the time of the Montreal Olympics. A cyclist featured on the 40 cent denomination. The designs attempt to catch the feeling of sports action.



Significantly, it was this stamp that closed the trap on me and made me collect cycle stamps. I had received a letter from a missionary friend in Thailand with a bike stamp affixed and, while I had a few bike stamps by that time, it was this 40c Australian that convinced me that there must be more to be found. I decided to pursue the theme. There are many hundreds on the world scale. Postmen and children, Olympic and World Champions, circus cyclists and more, all riding their bikes over the stamps of most of the world. From 1975, Australia's stamp cyclists became a law-abiding lot, with salutary subjects like:

Community Welfare

There were four of these, at 22c each. One of them which encourages the "Life. Be In It" campaign, shows joggers, a tandem bicycle and a miniature "Norm" on his bike.



Centenary of District Nursing

Wendy Tamlyn's charming design for the centenary of the Australian District Nursing Service appeared in 1985. A Melbourne minister had called a meeting 100 years earlier to begin the movement that was eventually to provide nursing care in people's homes all over Australia. The job was done first by bicycle and the design shows an elegant and demure young nurse outside the first Melbourne headquarters with her American built - Columbia lady's bike.



Living Together

The Living Together series is the definitive set of Australian stamps for the Bicentenary. Cartoonists from all over the country provide fun images of Australians. The 40c stamp depicts recreation.

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Victorian, R. Har (Roland Harvey) drew a family involved in what is, from our point of view, the perfect recreation – cycling.

A New Issue?

Peter Innocent, the well-known bicycle writer and activist from Victoria has encouraged me to submit designs for a new set of cycle stamps in the hope of get-

ting Australia Post to issue them. He is organising various cycle associations across the country to request AP to act. If you feel you want to encourage cycling through this avenue, can I suggest you write to your local member of federal parliament and/or to Australia Post Headquarters, Melbourne, expressing your support for the idea.



Worldwide

On the world scene, these German local city service stamps were the first to appear in 1886.



There was a railway strike-breaking stamp in California in 1894.

Colonel Baden-Powell blue printed this cycle stamp to be used inside his besieged command of Mafeking town during the Boer War. Warner Goodyear, riding the bike, was B.P.'s "boy scout" leader.



Cuba issued the first cycle express stamps in 1899 and Bulgaria the first race subject in 1931.



The war generated Swiss soldier stamps and a Northern Italian courier service called "Corallit".



LIFE SEEMS AN ENDLESS CYCLE...

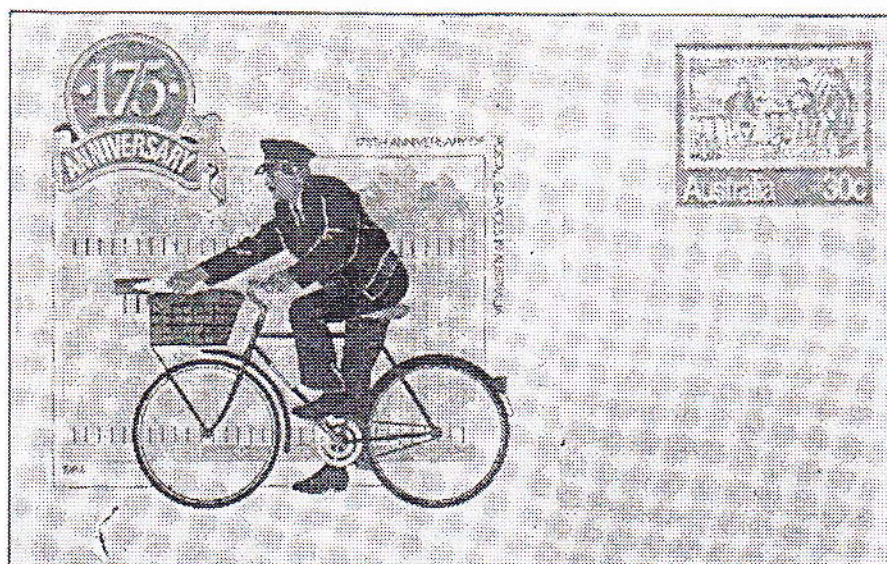
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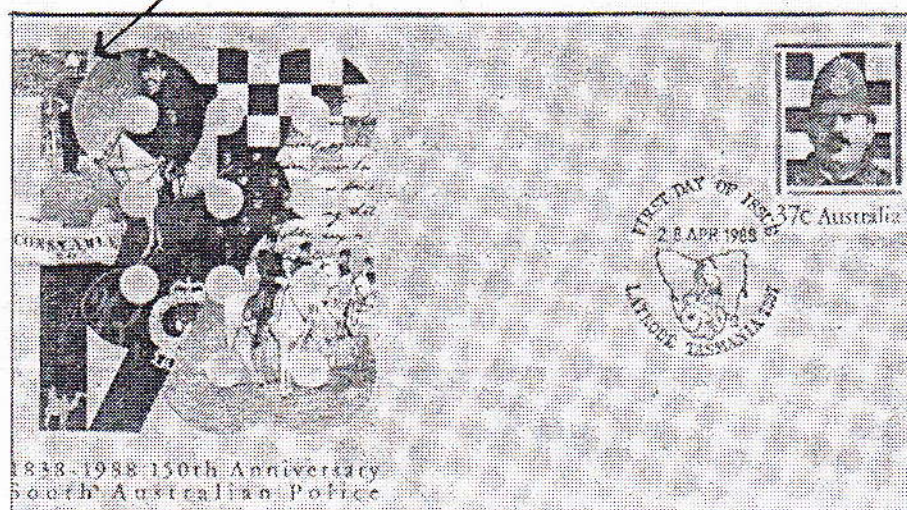
The Olympics, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Tour de France, Peace Races and National Games have all generated bicycle stamps.

The history of the bike has been shown magnificently by Britain, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Mali, Togo and Mongolia.

My favourites are the postmen and their cycles, perhaps best illustrated by the pre-stamped envelope issued in 1984 by Australia Post to mark the 175th anniversary of postal services in Australia.

And, in keeping with the title of this article, one of the latest Australia Post pre-stamped envelopes commemorates the South Australian Police sesquicentenary. In the design, a cop stands beside his trusty grid: Goodie or baddie, who knows?

Two of Graham's designs for Papua New Guinea. A very close look reveals the bicycles!



AUSTRALIAN BICYCLE BRIGADES

In the March 1989 issue of the British monthly magazine 'Stamp & Coin International Mart' an article by P. J. Browne was published. It was all about various publications dealing with Cinderella stamps. The author thanked Andrew Hall of Glass Slipper for providing the illustrations for the article. Between a mention of an American Journal and 'Cinderellas Australasia', I spotted this illustration:

BRAGGS COURIER**Bicycle Brigade**
A unit of Moyne Nickless Limited
Incorporated in Victoria
Ph: 233 7255
(envelopes, documents, small parcels up to 1kg) \$3.00
City Express 2333789

I immediately wrote to all our Australian members and Graham Wade BSC replied:

"As far as I know only one company uses stickers - BRAGGS here in Sydney, New South Wales, and ALLIED (same company) in Melbourne, Victoria"

"I didn't think Club members would be interested as they are not stamps. They are units you buy (\$2.50) and hand over to the courier bike rider called 'Car 16' or 'Car 26' or whatever"

Extraordinary! Our President sees no similarity with the Parisian Parcel Post for Paris "locals" of 1890 (see pages 12 & 13 of the Fourth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps')...

**BRAGGS
COURIERS****Bicycle Brigade**A unit of Mayne Nickless Limited
Incorporated in Victoria**Ph: 233 7255**(envelopes, documents,
small parcels up to 1kg) **\$2.50****City Express** 2323408

PRE PAID

Sent in by
Graham Wade B60

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**Allied Bicycle Brigade****Messengers**A unit of Mayne Nickless Limited
Incorporated in Victoria**Ph: 614 1788**(envelopes, documents,
small parcels up to 1kg) **\$2.50****City Express** 02401

PRE PAID

**Allied
Messengers**

Courier Car No.

Bicycle Couriers

Life on the Streets is Tough — but Fun!

by Matthew Wade (Son of BSC President Graham Wade)

Anyone frequenting the centre of a big city over the past few years would have witnessed the dramatic rise of a new industry — the delivery of messages by bicycle. While the first group to do this on a large scale in Sydney was the "Bicycle Brigade", many other courier companies have now turned to bicycles to deliver jobs in Sydney's busiest streets. It is without doubt the quickest, cheapest, most reliable and cleanest method in any central business district.

It's fun pedalling around Sydney on a bicycle and getting paid for it but it's difficult to get used to and requires a high level of fitness. The most baffling aspect of this job, however, is the radio. The moment I began I was expected to decipher the garbled sounds that emanated from the speaker. It wasn't until a colleague interpreted for me that I was able to begin. It took some weeks to master it but, after a while, I could always tell when the operator was speaking to me.

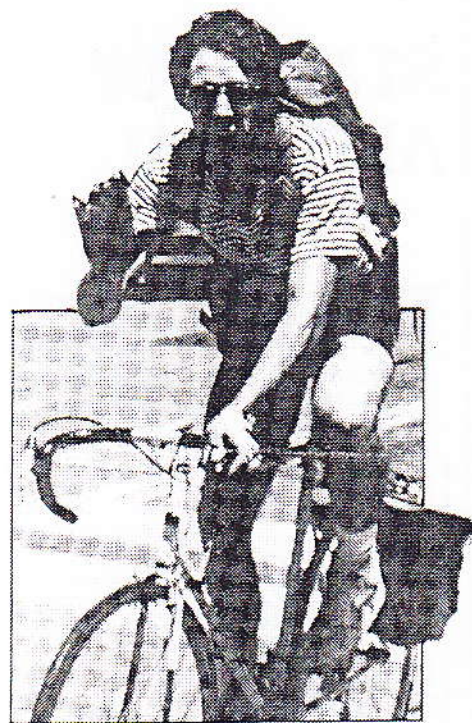
Rain is the bike courier's greatest enemy. It makes the roads slippery, it turns pedestrians into scurrying herds armed with umbrellas, it makes drivers a little crazier than usual and, worst of all, makes couriers cold and wet.

Even in dry weather the pedestrian is a danger. Reckless, nonchalant, apparently blind en masse, and thoroughly unpredictable, pedestrians are very diffi-

cult to cope with if you're riding full speed along a road. They pay scant regard to buses, let alone bikes.

Despite the hazards, bike couriers enjoy good camaraderie. On a slow day, major collection points (e.g. 20 Bond Street, at Chifley Square, in Sydney) become festive social venues. One of my colleagues entertained passers-by as he learned to juggle and everyone takes the opportunity to sunbake if there are no jobs and the weather is good.

Contrary to popular belief, bicycle couriers constitute a particularly well-educated cross-section of the entire community. Among my colleagues were a graduate in politics from Cambridge, a qualified English literature teacher, a horticulturist, a computer expert and an honours graduate in government from the University of Sydney. Quite a collection!



The author comes in for a break

Riding around the city, bike couriers come into contact with many interesting people and events. During my time working on my bike I saw the Prince and Princess of Wales, Gough Whitlam, George Negus, Mick Young, Frank Costigan, Dick Hamer and Dr Geoffrey Edelsten. I saw accidents, arguments, passionate embraces, sexual harassment in the office and fist fights: a kaleidoscope of everyday life in Sydney.

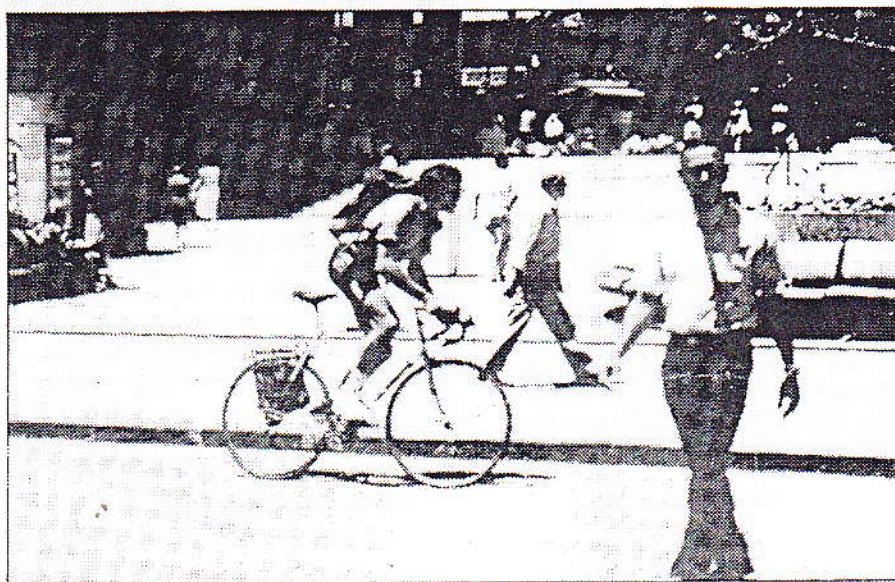
From a cycle courier's point of view, however, Sydney could be much improved. Buses are a prime concern. On many occasions, bus drivers looked me in the eye and proceeded to turn in front of my vehicle while I was travelling at high speed, fully within my rights. I wonder how many cyclists have been killed by such behaviour?

The other gripe is the lack of bicycle racks. Bike couriers are vital to the economy of major cities, and yet buildings in no way cater for them and other cyclists. Numerous buildings in major cities elsewhere in the world, particularly the United States, have bicycle racks included within their design. It is time Sydney's architects, property developers and officials woke up to the need for bike racks. There is both a commercial and private demand for them.

Finally, pedestrians, remember when crossing the road, watch out for bikes! They have lots of sharp protruding parts that can do gruesome damage to a human body — both yours and the rider's.

FOOTNOTE: The Bicycle Institute does not condone the breaking of traffic rules by some bicycle messengers — Ed.

Cycle couriers ride hard to deliver the goods — but jaywalking pedestrians are a hazard



STAMPS OF APPROVAL

Many cyclists collect souvenirs or memorabilia of their travels or activities. Some even collect whole bikes or part thereof, but they take much more space than a stamp collection.



So how about a bicycle stamp collection? Tony Teideman, AUSTRALIAN BICYCLE's NSW racing correspondent, is one of a select band of worldwide bicycle stamp collectors, of which there are only three known in Australia. It appears that a well known sight to Australian urban dwellers, the pedalling postie, has a respectable history going right back to the invention of the safety bicycle.

What is the fascination with bicycle stamps? According to Tony, Apart from bicycles it is the level of detail that goes into them. "Some stamps are really miniature works of art", he explained. "The quality of their work would be good enough to hang on a wall, but it's all there in less than an inch square".

In this unusual cycling story, Tony outlines how and where the tradition of pedalling mail with pedallers on it got started, and where it has gone since:



100 YEARS OF CYCLING STAMPS

It is generally accepted that the German "locals" of Bochum, Frankfurt & Hamburg of 1887 - 1888 were the first stamps with a cycling theme. However in 1985 it became known that there was a tricycle post operating in Paris 1886, to quote from an article written at the time, "The second service was for the first time carried by the National Messengers Company by means of tricycles equipped with boxes for the parcels." The stamps used by this service showed a wheel from a Velocipede.

The "Bochum" issues were followed by bicycle mail stamps of the United States (1894) and Western Australia (1894 - 97).

The cycling stamps issued by a Government Post Office was the 1899 Cuba

issue of special cycle delivery stamps, and the first stamps issued on the cycle racing theme was issued by Bulgaria in 1931 to commemorate the first Balkan Games. It depicted two track racing cyclists.

The earliest stamps were for local cycle mail services catering for special requirements and it is interesting that in more recent times similar services have cropped up in times of mail strikes, notably in Italy 1945, New Zealand 1968 and in Great Britain during the postal strike of January 1971.

There are also some special cycle mail services that operate for short periods, one of the most famous is the UK "Clacton on Sea" cycle mail that operates each Christmas. It was started by the Clacton County High School in 1983 and the school issues stamps and places post

boxes at some thirteen locations in Clacton-on-Sea and the surrounding villages. The deliveries are split up into fifteen rides each being covered by two school pupils on bicycles. Each year they deliver some 2000 Christmas cards and all the money raised is used to entertain old aged persons at the school on Christmas day. And finally a plea to the Australian Post office, we have again won a world title and cycling as a recreation is growing in popularity so how about some stamps showing the various forms of cycling now being enjoyed, i.e. Road Racing, Track Racing, BMX, Mountain Bikes, Tandems, Tricycles, Touring, Commuting etc. Just say the word and I'm sure that there's plenty of talented people who ride bikes who would submit designs - so how about it.

Tony Teideman
BSC.

Australian Bicycle November '87

* 'The Spoken' Word' No. 10. The Parisian stamp is now known to have been issued in 1890. See pages 12 & 13 of the Fourth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'.

Sent to me by Graham Wade BSC

BICYCLE STAMP ALBUM

Letters

to 'Push On' - magazine of the
Bicycle Institute of NSW, AustraliaCalling All
Bicycle Stamp Collectors

That's a fine article by Graham Wade on Australian Bike Stamps (PUSH ON, June-July 1988). *1*

More than a thousand bicycle stamps have been issued worldwide during the last 100 years. What to do with them?

The League of American Wheelmen, in co-operation with the International Bicycle Stamps Club, is researching the possibility of co-publishing a bicycle stamp album for collectors. To assess the demand for such an album, we'd like to hear from interested collectors.

Contact John Dowlin, Publications Committee, L.A.W., Suite 209, 6707 Whitestone Rd, Baltimore, Md, 21207, USA.

I have enclosed the latest from the U.S. Postal Service: a 24.1c business mail stamp featuring an 1890s-style tandem. The stamp is the 43rd in the transportation series which a few years ago included the 5.9c high wheeler. Sorry, Aussie collectors, but we're not supposed to use business mail (decimal) stamps on international mail.

John Dowlin
Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Stamp collecting readers are encouraged to contact John about the bicycle stamp album. Having been inspired by Graham Wade's enthusiasm for bicycle stamps, PUSH ON is placing a firm order.

Cycling Philatelist
Beats the System

John Dowlin has been keeping me posted on the progress of the proposed "Bicycle Stamp Album". He also sent me a xerox copy of Graham Wade's article, prompting me to send for a copy of the issue in which it was published. It's probably out on the ocean now.

Look at the envelope in which this letter came. My purpose today is to fool

the postal authorities into providing you with a used copy of the recent US tandem stamp. *3*

I think pre-cancelled stamps are specifically excluded from being used on international mail not because they are pre-cancelled but rather because they are "untagged", that is without the fluorescent coating used by the postal machinery to determine if a given piece of mail has postage on it or not. The machinery only checks the stamp on the very corner of the envelope and does not verify the amount.

Have I been successful?

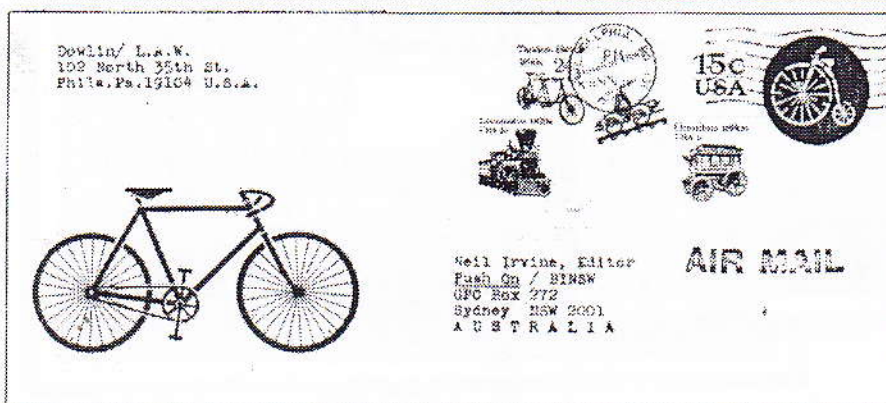
Norman Batho
Secretary, Bicycle Stamps Club
East Windsor, New Jersey, USA

Thank you, Norman, you were quite successful, but the Postal Service may have had the last laugh. In fact, its machinery, in the manner of postal frankers everywhere, was most efficient in almost completely obliterating all three bicycle stamps with the message "Thank you for using the postal service; have a nice day". John Dowlin's method was perhaps sneakier — his envelope bore four of the transportation series stamps, two of which carefully overlapped the give-away decimal figure and pre-cancelling on the tandem stamp. The Philadelphia post office which franked it was also careless in leaving two of the stamps uncanceled.

The US decimal, pre-cancelled tandem stamp



John Dowlin's transport oriented envelope cleverly conceals the "illegal" use of decimal stamps



The idea of a "Bicycle Stamp Album" is John Dowlin's. Both Norman Batho & your Editor have corresponded with him, but we do not yet know what he has in mind... *2*

OTHER THINGS TO COLLECT: Cyclets No. 3. Money - See the Second Issue of BICYCLE STAMPS - a) coin

John Mansell BSC saw this notice in the April 1989 issue of 'Stamp & Coin International Mart'

KOREA - SOUTH

1988 Olympic Games
(fourth series)

Values - 50,000 Won, 25,000 Won, 10,000 Won, 5,000 Won, 2,000 Won & 1,000 Won

Mintage - 50,000 Won, 25,000 Won gold proof, 2 x 10,000 Won & 5,000 Won silver proof, 2,000 Won nickel uncirculated & 1,000 Won cupro-nickel uncirculated

Mint - Seoul Mint

Coin Dia - 50,000

Won - 35mm; 25,000
Won - 27mm; 10,000
Won - 40mm; 5,000 Won - 32mm; 2,000 Won - 33mm; 1,000 Won - 30mm

Coin Weights - 50,000

Won - 33.62grs; 25,000
Won - 16.81grs; 10,000
Won - 33.62grs; 5,000
Won - 16.81grs; 2,000
Won - 17grs; 1,000
Won - 12grs

Designs -

(Obv) - National emblem above wreath

(Rev) - 50,000 Won - Pagoda; 25,000 Won - Girls on a see-saw; 10,000

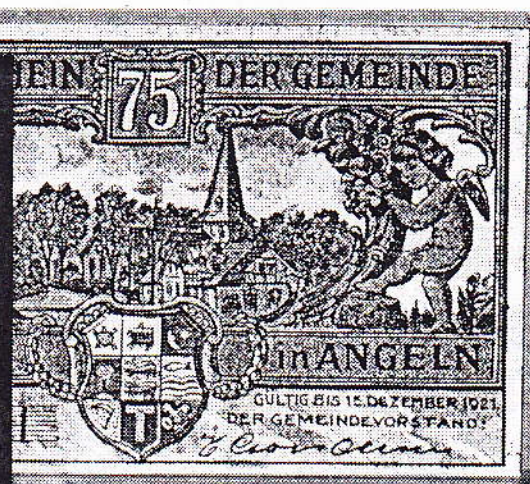
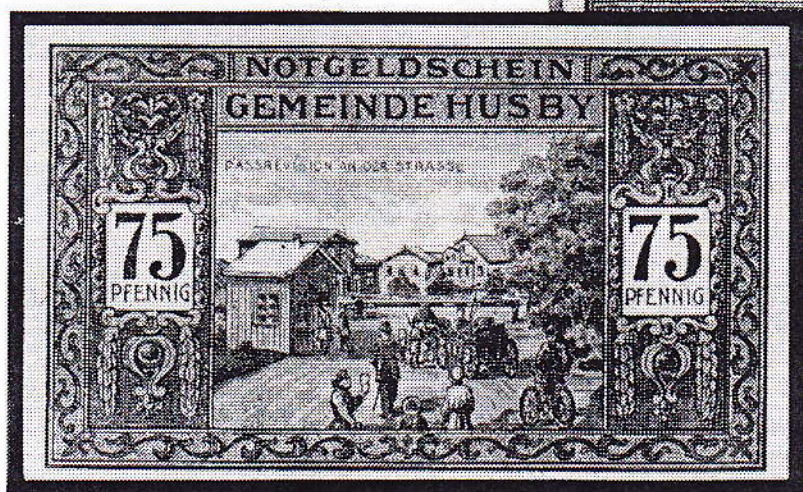
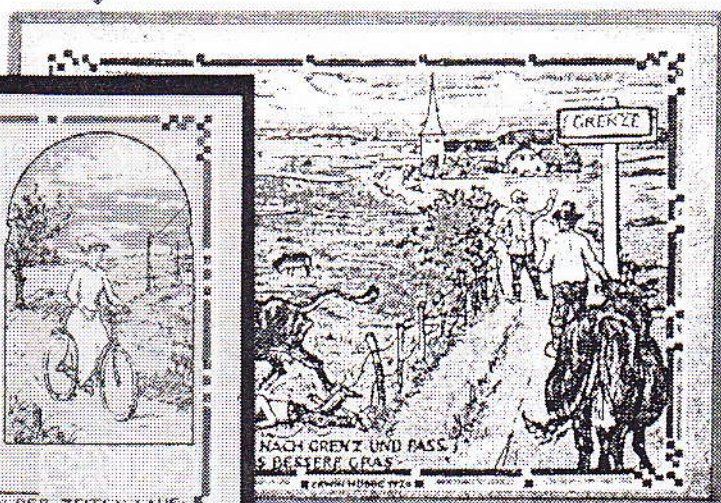
→ Won - 1. Cycling; ii. ←
Football; 5,000 Won - 1.
Wrestling; ii. top spinning;
2,000 Won - Weight-lifting;
1,000 Won - Table tennis

February 1989.

1 see pages 28-31. *2* see page 45.

3 see pages 44 & 45.

b) notes - all German
Notgeld (inflationary
notes) and discovered
by John Mansell BSC



The sides partly covered
are the reverse sides.





↑ Four more Notgelds.
That makes a total of
six out of thousands.
Surely there are more!

OTHER THINGS TO COLLECT Cyclets No. 5 - Liebig Cards.

See Fourth and Fifth Issues of 'Bicycle Stamps' New Discoveries -



1895. F408/S436 e.
1 of 6. "Well-Known
Bathing Resorts I".
The card is shown
here - left.

1898. F542/S543 h.
1 of 12. "Alphabet
(Male National
Costumes)". The
card, although
seen, cannot be
shown, but a lady
cyclist is pictured
on the reverse.
Very similar to
F606/S606 d except
that the whole of
the bicycle is
visible.

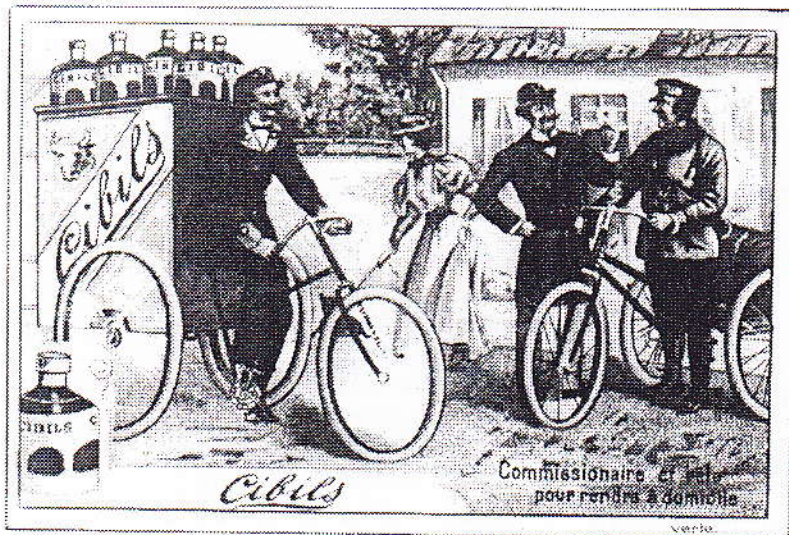
OTHER THINGS TO COLLECT Cyclets No. 7.

100% Bicycle Trade Card sets - Panini.
(See Fifth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps').

No, not a postage stamp, but half of a
Panini Trade Card illustrating a
postage stamp!

If any BSC member wishes to acquire
either or both the giant Panini sets,
I have found some addresses: Panini
Publishing Ltd., 116-120 Goswell Road,
London, EC1V 7QD; Panini (USA) Inc.,
655 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10021
and Star Distribution, Private Bag
Pymble, New South Wales 2073, Australia





Stanley Clabon BSC
has discovered this
100% Bicycle Trade
Card set of six.

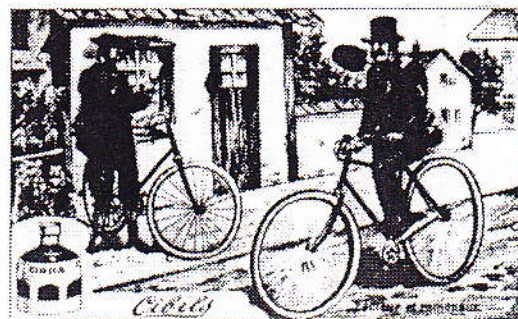
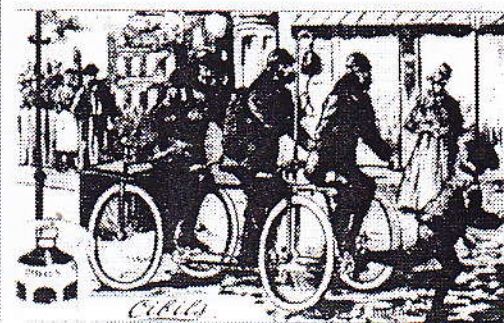
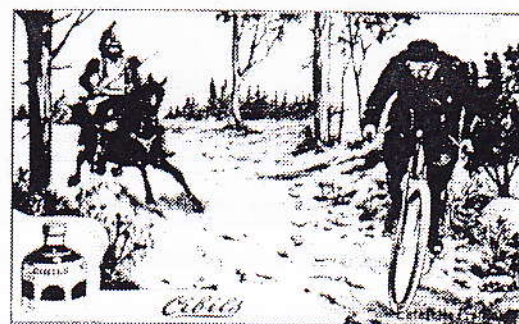
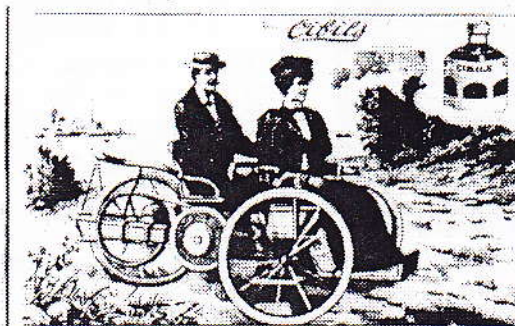
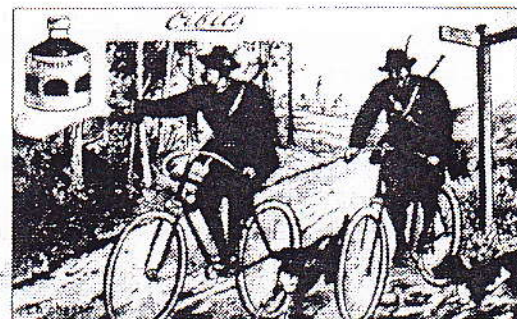
The card illustrated
at the top left is
shown actual sized.
The others have been
reduced to fit on
this page. Of the six
small illustrations,
the top left one is a
photocopy of the back
of the Cards - Cibils

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que du moutonnet de viande fraîche.
S'emploie indistinctement dans l'eau chaude et dans l'eau froide.
Rehausse les Soupes, Ragouts, Légumes etc.
Une cuillerée à soupe dans un bol de Bouillon.
Un verre contient la force nutritive de 2 kilogrammes de viande
de première qualité. Ne s'altère point.

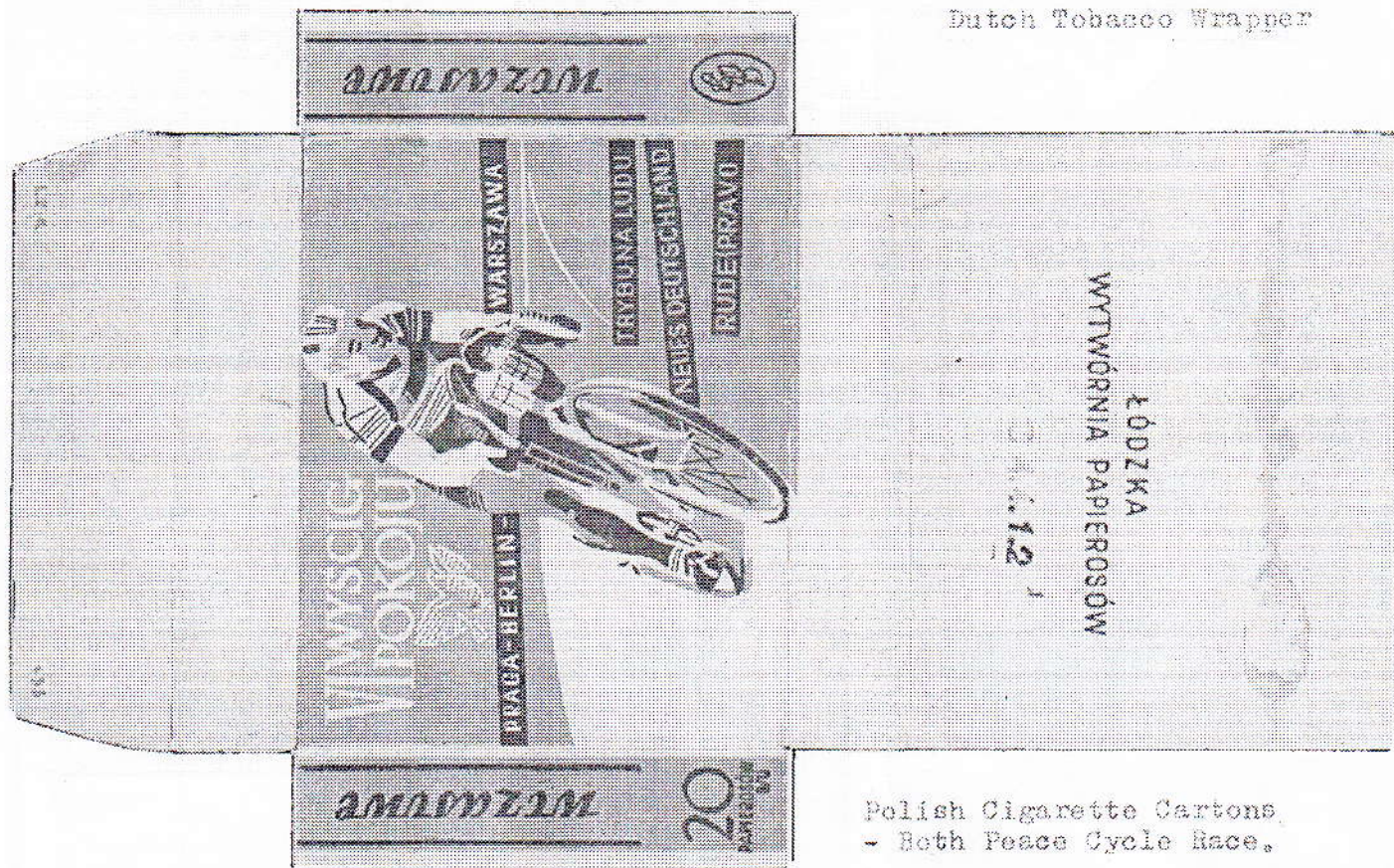
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selles depuis 1889.

Van Gasteruven & Co, Anvers, Agents Généraux pour la vente en
BELGIQUE et en HOLLANDE.





Dutch Tobacco Wrapper



Polish Cigarette Cartons.
- Both Peace Cycle Race.

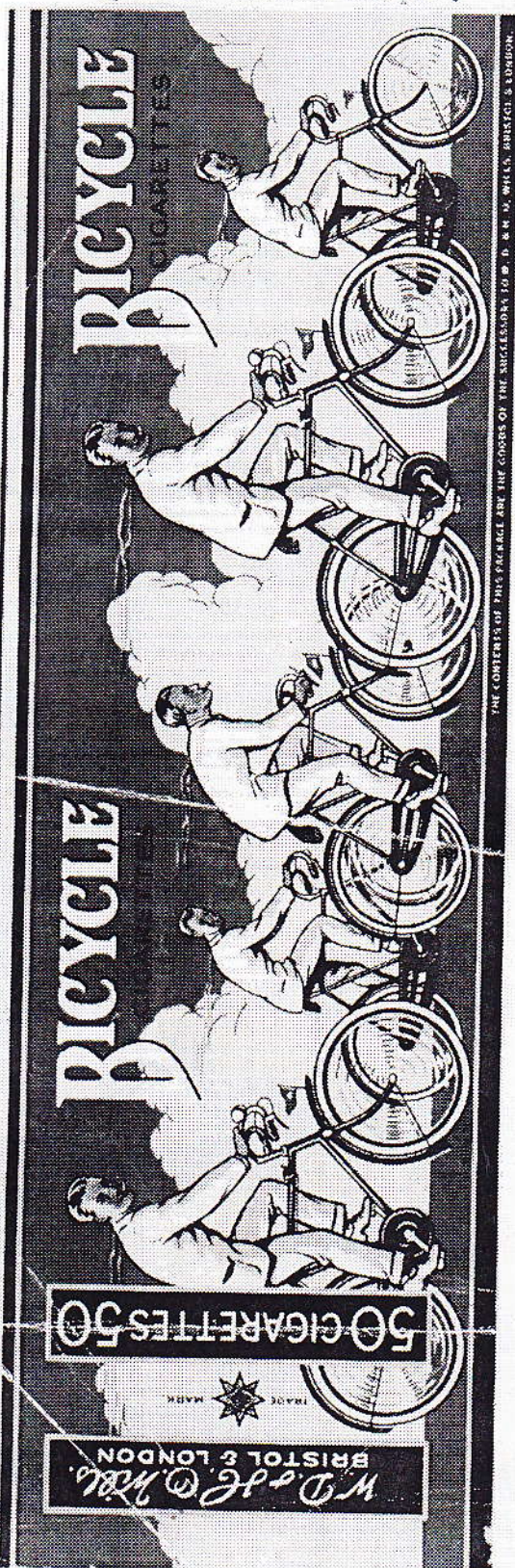




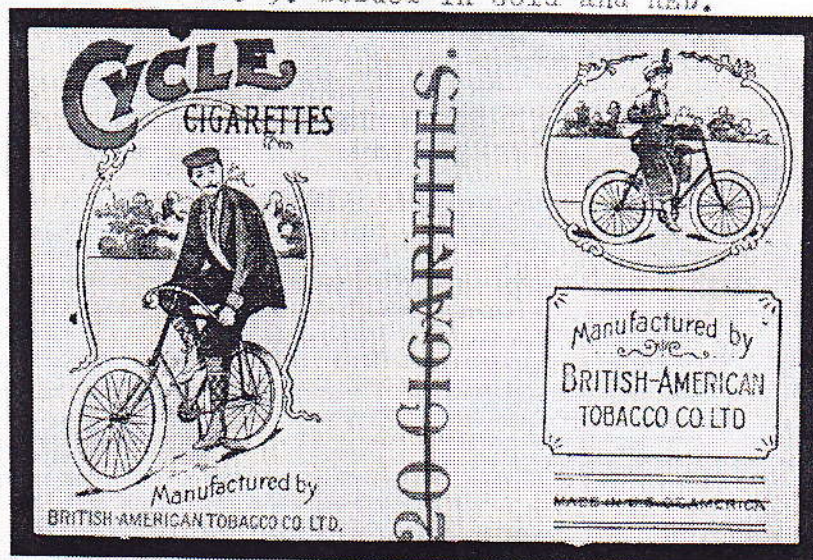
Dutch Cigar Band No. 19/24. 1972 Olympic Games. Portrait of Dutch Cyclist Hennie Kuiper.



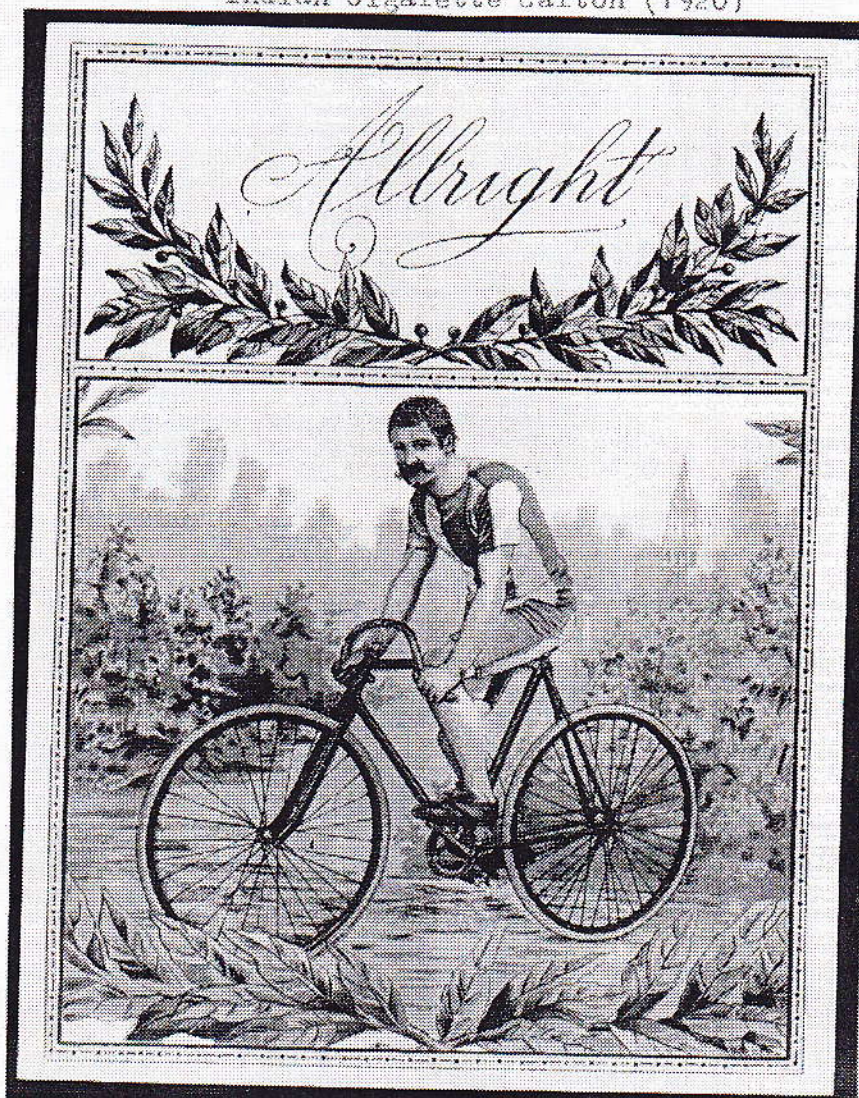
Dutch Cigar Band. Series 1, No. 9. Border in Gold and RED.



Indian Cigarette Carton (1935).



Indian Cigarette Carton (1920)



Cigar Box Insert.



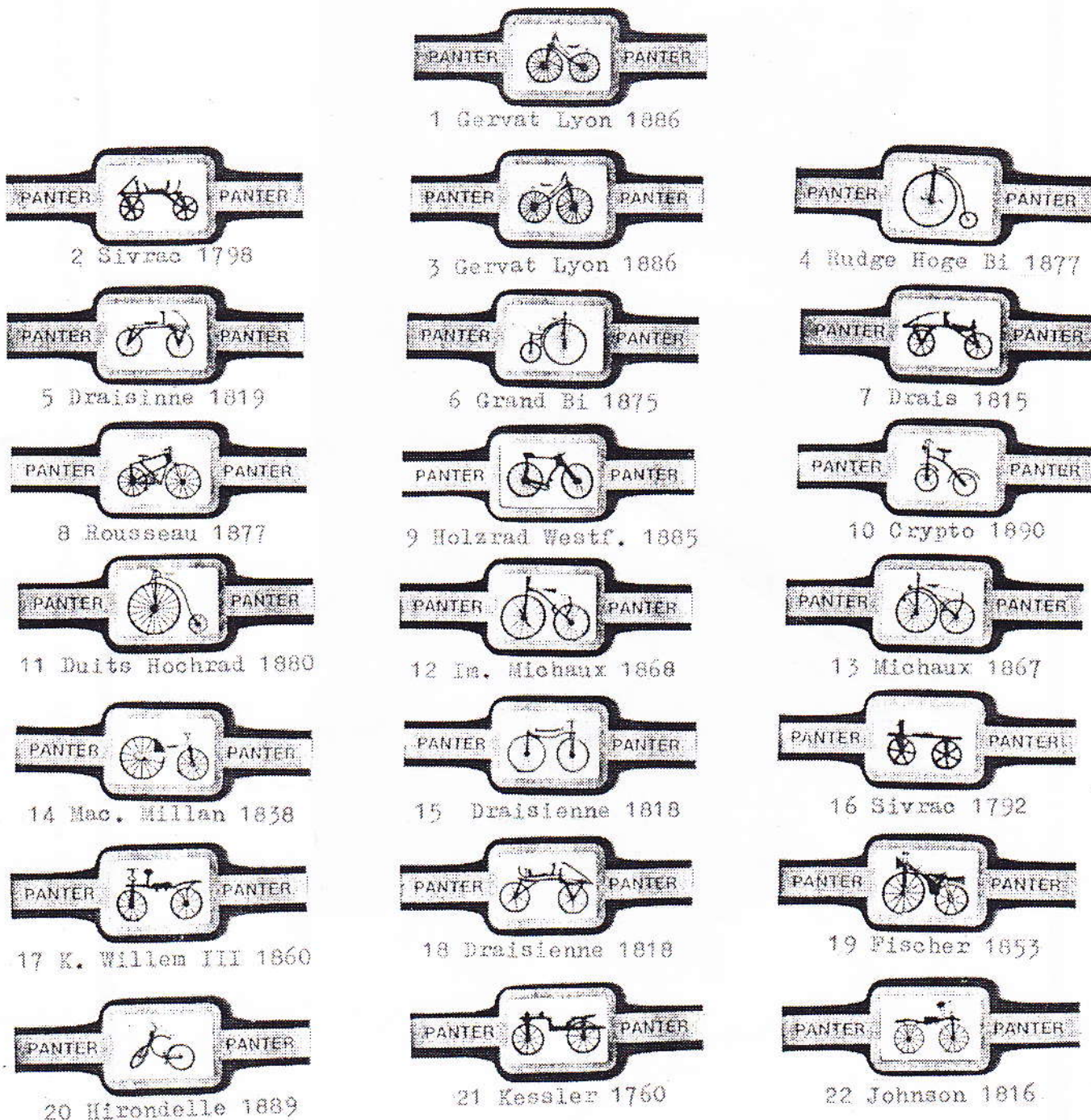
Gold and YELLOW

Gold and GREEN

Gold and RED

Complete set of Dutch Cigar Bands - on the back of each one appears: "J. G. van Dijk Uden Createur de Bicyclettes Miniatures SERIE 1-22"

The set has Gold and BLACK borders. There is an identical set with Gold and RED borders



I have faithfully recorded the description of each bicycle as given on the other side of the Bands, but - be warned - there are many errors. The ones obviously wrong are numbers 2, 7, 14, 16, 21 and 22 - and the descriptions of 1 and 3 are the same and so are the descriptions of 15 and 18...



De Luxe Cigar Box Insert - "Sportwereld" (Sport World) Dutch Language.

All 'The Dreaded Weed' items shown are from the collection of your Editor



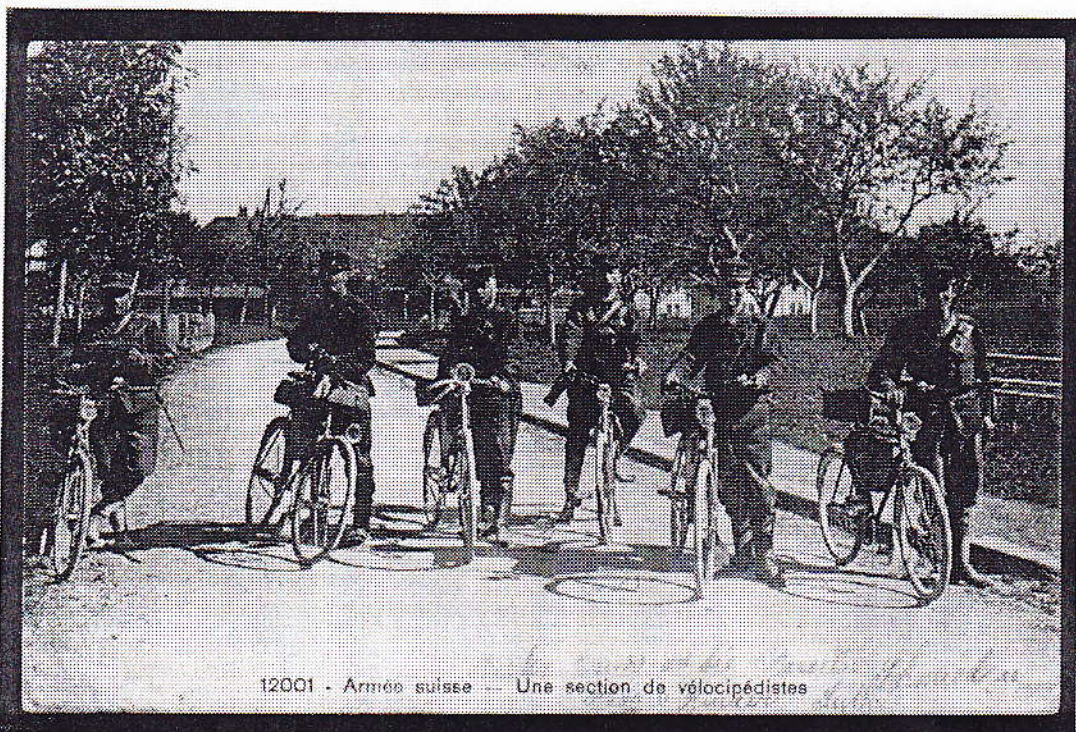
SWITZERLAND

The Sixth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' six page Supplement to the Fifth Issue's thirty page SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT on the Swiss Military (or Soldier) stamps of the First and Second World Wars.

Compiled by Douglas Marchant.

Special Supplement Stamp No. 3
with "Radfahrer Komp. 3. Feldpost"
(Third Bicycle Company, Fieldpost)
cachet. Submitted by Peter Rickenback BSC.

"Radfahrerpatte"
(Bicycle Chevron)



12001 - Armée suisse - Une section de vélocipédistes

Six Swiss Army Cyclists on postcard postdated 15th August 1914.

Submitted by Peter Rickenback BSC

Armée suisse - Une section de vélocipédistes - Swiss Army - a
Section of Cyclists.



Stamp 54.
John Mansell BSC reports that the Pilatus Mountains are shown in the background. And I now realise that, although "Fahn" means a flag and the soldier is carrying a flag, "Fahnrich" does not mean Flagbearer, but an Officer Aspirant.

Stamp 74. Josef Muhsil BSC reports that the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Zurich is shown in

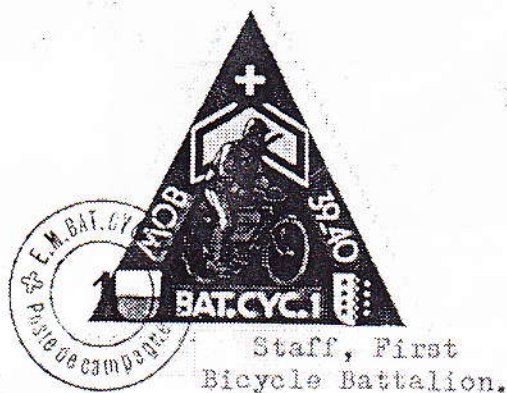


the background



Takao Ono BSC sent me a photocopy of this Military Postcard in his collection. Notice that on the left where the name, address and the sender's "Truppenstempel" (Troup Cachet) are requested, what appears to be a cachet ("RDF. KP. 1/5" = Radfahrer Kompagnie 1/5 = First Company of the Fifth Bicycle Battalion) produced from a cheap printing kit has been applied. Maybe because it was one of a large number sent to a stamp ("Briefmarken") shop...

Takao Ono BSC sent me a number of examples of bicycle cachets:



Second Company of the Fourth Bicycle Battalion.



Staff, Fifth Bicycle Battalion.

27th Bicycle Company



First Company of the Sixth Bicycle Battalion.



34th Bicycle Company





Among the photocopies Takao Ono BSC sent to me was the cover shown above. Stamp 101 (Radfahrer-Regiment 5 = Fifth Bicycle Regiment) is affixed and cancelled with the cachet of the "STAB LEICHTE REG. 5. Feldpost" (Staff, Fifth Light Regiment, Fieldpost). In the Special Supplement I mentioned that the Fifth Bicycle Regiment was not listed in the 1936 'Order of Battle', but that it "might be of some significance" that the stamp's designer, designed two stamps for the Fifth Bicycle Battalion. The above cover supports that thought for the Fifth Bicycle Battalion formed part of the Fifth Light Regiment - see page 20 of the Special Supplement.



Takao Ono BSC also sent me this illustration which resolves the problem of what reference 126 looks like. As the four stamps may be found separately with the special cachet, the references will be, for stamp 117 (126a), 119 (126b), 121 (126c) and 123 (126d).



Stamp 177. Actual size.



Stamp 179. Submitted by Norman Batho BSC.



Stamp 192. Actual size.

The black symbols on this stamp are embossed.



Stamp 191



Stamp 202



Stamp 203

Actual sizes. The black symbols on these stamps are not embossed



Stamp 198. Actual size.

Army Dithers

It would appear I am not alone in procrastinating over which ATB to invest my hard-earned shekels in. Arguably the most sophisticated conventional army in Europe is also dithering.

In this age of megazap weapons and laser powered transport, it is curious to think the Swiss army still has three mounted regiments cranking around on push bikes. What's more, field exercises have proved time and again that under 30 kims, there is no faster means of troop dispersal. Given the terrain, this is surprising, but then Ho Chi Min found the machine equally invaluable in his jungle defence against Uncle Sam.

According to Radio Four's

From Our Own Correspondent, the Swiss are currently using fixed-wheel machines produced in 1905, complete with rod brakes and ammo basket! The joke is they aren't convinced there's a make or model on the market that can match the robust qualities of the old dreadnoughts. Off-the-road tests have proved embarrassing for more than one manufacturer of modern macho machinery.

Perhaps the straw that breaks the camel's back is the bazooka which conscripts sling across their shoulder before nipping up a 1-in-2 goat track on night patrol...

John Stuart Clark

I am grateful to all those who have contributed information for this Supplement. This time I have been able to name them alongside their specific contribution. DM

Stamp 209.

John

Mansell BSC has pointed out that the over-printing is in German.



A "fully equipped Swiss soldier uses pedal-power to rush to his assembly area on recent military exercises" - Armeeofotodienst (Army Photography Service) Berne - reproduced from 'Armed Forces' Vol. 7 No. 11. Nov. 1988.

AND SOME RECENT DISCOVERIES



"AKTIVDIENST 1940. REITER REGIMENT 6. 14 16 19 20 28 29" (German language: Active Service 1940. The Sixth Cavalry Regiment comprising the 14th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 28th and the 29th Dragoon Squadrons). Stamp designed by Iwan Hugentobler (who also designed other stamps of interest to 'Bicycle Stamps' readers - see illustrations J, R, AB & AJ in the Fifth Issue's Special Supplement) of Zurich, and printed by Conzett and Huber of Zurich. 24,000 stamps printed of which 2,000 were overprinted "Leichtes" in Red and with red lines deleting "REITER" and "14 16 19 20 28 29" converting the stamp to "Leichtes Regiment 6" (Sixth Light Regiment) which comprised the 16th, 19th and 20th Dragoon Squadrons and the Sixth Bicycle Battalion.

258. Sulser Catalogue
reference 39/45
Leichte

Truppen	15	Yellow/Black. Overprinting in Red.	perf.
259.	15	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.

"TER. STRASSEN-POLIZEI Kp. 64" (German language: Territorial Strassen-Polizei Kompagnie 64 = 64th (Street Police) Territorial Company). At bottom left is the "Radfahrerpatte" (Bicycle Chevron) and the eagle-eyed will spot the "Radfahrerpatte" at the bottom of the right arm of the uniform of the "Verkehrs-Soldat" (Traffic-Soldier) depicted on the stamp.



260. Territorial

Truppen	78	Blue/Yellow/Grey/Green/Black	
		6,000 stamp printed	perf.

261.	78	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
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"The founder of the Swiss Cycling Battalions (was)
General Henri Guisan" - quote from page 15 of
Ronald Sudbury's 'Stamp Collecting for the Cyclist'
See 'BS' Editorial

"TER. MITR. Kp. IV/195" (German language: Territorial
Mitrailleuse Kompanie IV/195 = Fourth (Machine-Gun)
Company of the 195th Territorial Battalion). Portrait
of General Guisan. Stamp designed by Wenger and
printed by Steiger of Berne.



262. Sulser Catalogue
reference 39/45
Territorial-
Trippen 356

Olive/Red/Black

Inscription Yellow. 7,000 printed

perf.

263.	356		imperf.
264.	356	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
265.	356		imperf.
266.	356a	Tête bêche. 400 printed	perf.
267.	356a		imperf.
268.	356a	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
269.	356a		imperf.
270.	356b	Colour proof	imperf.
271.	356c	Olive printing - severe displacement	imperf.
272.	356d	Red printing - displacement	perf.
273.	356e	Proof on Chamois paper	?
274.	357	<u>Inscription Blue.</u> 6,000 printed	perf.
275.	357		imperf.
276.	357	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
277.	357		imperf.
278.	357a	Tête bêche. 400 printed	perf.
279.	357a		imperf.
280.	357a	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
281.	357a		imperf.
282.	358	<u>Inscription Violet.</u> 6,000 printed	perf.
283.	358		imperf.
284.	358	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
285.	358		imperf.
286.	358a	Tête bêche	perf.
287.	358a		imperf.
288.	358a	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
289.	358a		imperf.
290.	358b	<u>Inscription Dark-Violet</u>	perf.
291.	359	<u>Inscription Olive-Green</u>	perf.
292.	359		imperf.
293.	359	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
294.	359		imperf.
295.	359a	Tête bêche	perf.
296.	359a		imperf.
297.	359a	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
298.	359a		imperf.
299.	360	<u>Inscription Red.</u>	perf.
300.	360		imperf.
301.	360	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
302.	360		imperf.
303.	360a	Tête bêche	perf.
304.	360a		imperf.
305.	360a	Sheetlet of four without text	perf.
306.	360a		imperf.
307.	361	<u>Silver/Olive/Red</u>	
		<u>Inscription Olive-Green</u>	imperf.
308.	361	Sheetlet of four without text	imperf.
309.	362	<u>Inscription Red.</u>	imperf.
310.	362	Sheetlet of four without text	imperf.

