

BICYCLE STAMPS

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GUEST EDITORIAL

The first bicycle on a stamp I saw was the 1978 CTC set celebrating the club's centenary. I had never seen any bikes on stamps until then, despite working with the British Post Office.

Bikes on stamps was too esoteric a subject, I thought, so there wouldn't be more than say a hundred. I immersed myself into the subculture of cycling and began putting aside the odd item which incidentally had a bicycle theme: stamps, cards, cups and mugs, tea-towels, T-shirts, posters, books, book-marks, "cycletoons", jigsaw puzzles, models, toys, ... Soon they started to be collections.

I've never bought for "investment" or "speculation": I've often refused to part money for stamps or other items which I thought wouldn't "fit in" with what I've already gathered.

What I've got I can present to somebody and say "Isn't this nice!" I can share an enthusiasm and an aesthetic aspect - I can show off a bit. As human beings we need to find common elements to enjoy to confirm our humanity. As keen cyclists, we need to talk about other things besides tubing angles and gear ratios when we meet. Stamp and other collections can lead conversations wider.

There is an unusual satisfaction having something which is extraordinary, even rare. I have some very hard to get books including a 1755 dictionary (it predates Samuel Johnson) which is a constant source of delight. After 18 years searching I found the record to a film score which is uniquely exciting. Because I'd not read the one work of a favourite author I paid two weeks wages for the first and only edition. All these "fitted in" to various minor collections.



It's a pity the easiest way to categorise and display stamps is through the country of origin. Wouldn't it be more exciting (and more time consuming) to present them in an historical manner?!

Stamp albums would depict particular decades of cycling styles, bicycle shapes, gearing inventions, female participation, war application and the gradual streamlining of the racing bike and more ingenious packing of touring bikes. Long explanatory captions would need to be written, tying up many working hours - car usage would stop - street violence would cease - politics would be seen to be irrelevant ...

But then if I had wanted to collect "simply" I'd have collected the Whippet-only dog stamps. There can't be too many of them!

Spike Milligan reminded me of an avid collector - a Frenchman - Louis Thing (pron. Teeng) who was blind from birth and collected braille lithographs of naked women.

Ultimately, we have to relate to what we collect.

PETER INNOCENT,
MELBOURNE

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STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

Joint stamp issue Switzerland-France

25th November 1988. Stamps show the picture 'Mécanique' by the Swiss artist Jean Tinguely. It is described as "a representation of a variety of movements in search of coincidence". Our new Secretary, **Benoit Carrier**, reports that the "elements of the painting are based on bicycle parts"

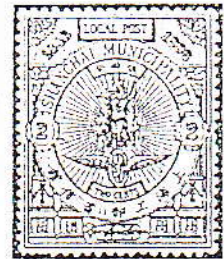


Why do I feel like the little boy in Hans Christian Andersen's children's story 'The Emperor's New Clothes'...

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Danish Christmas Seals have been shown in previous issues of 'BS' (see page 49 of the Fourth Issue, page 18 of the Third Issue and page 86/8 of the Second issue). Above left is a 1974 one. Are there any others showing a bicycle? And has this Chinese stamp (above right) a place in a bicycle stamp collection?

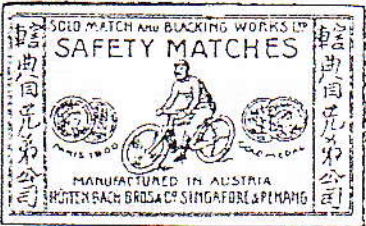
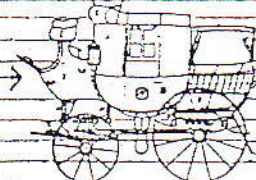
Actual size 16 x 23mm - a toy stamp imitating a USA Special Delivery stamp of 1902-1922 - information from Andrew Hall.



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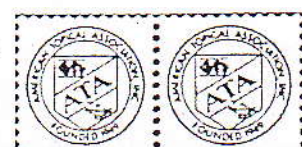


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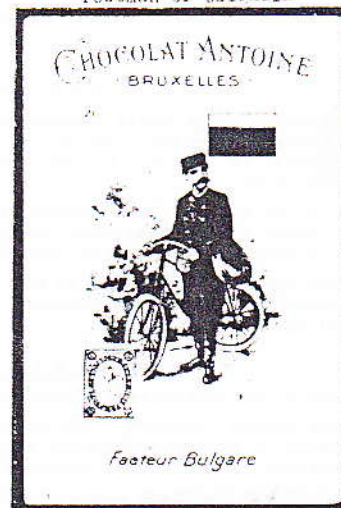
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Bicycle Stamps

Editorial

My Congratulations to

- Benoit Carrier on his election to the Secretaryship.
Fiona Hedges on her election to the Treasurership.
Piet Hein Hilarides on gaining a Gilt Silver Award at the Groningen Stamp Exhibition in April - see page 12.
Martha Jack on gaining First Prize and also the "Best of Show" Award in the Tri-City's Stamp Show in June.
Daniel Nibbelink on becoming our Puzzle-Solver Par Excellence - see page 4.
Frank Pegley on being awarded the John Fosbery Trophy at Thematica '89 in June - see pages 6 to 9.
Brian Sole on being awarded a British Philatelic Federation's 1989 Award of Merit
Graham Wade on his election to the Vice Presidency.

and to

Norman Batho on his election to the Editorship of 'Bicycle Stamps'. It is a great relief to me to know that the magazine I started in such good hands, but I wonder if he realises just how much work is involved!

There was a two-and-a-half year gap between the publication of the Eighth and Ninth Issues of the old Bikes on Stamps Study Unit's 'The Spoken Word' - and the Ninth Issue consisted of just 8 pages! That is why I volunteered to the then Editor, Frank Havnoonian, when he visited me in December 1984, that I edit the Tenth Issue. I often wonder if I would have volunteered if I had known then, what I know now: editing EIGHT issues (almost 500 pages) of bicycle stamp magazines and getting a new club off the ground!

I haven't achieved all the targets I set for myself e.g. a Special Feature on the 1900 Mafeking stamp and other Scout philatelic items with a bicycle connection, but there is no reason why I shouldn't proceed with such projects and submit them to the new Editor - and is there any reason why any member shouldn't submit their ideas and discoveries to the new Editor too? Yes, I realise that the Club's Bylaws mean that Norman is not "officially" the Editor until the 1st January, but he isn't going to be pedantic and twiddle his thumbs until 1990. So why should we? As soon as I finish this Editorial, I will be gathering all the information sent to me and not yet used in the magazine, and send them all to Norman. I would like to thank all those who sent me information - whether used or not. The latter doesn't mean that the information was useless. There are sometimes good reasons for holding back e.g. when told that a local post was genuine - letters were actually delivered - some evidence, such as newspaper reports, would be preferable than the bland assertion that the local post was not simply a money-making venture by a scoundrell. I think that it is very important to provide members with accurate information, but, although I have striven to do that, I sometimes fail dismally (see page 51). I apologise for all my short-comings and I do hope you will all be as patient with our new Editor as you have been with me.

He will make mistakes and he would welcome your letters - as I have - telling him where he has gone wrong, but don't write angrily. We are all, as one of our Dutch members has told me, part of a world-wide "family" of bicycle stamp collectors. And in that respect, I am extremely happy to report that the member I mentioned, though not by name, in the Editorial of the Fourth Issue, is again actively engaged in helping our Club.

I hope that I have established 'Bicycle Stamps' as one of the most readable, enjoyable and accurate magazines around. It has far more of interest in it than most for it isn't cluttered-up with boring old advertisements which have been seen countless times before, but, unfortunately, that does mean that it is not a cheap magazine. It is also quite expensive running a truly international club - the five members elected to office live in four different countries - but we would loose such a lot if we were "based" in just one country!

I have gained a lot by being Editor. Many new and dear friends and a great deal of knowledge - I doubt if I would have known of the acute shortage of photographic film in Paraguay if I hadn't been involved with 'Bicycle Stamps'! I do have a wicked sense of humour which I have had to suppress for the sake of not misleading anyone, but, as this is my last issue, I have indulged in a "bit of fun" - see pages 22 and 54 - and I do hope that members won't be misled and actively seek out those items for their collections! Brian Sole has gently chided me on the "poetic licence" I used on page 22 in dealing with the "historic discovery" he made. My apologies Brian and my most grateful thanks for all the work you have done for the Club in arranging for 'Bicycle Stamps' to be produced via your office's photocopying machine. We are fortunate in having members like Brian and also, now that the next issues will be produced in America, members like Bert Schapelhouman who has agreed to take on the task of producing the copies for Norman Batho.

There are many things I wanted to write, but the most important was an epistemological question: Why do I find almost all bicycle illustrations beautiful? Are bicycles intrinsically so or is it a case of beauty being in the "eye of the beholder"?

Douglas Marchant.



LA POSTE EN ROUMANIE

Actual size: 107 x 73mm

The "corner" illustrations are four very old - antique even - trade cards in my collection. I thought you would rather see them than read more "waffle" from me. DM.



Does any member know anything about this item (left)? I have been told - by the friendly stamp dealer who brought it to my notice - that it might have been issued in 1926 in a reddish-brown colour. DM.

GB. CTC Postal Cards - see pages 19 to 21 of the Sixth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'. Brian Sole has written:

"Post Office reply-paid cards with impressed stamps were introduced in Britain in 1892. The facility was extended to foreign countries in 1893 i.e. it was quite legal to use an official GB pre-printed and stamped card in an overseas country and the GB stamp was acceptable by the overseas post office with the approval of the Universal Postal Union. The last reply card foreign appears to have been issued in 1940"



LA POSTE EN BULGARIE

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"Election Addresses"

Honorary Secretary - Benoit Carrier

"The World is a Camera Smile Please!"

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I came to collecting bicycles on stamps by way of a request to write an article for a non-philatelic publication; with the request, some money was to be involved. The article written and supplied, the only money I ever saw was the one I took to pay for the stamps and other philatelic pieces; the article was never published. But I kept collecting this theme.

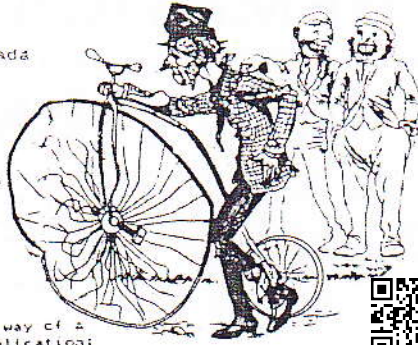
I presently have a part-time job with the French speaking Federation of stamp collectors in Quebec; I am an avid reader on anything related to philately. I have applied to get accredited as a Judge at the Regional level and eventually at the National one.

I consider myself a philatelist, having little or no interest in collateral (non-philatelic) material. I have in the past held the position of secretary for a local philatelic club and a regional non-philatelic association.

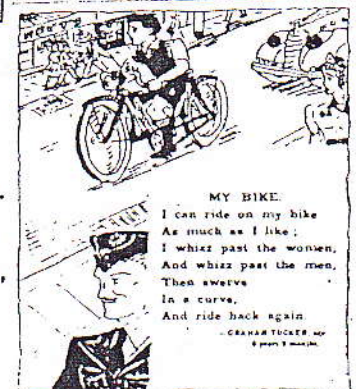
My personal collecting interests are:
Baseball; Table Tennis; Caving-Speleology;
Volley-Ball; Bicycle (of course) and to a lesser extent: Organs & Bach; St-Senedict. As for a more traditional type of collection: Canada, France, USA used.

As you might have guessed I am fluently bilingual (French-English); I can read and understand Spanish to some extent.

I look forward to be of service to the Unit.



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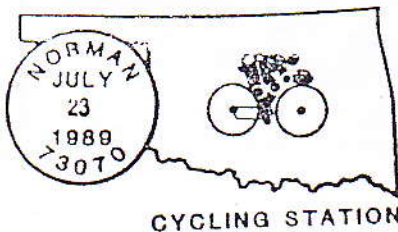
Bikes and Graham Wade go back a long way as the cutting from a book on the history of education in Australia shows. His bike then was a rebuilt and redecorated 'racer' called "The Black Widow". Over the years a long line of others followed; currently the stable includes a Gitanes tandem, tourers and a mountain bike, plus one left at the city studio.

As his job is in film direction, bikes appear (by accident) in a number of his films and stamp designs. While the bike on stamp collection ranges over a hundred years and shows signs of taking over the house.

MY BIKE
I can ride on my bike
As much as I like;
I whizz past the women,
And whizz past the men,
Then swerve
In a curve,
And ride back again.
- GRAHAM WADE
© 1981

PUPILS' WORK IN THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE, 1943. For the first time, in 1943, the School Magazine included material submitted by pupils throughout the State. Pupils wrote poems, stories, plays and songs or sketched local scenes and events. Paper shortages caused by the war reduced the number of contributions which could be reproduced. The one shown here reflects wartime conditions as seen by seven-year-old Graham Wade, men in uniform and cars with black-out lights.

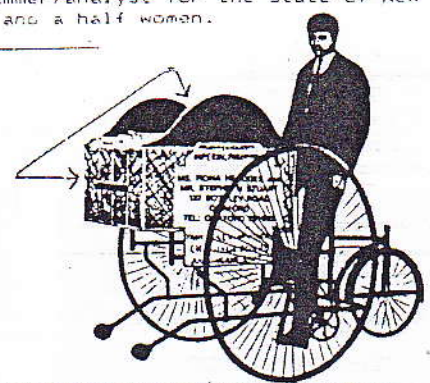
Honorary Editor - Norman Batho



Norman Batho, (1932-2000), twice married, jointly have 8 children - one not yet emancipated, 8 grandchildren at last count. I saw some antique bikes in a parade in 1985, joined the Wheelmen, found and bought an ordinary, which I ride over 1,000 miles a year. Shortly thereafter discovered bike stamps, joined the BSC as a charter member, and began work on the compilation of a complete checklist. As my collection became more and more complete, labels, trade cards, and the like crept into my collection. Somehow I became secretary and U.S. treasurer of the BSC, and later, editor of the Wheelmen magazine. To earn my keep, I am a personnel department programmer/analyst for the state of New Jersey supervising a dozen and a half women.

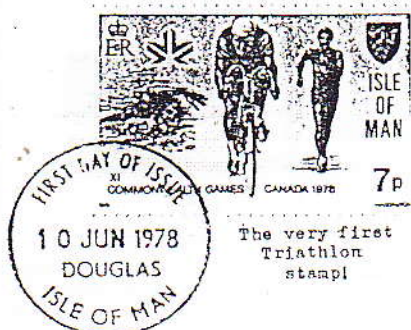
Honorary Treasurer - Fiona Hedges

Fiona Hedges, Scottish by birth (hence the Christian name) but Yorkshire by upbringing. Stayed in Oxford after university. Teach music in school and at home, and English as a Foreign Language during the summer 'vacations'. I have always been into cycling for reasons of enjoyment, fitness, ecology and economy. I ride only my Moulton Mk3 in town, elsewhere a touring bike and a mountain bike and, most often, one of our 3 tandems with my partner. I have been active as local events organiser and Cyclists' Rights Rep on the City Council. I have been collecting bicycle stamps, postcards and other bits and bobs and am especially interested in Tandem-related items. I was a charter member of the BSC and have been Treasurer since February '88.



President

Douglas Marchant



Douglas Marchant (1942-2491). English by birth (despite the Scottish forename). Three years in the midst of dreaming spires were not sufficient to captivate me for good. Twice married - second still going strong after fifteen years. Two cats - a thoughtful and very sensitive mother and her somewhat demanding little daughter - both emancipated. All four of us share a house with numerous bicycle collections such as matchbox labels and greeting cards (both 1,000+), books and pamphlets (2,000+) and postcards (3,000+). Ah, yes, and a few philatelic items! Gained the Messenger and Despatch Rider (both cyclist) and the Stamp Collector and Philatelist proficiency badges in the Scouts. I attempted to rescue the ATA's Bikes on Stamps Study Unit by editing the Tenth Issue of 'The Spoken' Word'. In the Summer of 1985, failed to rescue the Unit. Started a new club (the Bicycle Stamps Club) and have edited seven issues of 'Bicycle Stamps'. Have had to relinquish the position owing to taking up employment as stamp designer for the PLA of China (see page 54) although I will endeavour to continue the New Issue Service for the ideologically orthodox i.e. those that hold to the Party Line that bicycles are beautiful. Any other view will be considered as counter-revolutionary and transgressors will be hauled before the People's Velodrome and sentenced to drive a car.

FRANK PEGLEY'S ENTRY TO THEMATICA '89

BRITAIN'S THEMATIC STAMP EXHIBITION

WHICH WON FIRST PRIZE

Thematica '89 was the third annual national thematic stamp exhibition held in London having been started by former BSC member John Fosbery in 1987. Thematica '89 was held during the weekend of 24th/25th June and visitors were invited to inspect the twenty-four entries for the John Fosbery Trophy and to cast their vote for the best entry. Frank Pegley BSC was the winner by a large margin, and he was duly presented with the John Fosbery Trophy. Our warmest congratulations to Frank Pegley.

I suggested to Frank Pegley that he photocopy his sixteen frame entry so that I might reproduce it in our magazine so as to give members some idea of how they should "write-up" their collections in order to stand a chance of gaining philatelic awards. I did suggest that he might "cheat" and correct his historical "boobs". He declined, but readily agreed to have his entry photocopied for the benefit of us all. That was very kind - and brave - of Frank Pegley. We owe him our thanks. DM.

Frank Pegley

THE BICYCLE

THE HISTORY OF THE BICYCLE

The Collection seeks to cover the History of the Bicycle, both as business and as pleasure, from its inception up to the present day.

Section I Development	No. of Sheets in Collection	No. of Sheets in Display
a) The Origins.....	12.	12.
b) The Penny Farthing.....	0.	1.
c) Through to the Modern Design.....	16.	17.

Section II Use in Business	No. of Sheets in Collection	No. of Sheets in Display
a) The Post.....	9.	1.
b) Bicycle Mail Stamps.....	6.	3.
c) Mobile Shops.....	2.	1.
d) Passenger Transport.....	2.	1.

Section III In Leisure	No. of Sheets in Collection	No. of Sheets in Display
a) Personal Transport.....	18.	1.
b) Touring.....	2.	1.
c) Racing		
1) On the Road.....	19.	1.
2) In the Track.....	15.	1.
3) Alternative Form of Racing.....	3.	1.

THE BICYCLE

Section I DEVELOPMENT

a) The Origins

1) The 'Pedestrian Hobby Horse' was first seen in Paris in 1791, ridden by M. Siepe (who later became famous as the Father of Photography) It had no pedals or steering system but it was undoubtedly the forerunner of the Bicycle as we know it today

'Hobby Horse' MONGOLIA 1992

'Hobby Horse' CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1979

An improved model was best invented by Baron von Drais in 1818

'Draisienne', POGO 1978

'Draisienne', WEST GERMANY 1981

It had arm rests and became known as the 'Draisienne'

HISTORY OF TRANSPORTATION HISTOIRE DES TRANSPORTS

'Draisienne', MALI 1968

THE BICYCLE

Section I DEVELOPMENT (cont)

a) The Origins (cont)

2) The 'Boneshaker' - Lever Driven

The pedal system of propelling the bicycle was preceded by Kirkpatrick MacMillan's lever driven machine which he produced in 1839. This anticipated Lawson's pedal 'Bicyclette' by forty years

MacMillan's lever driven Machine MONGOLIA 1992

The lever driven machine used as a vignette on a modern commercial cover

This miniature sheet goes direct from the 'Hobby Horse' to the 'Ordinary', omitting the 'Boneshaker'

POGO 1978

THE BICYCLE

Section I DEVELOPMENT (cont)

a) The Origins (cont)

3) The 'Boneshaker' - Pedal Driven

The idea of fitting pedals with cranks to the front wheel is credited to the Company of Pierre Michaux and undoubtedly the bicycle as we know it dates from the pedal driven 'Velocipede' of 1865, shown here on a French post-card dated 1 Oct 1981. They became known under the general term of 'Boneshakers'

The types of 'Boneshaker' CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1972

A Bone shaker then 70 L. small Road Race Comp. 1 - Michaux 1865

Shown on 1972 Booklet

Commemorative cancellation showing 'Boneshaker' manufactured by Coventry Sewing Machine Co. in 1867



Togo. 10th July 1978

Errors in Postage Stamp Design No. 7

At the bottom right of this stamp is "CELERIFERE 1818", but the picture is not of a Célerifère for where are the other whooping the passengers and the trailer for their luggage and the horses to draw the berlin and calash (see pages 2, 38 & 62) Derek Roberts BSC, who is probably the most knowledgeable person on the history of the bicycle having been editor of the leading veteran-cycling magazine from 1955 to 1976, believes that "cycling mythology is rather like the Hydra. As soon as Heracles crushed one of the Hydra's heads, two or three more grew in its place. As soon as one of the myths about cycling and cycles is disproved in one place it grows again elsewhere". He has a point. The Célerifère myth was exposed as long ago as 1977 - a year before this Togo stamp was issued - yet it still grows new heads (see page 38)

Ronald Sant BSC sympathises with the problems faced by members when they come to "write-up" their collections. "It is very difficult to be certain of historical facts because the printed word often reflects the writer's opinions and prejudices (and misinterpretations can also occur" (see page 10). He could have added that many writers consult secondary instead of primary sources as I have done with the invention of matches (see page 59)

"Heads of Hydra" include any pre 1817 forerunner of the bicycle - the Stoke Poges window - Leonardo Da Vinci - Niepce - and so on and so on. Other "heads" include the assertion that Dunlop invented the first pneumatic tyre and that the derailleur gear was invented in France. Who first put foot-crank on the

Hobby-Horse? Gavin Dalzell or Kirkpatrick MacMillan? The 'Glasgow Herald' (11th June 1842) in reporting on the accident (see page 35) stated that "The velocipede moved on wheels, turned with the hand, by means of a crank". Has any historical evidence been produced for the belief that the magistrate paid the fine? But it's impossible to attempt to correct every "Head" e.g. the date for Michaux is correct on page 35 (1861) and is incorrect on page 6 (1865).

Fortunately, Derek Roberts BSC is only too willing to answer any member's question for just the price of a stamped self-addressed envelope or, from those living outside the UK, an International Reply coupon sent to him at 198, Sherwood Park Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 1NF. We are grateful for the offer from Derek Roberts. DM.

Section 1 DEVELOPMENT (cont)

THE BICYCLE

a) The Penny Farthing

The development of the 'Ordinary' from the 'Boneshaker', saw the wooden frame and iron tyred wheels replaced by a steel frame and wheels with solid rubber tyres. To increase the gear the front wheel had to be enlarged thus bringing about the name of 'Penny Farthing' since the rear wheel stayed small



An American cancellation, also showing a Penny Farthing, which commemorates the 5th Annual 'Good Old' Days' celebration in Kansas, 61' Days' posted at 'Street Fair Station' in Fort Scott, 25th June 1886



Penny Farthing on an issue from MONGOLIA which commemorates 'The History of Transport'



Another version appeared in WEST GERMANY as the Jersey Bicycle, of 1887 with wheels of equal size.




It was shown on MONGOLIA 'History of the Bicycle' as a 'Crank Driven Bicycle' 1878' with a large front wheel.




Cancellation featuring a Penny Farthing on a Polish Cycling Centenary issue which shows several styles of the Ordinary plus a vignette on the same cover, showing the type called 'The Spider', dated 1880



This mail-card, issued in FRANCE, shows a Rural Postman on his rounds, riding a French model of the 'Biciclette' in 1894. It carries a stamp, designed and engraved by the same artist, Konstant Pheulpin, together with a cancellation of the same design.



The MONGOLIAN issue also shows the Standard Bicycle basically as it is today.




Frank Pegley

Section 11 USE IN BUSINESS


THE BICYCLE

a) The Post - Collecting and Delivering Mail

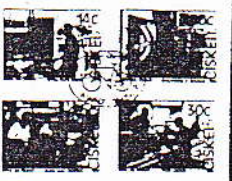
The Penny Farthing appeared on the first postage stamps issued depicting bicycles. It was on locals issued in GERMANY for delivering mail.



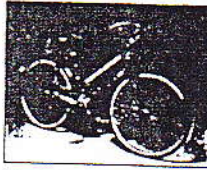
Express Delivery Stamps were issued by Cuba in 1899 and by Panama in 1929




Cycle manufacture in USSR, where more than 100,000 are made each year, including racing machines, one of which is shown on the Sep 1956 cancellation



Bicycle industry




In sport where, at last in St. Britain, we are able to compete on even terms with the rest of the world.



World Cycling Championships were held in Leicester in 1922 and in London, Victoria Road, was the Tour de France, the Giro d'Italia and the World Championships in 1927

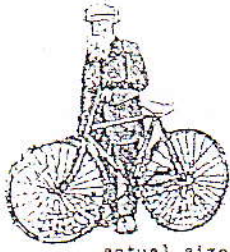
Registered letter cover announcing New Postal Rates for Express Delivery Letters carried by Bicycle in AUSTRALIA. Cover from Richmond South, Victoria, 14 Aug 50.



OTHER THINGS TO COLLECT NO. 3

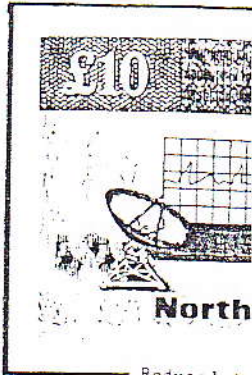
Money

See page 55 of the Second Issue and pages 52 & 53 of the Sixth Issue of '85'



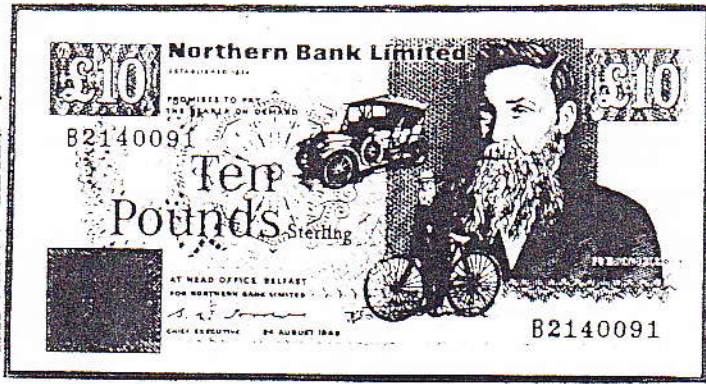
actual size

John B. Dunlop and the pneumatic tyre (see top of page 7)



Reduced

Actual size: 142 x 75mm



Northern Bank Limited

Red and brown on multicoloured underprint. Issued in Northern Ireland, 24th August 1988.

See Page 19

Discovered by David Sher BSC

Frank Pegley

Section II USE IN BUSINESS (cont)

a) Bicycle Mail Stamps (cont)

Clacton-on-Sea Cycle Mail

By a clause in the Telecommunications Act 1980, Charities were allowed to operate a Christmas and New Year Christmas Card Delivery Service. The Clacton-on-Sea Voluntary Service, a Charity, has provided a Christmas and New Year Christmas Card Delivery Service. The Clacton-on-Sea Voluntary Service Cycle Mail has provided a Christmas and New Year Christmas Card Delivery Service.

CLACTON ON SEA

Christmas



1983

CYCLE MAIL

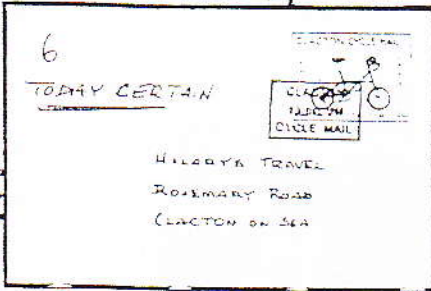
CLACTON COUNTY HIGH VOLUNTARY SERVICE

1983 P.O.D. produced for publicity purposes

20c Express letter rate of the 1983 issue



Colour Post, Blue/Black



HILARY TRAVEL
ROSEMARY ROAD
CLACTON ON SEA

Postage 'Post' on this card

Section II USE IN BUSINESS

a) Bicycle Mail Stamps

The Boca Raton Bicycle Post

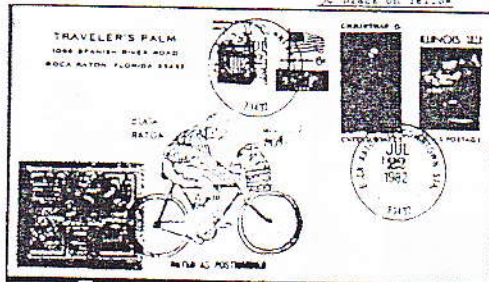
In areas where the Post Office is a considerable distance from the outskirts of the area it covers, a bicycle service is sometimes organized to help out where necessary. One such area is Boca Raton in Florida, U.S.A. where a 5c stamp has been issued that frames the mail to the Post Office only. Proceeds go to Charity.



Post on Black on White



5c Black on Yellow



Cover bearing the 5c Charity Stamp cancelled by vignette of a Boca Raton Bicycle Post Delivery Boy riding a Trade Bicycle. Boca Raton postmark dated 27 July 82 frames the appropriate postage.

Section II USE IN BUSINESS

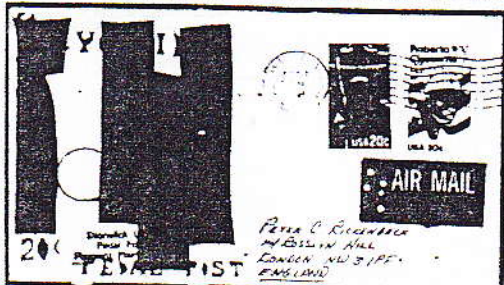
a) Bicycle Mail Stamps

The Stonelick Lake Pedal Post

Another area similar to Boca Raton is Pleasant Plain, Ohio, where a Bicycle Service operates. In this instance a 20c label frames the mail to the P.O.



Cover bearing the Stonelick Lake, 20c Christmas Label, dated 25 October 1981.



A further cover from Pleasant Plain, Ohio, dated 7 September 1984 with AIR MAIL OFFICE.

Section II USE IN BUSINESS (cont)

a) Passenger Transport

Bicycle rickshaws are the most common form of Public Transport in most cities in the Far East, sometimes being the only form of transport.

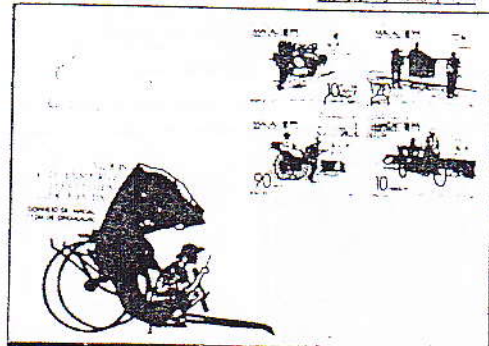


Rickshaw in Singapore

Issued in 1971 by the Assoc. of U.S. Labor National to promote tourism



London Transport Series around Singapore, 1981



Cover with series of Traditional Transport stamps issued by U.K.P.O. on 16 November 1987. The 10 postage value shows a bicycle rickshaw. The cancellation and vignette also show a rickshaw with rider.

OTHER THINGS TO COLLECT NO. 8
Cigar Bands

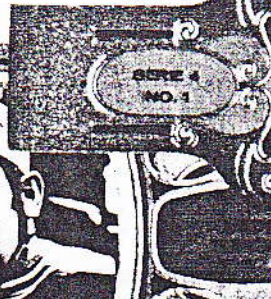
See pages 56 & 57 of
 the Sixth Issue of 'BS'.

NIC
 Series

4th Series - 24
 all cycling.



3rd Series - 12
 all cycling.



But could there
 be Nos. 13 to 24
 of the 3rd Series -
 and what of the 1st
 and 2nd Series?



We now know of two other coloured
 sets of the Panter cigar bands -
 see page 56 of the Sixth Issue of
 'BS' - Green and Gold and Yellow
 and Gold.

All information supplied
 by Norman Batho BSC.

Frank Pegley

Section III IN LEISURE
 a) Personal Transport
Road Safety
 The Bicycle is identified as the most vulnerable form of Transport and
 is therefore frequently used in Road Safety Campaigns.

DENMARK 1977
 Advising
 Road Users
 to 'Give Way'
 In a rather drastic fashion:

NETHERLANDS 1981
 One of a 4-tenant pair
 from a Europa Series
 telling motorists
 to 'use their rear mirror'

FRANCE 1980
 Slogan
 cancellation
 telling cyclists
 to 'circuler a droite
 en une seule file'
 - to 'keep to the right in single file'

HONGARY 1980
 One
 of
 a
 series
 on
 Road
 Safety,
 reminding
 that cyclists use a rear light!

Section III IN LEISURE
 c) Racing
 1) On the Road
 Road Racing is still in its infancy in England but internationally it has
 spread throughout the World.

MALAYA 1958
 Cover illustrating
 the Tour of MALA
 in 1958, with set
 of three stamps
 issued to
 commemorate the
 event

1958-59
 One of a set of stamps issued
 by the Republic of HONG
 commemorating the Kientai
 Cycling in 1970. It shows a
 'Dead Time Interval'

1981
 Maxi-card issued to
 celebrate the Tour of
 SPAIN in 1981 showing a
 breakaway on a climb. Framed by a fine shot of a Road Racing Bicycle

Section III IN LEISURE (cont)
 c) Racing
 2) On the Track
 Many forms of Track Racing have been philatellically illustrated:

**An Olympic Race At
 the 9th British
 Commonwealth Games
 in Edinburgh, 1970**
 Maxi-card bearing
 1/50 value of P.R.
 Commemorative set!

Sprint

Team Pursuit

**Maxi-card issued
 by ANZUSA
 marking a Sprint
 finish at the
 World
 Championships in
 Amsterdam, 1970**

Section III IN LEISURE
 c) Racing
 3) Alternative Forms of Racing

Six Day Racing in which teams of two riders ride for Six Days around a small
 steeply banked, 176 yard, indoor track

This postcard bears a slogan which
 advertised the **ESSEX** Six Day Race from
 the 20th to 26th January 1961

The Cycle-Cross

Yet another form of bicycle
 racing is **Cycle-Cross** which
 is held across rough, hilly,
 open country. The venue for
 the **World Championships** in
 1970 was in ITALY

"FOLLOW-UPS"
"FOLLOW-UPS"
"FOLLOW-UPS"

ODDS & ENDS

In several recent issues of AIALAYA we have discussed the mysterious bicycle labels which have puzzled collectors for many years. In spite of many requests for information no new information has become available.

I recently received a letter from Ken Wood who edits the You Asked column published each week by Stamp Collector (Oregon, USA).

A Stamp Collector reader had inquired about the origin of the bicycle label. The label was no 7 in red.

Unlike all the others I have seen so far this label has been cancelled!

The cancel is in dark blue and Mr Wood has kindly supplied a drawing of it. As can be seen it is circular with some Oriental writing in the centre.

In the lower part of the cancel we find the letters N I I. I believe this cancel may provide the solution of the mystery.

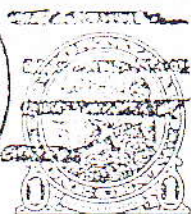
Your editor is no specialist in Oriental languages but the central writing could possibly be Chinese or Japanese.

It is my guess that N stands for Nippon which is the Japanese word for Japan.

Luckily AIALAYA has several subscribers in Japan and hopefully one of them will be able to come up with some information concerning the origin and purpose of the labels.

If any new information on the labels becomes available it will be published in the 1989 Autumn-Winter issue of AIALAYA.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



American Postal Card
From the Collection of John Mansell
BSC who acquired it from H. F. Martin
BSC. See page 49 of the Second
Issue of 'BS'

From the Summer-Autumn 1989 issue of
'Aialaya'. See page 12 of the Sixth
Issue and pages 11 to 13 of the Fifth
Issue of 'BS'. Info. Norman Batho BSC



SWITZERLAND — Military Stamps

See page 64 of the Sixth Issue and pages 12 and 28 to 30 of the Special Supplement of the Fifth Issue of 'BS'



Swiss Postage Stamp issued on the 7th March 1989 to celebrate a hundred years of the Swiss Army Field Post

Monsieur René GUISAN
25 Rue Meyens
5170 BOIS-COLOMBES
FRANCE
Monsieur DOUGLAS MARCHANT
11, Popes Grove, Shirley, Croydon,
SURREY, CROYDON, ENGLAND
Cher Monsieur,
En réponse à votre lettre du 26 AVRIL 1989, je vous remercie pour la liste des membres commémoratifs.
Voici les renseignements sur les timbres militaires SUISSES et sur le Général GUISAN.
L'armée suisse, en période de paix, n'a pas de général mais pendant les périodes de guerre un général est nommé.
A la guerre 1914-18, le Général GUISAN a été nommé comme général de l'armée suisse, c'est à dire, commandant en chef de toute l'armée suisse.
Une vignette le représentant a été émise dans les bataillons cyclistes mais il n'était ni l'organisateur du bataillon cycliste ni le commandant d'un bataillon cycliste.
Il était le commandant en chef de toute l'armée donc, entre autre de bataillon cycliste.
Du reste, un tableau sur le lac Lemán porte aussi son nom.
Il s'est trouvé que c'est le bataillon ROF 11173 qui a eu l'honneur d'émettre une vignette le représentant mais il n'était le commandant spécialement de ce bataillon puisqu'il commandait toute l'armée suisse.
J'espère que ces renseignements vous conviendront.
Je vous prie d'agréer, Cher Monsieur, l'expression de ma considération distinguée.
René Guisan, le 16 MAI 1989

As your out-going Editor was highly suspicious of the claim that a 1939-45 General could have been old enough in 1914 (when the first stamp was issued by a Swiss Military Bicycle Unit) to have been the "Founder of the Swiss Cycling Battalions", I wrote to all those who had made that claim. I found that - without exception - their source was René Gealin and so I wrote to him on the 4th November 1988 and, receiving no reply, I wrote another letter to him. His reply is reproduced here. Benoit Carrier BSC was asked to provide a translation and he readily agreed.

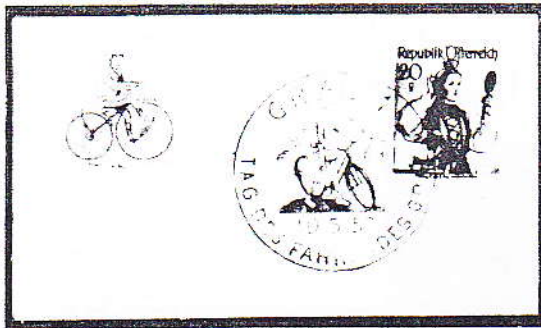
In reply to your letter of 26th April, I thank you for the list of members.
Here is information about Swiss Military Stamps and General Guisan.
The Swiss Army has no Generals in peacetime, but a General is named during wartime.
During the 39/40 war (Translator's Note: Mr. Gealin must mean the 1939/45 War) General Guisan was named General of the Armed Forces; that is to say, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Switzerland.
A stamp showing his portrait was issued by a Bicycle Battalion, but he was not the organiser or the commanding officer of a Bicycle Battalion.
As the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Switzerland, he had authority over any Bicycle Battalion for they formed part of the country's armed forces.
Of interest, on Lake Meman a ship bears his name.
Although the Third Company of the Fifth Bicycle Battalion took the initiative of issuing a stamp with his portrait, he was not the commanding office of that Battalion since he commandeered the whole of the armed forces.
I hope that is the information you want.
Please accept...(ending salutations)

*Helvetische Post
Posta Svizzera
Postes Suisses*



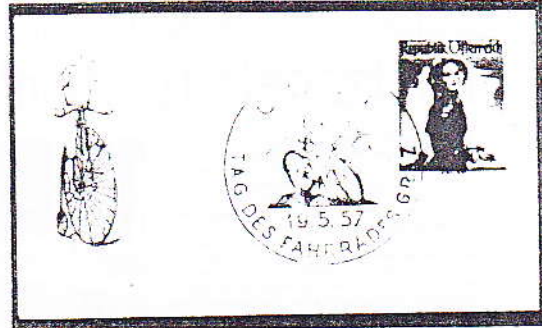
Cachet of the Commander of the Third Bicycle Company during the First World War

Delivered By
THE BICYCLE BRIGADE COURIERS
552 1313
Sticker affixed to packets to advertise the Australian "Bicycle Brigade" service - see pages 31 to 33 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS'. Information from Peter Innocent BSC



AUSTRIA

These are two little envelopes (shown much reduced - actual size of each is 58 x 100mm) from Austria with bicycles printed on the left hand side. The affixed stamps are cancelled "Tag des Fahrrades" - Day of the Cyclists. DM.



JAPAN

Shiro Yagami BSC sent me this envelope and provided the translation. Now I can address an envelope to my Japanese friend in Japanese... But would an envelope sent to me by Shiro and written in Japanese, reach me? I doubt it! DM.

From:
Japanese Bicycle Promotion Institute,
Tokyo

郵便 自転車産業振興協会
〒107 東京都港区赤坂1丁目9番3号
〈日本自転車振興会 3号館〉
☎ 03-582-3311(大代郵)
〒03-582-1089
〒03-582-1089

名古屋布販和区格丁町一三
八神商會
八神中央印様

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□

Addressed to: Shiro Yagami, Yagami Corp., Nagoya.



5th February 1986



Display Board used by the Manx (Isle of Man) Post Office at stamp exhibitions during 1986. Exactly a year after the date of issue, the Manx Post Office withdrew the stamps from sale and destroyed all stocks - so what was going to happen to the Display Board? It was given free to the first person who asked for it - your outgoing editor - and the moral of that story is that it could have been yours if you had asked for it before I did! DM.

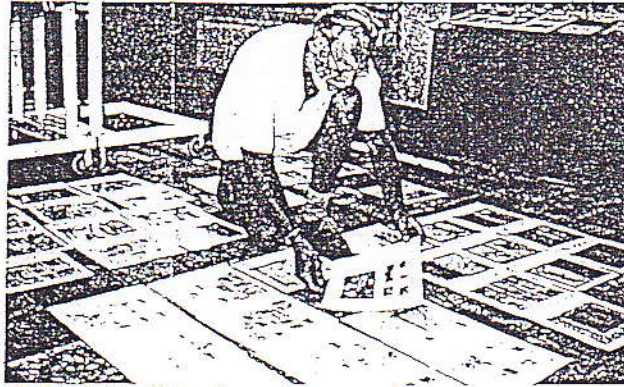
Museum Venendal laat unieke collectie met de fiets als thema zien Postzegels rustpunt in Rijwielvierdaagse Hoogeveen

Drenthe Zaterdag
Groningsche 8 juli
Pers 1989

HOOGVEEN - De fietspostzegelverzameling van Piet Hein Hilarides is de volgende week een rustpunt in de Drenthe's Rijwielvierdaagse. De expositie is ingericht in het museum Venendal. Daar kan de uitgeluiste fietser de volgende week uitrusten, nadat de verplichte dagelijkse kilometers op de fiets zijn afgelegd.

Hij kan dan zien dat de fiets door de eeuwen heen steeds een bron van inspiratie is geweest voor veel postzegelontwerpers. VVV-directeur H.J. Schut verwacht veel belangstelling voor de expositie. „De postzegels van Hilarides zijn het bekijken waard. Wij gaan de fietsers ook attent maken op de expositie”, zegt hij.

De eerste fietspostzegel dateert uit 1887. Het is een Duitse stadszegel uit Frankfurt aan de Main. De eerste PTT-zegel die Hilarides in de verzameling heeft zitten komt uit Cuba en is uit 1899. Het is een express-zegel omdat in die tijd de fiets nog als symbool van snelheid werd gezien, legt Hilarides uit. Hij verzamelt vanaf zijn tiende jaar en is in 1979 'besmet' met het fietspostzegelvirus. Van de 1500 zegels die over de fiets zijn uitgegeven heeft hij achttienentig procent in de verzameling, steil de verwoede verzamelaar vast.



A Piet Hein Hilarides temidden van zijn verzameling.

Deze contacten zijn vooral ontstaan na 1983. Toen heeft hij een catalogus over fietspostzegels samengesteld. Deze heeft inmiddels al over de hele wereld zijn weg gevonden.

Waarde

„Postzegels verzamelen kan zo duur worden als je zelf wilt”, vindt Hilarides. Op een beurs is het vaak zo dat de waarde bepaald wordt door de koper. Als iemand een zegel bestelt wil hebben dan is hij bereid om enkele honderden guldens meerwaarde te betalen. Het gezegde: „Wat de gek er voor geeft, is hier duidelijk van toepassing”, merkt Hilarides op. Hij laat zichzelf ook wel eens verleiden tot een dure aankoop. Al tien jaar staat de fietscentraal aan de Fioringras 64 in Leeuwarden. De fietspostzegels zijn te verdelen in verschillende onderwerpen. Het belangrijkste en meest voorkomende onderwerpen zijn de fietsevenementen zoals Tour de France, Ronde van Italië, de Vredescoers en dan niet te vergeten de Olympische Spelen. Maar ook komt de reclame en de recreatie ruimschoots aan bod. De postzegels hebben Hilarides in april dit jaar verguld zilver opgeleverd op een wedstrijd-expositie in Groningen. De expositie in Hoogeveen doet niet mee aan een wedstrijd. Liefhebbers kunnen de postzegels van Hilarides tot en met 12 augustus in het museum Venendal bekijken.

Frustraties

Piet Hein Hilarides is in het dagelijks leven leraar Frans op drie scholen van het voortgezet onderwijs in Leeuwarden. Frustraties afreage-

ren op de postzegels? „Nee”, zegt de leraar Frans met nadruk. „De postzegels leveren mij veel ve-

buitenlandse contacten en dat is het leuke van deze hobby”, zegt Hilarides.

English Translation

'Drenthe Groningen (two of the twelve Provinces of the Netherlands) Press'.

Saturday, 8th July 1989

The Venendal Museum is showing a unique collection with the bicycle as the theme
POSTAGE STAMP REST STOP AT HOOGVEEN IN BICYCLE-FOUR-DAYS

Hoogeveen (a main town in the Province of Drenthe)

The Bicycle Postage Stamp collection of Piet Hein Hilarides is to be a rest stop in the Drenthe's Bicycle Four Days event next week. The exhibition is to be held inside the Venendal Museum. There the exhausted cyclist can, after riding the obligatory day's kilometers, rest next week.

He will then be able to see that the bicycle has, through the centuries, been a source of inspiration for many postage stamp designers. The Director of the VVV (the Dutch Tourist Board), H.J. Schut, expects great interest in the exhibition. "The postage stamps of Hilarides are worth seeing. We non-cyclists will also attend the exhibition", he said.

The first bicycle postage stamp dates from 1887. It is a German Town Post stamp from Frankfurt am Main. The first national postage stamp that Hilarides has in his collection is from Cuba and was issued in 1899. It is an Express Delivery stamp because, at that time, the bicycle was respected as a symbol of speed, Hilarides indicated. He has been collecting for ten years now for it was in 1979 that he was "infected" with the Bicycle-Postage-Stamp-Virus. Of the 1,500 stamps that have been issued illustrating the bicycle, he has a respectable 90%, but he is still a furious collector.

Frustrations

Piet Hein Hilarides is, in the daytime, a teacher of French at three schools of further education in (the main town of the Province of Friesland) Leeuwarden. Does he work off his frustrations by collecting postage

stamps? "No", said the French teacher without stress. The postage stamp brings me into contact with many foreigners and that is the amusement of the hobby. Those contacts have largely been developed since 1983. At that time he compiled a catalogue of bicycle postage stamps. Since then it has paved the way as a foot-bridge all over the world

Value

"Postage stamp collecting can be very expensive and requires self-will", found Hilarides. One often finds that the value is fixed by the buyer. Someone decides to buy a stamp and is willing to spend a hundred Guilders they have spare... The expression "What the fool gets is nothing" (1) is obviously applicable here, remarked Hilarides, but he too has lately been seduced to make expensive purchases. It's now ten years since the bicycle became the centre of 64 Fioringras (his address in) Leeuwarden. Bicycle Postage Stamps may be divided into many different subjects. The important and most frequent subjects are the bicycle events such as the Tour de France, the Giro d'Italia and the Peace Race not forgetting the Olympic Games. But many have also been issued on publicising and on recreation.

The Postage Stamp entry Hilarides submitted to a competitive stamp exhibition in Groningen (main town of the Province of the same name) during April, gained him a Gilt Silver Award. The exhibition in Hoogeveen isn't competitive. Enthusiasts are able to see Hilarides's postage stamps until the 12th August in the Venendal Museum.

Photo. caption: Piet Hein Hilarides in the middle of his collection

Translator's note: Rijwielvierdaagse or Fietsvierdaagse (both mean Bicycle-Four-Days) are extremely popular in the Netherlands and thousands take part. They are not races. Providing one completes a given distance each of the four days, a medal is awarded. I have taken part in the Drenthe Rijwielvierdaagse and I hope to gain another medal next year. Isn't that a recommendation for you to "op de fiets naar Nederland" (ride on the bicycle to the Netherlands)...



yet it's listed as a "girl with moped" by Stanley Gibbons...

Child Welfare! Very young-looking girl! A bicycle or a moped? If any member knows the answer, then a letter to our new Editor please.

Daniel Nibbelink BSC pointed out that the Dutch stamp pictured here was not shown on pages 4 and 6 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS'. It was issued on the 15th November 1966 as one of five Child Welfare stamps



Nadorp (Dutch: Na - near. Dorp - village) Post is completely' fictitious. I have photocopied the "stamp" from a postcard (shown here greatly reduced) sent to me by David Sher BSC. It illustrates a detail from the 1973 watercolour 'Children's issues, Vocabulary lesson' painted by the late artist Donald Evans

"De fiets" means the bicycle. The Dutch use two words - the older "Rijwiel" (see above) and the more modern "fiets" - for "Bicycle"



Aquarelle / gemalt by Daniel Nibbelink
downloaded from www.bicyclistamps.com

FRANCE



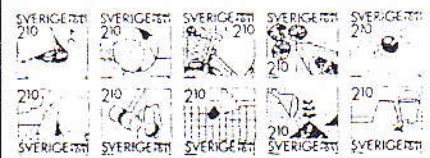
Does any member know anything about this... I have four different coloured ones: Blue, Brown, Green and Orange. What are "poils"?

DM.

The above illustration and comment appeared on page 9 of the Sixth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps'. It is reproduced here - much reduced in size so as to be squeezed into the space available - as Benoit Carrier BSC is able to comment further: "Barbe is French for beard and poils are the basic elements of a beard! Some kind of joke and I suspect the 'stamps' are also a joke"

SWEDEN

Nya nordiska



cykelfrimärken

Det ska erkännas på en gång. Jag kommer inte frimärken. Men jag vill ändå säga "Årsmotorna i de frimärken" och mina barn "Inte ens frimärken". Trots detta ska denna lista notis behandla samlandet av frimärken med cykelmotiv.

The Bicycle Stamp Club kom för en tid sedan ut med nummer 3 av tidningen "Bicycle Stamps". Klubben är avsedd för dem som samlar cykelfrimärken, cykelfrimärkesutställningar, försämlingar med cykelmotiv, postproblemlöser med cyklar på sig. Tidningen innehåller alla nya cykelfrimärken. 1989 finns också artiklar om nordiska klubbar och cykelfrimärken och närliggande ting. Det senaste nummer är på 64 veckilustrationer och 1800 kronor. Årsmotorna i de frimärken som har skrivit ut, men rekommendera dessa biljetter har skrivit ut sig för tillfället.



Björn Rombach BSC kindly translated his article into English for us. Thanks Björn, but "messy" doesn't mean wonderful or fantastic. Go and consult your dictionary Björn!

New Nordic Bicycle Stamps

I have to make a confession at once. I do not collect bicycle stamps. My wife would say "at least not bicycle stamps" and my children "not even bicycle stamps". Even though this small note will be about stamps with bicycle motives.

A while ago the 5th number of The Bicycle Stamp Club paper "Bicycle Stamps" came out. The Club is intended for those who collect bicycle stamps, bicycle cachets, bicycle stamp FDC, etc. In the Club paper all new bicycle stamps are listed. There are also articles of different quality about bicycle stamps and related items. The latest number contained 64 pages full with text and pictures. The whole paper looks somewhat messy but, the editor Douglas Marchant has told me that it is unavoidable.

One may think that bicycle stamps is a tiny small field for collectors where one easily could get together all stamps there are. But, that is not the case. Bicycles unfairly common stamp motives. Swedish bicycle stamps came out 1971, 1977, 1983, 1986 and twice in 1987. There are also Swedish "postletters" with bicycles on and nice bicycle cachets.

Now time has come for another Swedish bicycle stamp. This summer's Swedish discount stamp shows parts of a bicycle and the FDC shows a bicycle packed for a picnic. Nearly at the same time there is a beautiful new bicycle stamp from Finland. Iceland's latest bicycle stamp is from 1986, Denmark's from 1988 and the Norwegian one from 1987.

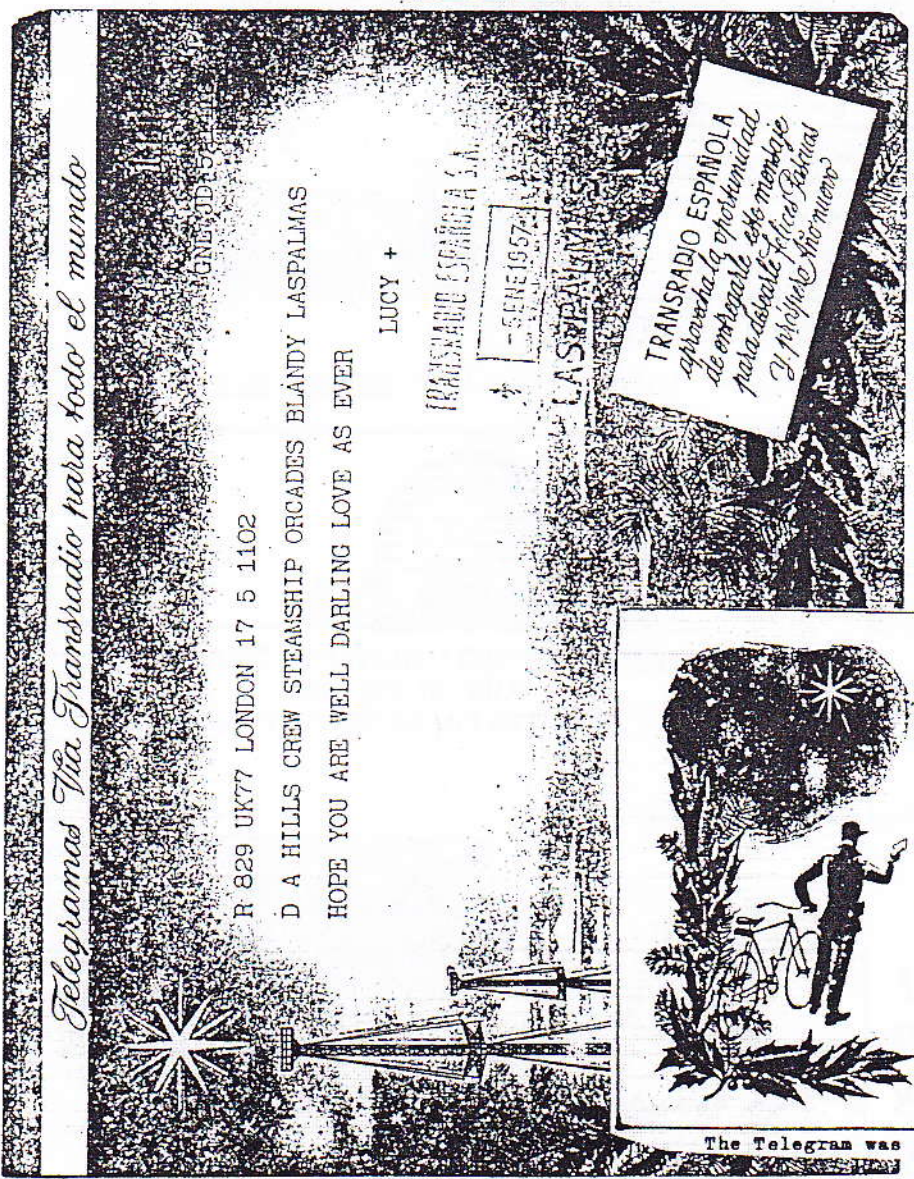
If anybody wants to start collecting bicycle stamps this is the right moment when there is a new Swedish bicycle stamp. If you are attracted by a membership in the Bicycle Stamp Club please write to the Swedish Bicycle Association and I will help you with the contact. Membership and the club paper "Bicycle Stamps" cost somewhat more than 100 kronor a year.

BJÖRN ROMBACH BSC

SPAIN AND THE CANARY ISLANDS

TELEGRAMS - a Branch of PHILATELY ???

Spanish Telegram from the collection of Brian Mynott BSC

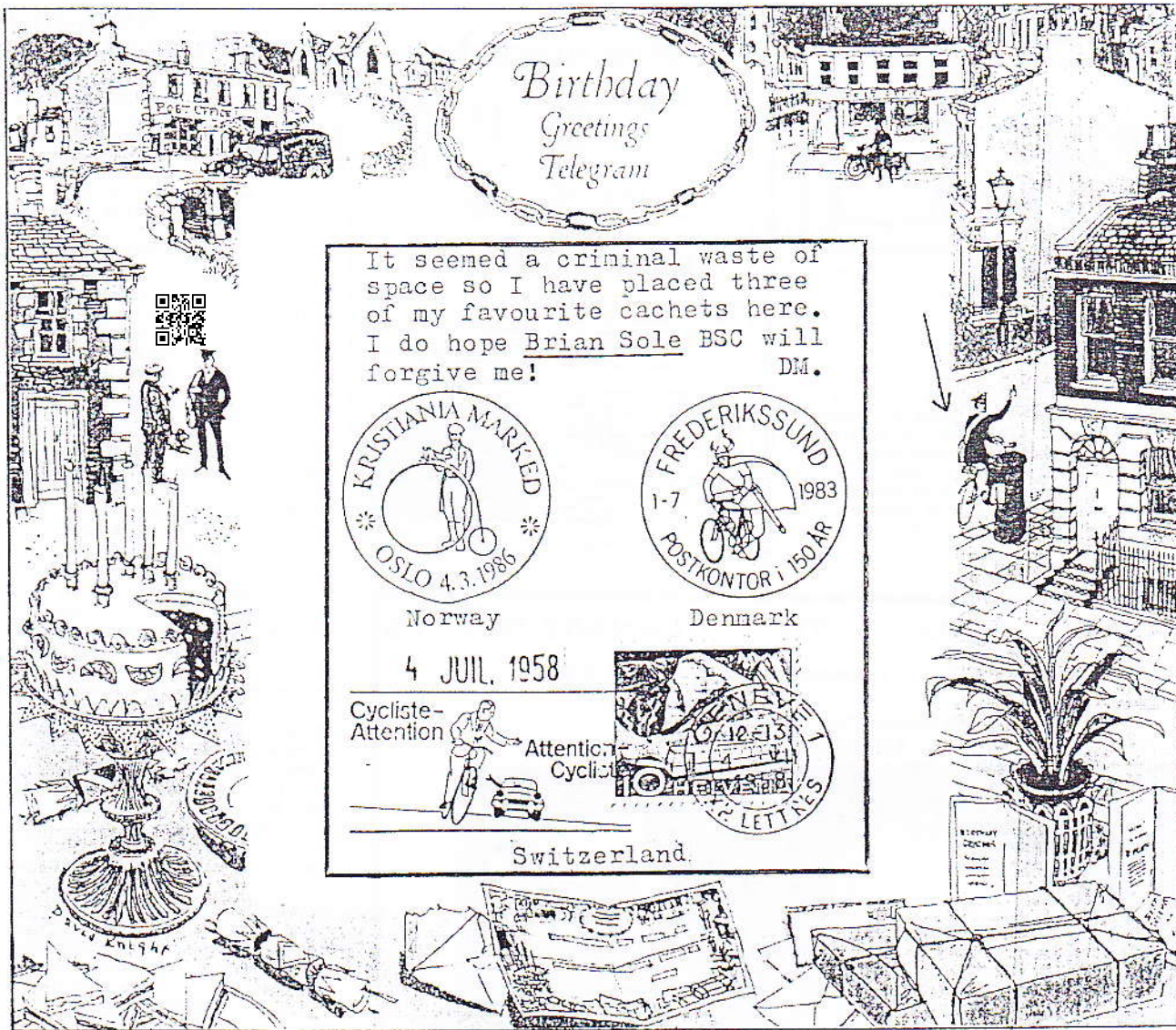


D A HILLS CREW STEAMSHIP ORCADES BLANDY

The Telegram was then placed in this envelope for delivery.

The message was telegraphically sent from London and received at Las Palmas in the Canary Islands off the West Coast of Africa on the 5th January 1957. It was recorded on the above.

Illustrations are reduced in size to fit here. The actual sizes are:
Telegram: 170 x 220mm
Envelope: 98 x 152mm



GREAT BRITAIN

1st April 1957. Artist: David Knight. Information from Brian Sole BSC

UNITED STATES



BIKE RACE STATION
27 MAY 1989
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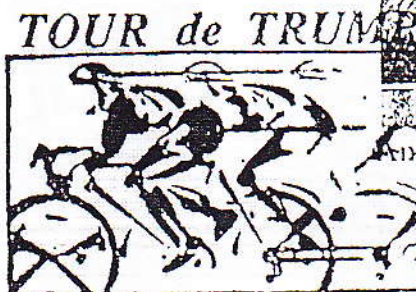


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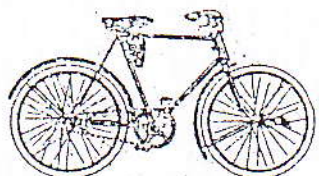
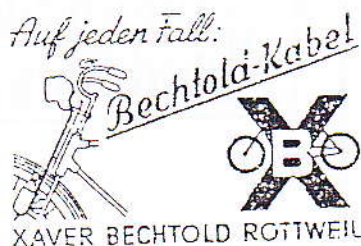
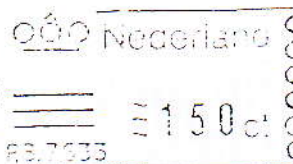
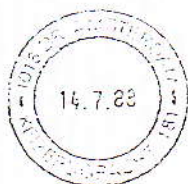
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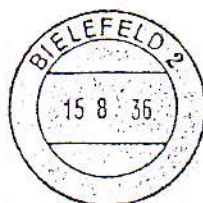
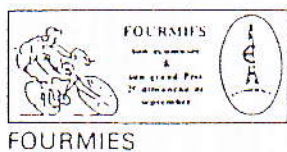
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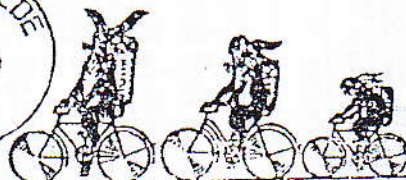
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dann wähle das
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HISTORICAL SECTION

Members might wish to know what has been written about our Club and our magazine. For the enthusiastic historians in our ranks - see page 4 of the Fifth Issue of 'BS' and page 10 of the Third Issue of 'BS'.

SPOKEN WORD. Bicycles-on-Stamps Study Unit. Douglas Marchant, editor, Pines Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey. CH0 BAX Great Britain. 8 1/2" x 11 3/4" Offset. 48 pages.

This review doesn't "fit" here for two reasons. First of all, the editor is in Great Britain so it really should be under "foreign" periodicals. Secondly, the sponsoring group is an ATA Study Group which should be reviewed in Don Branke's ATA Units in Action appearing in each issue of Topical Time. Nonetheless, we take this opportunity to welcome Douglas Marchant to the ranks of the magazine's periodic editors. Taking an extremely liberal view as to what is a "bike stamp," the Editor provides articles on the 50th anniversary of the British Cyclists' Touring Club 1928 Charter-ella; the 1961 Exeter Penny Farthing Post; Clacton-on-Sea 1963 cycle mail; Paris mecumatic post (1916-1963), which was delivered by postmen on cycles; and what the Editor calls "100% Cycle Issues."

'Topical Time' Jan/Feb '86.

UNITED STATES

Bicycles

BICYCLE STAMPS. Bicycle Stamps Club (Great Britain). Second Issue, Spring 1987. Douglas Marchant, editor, 1 Pines Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey CH0 BAX Great Britain. 8 1/2" x 11 3/4". Offset. 64 pages.

This second issue of the newly formed Bicycle Stamps Club in Great Britain - which is still organizing, according to an editorial by Douglas Marchant - includes articles on the bicycle in the French postal service; French military vignettes; paper types on U.S. bicycle (transportation coil) stamps; the Clacton (England) cycle mail; and much more.

George Griffenhagen
'Topical Time' Sept/Oct '87

Bicycle stamp club chartered by ATA

The Bicycle Stamp Club has 216 annually for surface mail recently been chartered as a delivery of the journal, and American Topical Society aff. \$17.50 for annual information leaflet mail, according to Donald B. Breaker, ATA director of Batho, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor, N.J. 08520.

The group publishes a semi-annual journal, Bicycle Stamps, which is mailed to all members.

In addition, a bicycle stamp checklist is available from the club. The checklist is a 30-page computer printout of bicycle stamps of the world. The BSC also provides a new lens service for bicycle stamps.

Although members are located worldwide, the seat of the organization is in England, where most of the officers and editor reside. Membership in the BSC is

'Lanni's Stamp News' 21, 09, 86

George Griffenhagen
'Topical Times' Sept/Oct '86

BICYCLE STAMPS. Bicycle Stamps Club (Great Britain). Summer 1986. Douglas Marchant, editor, 1 Pines Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey CH0 BAX. England. 8 1/2" x 11 3/4". Offset. 48 pages plus 16 page supplement.

Replacing the now defunct Spoken Word of the Bikes on Stamps Study Unit, this British-based organization called Bicycle Stamps Club offers well-illustrated articles (many of them reprints from other publications) including the centenary of the death of Pierre Michaux, who first manufactured a two-wheeled velocipede; the 175th anniversary of postal services in Australia; the Ciskei bicycle factory; and many locals picturing cycles. The supplement consists of a 1985 checklist of cycle stamps.

Bicycle Affiliates

The Bicycle Stamp Club has affiliated with the American Topical Association. The group, with its semi-annual journal 'Bicycle Stamps,' lists among its purposes to promote bicycle stamp collecting, to publish checklists, periodicals and other educational material, and to provide a new lens service for bicycle and related stamps.

Members are located worldwide, but the nominal seat of the club is in England, where most of the officers reside. Membership dues are \$16 for surface mail delivery of the journal and \$17.50 for air mail. Information is available from the club's secretary, Norman Batho, at 358 IVerson PLACE, EAST WINDSOR, NJ 08520.

October 3, 1987

'Stamps' 07, 10, 87

Dorothy Wehrauch
'Journal of Sports Philately' March/April '88

BICYCLE STAMPS

The third issue of "Bicycle Stamps" is dated Autumn, 1987. It comprises 64 pages, reproduced by photocopy, in a 1 1/2" x 11 3/4" format. It contains a number of short articles and reproductions of philatelic and related material, with comments and annotations, all pertaining to the bicycle as well as the tricycle and unicycle. "Bicycle stamps," which is issued semi-annually, is the official publication of the Bicycle Stamps Club, which is affiliated with the British Inematic Association and is in the process of re-establishing its affiliation with the American Topical Association.

The present issue of the publication features a 22-page illustrated checklist of 1984 bicycle-related philatelic material - stamps, postal stationery, post office postcards, local stamps, booklets, etc. New issues of bicycle-related stamps and postal stationery for 1986 and 1987 are also illustrated and described. Three pages are devoted to illustrations of Cinderella items - cigarette cards on the bicycle theme. There are also a number of illustrations of newly discovered bicycle connections on some philatelic items - a keen-eyed collector having found a bicycle in the distant background of a stamp, for example.

The Bicycle Stamps Club is for all topical collectors of bicycle-related philatelic material. The interests of some members extend to all aspects of the bicycle, not merely those which are sports-related, and "Bicycle Stamps" reflects this broader interest. However, collectors interested only in the bicycle as it relates to sports will find the club and its publication invaluable. Annual membership in the organization costs \$16.00. Information about membership may be obtained from Norman Batho, Secretary, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor NJ 08520.

AUSTRALIA

'Push-On' April/May '89

Magazine of the Bicycle Institute of New South Wales

See page 51 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS'

Donald Brenke

BICYCLES

We welcome the Bicycle Stamp Club as a member of the ATA family of Study Units and extend our best wishes for success to their officers: President Graham Wade of Australia, Secretary Norman Batho of New Jersey, Treasurer Paul Butler of England, and Editor Douglas Marchant of England. Their journal, *Bicycle Stamps*, is published twice annually and for each edition has been a 64-page treasure packed with information and illustrated checklists of bicycle-related items related to the topic of "Cycling." Dues 9 British Pounds to Paul Butler, 7 South Close, Hestley Heath, Kent DA6 8HH, England, or \$16 U.S. to Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Pl., East Windsor, NJ 08520.

'Topical Time' Nov/Dec '87

'Lanni's Stamp News' 29, 02, 86

Bicycle Stamps (autumn): Bert Schapelboomman begins his series on U.S. locals with a discussion of the 1 1/2¢ Concord Bicycle Co. Public Messenger Service stamp. The Macau 1981 20-avo airmeter sheet is pictured in its entirety, showing 30 postal carriers and their 30 bicycles. Included are other short pieces, as well as a 42-page 1983-87 update to the bicycle stamp checklist. Published semiannually by the Bicycle Stamp Club, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor, N.J. 08520.

'Topical Time' is the magazine of the ATA.

Donald Brenke
BICYCLES

The Autumn edition of *Bicycle Stamps* has 22 pages packed with information on bicycle philately and an insert lists all known bicycle stamps issued in 1987-8. There are illustrations of bicycle stamps of the past 4 years, with interesting background stories for most of them. Just 9 British pounds to Paul Butler, 7 South Close, Hestley Heath, Kent DA6 8HH, England, or \$16 U.S. to Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Pl., East Windsor, NJ 08520.

'Topical Time' May/June '88

GREAT BRITAIN

'Thamescene' Spring-Summer '87

Douglas Marchant set about forming the Bicycle Stamp Club by writing to ex-members of the Bicycle-un-Stamps Study Unit of the American Topical Association. This Unit had existed for five years. Journals had been issued at infrequent intervals by an Editor who tried to run the Group single-handed. Douglas had received applications to join the new Club from 38 collectors at the time of issue of the first Journal.

'Thamescene' is the magazine of the UTA

New stamping ground
We have been told of a new 'Bicycle Stamp Club'.
In this connection, we understand that Douglas Marchant has agreed to take over the editorship of a publication known as 'The Spoken Word', which is to be renamed 'Bicycle Stamps'. The first issue of the renamed magazine will be available shortly. Further details from: Douglas Marchant, 1 Popes Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey CR0 8AX (see please).

'Cycletouring' Feb/March 1986

TABLE NO 12A THE BICYCLE STAMPS CLUB

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

If you want more details about this fascinating theme and how to join the Club write to: Paul Butler, 7 South Close, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 8HH

Thematica '87 (30.05.87) Souvenir Programme

The third issue (Autumn 1987) of BICYCLE STAMPS is a really splendid effort with a great deal of information and lavishly illustrated. The Bicycle Stamp Club and of course especially the Editor deserve hearty congratulations on this, and also on building up the membership so satisfactorily. Please note that Treasurer Paul Butler resigned early this year and for the time being any inquiries concerning this group should be directed to the Editor, Douglas Marchant, 1 Popes Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey CR0 8AX.

'Thamescene' Spring '88

TABLE NO 26 THE BICYCLE STAMP CLUB

The Bicycle Stamp Club is an International club devoted to the collection and study of Bicycle and Bicycle related stamps of the World, including Cinderellas. Now in its second year, it has gained recognition through its award winning publications 'BICYCLE STAMPS' and the 'BICYCLE STAMP CHECKLIST'. A member of both the British Thematic Association and the American Topical Association, it has members from Alaska to Australia and from Japan to Austria.

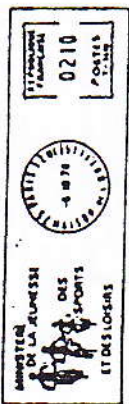
Membership and subscription Information:-

£8 to the Hon Treasurer, Fiona Hedges, 137 Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0HD or in the USA \$16 to the Hon Secretary, Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor, NJ 08520

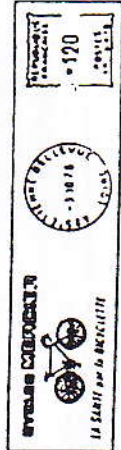
Thematica '88 (28.05.88) Souvenir Programme

BICYCLE STAMPS

The fourth issue of "Bicycle Stamps" dated spring, 1988, is like its predecessor a 24 page periodical in the 9 1/2" x 11 3/4", format, reproduced by photocopy. While a considerable amount of the material is not sports-related (in particular, locale created for bicycle poets in various parts of the world are extensively covered), there is still a good deal here which will interest those who collect bicycle sports. A number of French sports-related bicycle meters are reproduced as well as rare British and New Zealand late 19th century postal cards, printed to private order, for the Cyclists' Touring Club and the New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club respectively. These latter two are probably among the earliest philatelic items which has a bicycle sports connection. New material is also



Paris 120, 1978
Ministère de la Jeunesse des Sports et des Loisirs



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illustrated, including an Australia Post souvenir cover of 1986, U.S.S.R. stamped envelopes of 1986 and 1987, and new stamps of Benin, Chile, Ireland, Togo, Paraguay, Panama and Uganda. A number of vignettes and trade cards which are related to bicycle sports are also shown.

To receive "Bicycle Stamps" regularly join the Bicycle Stamps Club. Annual dues are \$16 payable to Norman Batho, Secretary, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor NJ 08520.

Dorothy Weirauch 'Journal of Sports Philately'
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'Topical Time' Sept/Oct '89

BICYCLES
The Spring edition of Bicycle Stamps has 38 pages packed with excellent illustrations of every phase of Bicycle Philately imaginable. It begins with a review of Peter Hein Hilgards book "The Bicycle in Philately" and ends with a checklist of military stamps used by "Swiss Cycling Battalion." Besides the checklists of worldwide postal issues and pictorial postmarks, numerous "mystery issues" of publicity labels and the like are discussed. Dues \$16, Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Pl., East Windsor, N.J. 08520.

I sometimes wonder if reviewers actual review for the issue of '89' referred to did not begin with a review...
DH.

Bicycle Stamps (copying): Editor Douglas Marchant provides a translation of Jean-Pierre Mangin's article on little-recognized bicycle postal services. Many illustrations occur throughout the remainder of the issue, including those for newly issued stamps and in the articles reprinted from other sources. Published by the Bicycle Stamp Club, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor, N.J. 08520.

'Linn's Stamp News' 29.08.88
The translation was done by friends of Lena Clarke BSC and not by me. -DH.

Donald Branke

BICYCLES

In the 30-page Autumn edition of Bicycle Stamps Derek Roberts points out several "Philatelic Historical Hoops" concerning bicycles and there is a list of 18 "Publications Every Self-Respecting Bicycle Stamp Collector Will Have." Raymond See lists 13 articles for "The Bicycle Philatelist's Code of Ethics" and there is a thorough coverage of "Swiss Military Stamps." Some mysterious "Cinderellas" are illustrated, and there are illustrations of worldwide new issues of bicycle stamps. Dues 9 British pounds to Douglas Marchant, 1 Popes Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey CR0 8AX England; or \$16 U.S. to Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Pl., E. Windsor, NJ 08520.

'Topical Time' March/April '89

Dorothy Weirauch

BICYCLE STAMPS #5

The autumn, 1988, issue of "Bicycle Stamps" consists of 34 pages plus a 30 page special supplement. The latter is devoted entirely to the cinderellas issued by bicycle units of the Swiss Armed Forces during the two World Wars, often used to frank the mail of servicemen of those units, but having no postal validity. Nor are they sports related.

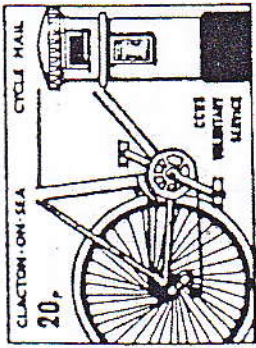
This issue of "Bicycle Stamps" illustrates some new issues of philatelic material related to the sports and recreational use of the bicycle, and a number of articles evidencing extensive research on vignettes and other cinderellas; most not related to the sports and recreational use of the bicycle. There are many illustrations of interesting but non-philatelic bicycle-related material -- e.g., trade cards and playing card backs. Also included is a list of publications which every bicycle stamp collector should own, many of them related to the sports aspect of the bicycle.

Americans interested in joining the Bicycle Stamps Club should contact Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Place, E. Windsor, NJ 08520. Those living abroad should contact Fiona Hedges, 137 Botley Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire OX2 0HD, England.

'Journal of Sports Philately' Jan/Feb. '89

GREAT BRITAIN

THE BICYCLE STAMP CLUB

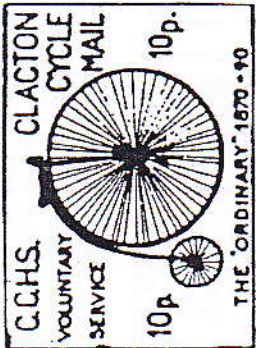


Many members are unaware that there is a club devoted to bicycle stamps, and I therefore invited its Honorary Secretary, Norman Barbo of New Jersey, to tell us about it. Here is his contribution.

Ever since the late 1880s, when Bochum and Frankfurt Germany issued the first stamps with bicycles on them, the bicycle has been a regular feature on postage stamps. Indeed, the history of the bicycle has been chronicled on stamps, which can be divided into two broad groups, sport issues and non-sport issues.

There are far more stamps issued in the first group, the bike as part of a sporting event. The Olympic Games, Tour de France, Giro d'Italia, International Peace Race, as well as a host of less well-known races provide justification for the issuance of bicycle stamps by participating and non-participating countries. Perhaps the most common feature of the non-sport issue is the postman and his bike. Postal services around the world proclaim the good work of the post-carrier with regular issues. Other non-sport topics include children with their toys, safety, circus performers, and bicycle history. In addition to stamps, the postal service issues an assortment of other interesting items for the thematic collector. These include postal cards, booklets, envelopes and souvenir sheets of various kinds. These items add variety and interest to a collection.

In August 1980 the Bicycle Stamp Club was organised in the USA and has now expanded around the world. The Hon. President, Graham Wade, is from Australia. An award-winning checklist of bicycle stamps of the world is available from the club. If you would like additional information, please write to the Club's Hon. Editor, Douglas Marchant, 1 Popes Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey, CRO 8AX.



Fellowship News!
June 1988
(Magazine of the
Fellowship of
Cycling
Old-Timers)

Edited by
Derek Roberts
BSC

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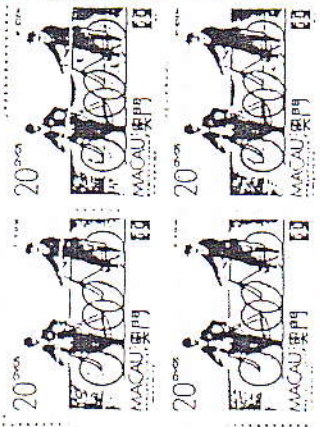
MISCELLANEOUS.

Bicycle Stamps

Douglas Marchant tells us that on 31st March this year Bhutan issued a set of ten stamps and four souvenir sheets a stamp with the caption *Pierre Lallemond's Velocipede, 1866, First Pedal Powered Bicycle*. We reproduce the stamp but feel bound to point out for the benefit of newer members that, as detailed in Aad Strong's article in *The Boneshaker Number 108* and as set out in the recently published *Pierre Michaux and his Sons, 1866* is the date of Pierre Lallemond's American patent. It is generally accepted that a pedal-driven bicycle was produced by Michaux in 1861.

Douglas was the founder as recently as 1986 of the Bicycle Stamps Club. The first issue of its 64-page *Bicycle Stamps* magazine which appeared that summer already listed 58 members worldwide. It is probably the most international of all thematic topical clubs, with an Australian president, an American secretary and English treasurer and editor. In addition to receiving the magazine in which free advertisements may be placed, members may participate in the *New Issue Service*. Some members specialise in stamps featuring veteran cycles. The magazine, edited by Douglas, won an award in an American Philatelic Literature Fair last year as did the BSC Check List. The subscription is £8 for UK members and a little more for those residing elsewhere.

News & Views!
Oct./Nov. 1988
No. 207. (The
Magazine of
the Veteran-
Cycle Club)



Dear Editor,

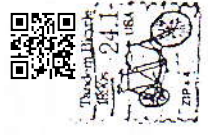
Another veteran-cycle postage stamp! Macau. One of a set of four. Transportation issue. Price for the set circa £3. Date of Issue: 15th July 1988. Photostatic copy is enclosed for *News and Views*.
Douglas Marchant, The Editor, *Bicycle Stamps*, Bicycle Stamp Club.
Editorial Note: We apologise to Douglas for giving the impression at 207(2) that we spotted the error on the Bhutan stamp. The fact is that he drew the error to attention and we provided the detailed references.

The American Zip Code consists of five and not "four" digits

Bicycle Stamps.

The stamp illustrated was sent to us by Douglas Marchant. It was issued in America on 26th October last and depicts an 1890's tandem. Douglas tells us that the odd amount of 24.1 cents (about 13 pence) represents the amount paid by bulk mailers after being given a discount for quantity. Such stamps are not normally available to the public, although it is possible for philatelists to obtain them if we understand Douglas correctly. ZIP + 4 on the stamp is apparently an exhortation to the public to use not only the established ZIP postal code of four digits representing the addressee's Post Office, but also an additional 4 digits to narrow the address down to a delivery round. It is similar to our post code, but not so precise.

This bicycle stamp is one of many featured in an article in the current issue of our American contemporary, *The Wheelman*.



News & Views!
Dec 1987/Jan 1988.
No. 208.

New Cyclist!
VETERAN BIKES (rooms, race safety issues, healthy living and pollution, road repair, cycle cross, manufacturing industry and many other subjects have been promoted with bicycle stamps on your own, but if you wish to join the New Issue Service which gets reductions on new stamps by buying direct, and in bulk, and be able to buy our invaluable computer checklist interested? If so contact me, Fiona Hedges, Hon Treasurer BSC, 137 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0HD for further information SAC appreciated

Spring 1989

News & Views!
April/May 1989
No. 210

TABLE NO 15 BICYCLE STAMP CLUB

In the summer of 1986 a new stamp magazine appeared on the thematic scene. It was *Bicycle Stamps*, the award winning, semi-annual magazine of the Bicycle Stamp Club.

This club, founded in 1986 with 59 members, is now nearly 100 strong and has members from Japan to Australia and from Scotland to the Philippines.

Every year from around the world, there comes an assortment of bicycle stamps. They depict a variety of topics, sports, postal delivery, children's activities, safety and some appear as part of the background in many other thematic issues.

Available from the club is a 30 page computer checklist containing all known bicycle stamps of the entire world. Join us and learn more. Write to Fiona Hedges, Treasurer, Bicycle Stamps Club, 137 Botley Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX2 0HD

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Bicycle Stamps.

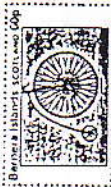
The following is an extract from the next (or perhaps by now current) issue of *Bicycle Stamps* sent to us by Douglas Marchant.



Colchester Post Office again came out on strike on the 28th November 1988 and our Essex stalwart IVAN TRINDER came to the rescue yet again. The design of the stamp is the same as the previous month's except that the printing is in purple and "28 Nov 1988" has been added.

The machine depicted is presumably intended to be Thomas Humber's safety bicycle of 1884 although it had a straight top tube (See *The Boneshaker* 57/158). *Bicycle Stamps* is the magazine of the Bicycle Stamps Club (Enquiries to the Treasurer, Fiona Hedges, 137 Botley Rd., Oxford).

Douglas also sent a copy of the Bernera Island stamp depicting a high bicycle which we show. It is believed to have been issued in 1987. Douglas wonders whether anyone can help with any information about it whatsoever. His address is: I, Pope's Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 8AX.



See page 36 of the Sixth issue of 'BS'.

'Fellowship News' September '89 No. 99

'News & Views' June/July '89 No. 211

BANKNOTES - see page 55 of the Second Issue of 'BS', and pages 52 & 53 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS' - and page 8 of this issue of 'BS'.
CIGARETTE CARDS - see pages 40 to 42 of the Third Issue of 'BS'.
COINS - see page 54 of the Second Issue of 'BS', and page 51 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS'.
MATCHBOX LABELS - see pages 59 to 64 of this Issue of 'BS'.

'Fellowship News' June '89, No. 98, 98/40

HAROLD SCOTT (Enfield) - Stamps and coins - cycling cigarette-cards I collect cycling stamps and have a check list of about 800 on our theme of which I have about 60%. Numismatists are not so well served as I know of only two coins depicting cycles.

DOUGLAS MARGHANT (Croydon) - Young to join - Cycling themes on coins, stamps and matchbox labels

98/40 - Harold Scott knows of "only two coins depicting cycles". His knowledge is dramatically increased:

1976	Canada	10 dollars
1978	Canada	1 dollar
1980	Isle of Man	1 crown
1980	Russia	10 rubles
1982	Australia	50 cents
1984	Belize	20 dollars
1986	Guernsey	2 pounds
1988	South Korea	10,000 won

and if he is thinking of collecting bank-notes too:

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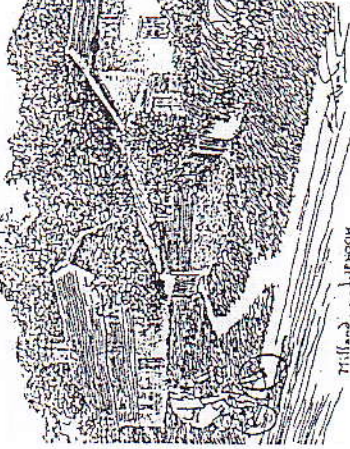
His check listing of "about 800" cycling stamps would also dramatically increase if he (or any other COT) sent a cheque for £4 - payable to the Bicycle Stamps Club - to Fiona Hedges, Hon. Treasurer, 137 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0HD, and asked for a copy of the Club's award-winning computer print-out check-list.

As for cigarette cards, I believe that Brian Saunders, 42 Cayford Avenue, Luton, Beds, has a list of such cards of cycling interest. I believe that that's what he told me when I met him briefly at the bicycle-card fair. And if anyone collects matchbox labels of cycling interest, Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520, USA, is compiling a list on computer. I don't know how many he has recorded, but my collection is now 765 labels.

An interesting point about the 1976 coin is that, on one side there is Elizabeth II 1974 and on the other Montreal 1976.

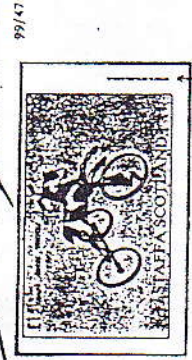
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BICYCLE STAMPS CLUB When checking the membership list of this club I was surprised to find that there were only three COTs. If there are any philatelists among us - and in a membership of over 1100 that seems fairly likely - I urge them to extend their interest to cover the treatment of the bicycle by postal services. The BSC has an excellent magazine which lists all known issues and has articles on members' researches. The new-issue service obtains stamps and other postal stationery items cheaply, and tries to obtain only the bicycle items when sets are published. Contact with other stamp-collectors is provided - any aficionado will know that a grapevine is an important asset to any collectors' organisation. The secretary has produced a check-list of stamps that is computerised, and is always up-to-date: it has won a Philatelic Silver Award. An incidental bonus is that one tends to receive catalogues of stamps and allied items for sale, and to get notices of auctions. I defy anyone to read the quarterly magazine *Bicycle Stamps* without finding some items of absorbing interest in it. UK inquiries should be made to the treasurer, Fiona Hedges, 137 Botley Rd, Oxford, OX2 0HD; all other inquiries should be sent to the secretary, Norman Batho, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520, USA.

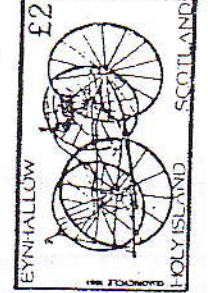
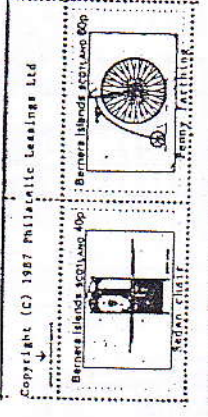


Norman Batho's Zip Code is 08520 and not 08320

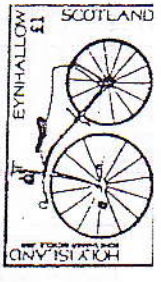
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Douglas Marchant, editor of *Bicycle Stamps*, I Pines Grove, Shirley, Croydon, CR0 8AX, would like anyone who knows anything about any of these stamps, which surfaced in the USA, to get in touch with him.

The two STAFFAs were obtained from America by John Mansell BSC and the two EYNHALLOWS are from the collection of Carl Wiedman BSC and the BERNERA is from the collection of Norman Batho BSC

Actual sizes are:
 £1 Staffa 71 x 44mm
 £2 Staffa 89 x 57mm
 £1 Eynhallow 78 x 50mm
 £2 Eynhallow 90 x 57mm
 60p Bernera 53 x 33mm

John Pinkerton, President of the Veteran-Cycle Club, has been told that they are all "legally issued"

"COTs" - Members of the Fellowship of the Cycling Old-Timers.

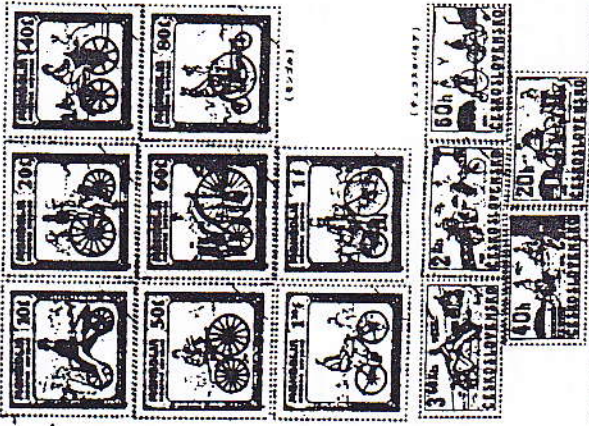
The sketch is by Frank Patterson. See page 33.

'Bicycle Stamps' is not quarterly BUT if enough members write to our new Editor! If you want a quarterly magazine, you must tell him.

自転車の切手について JAPAN

自転車の切手は、昭和十一年十一月七日に発行された。その切手のデザインは、自転車の姿を写したものである。この切手は、郵便物の送料として貼られる。また、集郵者にとっては、自転車の切手は、自転車の歴史を知るための貴重な資料である。この切手は、現在でも集郵者から高い人気を博している。

No. 37. 15th November 1967.
(actual date shown was 62.11.15, but see page 7 of the Sixth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps')



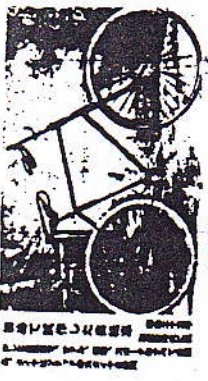
Two extracts from the Japanese bicycle magazine 'Jitensha' which is Edited by Yukio Ootsu BSC.

自転車の歴史は、古くからある。最初は木製の車輪で、重くて乗り心地が悪かった。しかし、鉄製の車輪が普及すると、軽くなり、乗りやすくなった。また、エンジンを搭載したオートバイも登場し、自転車の進化を促した。現在では、スポーツバイクや電動バイクなど、多岐にわたる種類がある。



No. 47. 15th July 1969.
(the actual date shown so it seems as if the Japanese have adopted the more universal way of dating - to make it easier for the rest of us!)

自転車は、現代社会において欠かせない乗り物である。その利便性と経済性が、多くの人々を魅了している。また、健康維持や通勤通学にも最適な手段となっている。自転車の進化は、人間の生活を大きく変えてきた。これからも、さらなる進化を遂げるであろう。



自転車の構造は、非常にシンプルである。しかし、その構造には多くの技術が凝らされている。例えば、フレームの強度や、タイヤの空気圧の維持など、細かな部分まで考慮されている。また、近年では、軽量化や高強度化が進み、より快適な乗り心地を実現している。

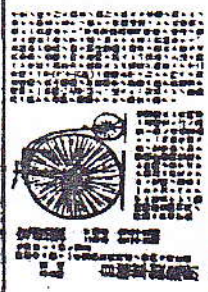


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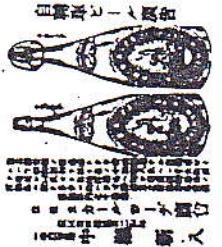
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Maybe Shiro Yagami BSC might care to send a translation of the salient points to our new Editor...



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Two extracts from the Japanese bicycle magazine 'Jitensha' which is Edited by Yukio Ootsu BSC.

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN RARITIES



IRELAND - 7th April 1988

Please don't think for one moment that the ideas given here are original or just a whim. Or maybe you think it is all "too silly". But if you want to make an investment....



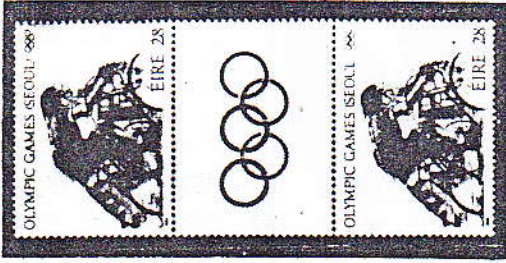
The East German stamp of the 27th May 1963 and showing champion cyclist Albert Richter, was issued with a "tab" showing two cyclists. Go and consult a specialist catalogue....



See page 54 of the Fourth Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' for the actual size of the stamps

When stamps are issued in a tenant format - providing that the stamps do not together form a complete picture - it is sometimes possible to create your own rarities. The Irish Issue of 7th April 1988 provides a very good example of what can be done.

The stamps were issued in sheetlets of 10 stamps and two tabs (see illustration A). You will need at least three sheetlets to create all the other examples shown. The single stamp (B) is not a problem and the strip of two stamps and the two tabs (C) is straightforward enough, but to obtain the two bicycle stamps separated by a tab (D) as well would require a second sheetlet. To obtain the two pairs (E & F) the first sheetlet could be used. The second sheetlet can be used to obtain one of the blocks of four (G or H). To obtain the other block of four, a third sheetlet would be necessary.



E

G



F

H



Illustrations F & H will become the most sought after items as not many collectors will think of separating the sheetlets in that way. And the illustrations shown here do not exhaust the possibilities open to the "creative" collector. He or she could create three vertical blocks of six; four horizontal blocks of six; two vertical blocks of eight; two vertical blocks of nine; four other blocks of four and how many vertical and horizontal pairs and strips of three... Of course the enthusiast DM.

THE FIRST BICYCLE STAMP!!

Until now we have all thought that the very first stamps to illustrate a bicycle were the German Bochum Town Post ones of August 1887 (see page 3) of the Third Issue of 1887! Now we have discovered an ever earlier stamp to show a bicycle! It was issued on the 14th May 1887 in Scotland. It shows a top right and, as can be seen, it has no face value or any writing on it, but it was clearly postally used to convey a bicycle and rider one hundred miles from and to Irvine, the bicycle and rider were clearly visible on the cover. (In the form of an exercise book) and are able to trace the exact route taken by the package for, oddly enough, every post office en route; date, stamped this cover and even added the time and the post clerk's signature. The postman or mail carrier is none other than Alex Fletcher, Junior of the Irvine Bicycle Club. He was Vice-Captain of the Club in 1884 (see below) and won many prizes for his cycling prowess (see below right). His own cycling account, I started to learn on the old wooden velocipede (or bone-shaker) in the year 1879 and after going with William Crawford (the man next door) who possessed a bicycle, and struck with the perseverance of the bone-shaker, I agreed to lend me his cycle at any time I wished. Many were the blessings that we poured forth for his success. In the year 1881 (August) I managed to get a Spocess, or Spysell, a Devey Express, roller bearing and splendid value it turned out to be. In 1883, I raced at Kilmomochil and got second prize. A bicycle club was formed in 1884. I was Vice-Captain for three years and Captain for three years. I introduced the safety in 1888 and raced on (it) to 1893, being without an equal for ten years in Irvine. Johnny's happy day I spent cycling far and near, being 100 miles in 1885 and 1887 in less than 10 hours! How very strange that he didn't record his probably quite unique employment by the Post Office to deliver himself to the point where he was posted...

BUT - see Page 3

IRVINE BICYCLE CLUB, 1884.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

T. R. STUART, Jun., M.A.,
President.

JOHN JOHNSTON,
Vice-Captain.

ALEXANDER FLETCHER,
Bosque.

WILLIAM HAMILLE,
Hon. Treasurer.

ANDREW AITKEN,
41 Iron Street, Irvine.

T. KERR and A. GRANFORD,
Committee.

Hon. Secretary,
J. MILLAN,
43 Iron Street, Irvine.

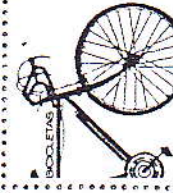
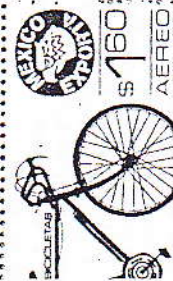
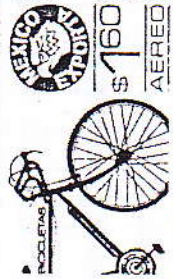
CONSTITUTION & RULES.

- 1.-The Club shall be called the "Irvine Bicycle Club".
- 2.-The Office-Bearers shall be a President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Honorary Treasurer and Secretary. The Captain shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Club.
- 3.-The Office-Bearers and Ten Members of the Club shall constitute the Committee. There to be a quorum.
- 4.-The Entrance Fee shall be Five Shillings, and the Annual Subscription shall be Two Shillings and Sixpence, payable on or before 31st April in each year.
- 5.-A Candidate for Membership must send in a Certificate of Approval for himself, to the Committee for approval in respect of his own and his previous Club's "bookings" for season, and must be recommended by two members of the Club.
- 6.-All members of the Club, Members must wear the Uniform.
- 7.-Members must carry the Bicycle, shall be allowed to carry a bicycle at Club Meetings.
- 8.-During runs of the Club, the Captain shall have full charge, and members are expected to obey his orders.
- 9.-The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in February - seven to be a quorum.
- 10.-The Annual General Meeting shall be a quorum, and the Annual General Meeting, or not called for the purpose.

MEXICO

Mexico, 20th November 1975. Bert Schapelhouman BSC sent me this photocopy of a strip of five (from the top of a sheetlet) which is in his collection.

Notice anything odd about it...



MEXICO

Second and Third pages - (facing each other)

10.45-20 One
7 1/2 p.m. Scotland
3.45 p.m. Dundee
11.10 Glasgow (1/1)
1 Kilmoryie h.t.
12.35 Edinburgh
1.45 p.m. Irvine
2. p.m. Irvine
2.20 p.m. Edinburgh
5-55 p.m. Irvine
3.46 p.m. Aberdeen

Exercise Book sized 121 x 189mm

Stamp - imperforate
Size: 26 x 33mm

photograph

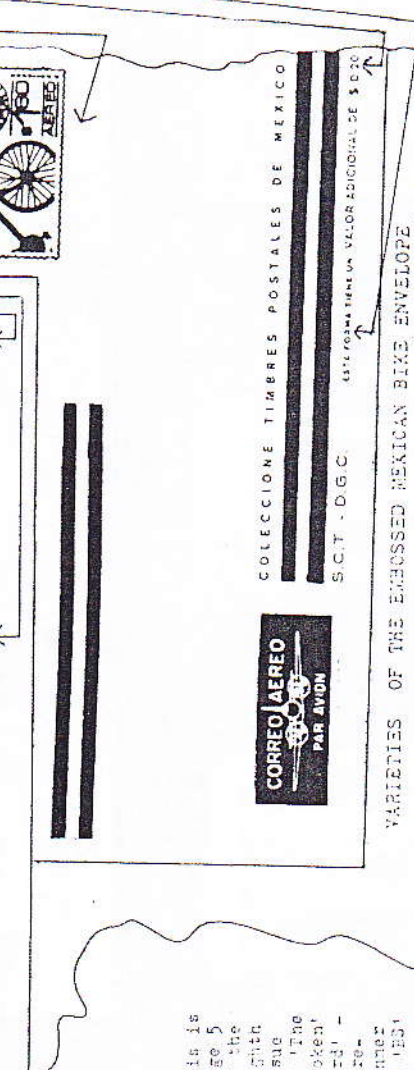
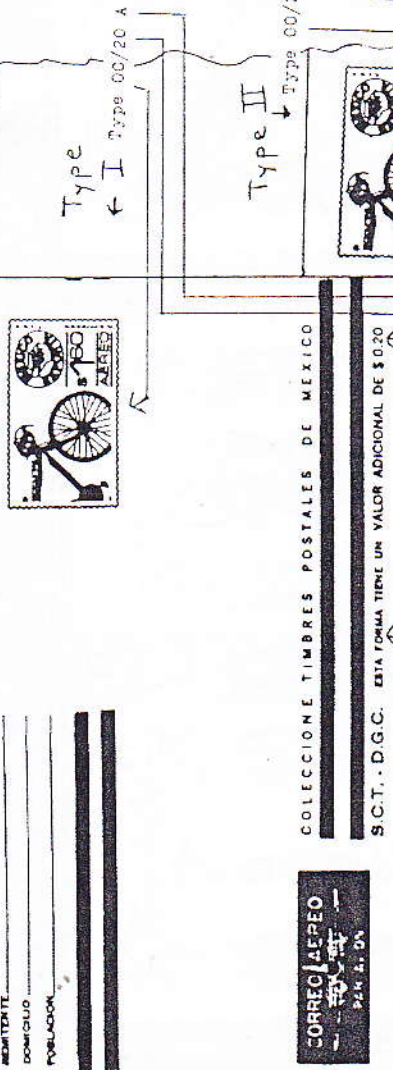
Alex Fletcher with some/all of his prizes including a teapot, an inkstand, a flask and a case of salts

...and holding his bicycle - maybe the one used for his temporary Post Office employment...

British Sole BSC supplied all the information for this historic article.

When the article reproduced on the left was published, two distinct varieties were known - a large and a small "ESTA FORMA TIENE UN" at the bottom. Frank Haynconian and David Sher named them Types I and II. I am going to rename them Types 00/20 A (for the larger one) and Type 00/20 B (for the smaller one). The reason for that is that some other distinct differences have come to light - a 10 instead of 20 in the bottom line and writing immediately under the printed stamp. There are a number of other differences such as the width of the bottom line (it varies by as much as 5mm) and the distances and levels between "stamp" and the return address area and the printed air mail etiquette, but they may be explained by the fact that as they are in different colours, the ribbings would have been done separately and so maybe they should not be considered as recordable varieties. Type 00/10 A (20 for the figure under the stamp, 10 for the figure at the bottom of the envelope and A for the larger sized printing on the bottom line) exists and so does a Type 20/20 A (Both illustrated here). Do others exist such as a Type 10/10 A? If you know of other types, the new Editor would like to hear from you.

I am very grateful to Daniel Hibbelink BSC for help with this up-dating. DM.



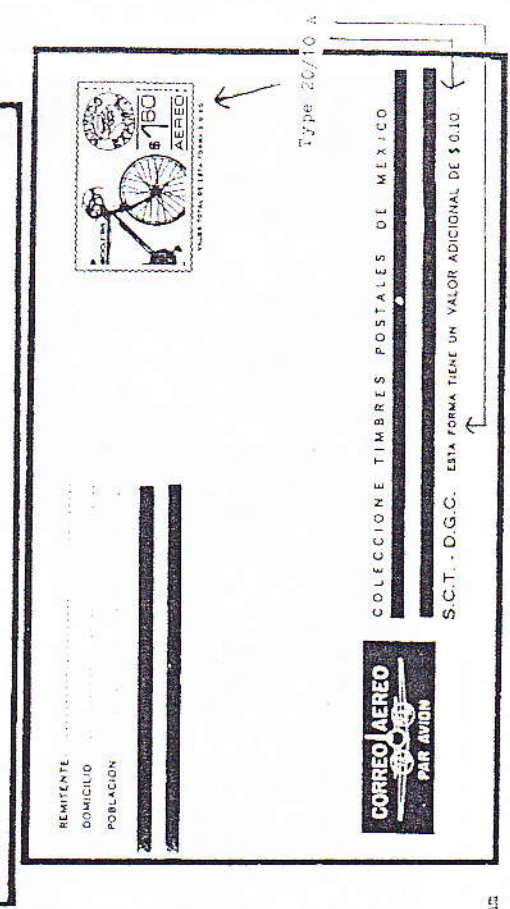
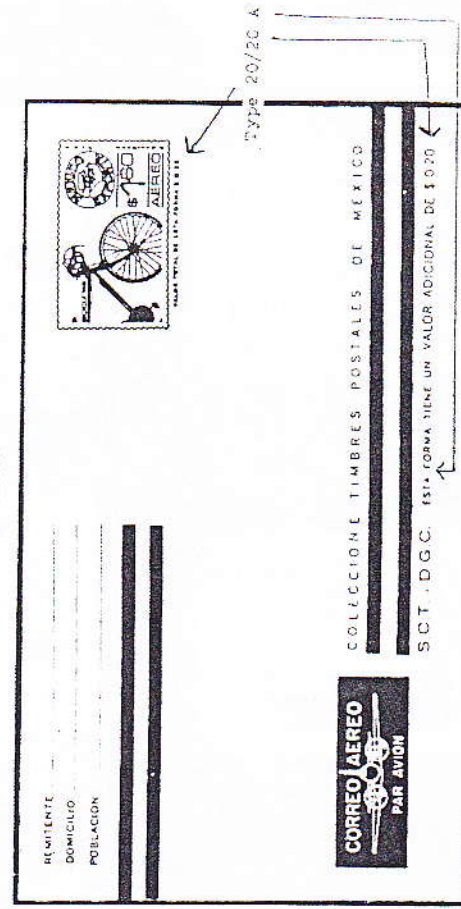
VARIETIES OF THE EMBOSSED MEXICAN BIKE ENVELOPE
by Frank Haynconian
& David Sher

In the later part of the year 1975, Mexico issued a set of stamps commemorating their exports. One of their exports is bicycles. Scott's catalogue assigns no. C 491 to that airmail bike stamp.

Although not a major exporter of bicycles, Mexico's bike factories produce decent quality machines. The Windsor company is a firm manufacturer and have good quality control since many small parts are produced at the plant site rather than purchased elsewhere. Lower costs are achieved and so Windsor bikes are of good value. The Italian bike firm Benotto also has a plant in Mexico, exporting almost 80% of their frames to the USA. The two items picture here have the export bike motif embossed onto envelopes. However, careful inspection of the two envelopes show some interesting differences: Type I has a larger printing type as can be seen at the bottom of each envelope. Type I is also done on a darker paper. Type II is the older type, when the printing bureau of Mexico saw that the type used to print was too small (Type II), they reissued the item enlarging the print.

END

Envelope size is 94 x 160mm



This is Page 5 of the Eighth Issue of 'The Spoken Word' - Corner Turner to 1931 I have retired from the original Since July '92 information has come to light about the Exprotra envelopes and so an up-dating to the far right

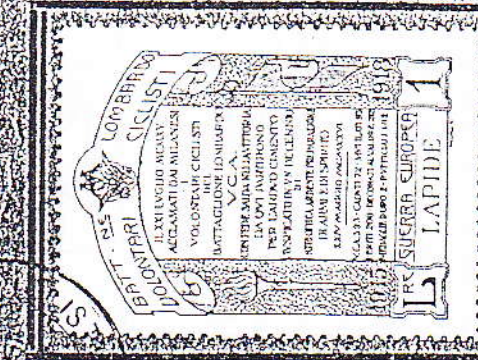
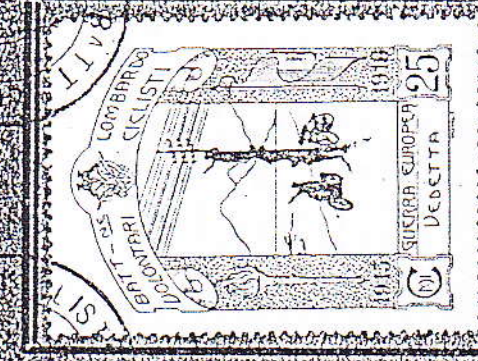
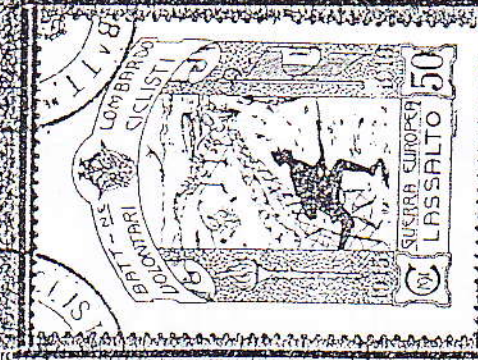
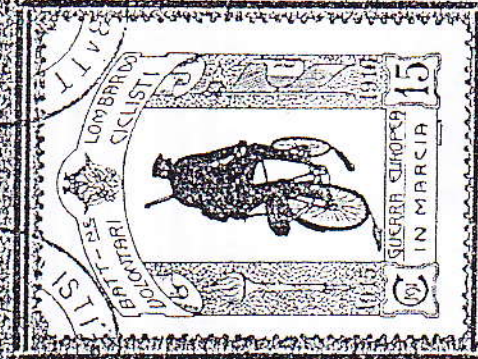
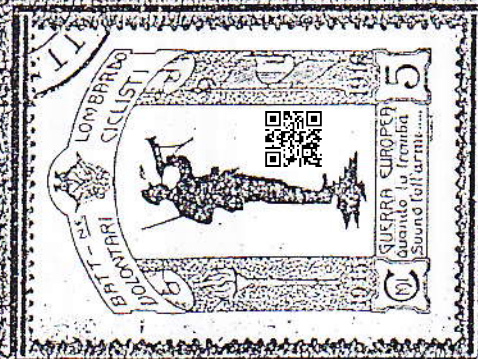
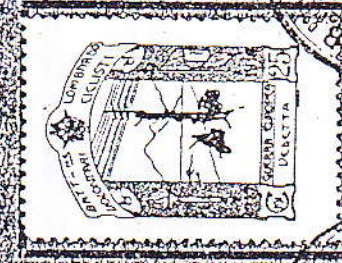
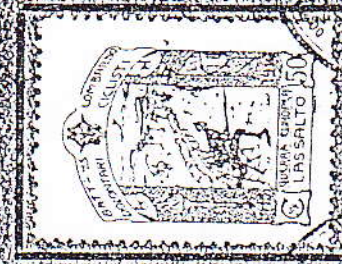
Italian Military Commemorative Vignettes

"Stamps Commemorating the Lombardian Voluntary Cyclist Battalion's occupation of Dossò Casina - 22nd October 1915"

Francobolli Commemorativi del

BATTAGLIONE LOMBARDO VOLONTARI CICLISTI

22 OTTOBRE 1915 -
ALL'OCCUPAZIONE DI
DOSSO CASINA - QUOTA 970



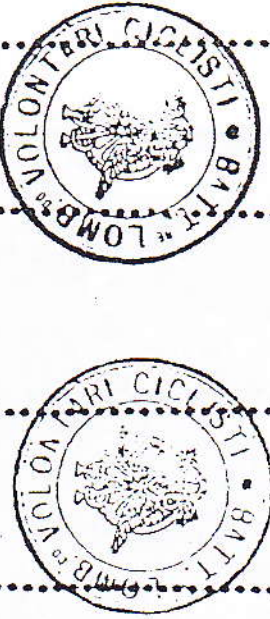
REG. 1000/15 - S. MICHIELI - BOLOGNA



Vinicete - Fortifer - Calerline" - Unconquered, Strong and Fast. A picture of a Bersagliere (Sharp-shooter) cyclist in action.

Although I have been unable to find Dosso Casina, Denis Gemmani BSC has told me that it is on the northern edge of Lake Garda and was occupied by the Italians after a very difficult military operation against the Austrians. Despite the mountainous terrain and bad weather, the cyclists acquitted themselves to the extent of being mentioned in despatches. In 'The Great War' by H.W. Wilson, I found that "the cyclists attached to those world-famed regiments of green-plumed sharpshooters, the Bersaglieri, used specially constructed machines which could be packed on their backs or as quickly unpacked for use". Denis Gemmani reports that five different sheets were issued - one in each of these colours: blue, green, maroon, purple and red. The vignettes were issued in ten different colours including blue, brown, green, orange, purple and violet. The cachet is hard to see, but it is the same as the one used on the sheet below. Denis Gemmani kindly found a beautiful vignette (illustrated on the right) for me. In an Italian magazine I found a couple of paragraphs. The first simply describes the stamp e.g. horizontal stamp. The second translates: "The First Company of Sharp-Shooter Cyclists (Captain Natali) was formed during the grand manoeuvres of 1895 and formed part of the 4th Sharp-Shooters. After 1901 each Sharp-Shooter Regiment had a Company of Cyclists. Finally in 1910 each Sharp-Shooter Regiment had three Companies of Cyclists" DM.

A Sharp-Shooter Cyclist



Our grateful thanks to Denis Gemmani BSC for all the information.



From 'Rivista Militare' Quotidiano N. 4/1986.



La prima compagnia di bersaglieri ciclisti (capitano Natali) fu formata in occasione delle grandi manovre del 1895 e poi venne mantenuta quale "compagnia organica" del 4° bersagliere. Dopo il 1901 ogni reggimento bersagliere ebbe in sua composizione ciclisti ed, infine nel 1910, tutti i reggimenti fu dato un battaglione ciclisti su 3 compagnie.

The above vignette has a pale grey background surrounded by a red frame bordered by a GOLD cord. The cyclist and the bat plume are in green. Shield is of a white cross on a red background. The number "12" is black on GOLD. The bicycle, handlebar, shovel and rolled-up cloak are in brown.



First Voluntary Cyclist Company vignette.

Denis Gemmani has four of these - one is green; one is brown; another is purple and the

1955

The sheetlet on the left was issued on the 50th Anniversary of the V.C.A. (Volontari Ciclisti Automobilisti - Voluntary Cyclists and Motorists). The vignettes are printed in green (the cyclist) and red (the wording)

No evidence of the postal validity of any of these items has been found.

NETHERLANDS

DUTCH "REWARD" CARDS

'FOR THE CHILD'



On the 17th November 1958 the Dutch Post Office issued a set of five charity stamps and the lowest face valued stamp in the set shows a girl walking on stilts and a boy riding a tricycle. That stamp is illustrated actual size above right. Charity stamps are postage stamps bearing a premium in aid of some philanthropic object - usually named or indicated on the stamps. When anyone wanted to post a letter which needed a 4c postage stamp affixed, he or she could choose to use an ordinary 4c stamp or a 4c + 4c charity stamp. If the latter was bought, the Post Office entered an agreement to pass over the extra 4c to a charity - in this instance, the "For the Child" Institute - a child welfare fund.

A special "Reward" or "Thank You" Card was given to teachers, factories, offices, shops, businesses and to local committees formed to actively campaign to persuade the public to buy the charity stamps. The front of that "Reward" Card is illustrated on the left (and is shown actual sized). It appears to be a giant stamp for, not only is the same picture used, but the perforations are real - they are not printed perforations. Philatelists of the time tended to shun them as a Post Office " gimmick", but now they have achieved a certain philatelic respectability and are keenly sought after yet are not easily found. Only 26,000 were issued and were given to many who were not stamp collectors. Even those who were stamp collectors probably treated them in the same way that the non-stamp collectors did - place them in drawers and, later, threw them away.

Very few have survived and probably fewer have survived without excessive damage to the corners owing to the perforations. I have managed, with the help of Peter Rickenback BSC, to acquire a sample of the three different "Reward" Cards issued. The interiors of those three are shown below left and the backs of those three are shown below right - all greatly reduced in size to fit into the space available. 20,000 were given to school teachers, 4,500 were given to factories, offices, shops and businesses and 1,500 were given to the members of local committees set up specifically to promote the sale of the stamps. Backs: Top, "This Card was printed in Amsterdam by N.V. Drukkerij Senefelder. The text is set in Erasmus typeface. The circulation is limited to 20,000 (or 4,500 or 1,500) copies". Each card was individually numbered in the centre of the back. Bottom: "The manufacture of this Card was made for the Dutch Committee for Children Postage Stamps without charge"

Interiors: The messages of thanks are not the same

20,000 Cards: "The School Operation 1958 involved you in considerable work and the acceptance of Great Responsibility. Under your leadership, the school pupils again achieved a magnificent result. We say to you heartfelt thanks for your trouble and devotion"

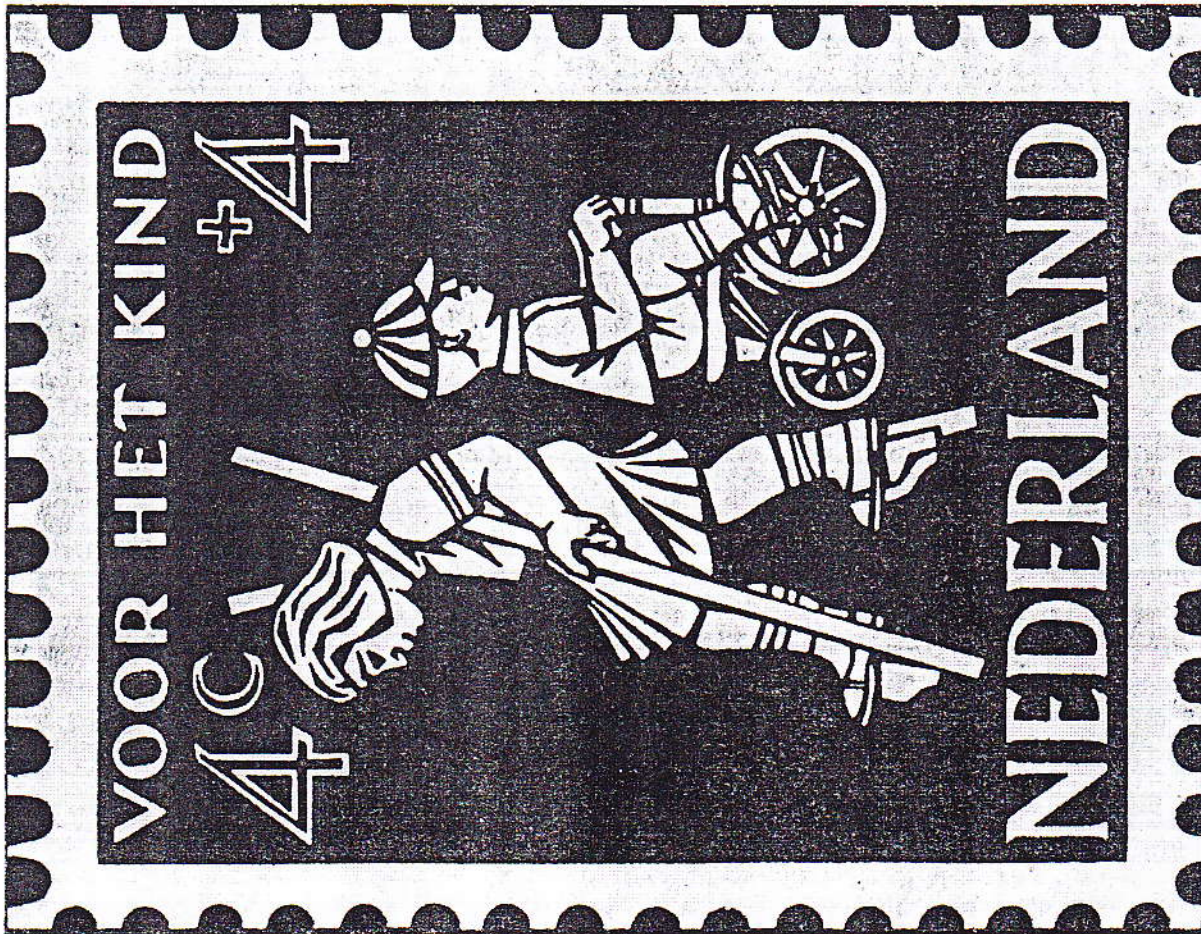
On the right: "through the Child - For the Child. 1958"

4,500 Cards: "Your contribution to the Children Postage Stamp Operation 1958 opened for the Dutch disadvantaged child new possibilities. We heartily thank you for your help and faith and also count on your valued co-operation in the future"

On the right: "Children Postage Stamp Operation. 1958"

1,500 Cards: "Your help was an important measure in achieving success for the Children Postage Stamp Operation 1958. We say to you, heartfelt thanks for your trouble and your devotion"

On the right: "Children Postage Stamp Operation. 1958"



The "Reward" Card, actual size. The perforations are real. To photocopy the card and so the perforations will be seen, I placed the card on black paper.

I am grateful to Peter Rickenback BSC for providing some background information, but I am solely responsible for translating the Dutch into English DM.

I photocopied the backs before the interiors. Between those stages I damaged the corner of a 20,000 Card... DM.

The "wavy" lines of printing are a photocopying phenomenon - the "Reward" Cards have perfectly straight lines

De schoolactie 1958 betrekende voor U veel werken bet aanvanden van een grote verantwoordelijkheid. Onder Uw leiding werd door de schoolleider wederom een prachtig resultaat bereikt. Wij zeggen U hartelijk dank voor Uw zorg en Uw toewijding.

Uw bijdrage aan de Kinderpostzegelactie 1958 opende voor het Nederlandse misdeelde kind nieuwe mogelijkheden. Wij danken U hartelijk voor Uw bijp en blijven ook in de toekomst op Uw geavanceerde medewerking rekenen.

Uw bijp droeg in belangrijke mate bij tot het slagen van de Kinderpostzegelactie 1958. Wij zeggen U hartelijk dank voor Uw zorg en Uw toewijding.

NED. COMITE VOOR KINDERPOSTZEGELS

J. A. Cassee

Prof. R. Hornstra

STICHTING „VOOR HET KIND“

J. A. Cassee

Each card was printed with the signature of Professor R. Hornstra of the Dutch Committee for Children Postage Stamps and the signature of J. A. Cassee of the "For the Child" Institute.

Door het Kind - Voor het Kind
1958

Kinderpostzegelactie
1958

Kinderpostzegelactie
1958



The 4c + 4c stamp was affixed and cancelled at Amsterdam's Central Railway Station with "15.1.12 - 52". What the numbers mean is a mystery. Maybe Piet Hein Eilersden BSC can assist (information in English to our new Editor please).

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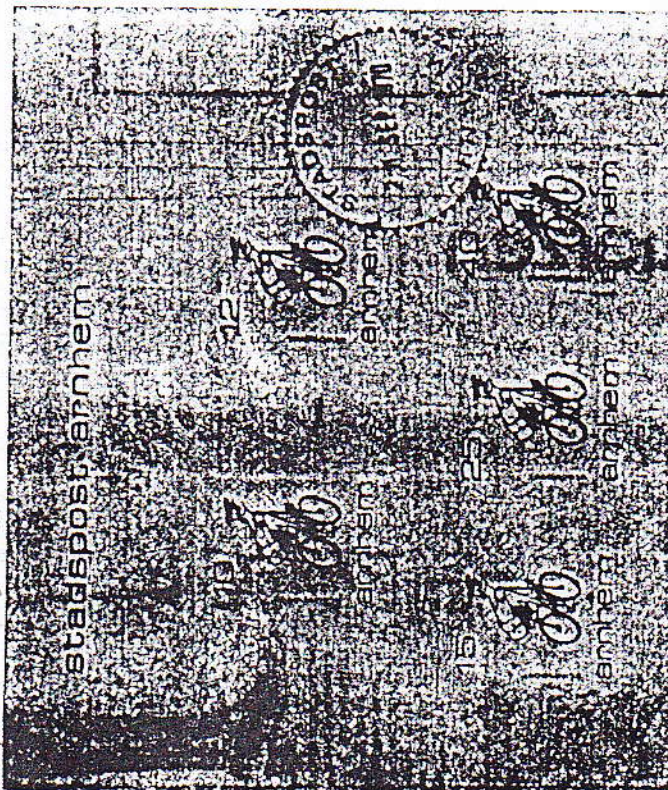
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Aan de verantwoordeling van deze kaart 1958 voor het Nederlands Comité voor Kinderpostzegels geen wettelijke aansprakelijkheid.



Stadspostdienst voor Arnhem

Newspaper title unknown



ARNHEM -- Tot ieders verrassing is vanmorgen de Arnhemse verkoopleider H. G. v. d. Horst, wonend aan de Ulenpaslaan 1, van start gegaan met een eigen postdienst voor de Gelderse hoofdstad. Overigens niet als dagtaak maar meer als bijverdienste.

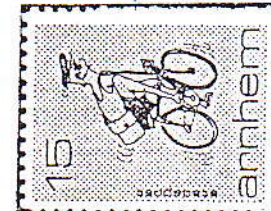
Vanmorgen konden nog geen andere inlichtingen over het poststelsel worden verkregen. „De heer V. d. Horst zit in het noorden van het land en komt niet voor tien uur vanavond terug”, werd meegedeeld door een achter telefoonnummer 422699 schuil gaande vrouw, die vertelde, weinig commente over de postdienst te



The stamps are black background. Printed. The background is Salmon.



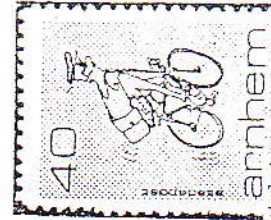
shown on dots. Reddish lilac.



actual white are. Rose lilac.



paper coloured. Pale purple violet.



NETHERLANDS Town-Post-Service for Arnhem

Stadspost dienst

Newspaper title unknown



Stadspost in Arnhem

Van onze correspondent ARNHEM -- Arnhem is sinds Eilertsen een stadspostdienst. Initiatiefnemer is v kooplied G. v. d. Horst die zich via een folder bij bedrijven heeft gepresenteerd. Op zijn postzegels prijkt de foto van de postbode. De postzegels kosten tien, twaalf, vijftien, en veertig cent.

TOWN POST IN ARNHEM

From our correspondent

Arnhem - Since yesterday Arnhem has a town post service. The initiator is Sales Manager H. G. van der Horst who has announced the service via a brochure. The postage stamps picture a bicycle of a postman and cost ten, twelve, fifteen and forty cents.

Translator's Note. The endings of all the words on the extreme right are missing. Thankfully I was able to cope, but the 25 cent stamp was not listed. There just is no room for "vijf en twintig"

Dutch 'Locals'

In the Premier Issue of 'Bicycle Stamps' I wrote that among the "projects in hand" for future issues of the magazine was a "detailed supplement on the Town-Post stamps on the Netherlands". Some Dutch "locals" were illustrated in the Premier Issue (pages 85/6, 8, 14 and 15). Others have made brief appearances in later issues (pages 84/5 and 20 of the Third Issue and page 15 of the Fourth Issue). The Scheveningen issue of 30th June 1975 (when the Tour de France commenced there that year) has not appeared at all.

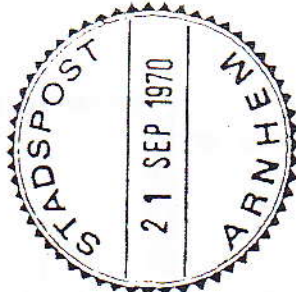
After many requests for information, our Dutch member Piet Hein Hilariides kindly managed to find some documents on the Arnhem Town Post Service of 1970. As a result, I have been able to put together these three pages. Any errors in translating the documents are mine. DM.

TOWN POST SERVICE FOR ARNHEM

Arnhem - This morning, to everyone's surprise, Arnhem's Sales Manager, H. G. van der Horst, who lives at 1, Ulenpaslaan, started his own postal service for (the province of) Gelderland's main town. However, the planning was not done in a day, but the service will bring in additional money (for the town!).

No further information about the postal service was available this morning. "Mr. Van der Horst is in the north and will not be returning until ten this evening" a woman said when we telephoned 422699. We can convey little information about the post service at... translator's note: probably "at this time".

A number of Arnhem's businesses received a priced brochure from Mr. Van der Horst in which the stamps are illustrated. They all show a postman on a bicycle and are admirably designed. The stamp prices are 10, 12, 15, 25 and 40 cents.



Cancellation mark used on the First Day of Issue

Wednesday, 23rd September 1970

"GOLDEN" STAMPS WITH TOWN POST SERVICE ARNHEM

From our own reporters

Arnhem, 23rd September. "The law is on our side and on your's" (literally: We walk with the law in our hand for she be so with you), said Arnhem's first town postman, E. van der Horst. Many local businesses have had letters pushed through their letter boxes announcing the arrival of the national post office's rival. The announcement naturally caused anxiety to the local postmen.

"You really must not think that I am an expert, but I can learn" said Mr. Van der Horst. "It is also my hobby and Arnhem should have a local (town) post service". He is resolute that he cannot do worse (than the national post office) even with a quantity of letters and printed matter to deliver. Furthermore, Mr. Van der Horst, the philatelist, derives great pleasure in the venture and especially the designing of the stamps. His telephone is red-hot as a result of answering many calls from philatelists

GOLD VALUE

Mr. Van der Horst is not alone for he has a number of helpers willing to post letters through doors in their spare time. He is a Sales Manager and is, in his spare time, concerned about the future of town post services. The Queen's Speech (in the Dutch Parliament) may include an announcement of a change in the Post Law and the phenomenon of town posts may disappear. "The philatelist would then have little stamps worth their weight in gold", said the initiator, adding that there would then be an opportunity of making a second series.

Translator's Note: The following paragraph proved exceedingly difficult to make any sense of and I fear that the "finer meanings" have been lost. My apologies The Postal Wars should not be seen as an opportunity to be exploited. Mr. Van der Horst is determined to keep to the rules although he may not worry too much about trifling infringements. The rules about letters are a tender point for him. He is more comfortable with those concerning printed matter. For them he has a machine that can cope.

Translator's Note: In complete contrast, the following paragraph was a "piece of cake". I didn't have to look up a single word!

The tariffs at each weight level are lower than the national postal rates. The cost of sending up to 500 letters weighing less than 50 grams a letter is 12 cents each. If more than 500 letters, the price falls to 10 cents each. Letters weighing 50 to 200 grams, 25 cents each for up to 500 letters, 20 cents each for a quantity above 500 and below 1,000, and 15 cents each for a quantity above 1,000. Letters weighing above two ounces are charged at 40, 30 and 25 cents each respectively.

Translator's Note: Whilst it was easy to translate, I am puzzled as to why letters weighing just over two ounces (approximately 56 grams) should cost more than letters weighing up to 200 grams (approximately seven ounces)...

Stamp Booklets

Town Post Arnhem

The definitive stamp booklets for the 10, 12 and 15c stamps The booklets are expected to carry advertisements Only 50 booklets of each value will be produced



STADSPOST ARNHEM

De definitieve postzegelboekjes. De boekjes zijn uitgegeven voor de waarden van: 10, 12 en 15 cent. Elk boekje is voorzien van een reclamestrip. De boekjes zijn vervaardigd in een oplage van (twee) 50 stuks.

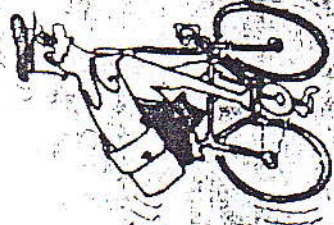
In the future always use your printed matter.

STADSPOST ARNHEM VOOR AL UW DRUKWERKEN

"Gouden" zegels bij stadspostdienst Arnhem

Newspaper title unknown

"eerste dag van uitgifte" = first day of issue i.e. a PDC - and yet, instead of the Dutch abbreviation EDU, the English PDC abbreviation was used - see bottom of page 30!



eerste dag van uitgifte

(Van een onzer verslaggevers) ARNHEM, 23 sept. - We lopen met de wet in de hand, want te allen tijde is de stadspostdienst een grote bedrijfs... Van der Horst, de initiator van de stadspostdienst, heeft een brief in de bus... met datin de mededeling van de stedelijke PDC-concurrent. De brief was natuurlijk per eigen bodje bezorgd.

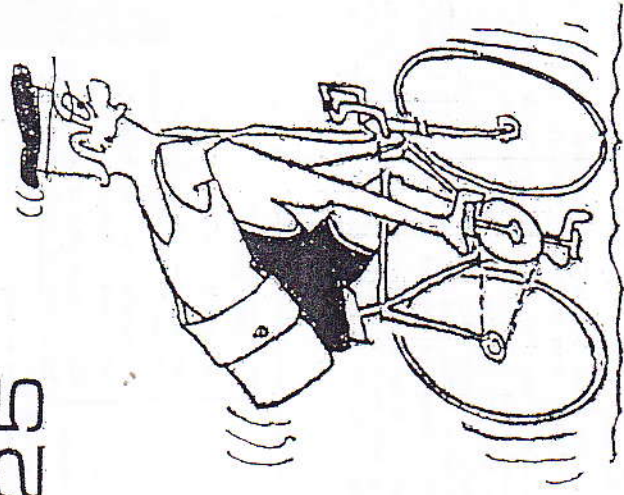
GOUD WAARD

De heer Van der Horst betreft niet te veel. Daarvoor is hij verschuldigd met zijn brief in de bus... Hij blijft verkoopleider en heet in zijn vrije tijd de zorg voor de stadspostdienst. Met de verandering van de Postwet, die al in de Troonrede werd aangekondigd, zal het verschijnsel van de stadspost wel verdwijnen.

De lareven liggen een stuk lager dan bij de PTT. Zo kost een brief nu 50 gram tot 500 stuks 12 cent, boven de 500 10 cent. Van 50 tot 200 gram 25 cent, tot 500 stuks 20 tot 1.000 en 15 boven de 1.000. Brieven boven de 2 ons komen op resp. 40, 30 en 25 ct.



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ARNHEM

Origineel getekend ontwerp van de heer H. Geertman.
The original design by Mr. H. Geertman.

STADSPOST ARNHEM

Op 21 september 1970 zijn de eerste zegels in gebruik genomen.

- Davao Champion wii
- synthetisch
- meerkleuren offset
- Refoli te Arnhem
- H. Geertman te Haarlem
- L 10 3/4
- 8 x 5 zegels van elke waarde op een vel
- 27 x 35 mm
- 10.000 zegels voor de waarden: 10, 12 en 15 ct.
- 6.000 zegels voor de waarden: 25 en 40 ct.
- 21 september 1970
- een lijdende besteller van de postdienst.

oplage getande zegels op FDC: 1.000 stuks.

We have fortunately found a copy of the letter sent out to announce the Arnhem Town Post Service. The "Technical" details are recorded bottom left and I have provided a translation (below). The letter reproduced (right) is a general announcement of the Service.

On the 1st July 1970 we announce the start of the Town Post Service Arnhem for deliveries in the Arnhem area.

The Town Post Service Arnhem is anxious to handle your letters, notes, printed matter and brochures and at very competitive prices.

The Town Post Service Arnhem can arrange delivery of a single item too. Each customer of the Service will be given separate treatment. The organisers will operate within the limits of the Postal Law. Even so, we promise a speedy delivery.

The prices will be half those of the national Post Office's.

Your items will always receive same-day delivery.

The tariff for looking after your postal items

Numbers	Up to	Up to	Over
	50 gr.	200 gr.	200 gr.
50 - 500 items	15c	25c	40c
500 - 1000 items	12c	20c	30c
1000 - or more	10c	15c	25c

For the environs - Arnhem West, Gosterbeek, Bommel, there is an additional charge of 2c *

Unfortunately, no lower tariff can be offered for items sent to addresses outside Arnhem and its environs.

If you have any questions, I will personally answer them...

* But no 2c stamp! DM.

TOWN-POST ARNHEM

On the 21st September 1970 the first stamps will be issued.

- Paper - Davao Champion White
- Gum - Synthetic
- Printing - Four-Colour Offset
- Printer - Refoli of Arnhem
- Design and Copyright - H. Geertman of Haarlem
- Perforation - 10 3/4
- Format - 8 x 5 stamps of each value on a sheet
- Stamp Size - 27 x 35mm
- Print Run - 10,000 of each of 10, 12 and 15c stamps and 6,000 of each of the 25 and 40c stamps
- Date of Issue - 21st September 1970
- Picture - a bicycle postman of the post service

Circulation - perforated stamps on First Day Covers - 1,000*

* That is the literal translation, but 200 stamps (40 of each value)... I think what is meant is that each sheet was of 40 stamps of a single value.

** No mention of imperforated stamps. I have the FDC with imperf. stamps and I have a mint set of imperf. stamps.

stadspost arnhem
P. H. v. d. Horst
Liesboschsteeg 1, Arnhem
pho 30437 - tel. 011-42948

Per 1 juli 1970 hebben wij een service gemaakt met de STADSPOSTDIENST ARNHEM met als bezorggebied Arnhem.

De STADSPOSTDIENST ARNHEM bezorgt gedrukte stukken; hieronder kan worden verstaan uw brieven alsmede nota's, drukverskelen en foldersmateriaal.

De STADSPOSTDIENST ARNHEM beschikt over een bezorger zodat per opdrachtgever een afzonderlijk bezorger beschikbaar is. Deze organisatie is gekoppeld aan de STADSPOSTDIENST ARNHEM te laten functioneren binnen de mogelijkheden die de postwet ons toestaat; bovendien heeft u als opdrachtgever de zekerheid dat uw poststukken een persoonlijke aandacht en snelle bezorging ontvangen.

Afhankelijk van uw opdracht is nu te stellen dat u een halvering van portokosten kunt verkrijgen. Uw stukken worden altijd nog dezelfde dag bezorgd.

TARIEVEN VOOR HET BEZORGEN VAN POSTSTUKKEN

aantal	1/4 50 gr.	1/4 200 gr.	boven 200 gr.
50 - 500 stuks	15 ct.	25 ct.	40 ct.
500 - 1000 stuks	12 ct.	20 ct.	30 ct.
1000 - of meer	10 ct.	15 ct.	25 ct.

Voor het bezorggebied Arnhem -west, Gosterbeek, Bommel worden alle bovenstaande tarieven verhoogd met 2 cent.

Langstien dezelfde handelingen dienen te worden verricht voor het bezorgen van brieven, nota's en drukverskelen en bij u daarna een lager tarief offertien voor het uitbrengen van drukwerk en gedrukt foldersmateriaal.

Indien u in een persoonlijk onderhoud nadere geïnformeerd wenst te worden over de mogelijkheden die de STADSPOSTDIENST ARNHEM u biedt, verzoeken wij u telefonisch contact op te nemen.

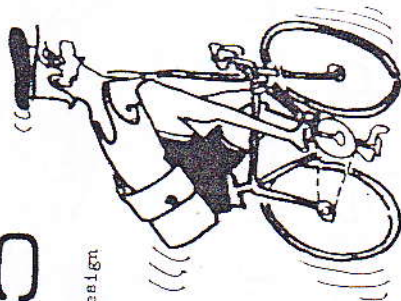
In het verkeer van u van dienst te kunnen zijn, verblijven wij, in afwachting van uw opdrachten,

hoogachtend,

STADSPOSTDIENST ARNHEM

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The final design



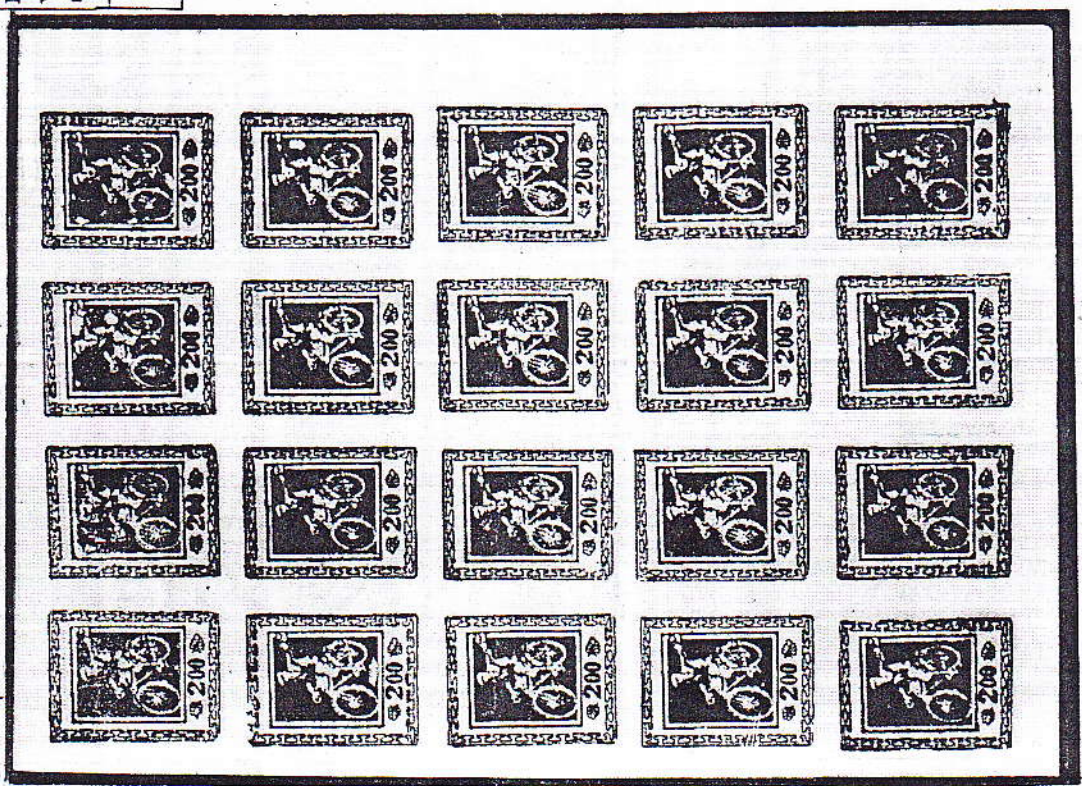
stadspost

arnnhem

China "local"
Shinkiang Province "Ili Rep."

Takao Ono BSC

Complete sheet of 20.



CHINA

Sinkiang Locals
新疆地方發行
1949 (Feb) Eining · Tahcheng · Erh Tar
Mountain · Area Special Issues.
伊塔阿區特印郵票

This area is in the northern part of Sinkiang Province containing Eining, Tahcheng and Erh-Tar Mountain. It had been liberated in about February 1949. By that time these 4 kinds of stamps were issued and were used until the liberation of Tihwa. The stamps in People's Currency appeared there on March 11, 1950.

N. W. 22
Extract from the 'Chinese Republic Stamp Catalogue' published by the Universal Stamp Company of Hong Kong in 1952.

The Japanese Philatelic Society's magazine of November 1951 reported that the stamps were produced by the wood-cut method and were all printed in indigo.

In 1975 the 'Catalogue of the Peoples Republic of China' by Yang stated that all four stamps were printed in Tête Bêche pairs.

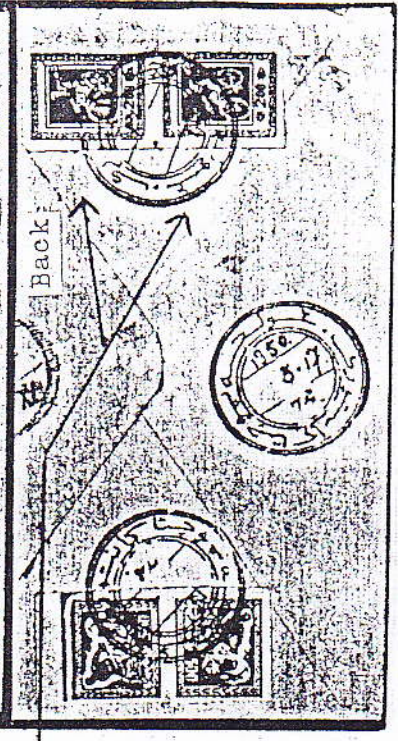
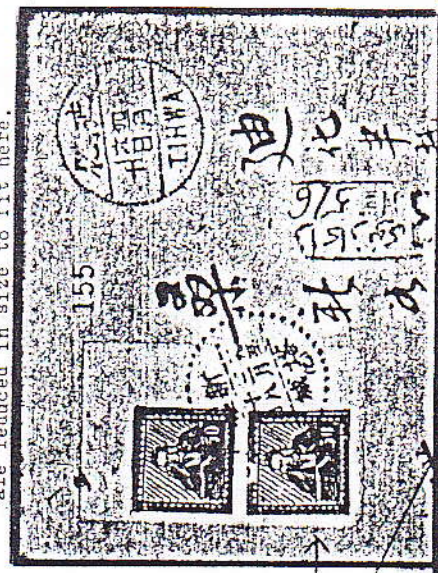
The May 1986 Auction Catalogue of G Alevisos described one Lot thus: '1950 (Mar 17) regis (boxed hs) cover to Tihwa (bustp) f.w. on front 1929 Ili-Tacheng-Aital woodblock \$100 pair. \$200. \$500 pair, and reverse \$200 pair & \$500 Tête Bêche pair (Yang N° 94-6, 96a. large margins all round, one stamp of \$500 regular pair with very light corner wrinkle) tied by sharp fanning cds's with "3.17" & "50" in ms.' Estimated price USA \$3,000. It went for USA \$3,740.

The British Stanley Gibbons specialised catalogue also listed a Tête bêche pair.

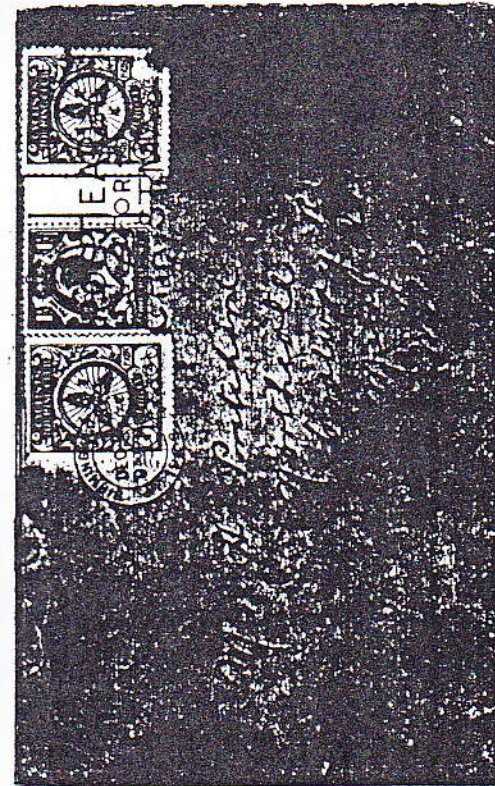
I am extremely grateful to Takao Ono BSC for supplying all the above information and all the illustrations on this page. I'm even more grateful to him for getting the single stamp (illustrated to the right) for me. It's from the bottom left-hand corner of the sheet.

Has any member got or seen a Tête Bêche pair? One BSC member doubts that it exists... DM.

The sheet and the single stamp are shown actual sized. The envelopes are reduced in size to fit here.



Label



...Tenth Issue (Summer 1985) the 1928 Label was dealt with in detail PHQ 31 (c)

GREAT BRITAIN

Not so long ago I was speaking to a stamp dealer and he told me that one of the set of Four PHQ (Postal Headquarters) Cards, issued in 1978, was later (When?) re-issued for presenting to school-children when they passed their cycling proficiency test. "Send me a few" I said, thinking the price would be maybe £1 or maybe £2 so I got a bit of a shock when he sent me seven and an invoice for £175...

DM.

The predecessor of 'Bicycle Stamps' was 'The Spoken' Word' and in the...

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB.

Founded 1875.

Incorporated 1887.

47, VICTORIA ST., WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

A photocopy of the wrapper used by the CTC in 1938 to post the CTC magazine 'CTC Gazette' and below is a photocopy of the CTC's equivalent of today and used for the mailing of 'Cycletouring & Campaigning' six times a year. I think the new badge gives the lie to the idea that the most recent, is the best. Incidentally, don't throw away modern wrappers for one day they may be worth quite a bit of loot. The 1930 one was priced at £55 this year. In order to squeeze the illustrations on to this page, I have had them all greatly reduced (originally I planned this page to be two pages of 'Bicycle Stamps') so please refer to pages 5 and 7 of the Tenth Issue of 'The Spoken' Word' (forerunner of 'Bicycle Stamps') for size references.

POST CARD 28.

ADDRESS ONLY

DEVON

C. Weber Dept.

7 Paynesfields Ave.

London S.W.16

Devon is a fine county for touring in, you have to walk a bit of the way.

The CTC Golden Jubilee Label was "cancelled" by a rotten postman who just had to add the sarcastic comment "V.C." for "Very Good"

The postmen in the British Midlands had a bit more sense for the two CTC Golden Jubilee Labels affixed to this envelope sent from Birmingham to Wolverhampton in December 1928 were not mutilated. Envelope from the collection of Daniel Nibbelink BSC

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1878-1978

Congratulations
from the Post Office
on passing the
National Cycling
Proficiency Test

The picture is of one stamp in a set issued by the British Post Office on 2 August 1978 to commemorate the centenary of the Cyclists' Touring Club and the British Cycling Federation

PL(5)14128

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POSTAGE PAID
GREAT BRITAIN
SERIAL No. PHQ 1938

Britain's national cyclists' association
Working for all cyclists

CTC, Cotterell House, 69 Meadrow, Godalming, Surrey GU7 3HS. Tel. (04868) 7217

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PETERBOROUGH 18

If undelivered please return to
CTC, Cotterell House, 69 Meadrow,
Godalming, Surrey GU7 3HS.
Tel: (04868) 7217

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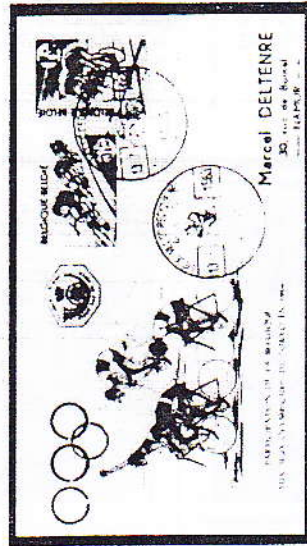
How I Started My Thematic Collection

By Brian Sole

My bicycle collection started by accident. I had been a keen cyclist and CIC member for almost 20 years. During National Service I had taken my bike to Singapore and Hong Kong at Her Majesty's Government's expense. On my return to the United Kingdom, many weekends were spent youth hostelling. In addition I bought many parts of the U.K. and Europe on my holidays.

My schoolboy stamp collection was resurrected whilst moving into a flat after I married. This was in the late 1960's and I had become aware of the rush of new commemorative G.B. stamps being issued. As my cycling activities ran down, I found myself spending time mounting G.B. stamps into my collection. Whilst browsing around stamp shops (there were a lot more in the 1960's and 1970's than today) I noticed the odd East European stamp showing cyclists and the occasional cover, priced very cheaply. Almost unconsciously I bought these items in addition to other purchases and tucked them away in a drawer or cabinet. This renewed interest in stamp collecting led me to buying the occasional stamp magazine, usually Stamp Collecting Weekly, on Waterloo Station and I also joined the Insurance and Banking Philatelic Society.

At competition time, I entered nine pages of my modern G.B. stamps, the judge was not at all impressed and my entry was very much an "also ran". A year later a colleague in the office mentioned that he was putting together a thematic entry. This sort of collecting had never occurred to me before but it did send me to my drawers and cabinets to search out the various cycle items I had purchased. To my surprise it was possible to put together a nine page entry on cycling. It did mean a lot more research than I had anticipated but it was great fun looking back through old copies of cycling magazines, bringing back many



Track racing — part of the Olympics programme
The Safety Cycle from 1880's — ridden by ladies

Thematic '09 Souvenir Programme

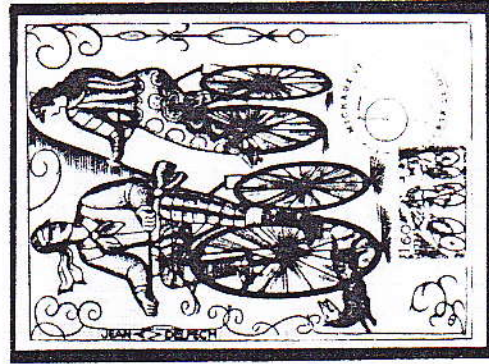
Brian Sole BSC is too modest, he failed to mention that his bicycle entry won the British top thematic Award in 1980!

happy memories. On reflection, the entry was overwritten. However, I did attempt to tell a story. The opening page was about the history of the bicycle illustrated entirely by stamps. There were a couple of pages on the use of the bicycle for postal delivery, a page or two on leisure use including entertainment and the final three pages were on sport. Although I did not win it did persuade me to write up more pages and to begin to extend the collection more actively.

Having won the Club trophy the following year, I was asked to be the fourth member in a Society visit. This meant a few more pages were hurriedly written up. Very gradually the bicycle collection took over from my G.B. and Channel Islands interest and I found myself searching more for cycle material than G.B. material.

An entry in the British Philatelic Exhibition (BPE) led to correspondence with a French collector and gradually I found myself in touch with many other collectors of what I thought at first was going to be a unique collection. I suppose on reflection a major step forward was acquiring an eighty page check list soon after I had prepared my first Club competition entry. Also I had enjoyed many friendships with fellow cyclists over the years. I have now discovered that stamp collectors are equally friendly and helpful. In addition to exchanging material with fellow collectors I have been offered material frequently by non-collectors of the bicycle theme who have kindly put items to one side for me.

I recommend anybody who collects stamps and has been hesitating about starting a thematic collection to take the plunge and make a start. Provided the subject is of interest to you, you may be surprised how enjoyable the exercise can become.



The Drauennne — the earliest cycle
The Benesliaker — invented by Ernest Michaux 1861

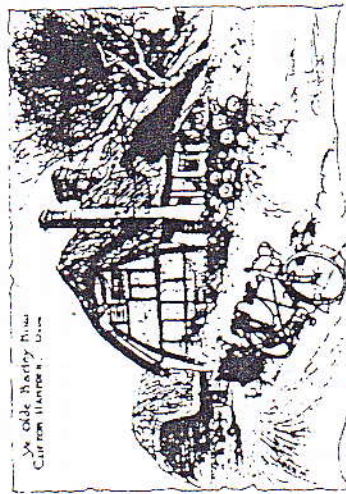
Actual size of cover: 93 x 160mm
Note. Posted in England, with a Manx stamp!



R. G. GEORGE
COTTAGE 7
FAIRFIELD ROAD
LONDON NW10
EDGEMOND ROAD
EDGEMOND LONDON N11

Frank Patterson

12th October, 1871 — 7th July, 1952

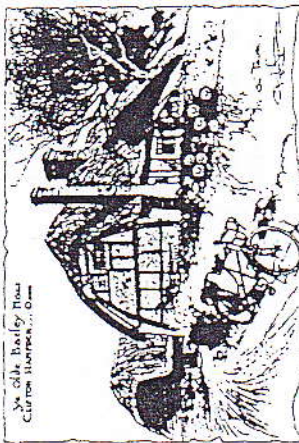


See page 19.

12th October 1971

Frank Patterson

12th October, 1871 — 7th July, 1952



FRANK PATTERSON CENTENARY

FRANK PATTERSON, Born 12th October 1871 at 96 Lake Road, Landport, Portsmouth, Hants.

The son of George Andrew Patterson an Engineer in the Royal Navy aboard HMS Bristol, and Elizabeth Ann Patterson formerly Isom.

Frank is well known, throughout cycling circles in particular, for his wonderful sketches. It is not so well known that his early sketching work was for the luminaire trade. He began work for 'Cycling' in 1891, the first issue of that magazine appeared in January that year. Later his sketches were to be seen in 'The Motor' and 'The Light Car' over 5,000 appeared in the above mentioned publications between 1891 and 1948 alone.

Early sketches were often signed just 'FP' or 'Pat', so don't let them slip by when you are seeking 'old-Pattersons'.

Frank spent the major part of his life at Peat Troop Farm in Billingshurst, Sussex, always one who kept well clear of town life, he was a dedicated country lover. His knowledge of the countryside is well illustrated in his sketches. Note the detail, geographical, architectural, the detail in the fauna and flora, everything fits. Frank passed away on July 7th 1952 and was cremated at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton three days later, no memorial was erected either here or in the church in Billingshurst, neither was any inscription entered in the Book of Remembrance at the crematorium.

Perhaps the biggest and best memorial to him is the pleasure his drawings brought and still bring to thousands.

Insert of above cover

R. George 1971.

Books of
Patterson's
sketches are
'The Patterson
Book' 1948 and
'The Second
Patterson Book'
1952 (both out-
of print and
likely to cost,
for books, a
lot of money -
about the price
of a First World
War Swiss Army
stamp...
Other books of
his sketches
are 'The Frank
Patterson
Picture Book'
1978, 'The Art
of Frank
Patterson' 1979
and 'Frank
Patterson: The
Cycling Artist'
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biography was
published
'Frank Patterson'
by Gerry Hoore
who could not
find anyone to
tell him "where
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THE CYCLE MANUFACTURER
"AUGUST STUKENBROK" OF EINBECK
GERMANY

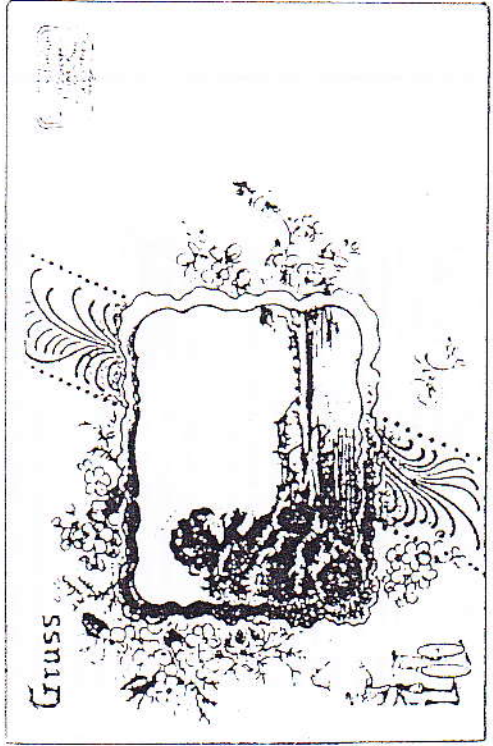
PETER RICKENBACK

BSC

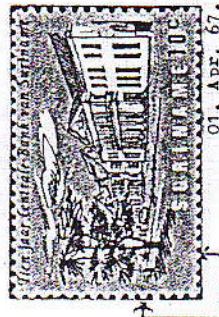
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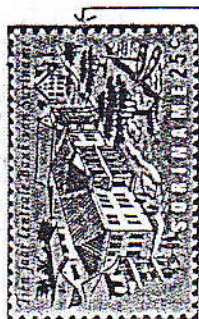
Two different types of unused "Stukenbrok" cards



77. Nov. 45.



01. Apr. 67.



01. Apr. 67.



29 June 66



03 Oct. 79



A "Stukenbrok" card used as a "Soldier's Matter" card, and therefore without any payment. It is addressed to a seaman on board SMS Blücher at Flensburg.

Actual size: 91 x 142mm



A similar "Stukenbrok" card to that shown at the top of this page (as you now hold the page). This card bears an adhesive stamp and a "Bodenwender" cancel of 4th February 1907.

These cycle cards, advertisements from the cycle manufacturer, August Stukenbrok, seem to exist in great abundance. I have no idea how many exist; how many series there are; the period of print or the names of the artists responsible. It might be of interest to find out. I have started enquiries with a museum in Einbeck and with a German postcard magazine.

AMERICAN LOCALS

American Locals have often been a puzzlement as in most countries of the world, the national Post Office insists on conducting a monopoly service within its boundaries. This article was published in the August 1988 issue of Britain's 'Stamp Magazine' and offers an explanation

CINDERELLA CORNER

August 1988

Shrub Oak

NORMAN WILLIAMS

'The Postmaster General of Shrub Oak', New York, USA, was a long-held title applied to Herman Herst Jnr — called 'Pat' because he celebrated his birthday on St Patrick's Day which, as everyone knows, is March 17.

He acquired the title in or about 1943 when he started the Shrub Oak Local Post.

Shortly before that, when he was carrying out research into the 19th century US local posts, he came across a law of 1862 which permitted an individual to set up a local post.

Had that law been repealed? Further inquiry revealed that it was still effective. So Pat Herst set about establishing the Shrub Oak enterprise.

The legal limits of the private carriage of letters was that they could not be carried — as the US Postal Service's Law Department informed me in February 1980 — over post routes to or from locations between which mail is regularly carried.

In other words, letters could and can be carried 'out of the mail' if US postage is paid. Local postage stamps may also be used but they must not be 'in similitude' to any authorised postage stamp. A local postmark may be used to cancel the local stamps but must not resemble a Post Office cancellation, and they must be cancelled by the sender.

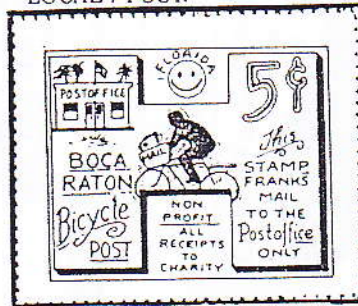
'Out of the mail' carriage includes carriage to and from a United States post office and to a house or mailbox where no house delivery is provided by the US Postal Service.

Pat Herst's first local postage stamps bore no similitude to any stamps used by the US postal authorities. The Shrub Oak Local Post first issue was triangular, picturing 'a mother oak and two shrub oaks'. The frame is red and the centre green. The face value is TWO CENTS.

The first use of the Shrub Oak Local Postage stamps was to frank covers of Pat's publication *Herst's Outbursts* (volume 12, No.3a, Supplement to No.61) of which 3,000 copies were mailed.

In it he claimed — unwittingly falsely as later became known — that his local stamp was the first of its kind in over half a century.

The first day of use was May 1, 1953. The Shrub Oak cancellation was an inverted triangle bearing simple wording at the top: May 1 — 1953 / SHRUB OAK/ (N.Y.) / LOCAL / POST!



Proof - printed on white paper

The early mail carriers were the two Herst children, Patricia aged 13 and Kenneth aged 10. They learnt, with enthusiasm, that they were to be paid the full fee of 2 cents for each letter carried.

Pat Herst, because of the stamp, acquired the title 'Father of Modern US Local Posts'.

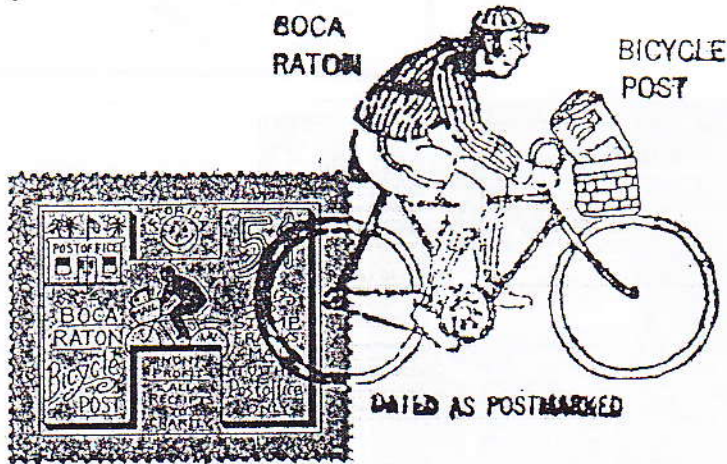
The early enthusiasm of the mail carriers waned after a couple of years. Pat trained his Alsatian dog, Alfie, to take and fetch the mail. Later he issued a new stamp, rectangular, picturing Alfie with a letter in his mouth. A new cancellation resulted in a wavy representation of the Stars and Stripes preceded by a circular mark reading 'Shrub Oak / Dated / as / post- / marked / N.Y.'. Regrettably only in, it seems, rare cases is the postmark legible.

Pat Herst, his wife and Alfie 'retired' to Boca Raton, Florida, in June 1973. Alfie had been born on May 28, 1963. In 1976 his health steadily declined and, on April 12, 1976 he was put to sleep. A mourning label was issued and was used on mail together with the Alfie stamp.

At Boca Raton, Pat Herst instituted another local post, the stamp depicting a bicyclist. The post's title was 'Boca Raton Bicycle Post'. The face value is 5 cents and additional inscriptions state: 'This stamp franks mail to the Post Office only — Non profit all receipts to charity'.

The stamps were printed in black on yellow surfaced paper.

POST OFFICE BOX 1563
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33432



DATED AS POSTMARKED

Norman Batho BSC states that the First Day of Issue was 18th June 1974

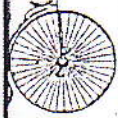


FIRST DAY COVER, TEMPORARY REVIVAL OF THE BOCA RATON BICYCLE POST.

When the "service" ceased is not known, but this "Temporary Revival" cover is dated 12th November 1985. The "Bicycle Post" cachet was used, but not the "Bicycle Post" stamp.

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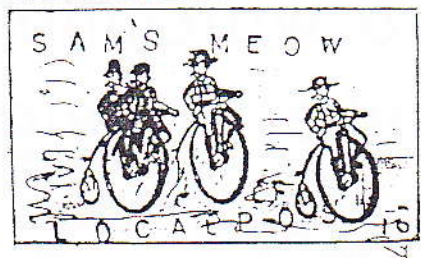
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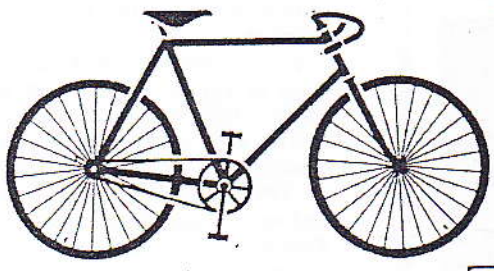
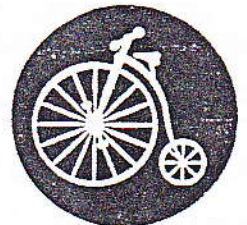
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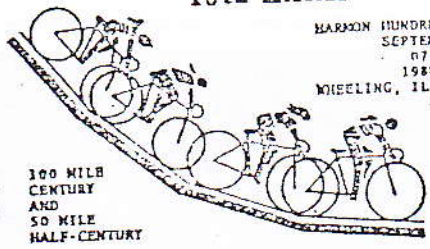
Can any member supply any further information on any of these?



15c USA



10th HARMON HUNDRED

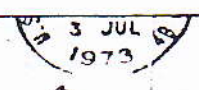
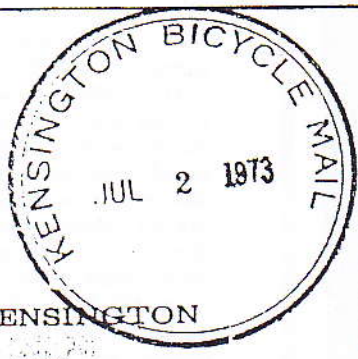


HARMON HUNDRED STATION
SEPTEMBER
07
1980
KNEELING, IL. 60090

SEP
7
1980

100 MILE
CENTURY
AND
50 MILE
HALF-CENTURY

A Norman Batho BSC discovery!



Note - two dates

Norman Batho BSC states: Black picture and red lettering on yellow background and, as "3", there must be others in the series.



Bicycle Mail-3

Cadas Edelis
1575 Blossom Hill Road #B3
San Jose, California 95118

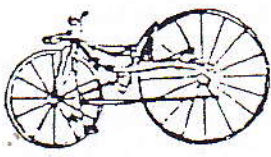
BUCKY'S LOCAL BICYCLE POST

Peter Rickenback BSC states that "There were 500 black and red stamps issued March 17, 1972 (but) one such cacheted envelope with local stamp affixed is dated April 4, 1972". Bert Schapelhouman BSC states that he bought such an envelope in 1978. It was dated by the US Post Office, April 4, 1972, but the Local cachet - a "one-armed bandit" - was dated April 3, 1972 (see illustration). The envelope's Insert reads: "Bucky's Bicycle Local Post is a truly functional local post serving the needs of the stamp collectors of the Chillicothe Correctional Institute, Chillicothe, Ohio...A design was selected and printed and a suitable

cancel device was designed and the post was in business. All business for the post is conducted by the CCI Stamp Club"

Note that the "post" was conceived not to serve the local community, but to meet "the needs of stamp collectors" And what cancel device was thought "suitable" by the inmates of a correctional institute...

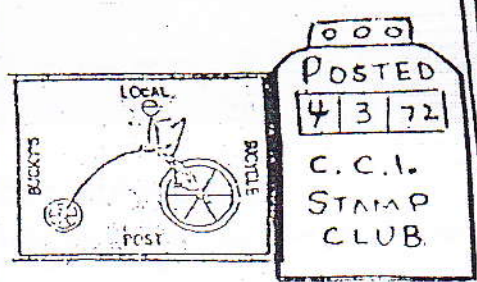
FIRESIDE POST HONORS THE SCOT WHO INVENTED

1839  1961

BICYCLES

Peter Rickenback BSC states that the Fireside Post was issued in Toledo, Ohio.

In Memoriam
JAMES GARFIELD BUCKNEY SR.
First President
CCI Stamp Club



might be Batho?

JORDAN'S BICYCLE EXPRESS -
USA Palo Alto "April Fool"
stamps - information from
Bert Schapelhouman BSC

Post office watching as mail 'bikes' along

Bicycle express mail goes through despite the U.S. Postal Service

By EMMETT EGGLESTON
Jordan's Bicycle Express, a student project to carry mail "over our Palo Alto and Inland Routes," will begin deliveries Tuesday morning under the watchful eye of the U.S. Postal Service.

It revives—for one day—a kind of carrier service that last passed this way more than 80 years ago when, during the Southern Pacific Railroad strike of 1894, a cyclist pedaled mail between San Francisco and Fresno.

Seven Jordan Junior High School students will fan out from the home of "proprietors" Judah and Sandy Landes, at 881 Seale Ave., with letters addressed to 105 classmates.

The yellow envelopes, containing a newsletter, will be embossed with a distinctive frank, inked with an oval handstamp and sealed with a rectangular orange stamp that bears the likeness of a 19th century cyclist with a mail pouch on his back.

Landes is a clinical psychologist whose avocation is collecting "covers" or envelopes of California Gold Rush vintage. He teaches the course part-time at Jordan. His private, highly valued collection is kept in a bank vault.

Drawing from his experience as a collector, Landes imparts knowledge of postal heritage



and the role mail carriers have played in California history.

His teaching also has the effect of expanding the study of history—note, for example, that there really was a railroad strike in 1894 and that the mail still got through.

Further, both the covers and the contents of the Gold Rush letters give students a first-hand account from the diggings in the Mother Lode.



(Times Photo by Gene Tupper)

World-wide recognition

Judah Landes looks over some of the letters Jordan's Bicycle Express has received from around the world.

Landes already had founded Jordan's Bicycle Express — paid from his own pocket for a run of embossed envelopes and was ready to have travelers post the letters from foreign countries — when his run in with the U.S. Postal Service began.

An embossed envelope, affixed with official U.S. postage stamps, was received at the Mountain View Post Office.

Officials there queried postal authorities in San Francisco and received a reply that the frank, handstamp and stamp could violate postal regulations and "should not be accepted for mailing."

The Mountain View postmaster quickly notified the postmaster in Palo Alto.

Since the frank carries the message "Jordan Junior High School Western Express Project," the Palo Alto officials posted their own letter to Jordan Principal Jim Ernst.

The letter states, "We commend the efforts of these enterprising youngsters. However, postal regulations do not allow such markings or endorsements to appear on envelopes which are presented for mailing." It goes on to cite the pertinent regulations.

Ernest, who hadn't been kept posted on developments in Landes's class, passed the letter along to a co-worker, asking, "Do you know anything about this?"

The co-worker passed the letter along with the note, "Have you ever heard of this?"

After a few more persons were queried, the letter finally arrived at Landes's desk.

He was somewhat confused at first by the Postal Service's interest.

At his home are scores of the envelopes posted from around the world, all bearing official stamps along with the Jordan Express Stamp, and all eventually delivered by U.S. mail carriers.

The only hitch has been that mail carriers occasionally have interpreted the word "express"—not used officially in the United States since 1871—as meaning special delivery.

Landes also displays a volume of "local posts," stamps and markings devised by private carriers for fun or profit, that lists hundreds of the philatelic designs, many with the word "express" and the price included, in what appears to be a growing national hobby.

In one case a New York man devised his own stamp.

Because residents of his area pick up their mail at the rural post office rather than receive a home delivery, the man trained his dog to make the daily trek to the post office and retrieve any mail.

The dog, with a letter in its mouth, now is immortalized on an unofficial, two-cent local post stamp which is prized by collectors.

Since the Jordan's Bicycle Express letters going out Tuesday won't enter the public mails, Landes doesn't expect any protest from postal authorities.

He said, however, "if the Post Office really wants to fight us, we can deliver anywhere in Palo Alto in one hour. We can beat the Post Office by 23 hours."

As for the historical perspective of today's event, Landes said, "Palo Alto unfortunately has a rather modest mail history and we've decided it's high time to jazz up the shtick (its image)."

'Palo Alto Times'
31st March, 1975.



Special mailing

This is the frank used by Jordan's Bicycle Express for its special Palo Alto service.

Bert Schapelhouman BSC lives in Los Altos which is just four miles from Palo Alto. On a visit to the local Palo Alto stamp shop he managed to obtain Judah Landes's address and telephone number and arranged to visit him. As a result, Bert has found out some additional information for us:

Only some 200 "Jordan's Express. Paid \$1.00" stamps were printed in sheetlets of just two stamps a sheetlet. About the same number of envelopes were printed — some of them embossed (see top illustration on the next page).

Fifteen First Day Covers were prepared and were bicycled through the town to the Palo Alto main Post Office. All of them went through the US mail service duly cancelled. They were all signed by Judah Landes and a rubber stamp applied to testify to their First Day of Issue status (see central illustration on the following page).

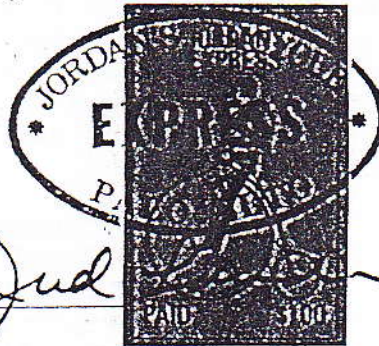
Some other covers were "returned" from a somewhat greater distance — some from other countries. A bit of a puzzlement is the "Kwajalein Local Post" one (see bottom illustration on the following page) as the "Kwajalein" stamp is 'tied' by the Jordan's cachet...



Express Agent _____

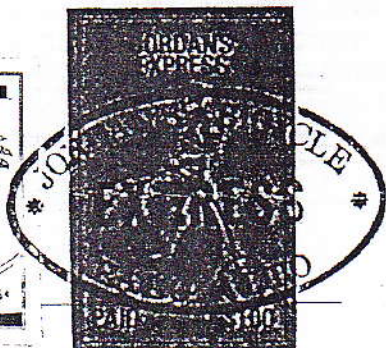
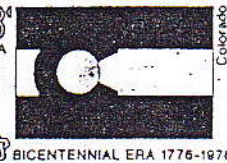


APRIL 1, 1975
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



Express Agent Jud

*Joshua Landes
881 Seale Avenue
Palo Alto, Cal.
94303*



Jud & Sandy Landes
881 Seale Ave.
Palo Alto, Cal.
U. S. A. 94301

Bert Schapelhouman BSC added that Judah Landes "chuckled when he explained that the First Day of Issue was on the 1st April, 1985 - April Fool's Day!" But who is fooling whom? The envelopes were carried by bicycle - the most efficient and fastest form of transport the world has even known and is likely to know - to the main Post Office and those envelopes addressed to houses in the immediate area, were conveyed the whole distance by "the gift of the gods". In any case, the 'Jordan's Bicycle Express' has an excellent antecedence: the FRESNO TO SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLE MAIL OF 1894 which, Bert stated, was "elegantly explained" in the book reviewed below. Only 500 copies were printed and today's price is \$50 plus postage/packing

FRESNO & SAN FRANCISCO

'Linn's Stamp News'
16th May, 1982.

Bicycle stamps:

Review supplied
by David Sher BSC

more pieces to the puzzle

By Robert H. LeBow

The Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail of 1894 by Lowell B. Cooper. Published by Leonard H. Hartmann, Box 36006, Louisville, Ky. 40233. From the publisher at \$35 postpaid. See above

In Review



Letters could be sent between Fresno and San Francisco for 25¢ during the railroad strike of 1894 with this label, thanks to Arthur Banta's bicycle mail service.

The combination of bicycling and philately has been a delight for me since the time as a teenager in the 1950s when I used to bicycle 30 miles every Saturday morning from one post office to another hunting for plate blocks.

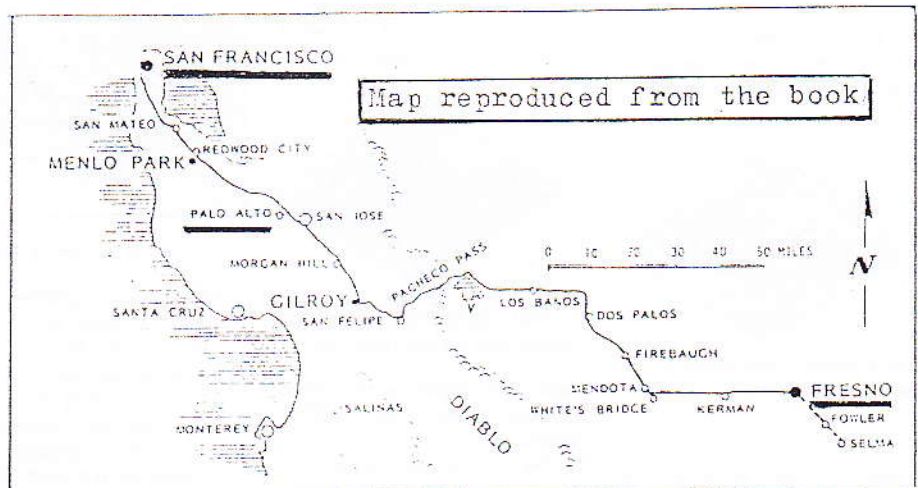
The 1894 bicycle mail is the epitome of the bicyclist-philatelist's dream. In this fascinating book, Lowell Cooper reviews the historical material available and pulls together the story of this short-lived mail service.

As short as the actual mail service was (about 12 days), the philatelic intrigue and mystery related to the Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail has a much longer history. Even 89 years later, all the details are not clear.

The author, however, does present logical arguments to explain the sequence of events that occurred and the different printings and dies of the stamp.

The chapters on the historic background, organization of the post and the operation of the post were interesting, but I would have liked to have seen them developed more.

The Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail of 1894 was started by Arthur Banta, the owner of a bicycle shop (and later a philatelist) in Fresno.



Banta took advantage of the interruption of mail service between Fresno and San Francisco by the American Railway Union strike in July 1894 to initiate a mail service by which letters and packages were carried by bicycle riders in relays, much like the Pony Express. The 210-mile route was covered in about 18 hours.

Being a bicyclist, I would have liked to have heard more about the trials and tribulations of the riders. Beyond tire punctures, not much is mentioned, although from my experience biking the central California valleys in 105-degree heat in July, the bicycle mail riders undoubtedly preferred night riding.

Cooper covers the printings and dies of the bicycle mail stamps and envelopes extensively. It is interesting that he categorizes the batch of sheets printed July 16, 1894, as "reprints" although the post was still in operation then. Perhaps one day a "reprint" will surface legitimately used on a bicycle mail cover.

The author estimates that in the approximately 12 days of the post, about 380 non-philatelic and 200 philatelic covers were sent. He estimates about 150 exist today, of which 80 percent are philatelic. This would leave only about 30 nonphilatelic covers existing.

I would have liked to have seen a listing in table form of all the known used covers, although this would have meant attempting a census, such as is being done by the 1869 Philatelic Research Associates. Perhaps the author has discussed all the covers he is aware of in the narrative.

Like the author, I too regard the Fresno-San Francisco Bicycle Mail covers as classics, despite the philatelic aspects. Cooper notes that "without the philatelic aspects, (his) story of Banta and Donze (the engraver of the stamps) would not be nearly as interesting. The study of the various philatelic manipulations of the 19th and early 20th century ranks among the most fascinating of philately."

Cooper documents these manipulations between Banta and Eugene Donze, as well as others, in a tale of philatelic intrigue inspired by the noble bicycle, which in 1894 was probably near its apogee of popularity.

My personal attempts at combining philately and bicycling pale next to the great opportunity provided for Arthur Banta in 1894.

Although I used the bicycling envelopes of 1980 to document my cross-country bicycle trip of that year from PIPEX in Eugene, Ore., to New York and although many of my philatelic friends will remember me peddling up to shows in San Francisco, London or Vienna, I arrived five months too late for the second annual stamp show in Jammu, India, and I never did print my own bicycle stamp.

Cooper's book finally provides a good documentation of the 1894 bicycle mail and presents the details as far as they are known today. Although the grammar is occasionally colloquial and the book lacks a table of known commercially used covers and some historical background, I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I'm sure it will be the authoritative work on the 1894 bicycle mail. ■

Bicycle mail service created scarce covers

Linn's Stamp News!
31st March, 1986.
Information from
David Sher BSC.

A railway strike and a fad combined to inspire one of the most inventive means of transporting mail ever used in the United States.

The movement of mail screeched to a halt in some

Philatelic Gems

By Donna O'Keefe

parts of the country during the Pullman strike in 1894. California was particularly affected.

Arthur Banta decided to take advantage of a fad that was sweeping the country. Everyone was bicycling in the 1890s. Bicycle clubs met regularly; races became a major sporting event.



Die I showing the spelling error "FRANSISCO."

Banta, owner of a bicycle shop in Fresno, Calif., decided to further capitalize on the bicycle industry by establishing a mail service to move the mail during the strike.

Actually, the idea was John



Recut die showing the "S" changed to "C."

C. Nourse, a Fresno grocer. He suggested it to Banta.

When Eugene Donze, a local engraver and stamp collector, heard of the proposed service, he suggested to Banta that stamps be issued.

Banta agreed, and Donze created the stamps. They were printed in Fresno by the Commercial Printing Co.

The stamps were diamond shaped. They were printed directly from a die, one at a time, to form sheets of six.

The design features a cyclist riding along a roadway with a mountainous landscape in the background.

At the top of the stamp are the initials "A.R.U." (American Railway Union) and at the bottom, "STRIKE."

The first die engraved by Donze contained a spelling error. The inscription read, "FRESNO AND SAN FRANSISCO/BICYCLE MAIL ROUTE." Note the misspelling of Francisco.

This spelling error was detected shortly after the stamps came into use. Donze corrected the die by reengraving a "C" over the "S." He also added his initials, "ED," to the die.

In his book, *The Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail of 1894* (published by Leonard H. Hartmann in 1982), Lowell B. Cooper says he knows of only



Die II can be identified by the scratches on the roadway.

four full sheets of the first printing showing the spelling error.

The Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Service began carrying mail July 7, 1894. The service used eight relays to cover the distance of 210 miles between Fresno and San Francisco in 18 hours.

A fee of 25¢ was charged for each letter.

Letters were franked with regular U.S. stamps as well as the Bicycle stamps, which met with the approval of the U.S. Post Office Department.

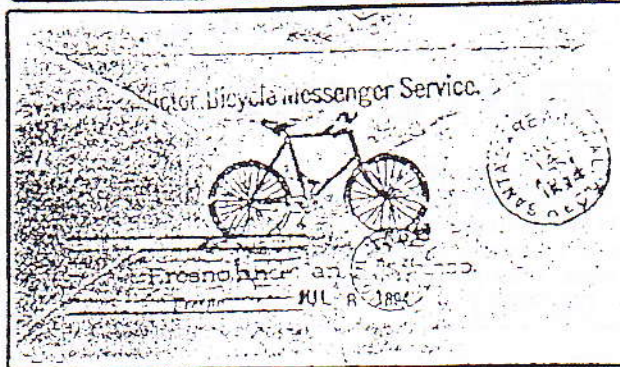
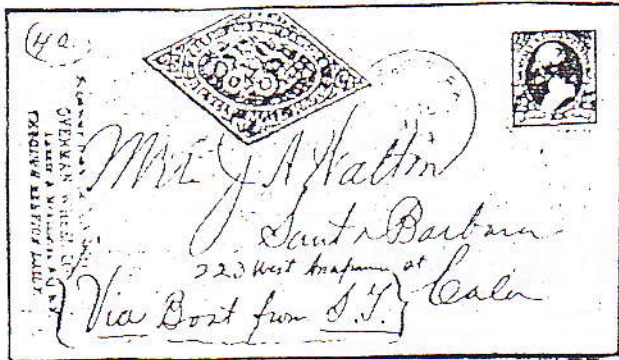
A few covers were carried on the first days of the service without the Bicycle stamp.

The earliest known cover bears a pictorial bicycle handstamp dated July 7, 1894. The cover is addressed to Oakland, Calif. It also carries the registration number 4.

Covers originating from Fresno were numbered, and the number was registered in a book. However, Cooper says collectors have been unable to find this book.

The No. 4 cover is franked with a 2¢ U.S. stamp and the Bicycle stamp with the corrected spelling.

The U.S. stamp is tied by a July 9 Oakland postmark, so it is likely the cover was carried on the July 8 run.



Cover No. 42 shows the first design of the Bicycle stamp.

A cover with registration No. 42 bears a copy of the first printing of the Bicycle stamp showing the spelling error.

Cooper says this is the first cover he has seen bearing the return mail handstamp, "Answer may be left with OVERMAN WHEEL CO. Larkin & McAllister St., S.F. THROUGH SERVICE DAILY."

Overman Wheel Co. was the northern terminal of the service in San Francisco.

The No. 42 cover realized about \$1,500 in a Daniel Kelleher sale in 1981.

A second die was engraved by Donze. Cooper says it appears this die was used only for printing stamped envelopes.

He says he knows of only three examples of die II. Each is on the size 4½ white 1890 Plimpton stamped envelope. Cooper estimates that a dozen covers may exist with this die.

Die II also shows the corrected spelling. It can be distinguished from the recut die by the scratches on the roadway behind the cyclist. The scratches run upwards to the right.

Also, the white valley under the last "N" of "SAN FRANCISCO" is almost vertical, unlike the recut die.

For some unknown reason, die II was retired from service shortly after it was first used.

The recut die was used for the majority of the stamped envelopes.

Numbered covers actually carried over the bicycle route are scarce. Scott catalog prices covers from \$850 to \$1,350. However, they could conceivably sell for higher prices.

Unused and used stamps are fairly common.

Cooper estimates that about 380 nonphilatelic and 200 philatelic covers were prepared. Only about 150 exist today. Of these, about 80 percent are philatelic, he says.

Cooper also says that more than half the 40 stamped envelopes produced are in collections today. Others may still exist.

On July 15, the railway strike had ended, and normal mail service had resumed.

The bicycle mail service made its last run July 19, ending this unusual method of moving the mail.

In a period of just 12 days, some of philately's most interesting covers were created.

A counterfeit die of the Bicycle stamp exists. It is defaced by one heavy horizontal cut and five vertical cuts. It exists on cover.

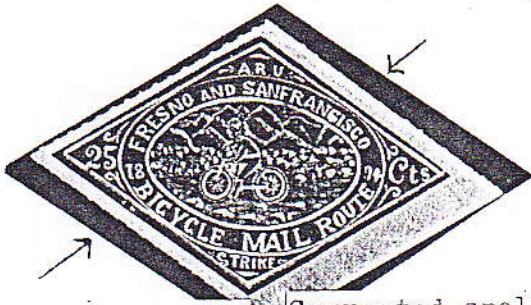
Defaced stamps also were created for a 1935 memorial run of the bicycle service, celebrating the 40th anniversary of its inauguration.

It is impossible to give the full story of the Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail in 'Bicycle Stamps'

Members of the Bicycle Stamps Club are urged to buy a copy of Cooper's book.



S.1. 07.07.1894
1 of 816



S.2. 07.07.1894
1 of 1,000

Corrected spelling, "E.D." added and a number of minor changes.

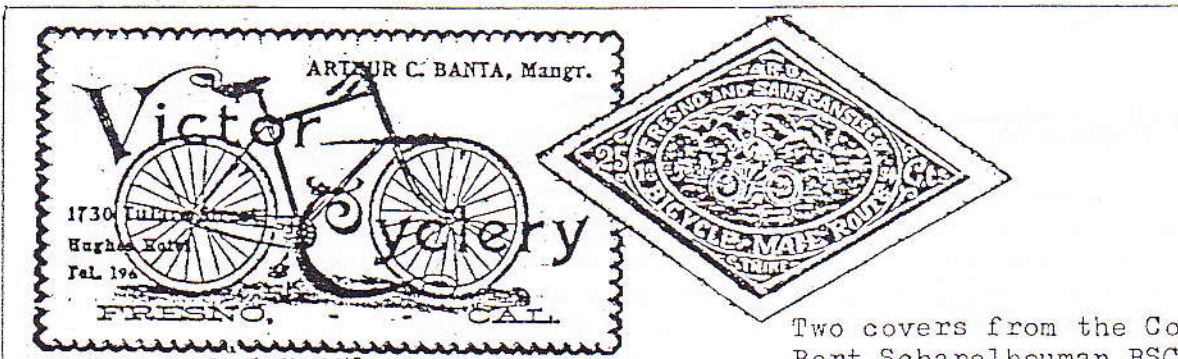
Signature of Arthur C. Banta



R.1. 16.07.1894
1 of 2,000

Thinner paper with smaller margins

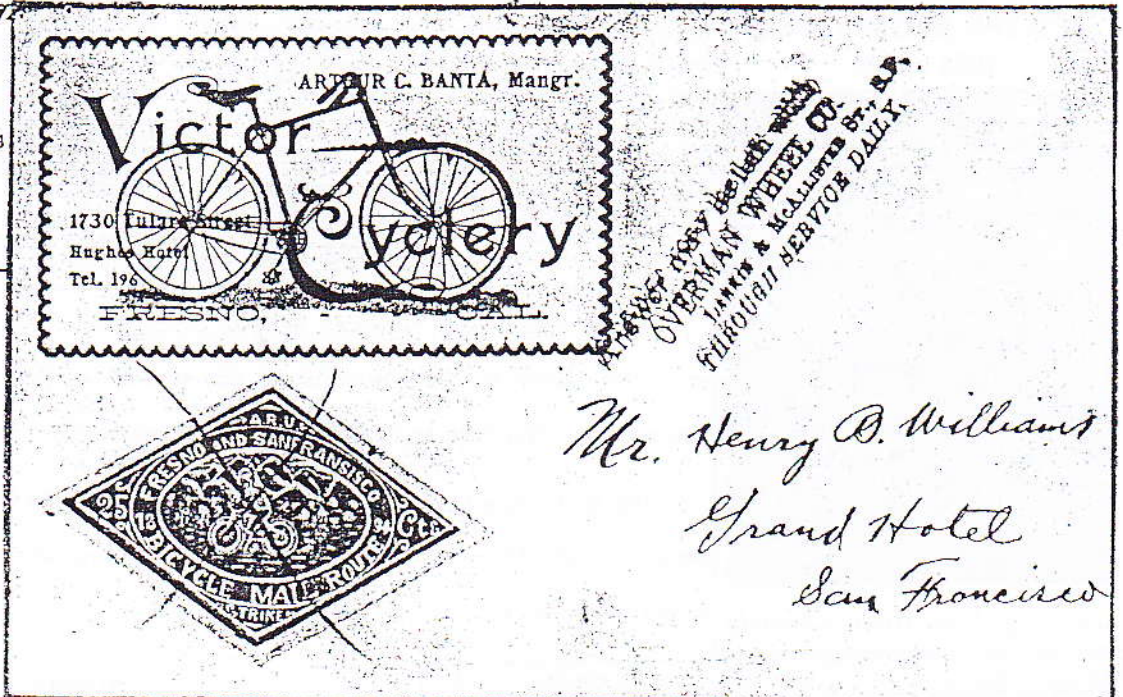
I know everything is relative and the statement, in the fourth column of the article reproduced on the opposite page, "Unused and used stamps are fairly common", must mean in relation to the covers, but, to keep the record straight, they are not. How could they be! In the third column Donna O'Keefe wrote that "Cooper says this is the first cover he has seen bearing the return-mail handstamp". Cooper did write that (page 56 of his book) and, whilst it may have been the first he had seen, the implication of uniqueness is entirely misleading. Cooper illustrated other covers bearing that handstamp - see pages 61, 62, 63, 65, 68 and 69 of his book. Also see below.



Two covers from the Collection of Bert Schapelhouman BSC. Note S.1. stamp and "Overman Wheel" return mail handstamp on both.

Answer may be left with
OVERMAN WHEEL CO.
Larkin & McAllister St., S.F.
THROUGH SLIT

In America it's customary to place the name and address of the sender at the top left. The "Victor Cyclery" may appear to be a stamp owing to the printed perforations, but it's just the name and address of the sender printed on the envelope

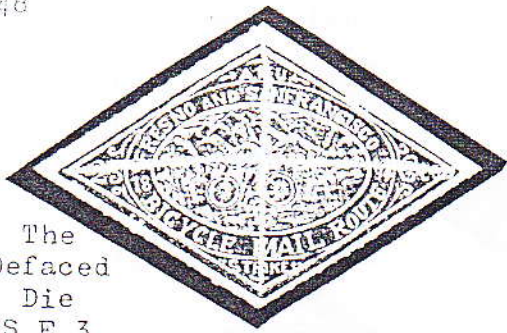


Mr. Henry O. Williams
Grand Hotel
San Francisco

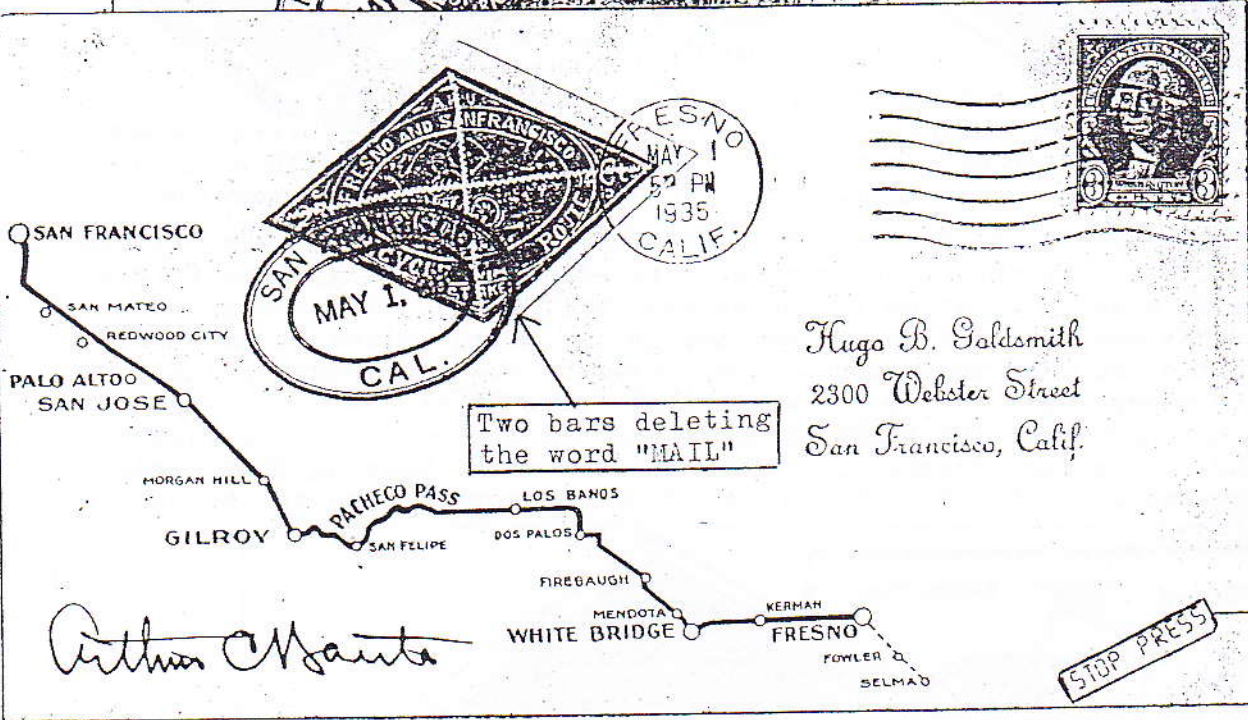
THE 1935 RE-ENACTMENT

The original die was defaced. From it, via an electrotype, 2,000 stamps were printed for the 1935 Re-Enactment. The United States Post Office objected to the word "Mail" and so some (the stamps to be used on covers carried over the route by bicycle) were overprinted with two bars deleting the "offensive" word.

The Defaced Die S.E.3



ADDRESS YOUR MAIL



Hugo B. Goldsmith
2300 Webster Street
San Francisco, Calif.

STOP PRESS

See Page 58

Arthur C. Banta, then aged 65, signed all the re-Enactment covers. The "race" started at 8am in Fresno and San Francisco and was won by the cyclists riding from San Francisco to Fresno by a margin of over an hour and a half. Why it was run on the 1st May and not the 6th July, is a mystery.

75th ANNIVERSARY
WESTERN BICYCLE MAIL
1894 - 1969



Albany Philatelic Society

The Albany Philatelic Society of Oregon celebrated the 75th Anniversary with a cover and Insert. Oregon is some 200 miles North of San Francisco, but see page opposite



BICYCLE MAIL ROUTE, CALIF.

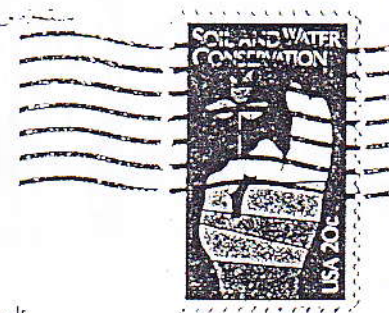
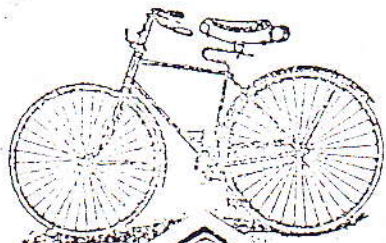
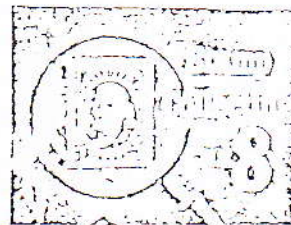
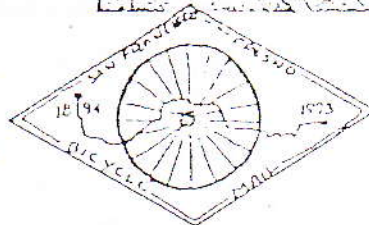
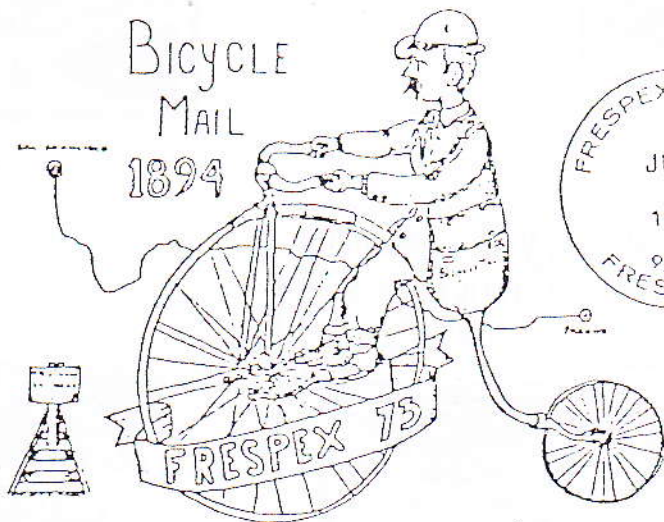
At the time of the American Railway Union strike, Arthur C. Banta, Fresno agent for Victor Bicycles, established this private service to carry mail from Fresno to San Francisco and return, employing messengers on bicycles.

The first trip was made from Fresno on July 6, 1894, service being discontinued on July 18, upon ending of the strike. During the life of this post 380 letters were carried.

From the Collection of Tom Thompson BSC

Albany Philatelic Society

This is a copy from a somewhat poor illustration from page 8 of the Fourth (April-May 1981) issue of 'The Spoken' Word' (Forerunner of 'Bicycle Stamps').



Mr. John M. Souza, Jr.
21 Wornock St.
Lowell, MA 01852

FRESNO-SAN FRANCISCO
BICYCLE MAIL

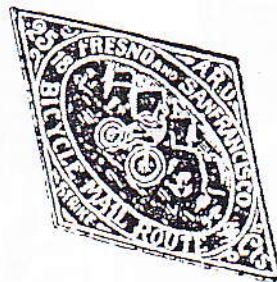
Although the cover (left) and the sheetlet of one (below) were acquired separately, they appear to be from the same source, but a Massachusetts's town over 2,000 miles from California...

And if your life of undetected crime comes to an end why not take a



leaf out of a book by a prisoner in a Californian jail...

(See page 50, Fourth Issue of 'BS').



The cachet (left) was placed on the back of this sheetlet of one.

Your new Editor, I am certain, would like information on any other Fresno-linked items - and any other American locals

STEP PRESS See Page 58



Venezuela.
10.03.59. 5 of 5. Bernard Barbeau
(a Swiss ex bicycle stamp collector)
states that a Velodrome is shown.

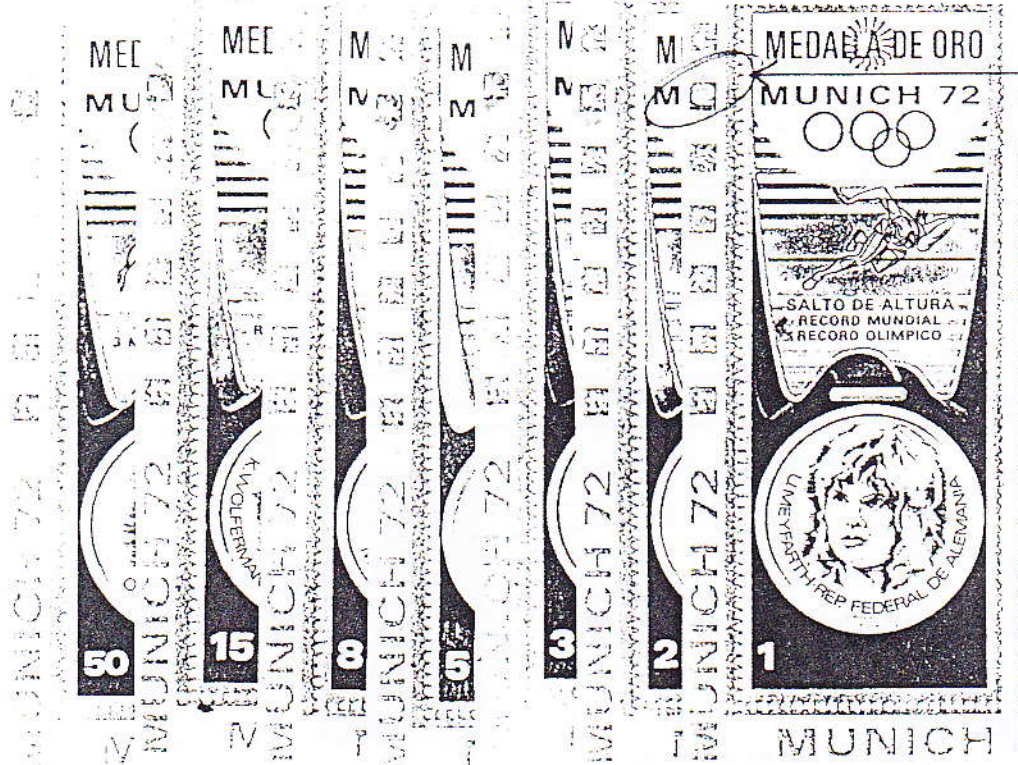
DISCOVERIES

All illustrations
are actual sized.

Some bicycle stamps are like
lost waifs - just waiting for
you to rescue them from the
abyss. Here are a few that
you may not have known of
before (none have been shown
in our magazine or listed in
our Check Listing). Are there
any others crying out to be
found? Go for it...



???.???.72. 1 of 15.
Jamaican 8c stamp.
Ronald Sant BSC
states that the
national Velodrome
is illustrated.



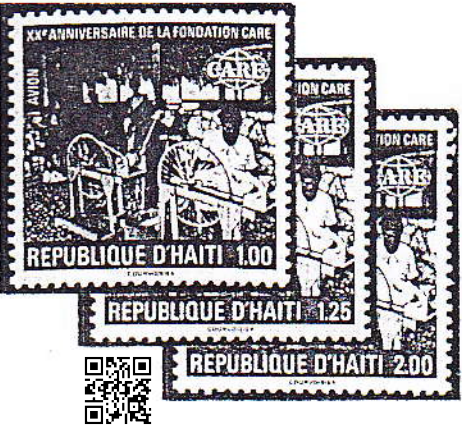
30.10.72. Equatorial Guinea. 7 of 7. Piet Hein Hilarides BSC has discovered
a bicycle in the selvedge of the stamps' sheets. Illustrated is a set of the
stamps and taken from the bottom left-hand corner of the sheets. The symbols
of various sports are "boxed" and face inwards. The second one from the top
shows the usual stylised bicycle being ridden.

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НР БЪЛГАРИЯ

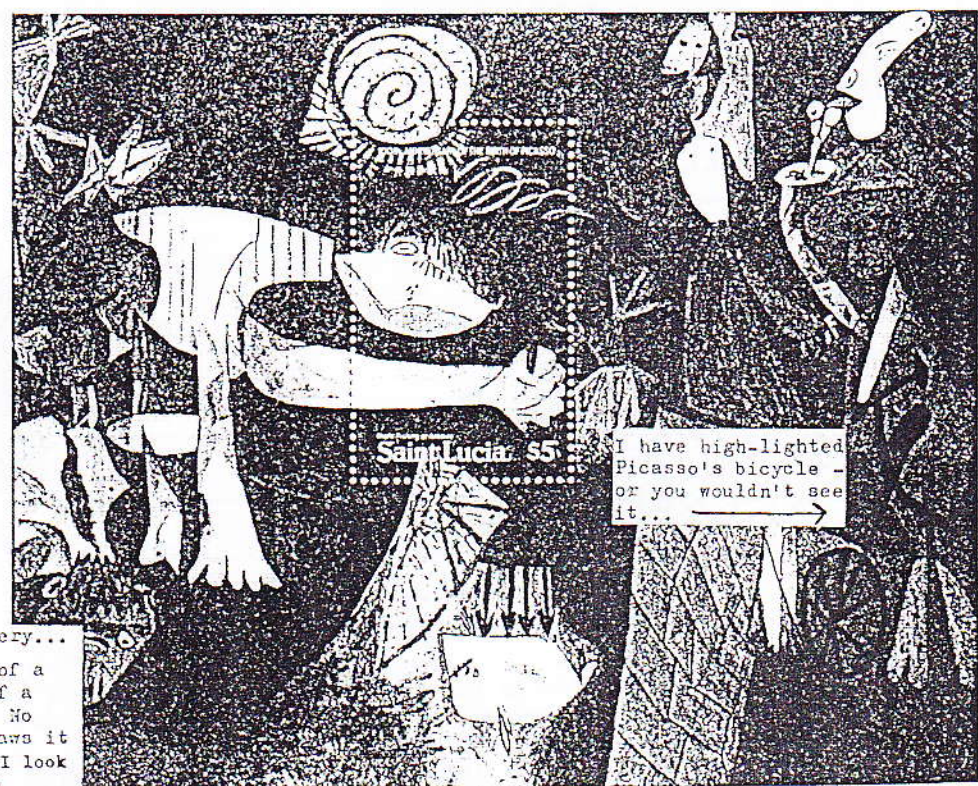


28.08.78. Bulgaria.
1 of 6. 2nd issue
for Philaserdica 78.
Fiona Hedges BSC
states that in the
centre of this view
of Sofia is a
bicycle. Don't worry
if you can't see it.
Nor can I, but she
assures me that it's
there...

11.05.79. Haiti. 3 of 5.
Bicycle wheel being used
for spinning cotton. I
thought I could claim
the discovery until I
found them listed in the
catalogue of Piet Hein
Hilarides BSC



But at least I may claim this discovery...
20.07.81. St. Lucia. Souvenir Sheet of a
set of four stamps. Picasso's idea of a
bicycle (far right of the selvedge)! No
doubt in my mind. Graham Wade BSC draws it
better and so much better too! When I look
at a Picasso, I feel like the little boy
in 'The Emperor's New Clothes' - see page 2.
I wonder why... DM.



I have high-lighted
Picasso's bicycle -
or you wouldn't see
it... →

All dates of issue were researched by Norman Batho BSC

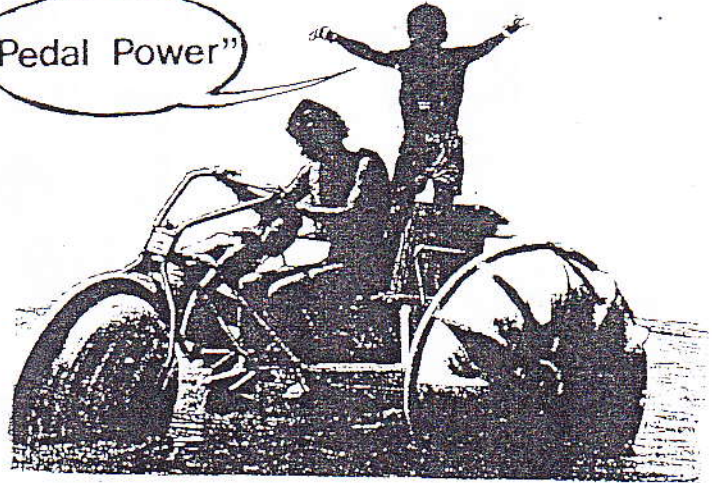
Illustrated Check Listing Up-Datings

1987

Josef Muhsil BSC and David Sher BSC have both pointed out that the envelope shown on page 37 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS' was issued by Bulgaria and not Russia. I am on bended knee begging for forgiveness from the members for such a silly mistake! "CT" may not, therefore, stand for September so it could have been issued anytime during 1987.



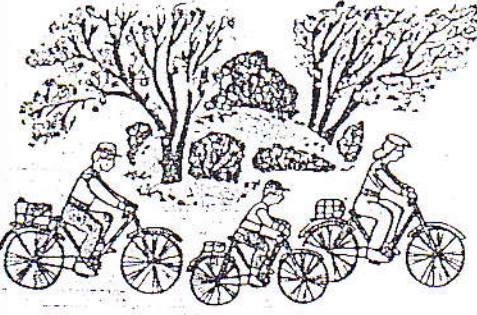
"Pedal Power"





Cayman Islands, 21st September 1987.
1 of 5 of a leisure pursuits set.
The very first postage stamp to
illustrate a holiday island water-
tricycle. The picture on the right
shows the tricycle in the water and
was sent to me by Herbert Waltl

1988

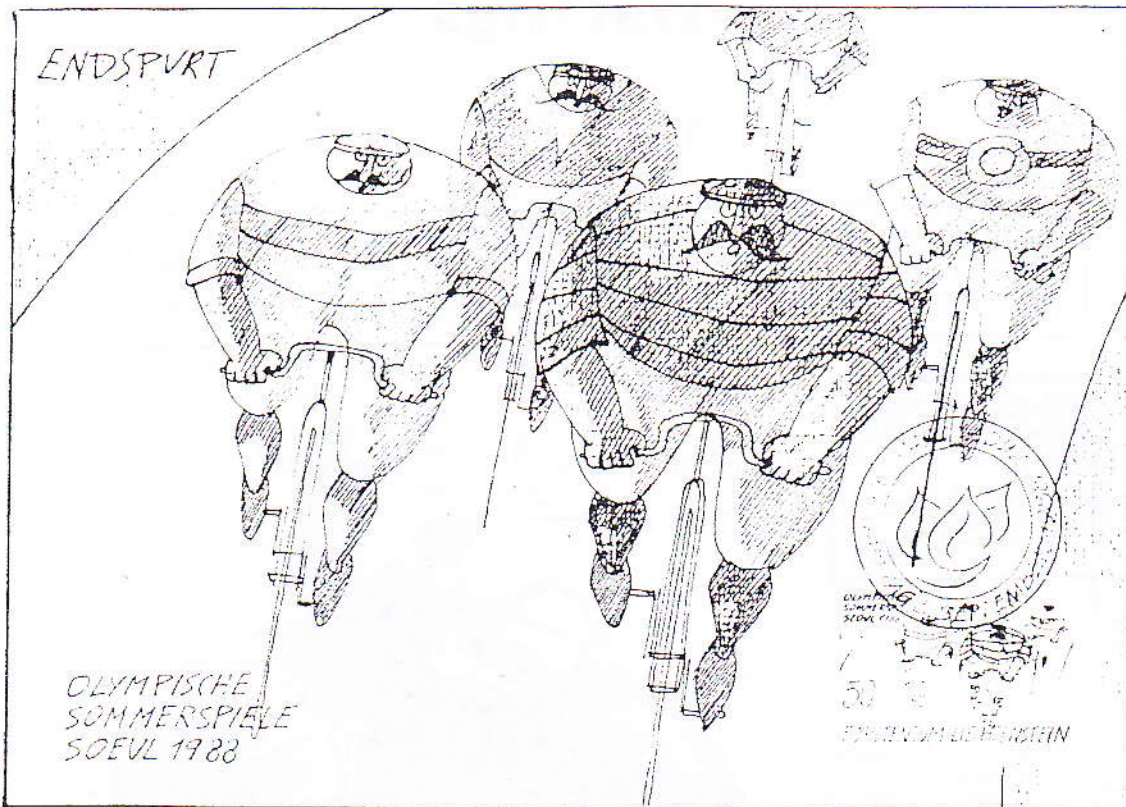
Всесоюзное добровольное общество борьбы за трезвость



Пишите индекс предприятия связи места назначения

Russian Postal Stationery envelope - 11th July 1988. Information from Herman Batho BSC
"СССР" - Russia



Liechtenstein. 5th September 1988. Maximum Card. Norman Batho BSC spotted something a little wrong about it. Can you spot it too? He is looking forward to your letter!

Japanese Postal Card set of five and shown on page 49 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS' is now known to have been issued on the 26th September 1988. Info. from Takao Ono BSC

A-4803 ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM, 415 m, Marktgemeinde Verkehrsknotenpunkt am Eingang ins Salzkammergut mit gut ausgebauter Infrastruktur, Schloß und Wallfahrtsbasilika Puchheim. Großes Freibad. Zentraler Ausgangspunkt für Ausflüge und Reisen.
Market town; traffic junction at the entrance of the Salzkammergut; excellent expanded infrastructure; castle and Puchheim pilgrimage basilica; large open-air swimming pool; starting point for walks and trips.

Forst: Stefan Traxler 05 Avitago/3

Absender
Expéditeur:

A-

Postleitzahl - Code postal

Postkarte
Carte postale

Österreich - Ihr Urlaubsziel

Bestimmungsland - Lieu de destination

Bestimmungsland - Lieu de destination

Austria. 10th October 1988. Postal Card (1 of 15). Information from Josef Muhsil BSC

STOP PRESS - see page 2

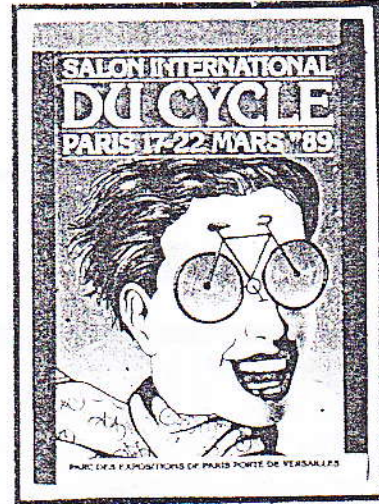
Vietnamese set of seven bicycle stamps and shown on page 49 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS' is now known to have been issued on the 20th December 1988. Info. from Norman Batho BSC



Finland, 10th March. Discovered by Eörn Rombach BSC. Se-tenant block of four issued only in stamp booklet format - one pane a booklet - and Ronald Sant BSC reports that the stamps depict the four disciplines of Scandinavian sporting contests - a "Quadathlon"?



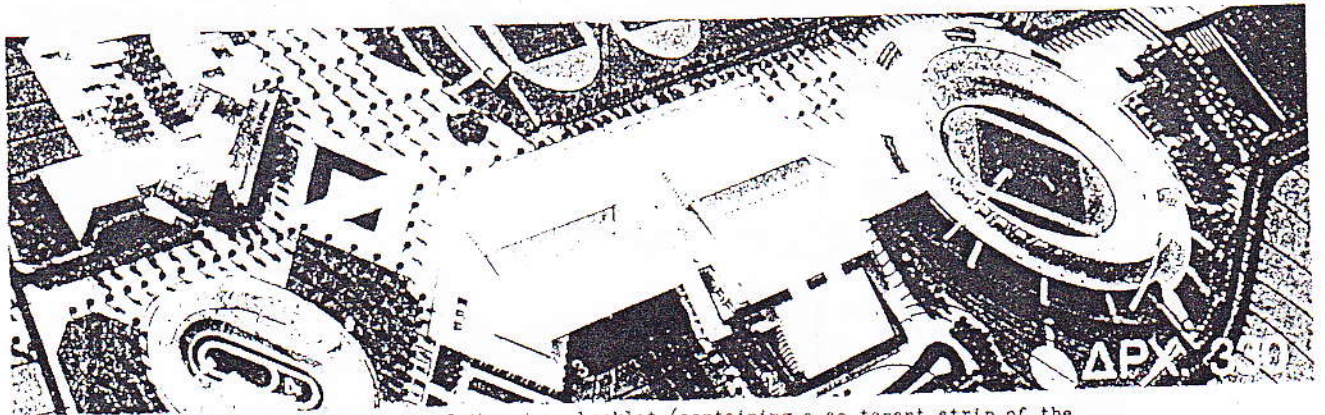
French Polynesia, 16th March, 1 of 2. A bicycle leaning against a shed on a beach. Discovered by Norman Batho BSC



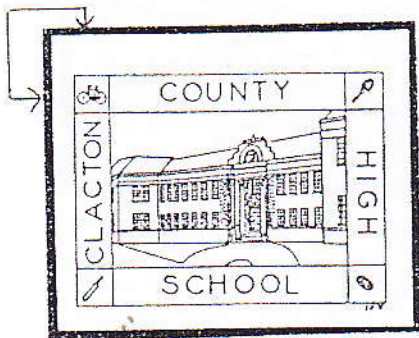
France, 17th to 22nd March. International Cycling Exhibition, Paris, vignette (see page 2 of the Third Issue of 'BS'). Info. from Guy Salmon BSC



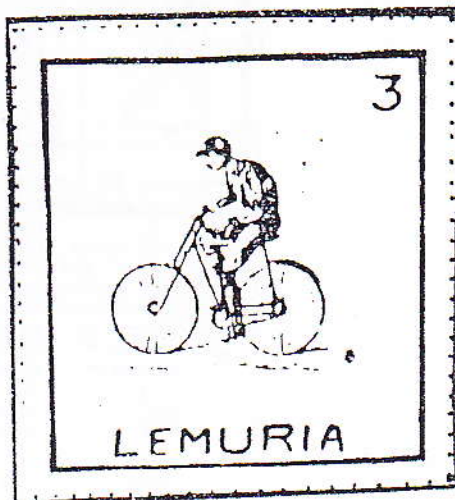
United States of America. Easter Seals discovered by Norman Batho BSC. Easter was from 24th to 27th March this year.



Greece, 17th March. The cover of the stamp booklet (containing a se-tenant strip of the four Olympic stamps) shows, according to Hupert Waltl, a velodrome. Norman Batho BSC has expressed his doubts about that for "no side entrances and no banking" may be seen.



Great Britain, 11th April. Some of the 50p "stamps" were printed without the value "as the school required some" (see page 6 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS'). Information from Ivan Trinder BSC



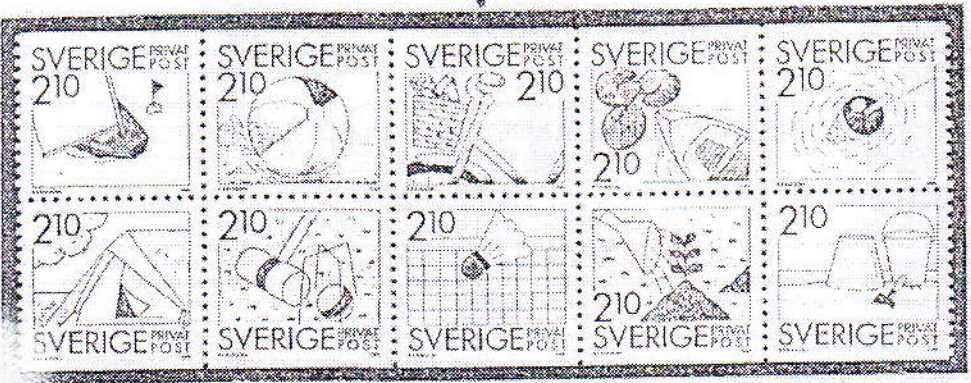
USA. Invalid Local ("No Postal value. Issued in April 1989" - Norman Batho BSC). Another "Local" issued under the 1862 Law - see page 40! The "stamp" is shown actual size on the left. The only LEMURIA known to your editor is the festival celebrated on three days in May (9, 11 & 13) and which honours the ancient Roman ghosts of the dead!



Sierra Leone, 28th April, 1 of 4. All four were issued in sheetlets of ten (the bicycle sheetlet is shown on the right greatly reduced in size to fit here)



Luxembourg, 8th May, 1 of 1. On the 1st July this year the Tour de France started ("depart") with an individual time trial in Luxembourg City



Sweden, 17th May, 1 of 10. Issued as a continuous strip of twenty stamps i.e. as above, but repeated once - 10 x 2 and not 5 x 4 - in stamp booklets. Discovered by Diborn Rombach BSG.



Greece, 22nd May, 1 of 2. Children's Toys Issue. The stamps were issued as ten and perf. in sheets and top and bottom imperf. in stamp booklets (a continuous strip of four - the two stamps repeated once).

But why is, what appears to be, a bicycle - the greatest technological advance in the history of the world - shown hiding behind a butterfly musical toy!

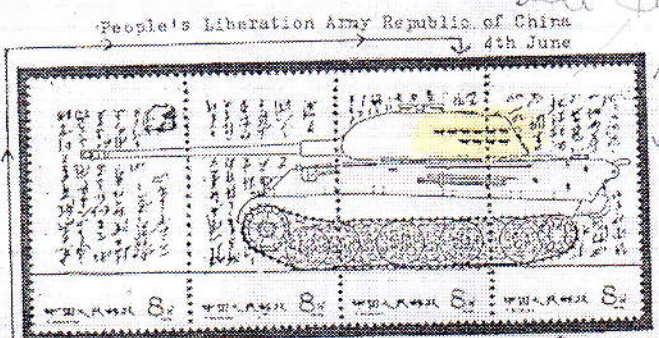
EL SALVADOR (Pt 20)
 496 Basketball
 (Litho Gráficos Jorcar)
 1989 (26 May). Olympic Games, Barcelona (1992). T 496 and similar multicoloured designs. P 14. (a) POSTAGE
 2058 20c. Type 496
 2059 25 c. Boxing
 2060 25 c. Athletics
 2061 40 c. Showjumping
 MS2052 Two sheets, each 83 x 109 mm.
 (a) 1 col. Throwing the hammer; (b) 1 col. Cycling
 (b) AIR Inver "CORREO AEREO"
 2063 55 c. Badminton (horiz)
 2064 55 c. Handball (horiz)

To be illustrated in the Eighth Issue of 'BS'

From 'Gibbons Stamp Monthly' October 1989



Laos, 1st June, 1 of 6. The stamp's size is not yet known. The stamp was not, as far as we know and despite the illustration, issued imperf.



Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun. Mao Tse-tung

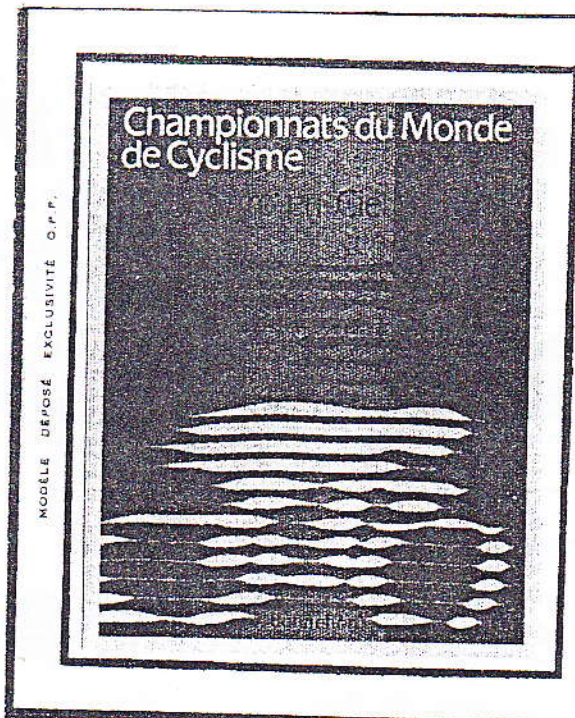
The two middle stamps are hard to translate though the words "The youth... will assess.. the revolution... with values of their own" (Mao Tse-tung) may be deciphered on one and the other begins "The People's Liberation Army Loves the People"

Whoever opposes the student movement is lost Mao Tse-tung

Information provided by Beng Kiao-ying PLA

Leei Boklio micht boklogij

BUT - see pages 3 & 5



PREMIER JOUR
D'EMISSION
FIRST DAY COVER



France, 3rd June, 1 of 1.
The 1989 World Cycling Championships were held at Chambéry in France.



Canada, 23rd June.
1 of 4 stamps
issued in a se
tenant block of 4.
Information from
Benoit Carrier BSC

Jules-Ernest Livernots came from a family of photographers in Quebec City. Livernots is remembered for his portraits, his scenes of Quebec and photojournalism. The stamp depicts Livernots' photograph of a man riding a penny-farthing or high-wheeler bicycle of the late 1850s.

The se tenant blocks of four were issued in sheetlets of 16 stamps. Norman Batho BSC has noticed that there are two different sheetlets. The one illustrated here

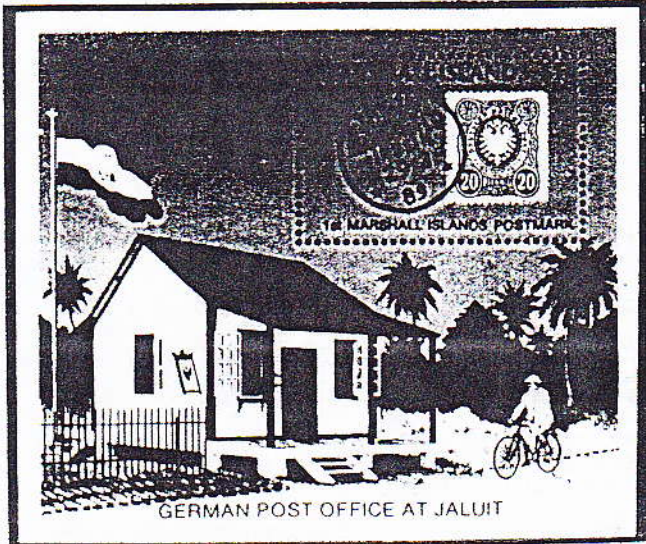


(much reduced in size) has a selvedge margin of 13mm. The other has "a narrow selvedge (1/4 inch) and the lines of print close to the selvedge edge do not appear"

Grenada Grenadines, 7th July.
1 of 4 stamps and a Souvenir Sheet - the latter of no cycling interest



Marshall Islands, 7th July. 1 of 2 Souvenir Sheets of a set of 4 stamps. The designer, William Hanson (see page 8 of the Fifth Issue of 'BS'), has pointed out that he has faithfully reproduced the German "Marshall Insein" cancellation over the German 20 pf stamp shown



to the right of the stamp within the Souvenir Sheet. However, as the islands were discovered by British ship captain John Marshall, the spelling should have been "Marshall Insein".

CYCLING - THE NEW DEFINITIVE STAMP

On 23 August 1989 Australia Post will issue a new definitive stamp to accommodate the postal rate rise occurring on 1 September. The new 41c stamp belongs to the second series of Sports stamps and features the subject of "Cycling".

Cycling first became popular in Australia during the 1880s. Those were the days of the "Penny-farthing" bicycles with their great front wheels.

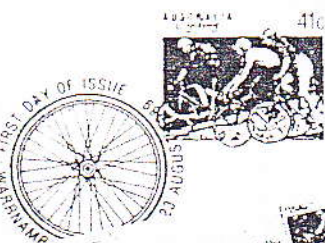


More conventional bicycles (by today's standards), then known as the "Safety bicycle", began appearing on Australian roads in the latter part of the 1880s. The new cycles were strong, light and durable, and involved such innovations as ball bearings, tubular steel frames, tangentially spoked wheels and pneumatic tyres.

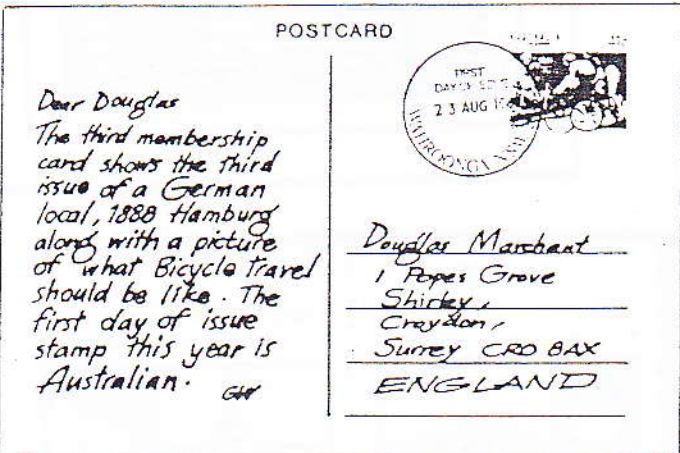
Touring and racing have always been important aspects of cycling. However, in recent years there has also been a resurgence in recreational cycling. Several major cities have constructed special bike paths, increasing safety for cyclists in times when motor vehicles dominate the roads.

Further stamps in the second series of Sports stamps are due to be released early next year.

The "Cycling" stamp was designed by Sue Passmore, a former member of the Australia Post Graphic Design Studio, who now works for the Russell Bevers Design Studio in Melbourne.



Technical Details
 Issue date: 23 August 1989
 Denomination: 41c
 Designer: Sue Passmore, Russell Bevers Design, Melbourne
 Printer: Leigh-Mardon Pty Limited, Melbourne
 - sheet stamps printed at Scoresby plant (perforated at Moorabbin) booklet stamps printed at Moorabbin plant.
 Printing process: Photolithography
 Paper: Sheet stamps - CPL; booklet stamps - Hamsons
 Perforations: 14.4 x 14
 Stamp size: 30mm x 25mm
 Issued sheet content: Single pane of 100 stamps
 National postmark: Warrnambool Vic 3280



The above illustrates the two sides of our 1989 Membership Card. The actual size of the card is 105 x 153mm. I hope you were prompt in sending in your subscription renewal... But, on behalf of those who renewed in good time, thank you Graham Wade BSC for such a superbly designed Membership Card

Australia, 23rd August. The information reproduced above was sent to me by, not surprisingly, Peter Innocent BSC and Graham Wade BSC of Australia and, surprisingly, by Benoit Carrier BSC of Canada.

The Australian stamp shown actual size.

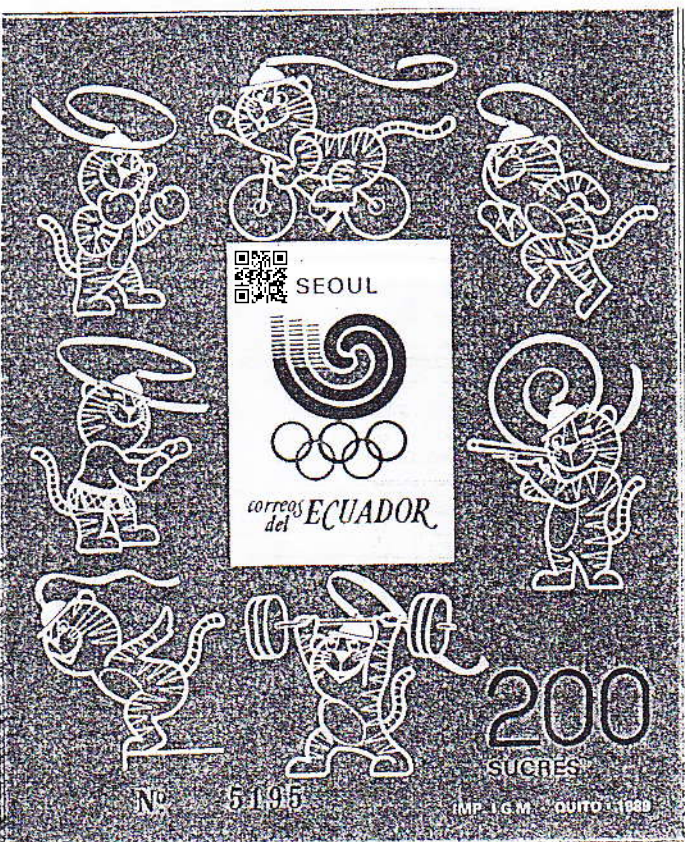


Ecuador. 1 of 7 stamps and a Souvenir Sheet or an extra large stamp for the value is placed in the Souvenir Sheet's "selvedge"! Date of Issue unknown. To be announced in the Eighth Issue of 'BS'

STOP PRESS!
 Date of Issue now known to be 20.07.89.



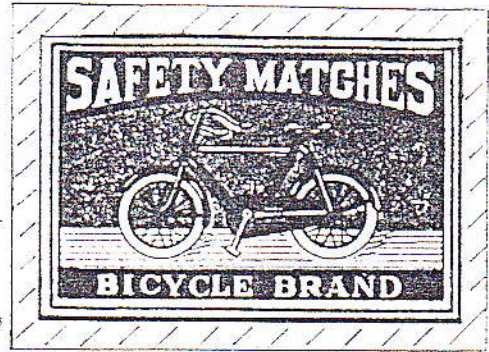
For other philatelic items with the tiger motif - see pages 85/1 and 85/13 of the Premier Issue and page 43 of the Sixth Issue of 'BS'. For a similar motif - see page 85/11 of the Premier Issue.



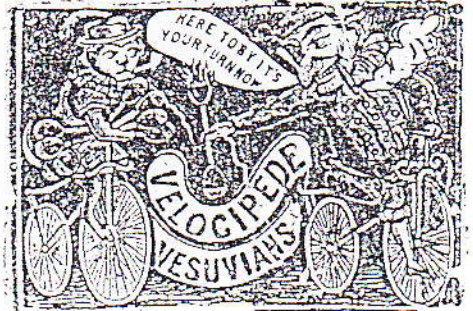
MATCHBOX LABELS

Illustrated by Marshall POC with the generous help of JEREMY BATES Esq

No apologies are offered for devoting six whole pages to Matchbox Label Collecting for it is probably the nearest "Other Thing to Collect" to Philately. Generally a little larger - which gives artists a greater freedom - than stamps, the matchbox label and the stamp are both essentially small, thin pieces of paper that may be collected and stored in the same albums and may be displayed in a similar way. The name given to matchbox collecting is Philately from the Greek Philo (Love) and the Latin Lumen (Light) and collecting started very soon after the invention of matches by John Walker, a chemist of Stockton-on-Tees, England, in 1825. For the Bicycle Stamp Collector who has almost all the stamps issued with a bicycle motive or connection and is looking for something else to collect, Matchbox Label Collecting is the answer. There are certain differences; the main one being the lack of information e.g. no Stanley Gibbons's Michel's or Scott's catalogues to consult. Bad news for those collectors aiming for "completeness", but wonderful news for those who look forward with anticipation to "discoveries". And a collector doesn't have to have unlimited funds for there are no excessively expensive matchbox labels such as the Pireano and San Francisco stamp of 1924. Disappointing news for those who see collecting as a form of investment, but for genuine collectors, there are many riches - discovering, hunting, collecting, swapping and displaying.

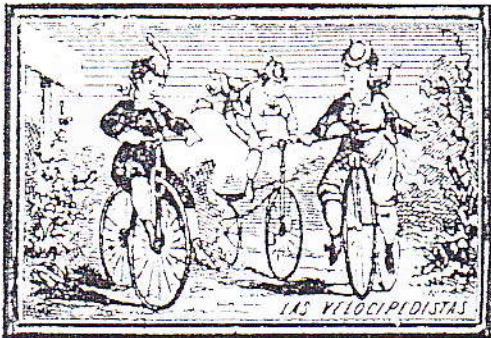


It's exceedingly difficult to find out anything about matchbox labels other than what is on the label. Made in such-and-such a country means that the matches were made in that country. The box and the label may have been printed in some other country. And the Austrian (bottom right) and the Japanese (at the bottom) were obviously sold in English-speaking countries, but which ones?



All Matchbox Labels illustrated on these six pages are shown actual sized.

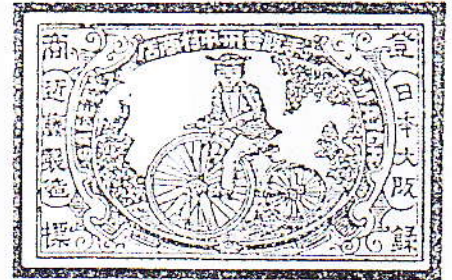
Here are a couple I know something about - or at least I think I do! I have been told that the two above are the top and bottom (which is which I do not know) of a box of 1860's cigar lights. The artist may have been J. Baylis and the maker was either Puce or Simlick. And I am told that the Japanese label (below right) is almost certainly "Koyeki sha owned by T. Inouye" of the 1890's, but what does that mean to me...



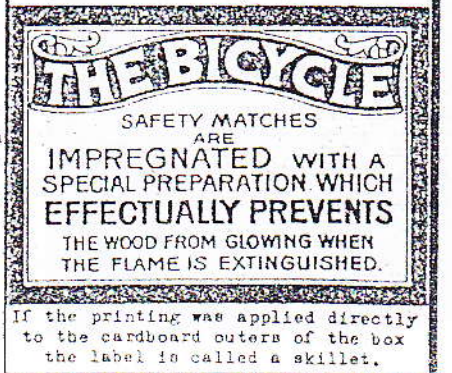
The labels above, left and below are beautifully coloured ones



Deeply embossed label



This one is an all-round-the-box label.



If the printing was applied directly to the cardboard cutters of the box the label is called a skillet.



The lady is cycling and smoking a pipe!

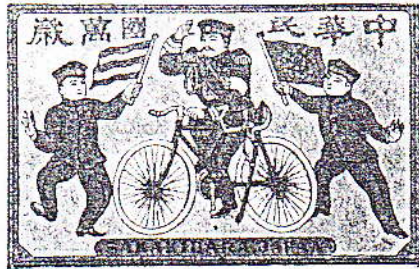


Slightly torn labels cost more or less - the same as perfect ones. Condition is so important with stamps, but hardly matters with these labels.



It wasn't safe then and it's certainly not safe today so please do not ride with a blindfold - it is tempting fate (fortune) and members of our Club merit a long life.





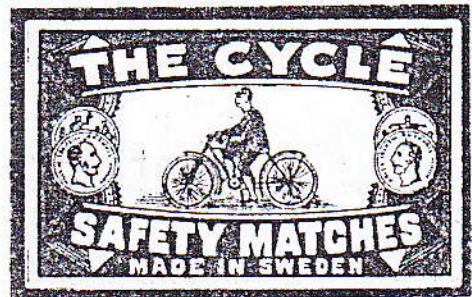
Most of the labels on this page were issued around the 1890's. One or two such as the Swedish 'The Cycle' and 'The Tandem' may be of the 1900's or even the 1910's.



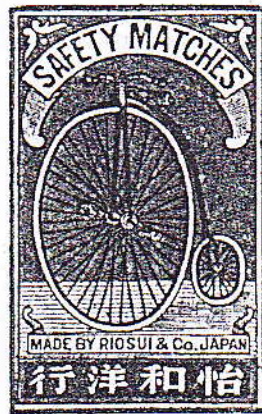
One can learn from labels as well as stamps for did you know that dogs rode bicycles in Japan...

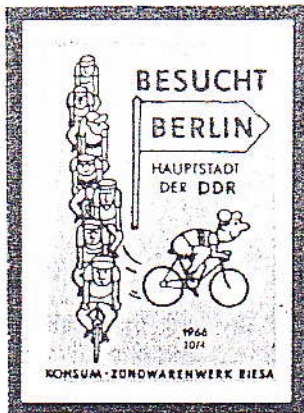


It is disappointing that the Japanese labels shown here have not reproduced well for I think they are extremely colourful.

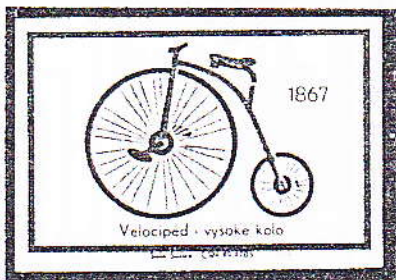
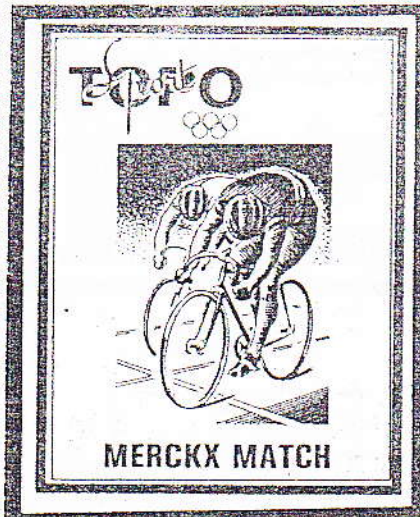
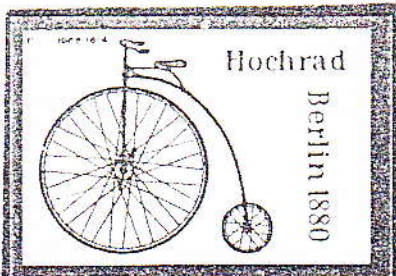


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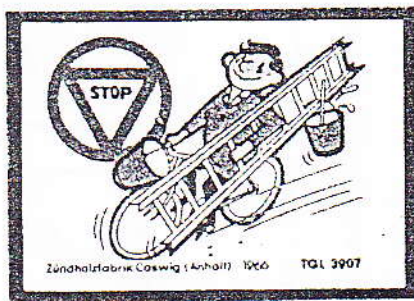
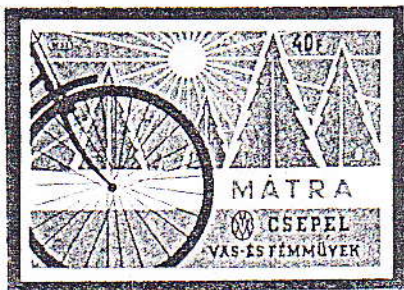
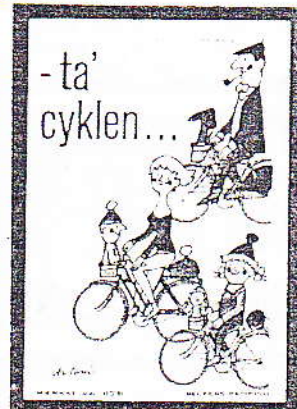
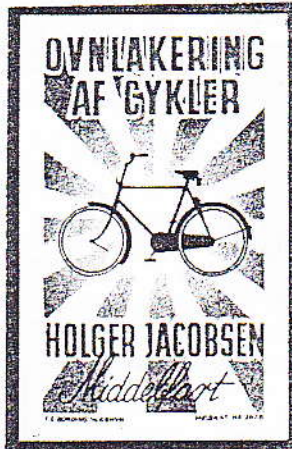
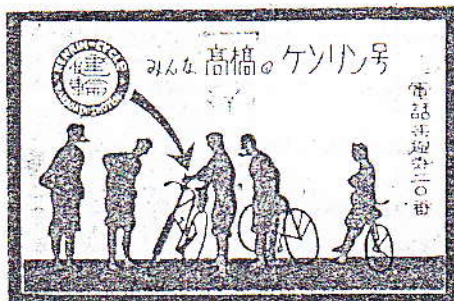


Rich "mimes" of labels for cyclists are to be found in Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Japan, Russia and Sweden.

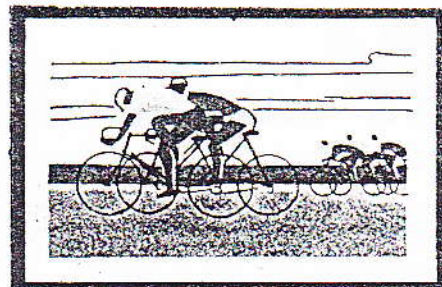


The 'A Cyclist' label on the right advises: If you want to become a good sportsman, you should abstain from drinking beer & wine!

Most of the labels on this page were issued around the 1950's and 1960's.



Some other countries which may be worth a dig for "nuggets" include Denmark, East Germany and The Netherlands.



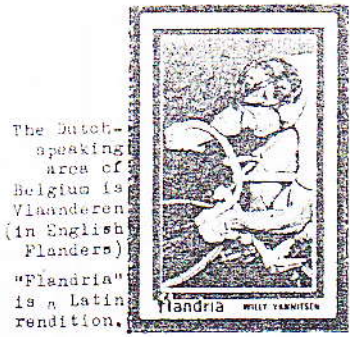
Matchbox labels of cycling interest from other countries (and the astute will have noticed one from Australia on this page) are exceedingly rare.





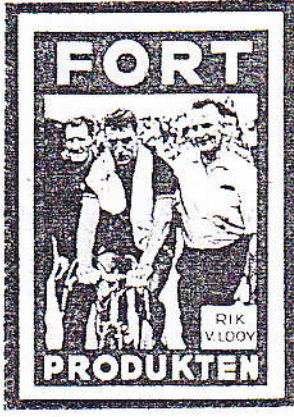
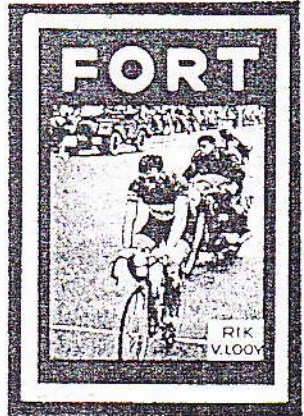
Norman Batho has the Kolo 'Solo Lipnik' set printed on blue paper and printed on white paper with very dark orange faces.

There are at least 28 different FORT matchbox labels of Belgian cyclist Rik van Looy (Tour de France Points Prize winner in 1963). Five of those labels are with the addition of the word "Produkten" (Produce) at the bottom. The packet label shows another five labels. I wonder how many there are in the set!



The Dutch-speaking area of Belgium is Vlaanderen (in English Flanders) "Flandria" is a Latin rendition.

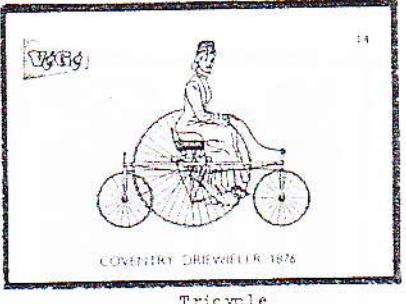
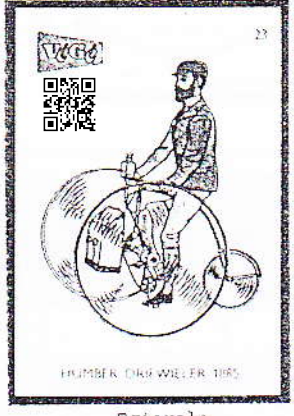
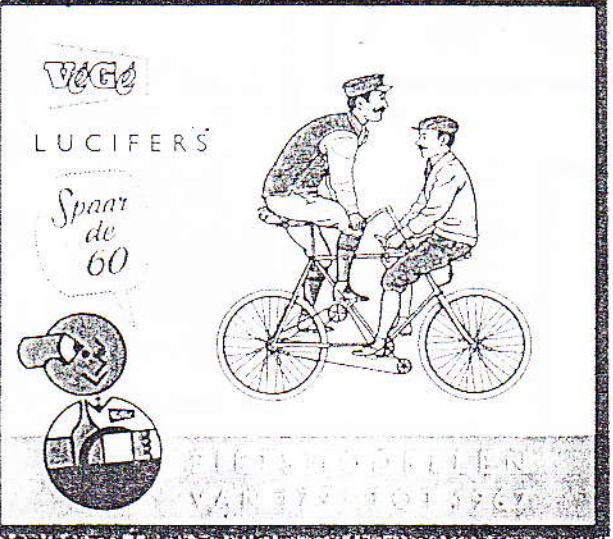
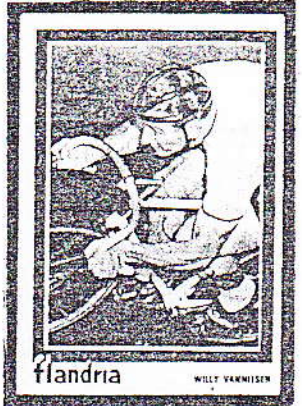
One of a Czechoslovakian set of ten advertising various bicycle models. The set was printed on yellow paper and also on green paper and also on pink paper and also, of course, on white paper. All forty had the words "Solo Lipnik" printed on the left, but I also own a set printed on white paper with the words "Solo Susice" printed on the right instead. 1950s



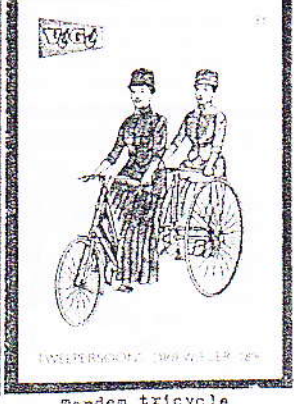
In the 1960's Belgium produced many sets depicting well-known (mainly Belgian) cyclists of the time. Often the sets were issued in two sizes as shown.

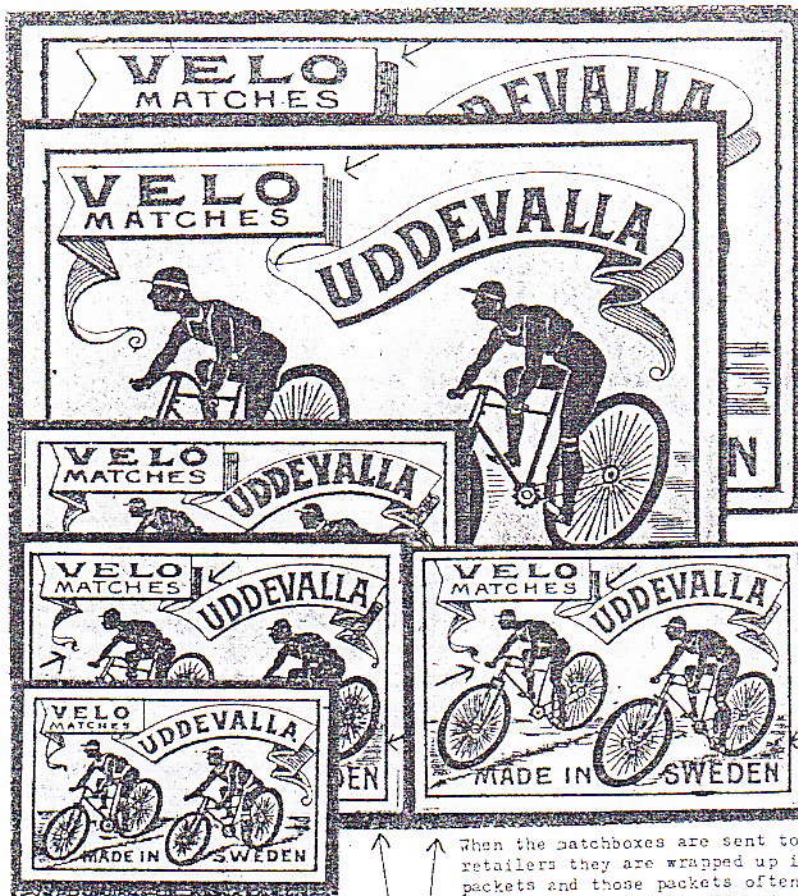


The "Célérifère 1791" pictured below right is a figment of someone's imagination! Facts: In 1816 a Jean-Henry Sievrac of Toulouse, then living in Paris, imported a vehicle from England. He copied it and applied for a patent in Paris. That patent has been looked up and it describes a Célérifère as a horse-drawn, four-wheeled covered carriage roomy enough to carry six persons in elegance and their luggage in a trailer. Date of that patent was 30th June 1817.

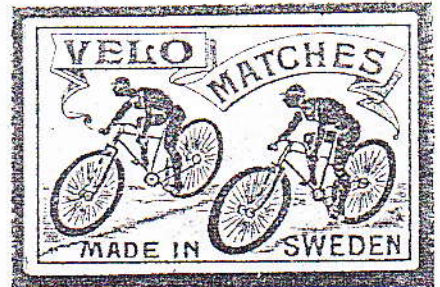


Dutch set of 60 ("Spart de 60" - Save the 60 - from the packet label above) matchbox labels issued in the Netherlands in 1967. "Fietso modellen van 1791 tot 1967" - Bicycle-Models from 1791 to 1967.

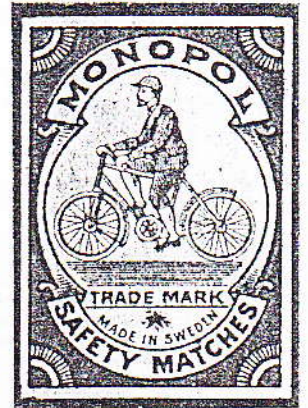




This label was presumably printed after the closure of the Uddevalla Factory in 1901.



'The Cycle' and 'The Tandem' labels shown on page 60 were also issued in a number of different sizes and with other variations e.g. "Antonio Bou" replacing "Safety Matches" on 'The Tandem'.

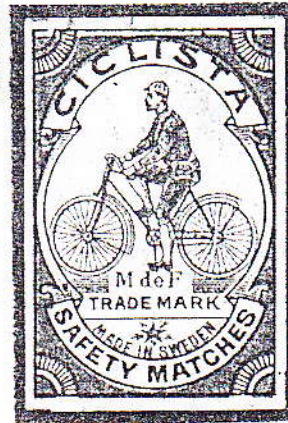


Monopol

The Ciclista/Monopol labels were printed before the First World War or so I've been told. One dealer said "1910".

Collecting the various different labels is great fun. The range of sizes is considerable, but there are many other variations - some can't be shown e.g. colour, but some are indicated by arrows.

When the matchboxes are sent to retailers they are wrapped up in packets and those packets often have a "packet label" affixed - usually of the same design



M de F



Julio Balette



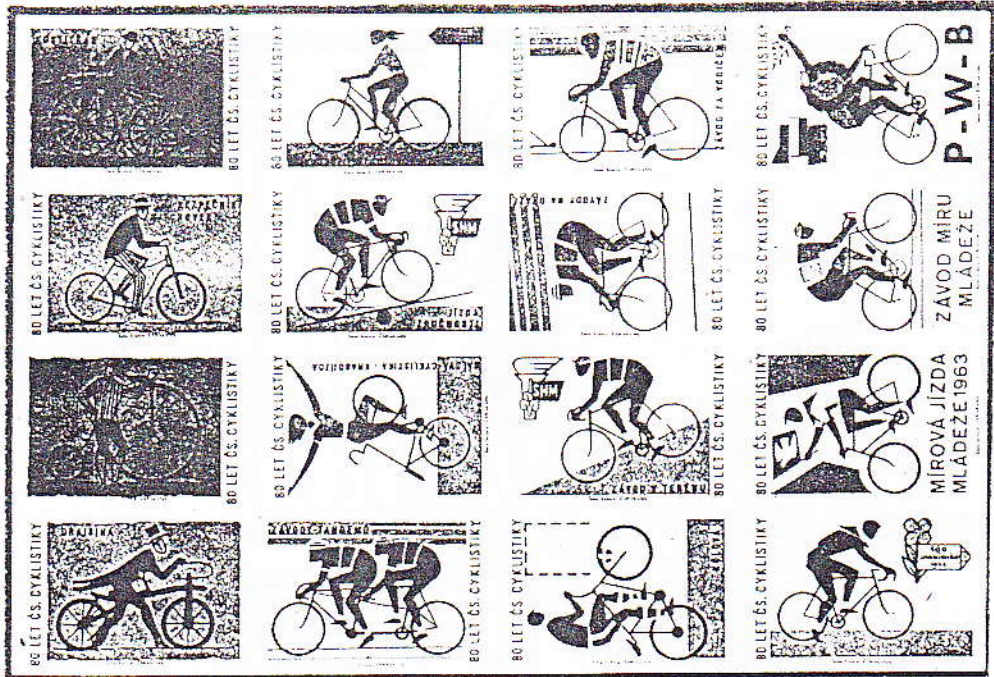
Question: When does a matchbox label become a packet label.....



VAN DEN BERGHE & Zoon

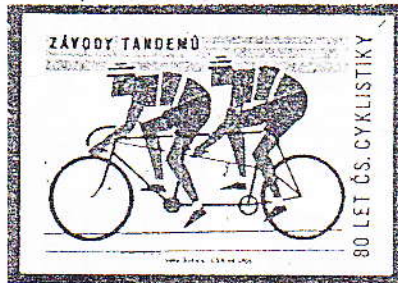
Rijwielen- en Moto handel
373, St-Bernardsesteenweg
HOBOKEN
Tel. 37.86.39

A matchbox label can be a bicycle one without illustrating a bicycle. "Rijwielen" - Bicycles in Dutch.



This is a proof sheet of sixteen matchbox labels. I have reduced it in size to fit here - the actual size of the labels may readily be determined by the one reproduced below. Some labels in proof sheets may sometimes give

information about other labels in the sheet e.g. the label on the left was issued in 1963.



One of the really great things about matchbox collecting is that errors don't command astronomical prices. This Belgian Sprint label has got

"mixed-up" with a label showing a gowned lady whose head has fallen to the ground!

The DIAMOND MATCH - (C. NEW YORK, N.Y.)



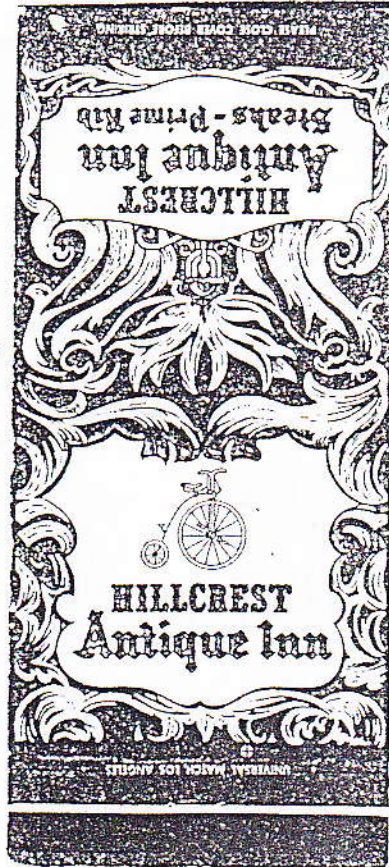
Bookmatches can tell a story - turn the page upsidedown.....



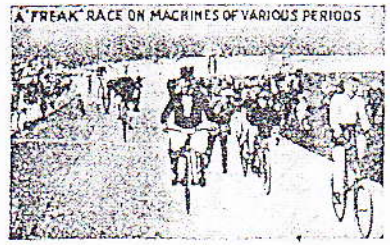
CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH



Bookmatch collecting is often seen as a separate branch of the hobby, but "our" hobby is the BICYCLE!



Sometimes it is only the back of the bookmatch packet, the all-round-the-box label or the skillet which is of cycling interest!



It wasn't planned, but there are exactly a hundred different labels shown on the six pages!