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AN OPEN LETTER
FROM THE EDITOR

October 15, 1990

Dear Frank,

I received your letter some time ago and have not forgotten it. Constructive criticism from contributors is always welcome.

Most of the errors of fact in the two parts of BS8 have been corrected, and the omitted photos have been printed. Other changes have been made in the New Issue listing to make it more complete and easier to use.

Regarding the physical format - There is no such paper size as N4 in the U.S. The comparable standard paper size in the U.S. is 8 1/2 x 11 inches. The next standard size is 8 1/2 x 14 inches, and this is much too long. However, I have avoided punching holes in the magazine to accommodate the overseas members.

Your concern about the content is not so easily resolved. The most serious problem is this:

By far, the majority of the members want only/mostly postal material in the magazine, yet few have contributed even one article.

The Editor is supposed to edit, not write. It is easy for me to fill the magazine with photos of Cinderella material and reprints from other publications. I have enough to do this for several years without repeating any item. However, Cinderellas are not wanted by the majority, and I think nobody wants a magazine filled with articles copied from elsewhere. So where does that leave us?

Each member has a speciality and must consider him/her self fairly expert in some area. If some of this expertise were written down and a few photocopies of related material were made; the magazine would spread the knowledge around. It is the membership that determines what is printed.

I hope this, at least in some part, makes my position clear regarding the magazine.

Best regards,

Norman Batho

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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OLD BUSINESS

Pages 20 and 21 of the Spring 1990 issue of BS indicated the 20.08.52 Luxembourg cycling stamp was issued to commemorate the 1952 World Championship Cycling Races held in Paris, France. Lack of unanimity among the larger stamp catalogs left this in doubt. Pictured below and at the top of the next page are two covers that tend to support the claim.




CARTE OFFICIELLE



**Championnats du Monde
Cycliste sur Route
23 - 24 Août 1952**

Éditée p. les Org. du Championnat du Monde
Cycliste et le Comptoir Philatélique
Mathias Bastian

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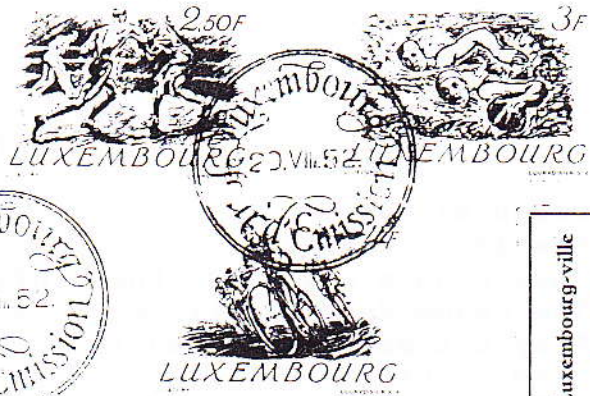
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CHAMPIONNATS du MONDE
CYCLISME
sur route
23-24-8-1952



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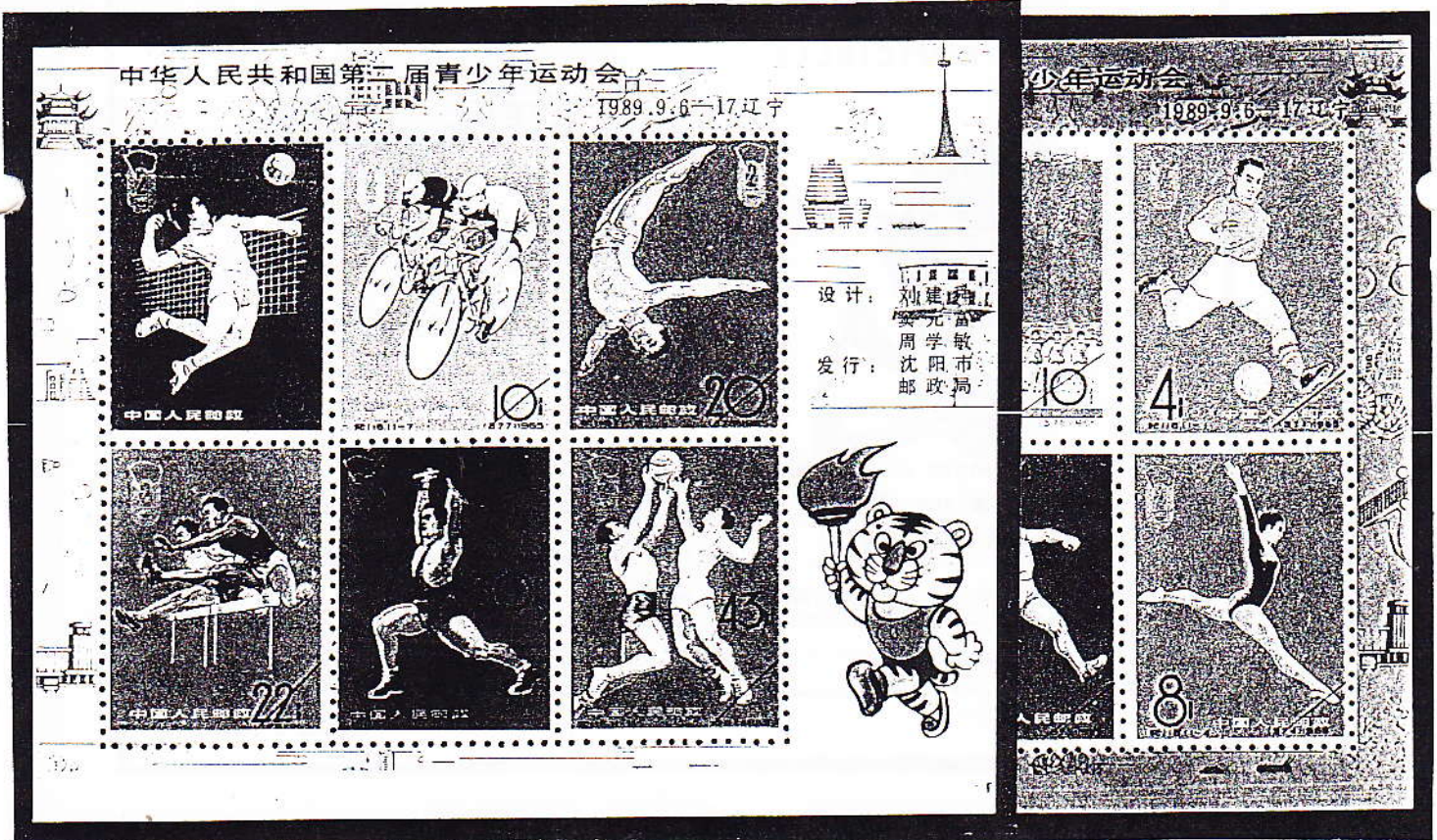
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Pages 21 and 23 of the Summer issue of BS indicate the 18.05.76 GDR cycling stamp was issued to commemorate the 29th running of the Peace Race. The Olympic references are obvious on this stamp. Less obvious is the vertical line of print on the left end of the stamp which reads "Kleine Friedensfahrt", or Little Peace Race. In this case the First Day Cover has no reference that will clear-up the Peace Race reference. Can any member supply information that will help?

NEW ISSUE UPDATE



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| | | | | Recent discoveries | Number in set |
|----|-------------|------------|----------|--|------------------|
| 1a | CHINA (RED) | 28.04.1965 | sheet | 2nd NAT GAMES SEE PAGE 4 | 11+2S |
| 1b | CHINA (RED) | 28.04.1965 | sheet | 2nd NAT GAMES SEE PAGE 4 BIKE IN MARG. | 11+2S |
| 2a | CHINA (RED) | 23.04.1984 | sheet | CYCLIST IN FRONT OF STONE TOWER | ? |
| 2b | CHINA (RED) | 23.04.1984 | sheet | CYCLIST IN FRONT OF STONE TOWER DIFF | ? |
| 3 | CHINA (RED) | 27.08.1984 | sheet | BICYCLE ON LOADED BARGE | ? |
| 4 | GERMAN D.R. | . .1988 | envelope | OLYMPIC SEOUL SEE BACK COVER | ? |
| 5 | PARAGUAY | . .1989 | sheet | 40 ANN. GDR MUNICH VELODROME ON LABEL | ? |
| 6 | JAPAN | . .1989 | booklet | TRIATHLON "BIKE" PRINTED INSIDE | 1 |
| 7 | IRELAND | 15.06.1989 | booklet | 15.09.83 STAMP ON REVERSE GOLDEN AGE | 1 |
| 8a | IRELAND | . .1990 | booklet | 27.01.87 STAMP ON REVERSE POSTAL HIST | 1 |
| 8b | IRELAND | . .1990 | booklet | WITH LONDON O/P ON FRONT COVER | 1 |

A photo of this booklet with the London overprint is needed.

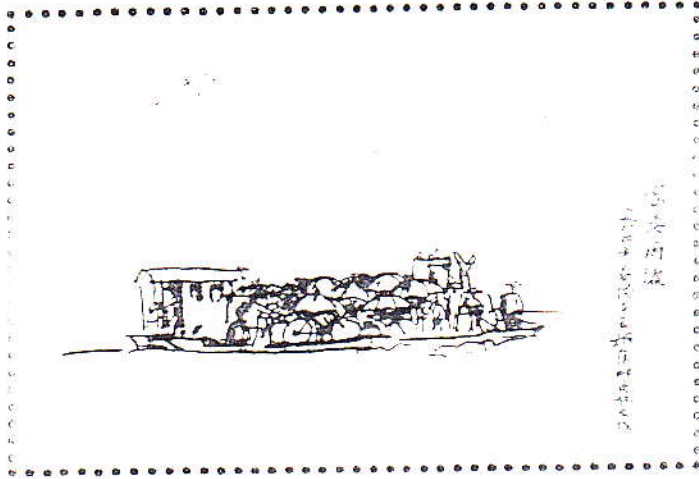
New and newly announced issues and previously listed issues for which the date of issue and/or a photo is now available

| | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------------|---------|--|--------|
| 9 | MONGOLIA | 01.10.1989 | 60m | OLYMPIC SEOUL WINNERS | 4+S |
| 10a | MALAGASY | 07.10.1989 | 1500f | OLYMPIC BARCELONA | 6+S+6S |
| 10b | MALAGASY | 07.10.1989 | 1500f | OLYMPIC BARCELONA CYCLING SHEET OF 1 | 6+S+6S |
| A photo of the Malagasy sheet is needed. | | | | | |
| 11 | TANZANIA | 18.12.1989 | 20s | OLYMPIC SEOUL WINNER O/P LUTS HESSLICH | 8 |
| 12 | DOMINICA | 20.03.1990 | 10c | 9th JUEGLOS DEPORTIVOS NAT. LA VEGA | 3+S |
| 13 | GAMBIA | .05.1990 | 5b | CYCLIST BUS AND BAOBAB TREE | 11 |
| 14 | GAMBIA | .05.1990 | 10b | WOODCARVING BICYCLE AGAINST WALL | 11 |
| 15 | NIUAFO'OU | 01.05.1990 | 2.50pa | MAFEKING STAMP ON STAMP | 4 |
| Niuafu'ou was listed in BS8B as Tonga. | | | | | |
| 16 | DOMINICA | 03.05.1990 | 3s | BRITISH LETTER CARRIER ON 1883 CYCLE | 3+S |
| 17 | GAMBIA | 03.05.1990 | 7d | MICKEY MOUSE AT MAGDALEN TOWER | 8+2S |
| 18 | AUSTRALIA | 16.05.1990 | 41c | CYCLING SELF ADHESIVE COIL STAMP | 1 |
| 19 | SINGAPORE | 04.07.1990 | 30c | BICYCLE AT RAFFLES HOTEL | 9+B |
| 20a | JAPAN | 20.08.1990 | 62y | WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP | 1 |
| 20b | JAPAN | 20.08.1990 | booklet | WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP ON COVER | 1 |
| 21 | JAPAN | . .1990 | booklet | TRIATHLON BICYCLES ON COVER | 1 |
| 22 | CANADA | . .1990 | booklet | 23.06.89 STAMP ON REVERSE MOVING MAIL | 1 |
| A photo of the Canada booklet is needed. | | | | | |
| 23a | THAILAND | 01.01.1990 | booklet | CYCLIST ON COVER VARIOUS STAMPS & DATES? | ? |
| 23b | THAILAND | 01.01.1990 | booklet | SAME AS ABOVE BUT WITH OVERPRINTS | ? |
| 24 | NIGER | .05.1990 | 600f | OLYMPIC BARCELONA BICYCLING SHEETLET | 5+S |
| 25 | BULGARIA | 13.07.1990 | 42c | OLYMPIC BARCELONA CYCLISTS | 4+S/2 |
| 26 | CHINA (RED) | .09.1990 | - | POSTAL CARD ASIAN GAMES PANDA ON BIKE | 30 |
| 27 | LAOS | . .1990 | 50k | OLYMPIC BARCELONA CYCLIST | ? |
| 28 | NICARAGUA | . .1990 | 30c | OLYMPIC BARCELONA CYCLIST | ? |
| 29 | RUSSIA | 14.06.1990 | 10k | GOODWILL GAMES CYCLIST PICTOGRAM | 1 |
| 30 | BHUTAN | . .1990 | 30n | STAMP ON STAMP SHEET MARGIN | ? |
| 31 | SIERRA LEONE | . .1990 | 200l | OLYMPIC BARCELONA TIME TRIALIST | 4 |
| A photo of the Sierra Leone stamp is needed. | | | | | |
| 32 | GRENADA | 09.07.1990 | 4s | OLYMPIC BARCELONA WOMEN CYCLISTS | 10+2 |
| A photo of the Grenada stamp is needed. | | | | | |

S = Sheet
B = Booklet

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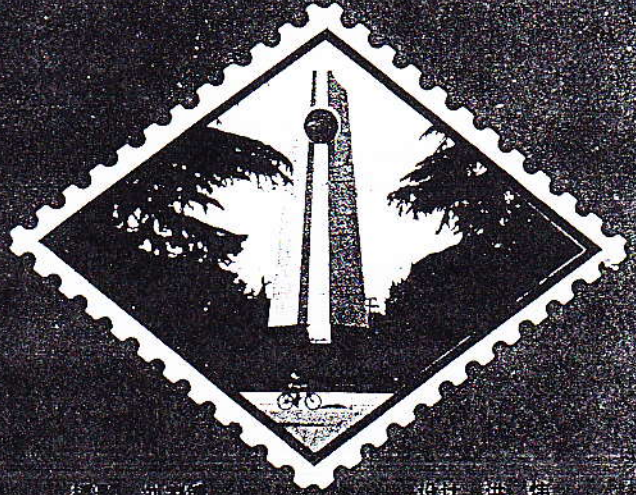
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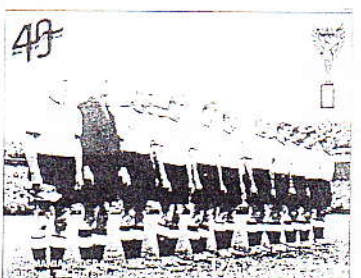
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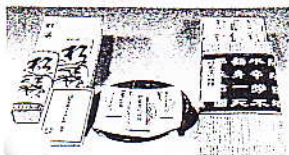


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トライアスロン (TRIATHLON) 用語

- 1) トライアスロン (TRIATHLON)
1974年米国サンディエゴに誕生した、スイム(水泳)、バイク(自転車)、ラン(ランニング)を同一の選手が連続して行うことにより「トライアスロン」というスポーツが成立した。
3種目男女の記録を競うのではなく、総合記録が成績となる。
ランニングで「トライ」が数字の3、「アスロン」が競技の意味。
他の複合競技には、冬季オリンピックのバイアスロン(二種競技)、オリンピック正式種目のヘプタスロン(七種競技)、サカスロン(二種競技)等があるが、これらの種目は、間断なく連続して競技されるものではない。
- 2) インターナショナル・スタンダード・タイプ (トライアスロン国際標準距離)
概ね1.5タイプ・トライアスロン、INTERNATIONAL STANDARD TYPE TRIATHLON世界的に最も普及したトライアスロンの競技距離51.5km (1.5km、1.5km、2.5km、40km、10km)で行われるトライアスロンの正式名称。
国際標準距離、インターナショナル・スタンダード・タイプ・スタンダードとも呼ばれる。
- 3) トライアスリート (TRIATHLETE)
トライアスロン選手の意味。
- 4) スイム、バイク、ラン (SWIM, BIKE, RUN)
水泳、自転車、ランニングの4項目の総称。

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Ireland's Golden Age

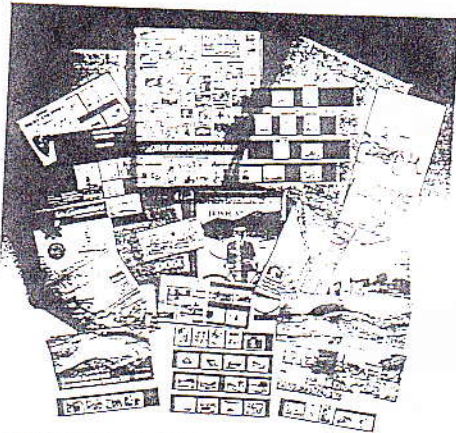
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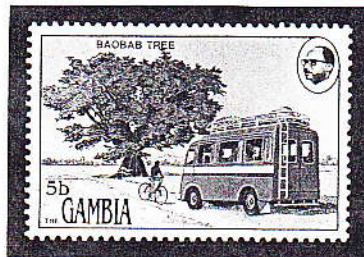
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Dates of issue and photos of new issue material were supplied by David Sher, Douglas Marchant, Benoit Carrier, Tore Josefsson, Graham Wade, Shiro Yagami, and Bert Schapelhouman. Thanks, to all of them.



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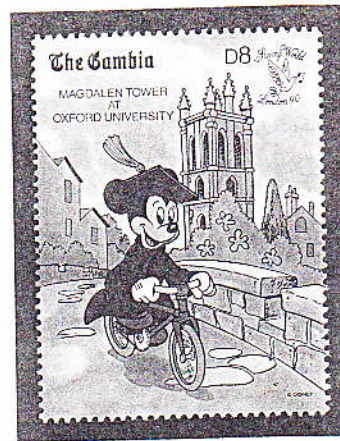
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CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE
DE CYCLISME 1990
1990 WORLD CYCLING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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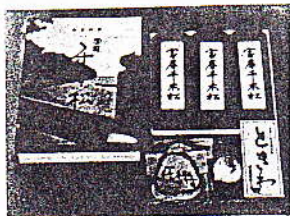
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安心・信頼・夢

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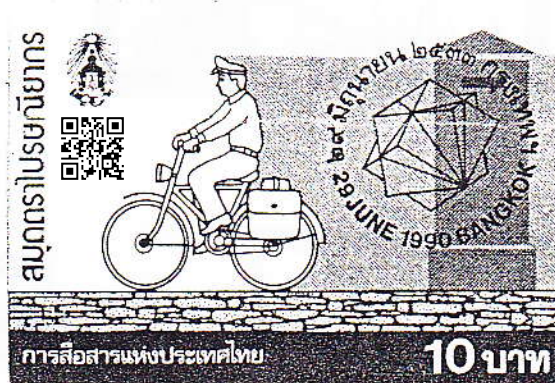
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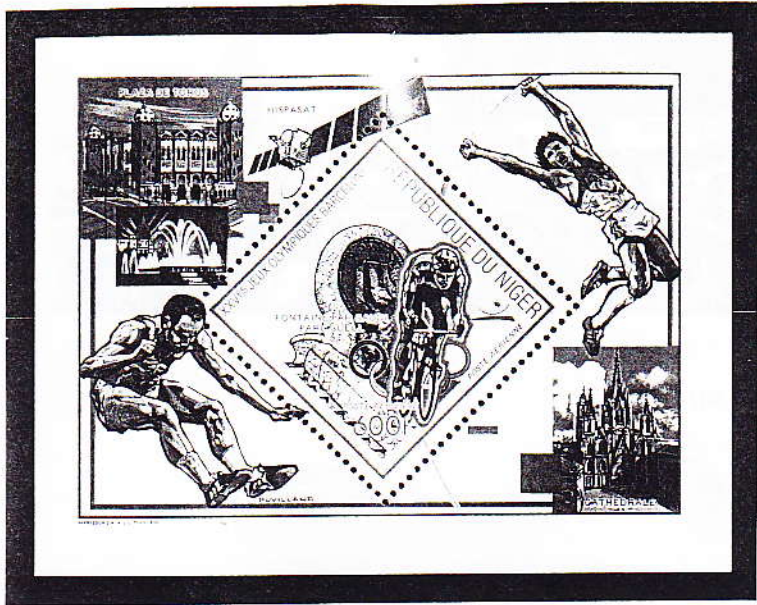
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From David Sher and Bert Schapelhouman come photos and information about the Thailand booklets:

The Thailand booklets are made from sheet stamps. Strips of 5 x 2 baht stamps are mounted in covers, locally printed in green. Typically one cover is used for several issues. This cover has been used for the following issues:

- All backs are alike - Several have been overprinted
- 01.01.1990 Population and Housing Census
- 13.01.1990 Children's Day, set of two
- 29.03.1990 Red Cross Fair
- 16.05.1990 50th Anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry
- 29.06.1990 Thai Minerals



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*postal { verantwortlich Postkarte
 cara } Bolho Felkoneige*

Information supplied
 by Tore Josefsson



An enlarged copy of an expertized Philippines special delivery stamp discussed on page 14 of BS&B.
 Supplied by Raymond See.



Last minute photo of a new issue from Bert Schapelhouman - Issue date not known

Brian Sole, 3 Stockfield Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey, England KT10 0QG, shares this portion of a letter he received recently, and wonders, "...if any member could locate covers sent to Peking from Tientsin during the few days before Christmas 1925 and to confirm whether or not any special markings were used to indicate delivery by cyclists."

The following is an extract from a letter dated 28th December 1925 by my father, Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector General, Chinese Maritime Customs, from Peking:-

"Since then (11th December) things have been happening here with great rapidity. For some fourteen or fifteen days Peking was entirely cut off from Tientsin owing to the fighting at Yangtsun and Peitsang, the lines of both armies extending across the Peking-Moukden Railway. The international train came through just before the line was cut, but it failed to get back again and you will have seen about it in the newspapers. During this period government was more or less in abeyance here, and as we had no mails except a few that came via Hankow mostly from up river ports, there was a very slack time. I think this is the longest time that we have been cut off from the outside world since the siege of the Legations in 1900. The Post Office made a desperate effort to bring us our Christmas mail, and I understand that over two hundred bicycles were sent off from Tientsin by a circuitous route through the country. Anyhow they achieved success because the mail was delivered on Christmas morning and everyone was happy."

Unfortunately my father was not the least philatelically minded and failed to keep the covers that came by this mail, so we shall probably never know whether there is any philatelic evidence of this tour de force in the shape of special postal markings.

THE PEACE RACE
(continued from BS8B)

Douglas Marchant has pointed out two Peace Race stamps not included in the Peace Race article that appeared in the Summer issue of BS. Are there any others?

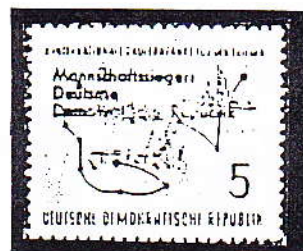
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German D.R.
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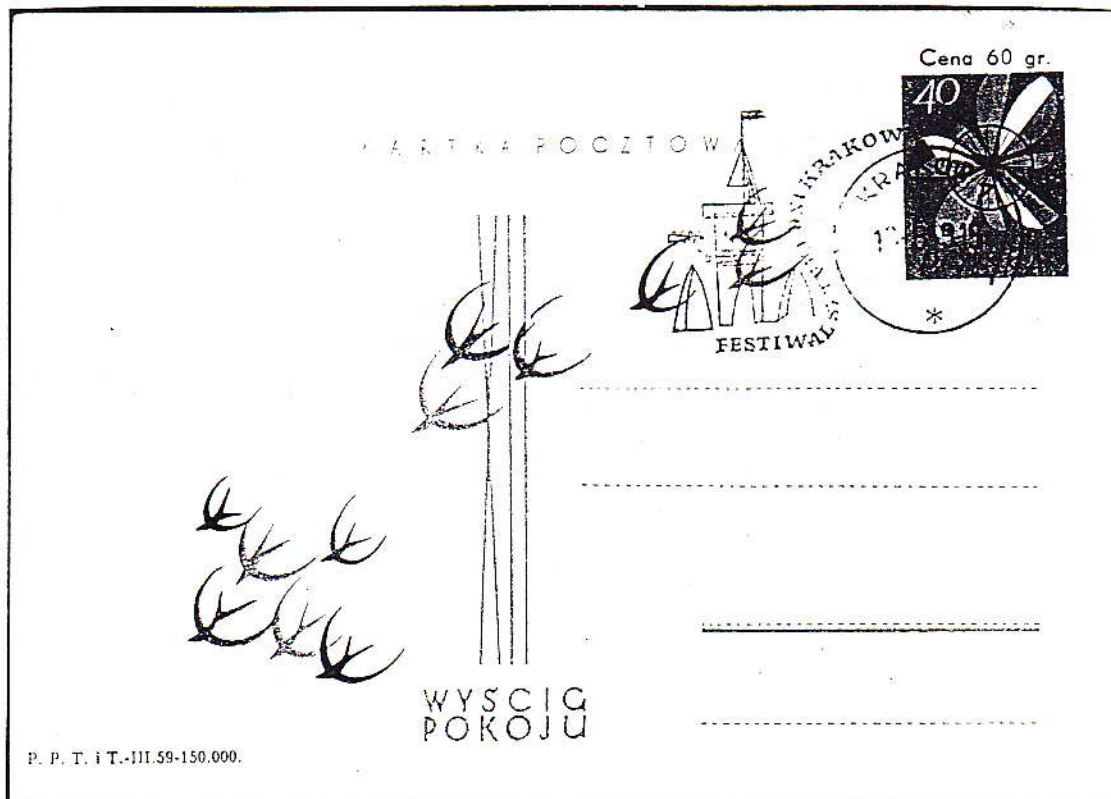


GDR 30.04.1957



Poland 01.05.48

In addition to the postage stamps that were issued to support and commemorate the Peace Races over the years, there has been a large amount of collateral postal material issued. Participating countries frequently produced cards, covers, and special folders. The first two, from Poland for races twelve and twenty-four, have bicycle stamps printed on them. The others are but two of the many issued.



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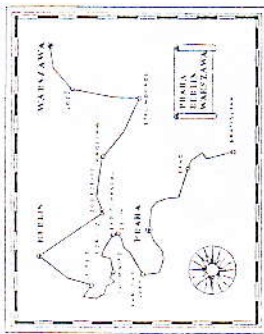
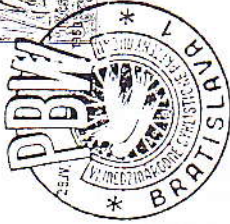
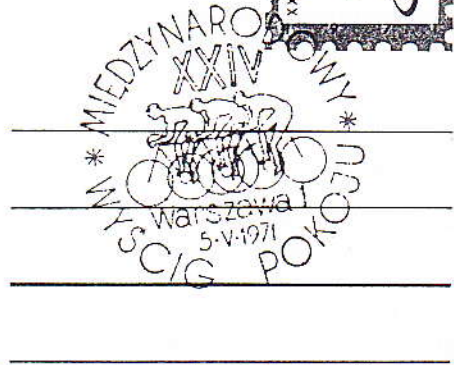
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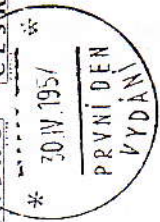


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PONY EXPRESS RIDERS HAD THEIR DAY AND SO DID BICYCLISTS BACK IN 1894

by Bert Schapelhouman

IN MIDSUMMER of 1894, citizens of the thriving little city of Fresno, California sweltered in the July sun, their faces creased with worry. The trainmen, objecting to the popular new Pullman cars, were about to strike the railroads. This was before the age of cars and trucks. Without railroads, Fresno would be forced back to the age of the horse, and San Francisco, 200 miles to the northwest, would suddenly become a week away over rutted dirt roads.

At this point, some local merchants had an idea. The bicycle was just coming into popularity, and Fresno already boasted an established bicycle store and repair shop. "The Victor Cyclery," owned by Arthur C. Banta. Why not, thought the local merchants, set up a bicycle relay to carry mail to San Francisco out of strike-bound Fresno. The merchants asked Banta if this could be done and if he would handle it. Banta replied with a rousing "YES".

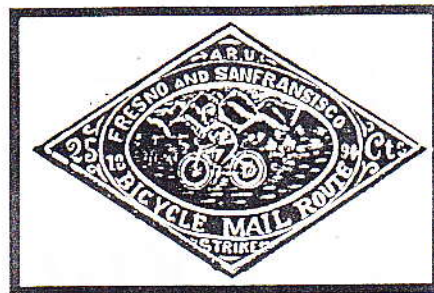
Riders were carefully selected, routes were studied, relay points established, advertisement inserted in the local newspapers, and circulars distributed. The circulars declared:

"BICYCLE MESSAGE ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO

The undersigned (Banta) begs to announce to the public that he will establish a messenger Route to San Francisco on Bicycles via WHITE'S BRIDGE, PACHECO PASS, GILROY and SAN JOSE. A daily service will be established...beginning Saturday morning, July 7, 1894. the rate for letters to San Francisco and all intermediate points will be 25 cents."

When the Bicycle Service began, the public was frankly skeptical of the project. The idea of riding bicycles on the 210 miles of rough dirt roads to San Francisco in a single day was preposterous: "It simply cannot be done" was heard on all sides. Three days possibly, perhaps in two...but in one day, no.

By the morning of July 9, after three days of operation, the schedule had settled down to an official 18 hours each way, and the service was running smoothly. Gradually bicycles began to carry more than just mail. A Fresno furnishing goods house ordered a dozen negligee shirts. A photographer ordered, and received, nitrate of silver. A dentist received a much-needed set of teeth for a strike bound customer.



1 DIE 1 - Original Design, note misspelled "San Fransisco"

The idea of issuing a stamp or frank on letters carried was suggested by Mr. Eugene Donze, a local engraver. Mr. Donze agreed to provide a die and outlined the shape and design of the stamp. The wording on the stamp seems to have come from Banta himself. The die was engraved on a copper plate and then mounted on a block of engraver's boxwood by Mr. O.J. Treat of the Commercial Printing Company of Fresno, who also did the printing.

The California bicycle mail stamp may be regarded as our second American emergency mail stamp, and the world's FIRST to be issued as a result of a strike.

The California bicycle mail stamp appears in two forms - adhesive and stamp stationary envelopes. They exist and are known in contemporary use in 3 materially distinct types or design varieties, all of which made their appearances within the first five days -- or less -- of the BICYCLE MAIL ROUTE SERVICE.

In Type 1, the original design, the first adhesive stamp the city of "San Fransisco" was misspelled, 816 stamps were already run off when the offending error was discovered by C.E. Jenney of Fresno. Mr. Donze then recut the original die, correcting the spelling error with other minor character changes. Approximately another 1000 adhesives were run off the corrected die.



2 DIE 1 - Original design, "USED"



3 DIE II - Used on stamp stationary

On July 10th, Donze engraved a complete new die for use on stamp stationary, Die II. Whether intended exclusively for such use or not can only be surmised. There are quite a few variations, like the scratches in the roadway behind the bicycle running upward to the right, and the white valley under the last "N" of San Francisco, which, unlike the recut die, is almost vertical.

It appears that this second die was used only for printing the envelopes, during the first few impressions, it was either broken, damaged or was retired from service. Die II was then replaced by the original recut die used for the adhesive stamps, Die I-R, for printing the majority of the envelopes.



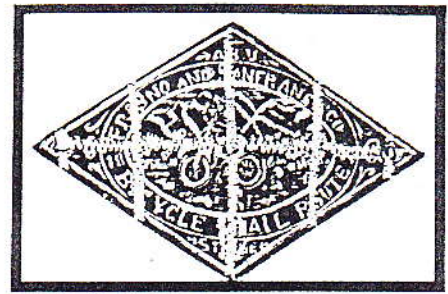
4 DIE I-R, Second design, spelling of San Francisco is corrected

There is no evidence or indication that Banta ever ordered stamps or envelopes directly from the printer.

The bicycle service, with its relays of fast riders so reminiscent of the Pony Express, lasted until July 18, or shortly after the end of the railroad strike, when John Enos arrived in San Francisco with the last mail. He found no letters awaiting the return trip, and the service ended. Although it had taken in a total of \$108.80, expenses had amounted to \$134.40. Banta gracefully accepted his loss of \$25.30.

The strike was over, the story of emergency mail transportation during that violent period had passed into history. If only Banta and Donze had folded their tents, *but they didn't!*

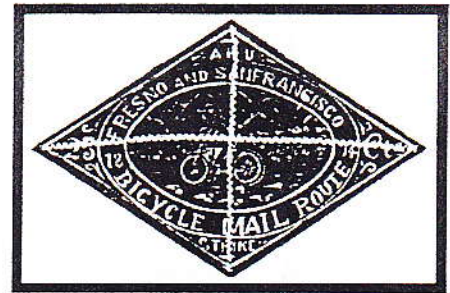
In early August, 1894, Donze prepared a new die, Die III, which closely resembles the recut original, Die I-R. He then defaced this duplicate, actually an engraved counterfeit, with one heavy horizontal cut and five



5 DIE III - Engraved counterfeit

vertical ones.

This defaced counterfeit was printed in green as a corner card for both Banta and Donze. For Banta, the die was printed on his regular Victor Cyclery business envelopes, to the right of the illustrated corner card. Donze used plain envelopes with "RETURN IN TEN DAYS TO" above the design and "EUGENE DONZE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A." below. Donze used these envelopes as early as August 13, 1894, and Banta's on August 15, 1894. Unused examples of these envelopes also exist.



6 DIE I-R-D, Defaced Original

The genuine Die I-R-D was defaced on August 23, 1894 in the presence of Jenney and Banta, affidavits were made up to prove this, and sworn before G.C. Grimes, Notary Public. Copies of the affidavit were sold by Donze.

Approximately 380 covers were carried by the Fresno and San Francisco Mail route, as has been stated repeatedly by Banta himself. Of the 380 covers, about 315 were franked with adhesive stamps and only about 40 were franked envelopes. This leaves 25 going without franking of any kind on the first day of service. Only about 40 to 50 covers, or less, are known to be in collections today.

After the strike was over, it is known that first Banta and later Donze started advertising. Banta mailed a number of form letters printed on his business letterhead, a copy of which is seen in this collection.

It is also known that Donze, the engraver, sold 100 of the first issue stamp (with the error) to W. Sellschopp & Co., 108 Stockton Street, San Francisco. This company was a stamp dealer and also publishers of

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies. Sellschopp and Co., were advertising the material in their own journal during August, September and October 1894, offering the initial stamp, \$1 for \$1.50 each, the adhesive with the corrected spelling at 75 cents.

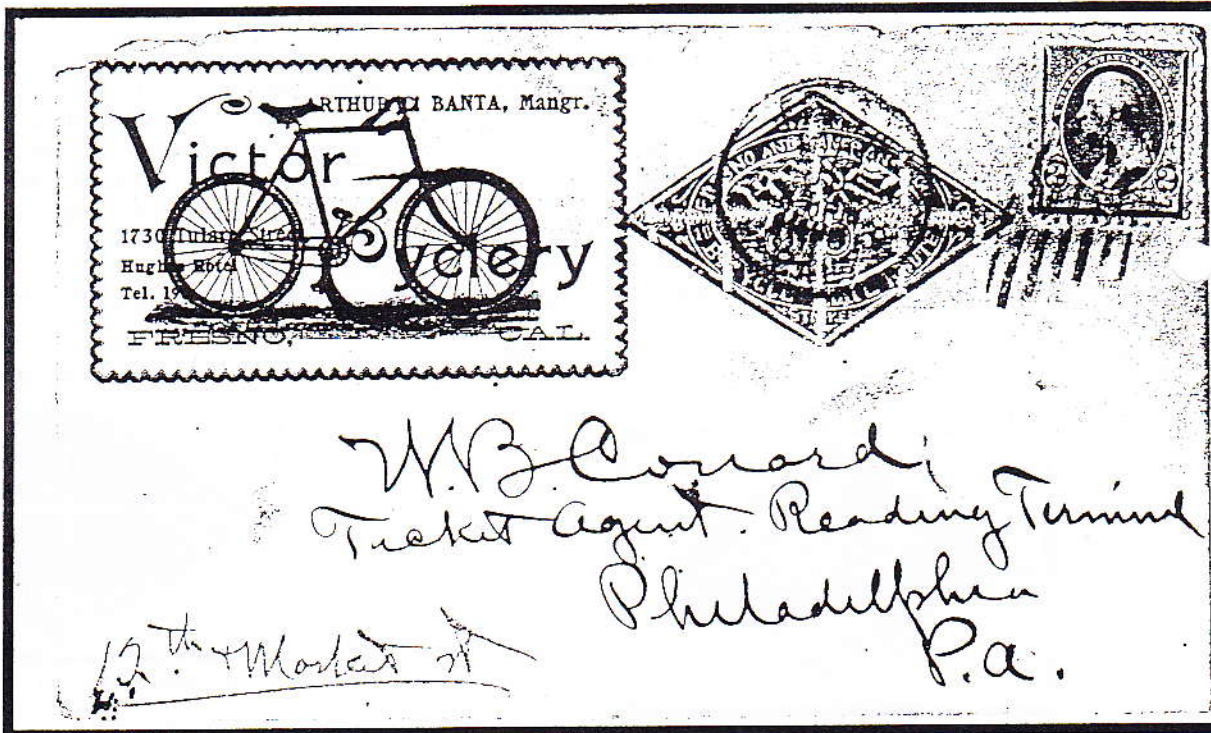
In the last five years I have not seen any mint or used stamps of the original issue, except on actually used envelopes. Inquiries have not had any positive results. It is thought that only four of the original sheetlet (with the spelling error) of six are in existence today.

It would be very easy to continue with this exciting story for many more pages, but in order to get the complete picture, I recommend that you read the only

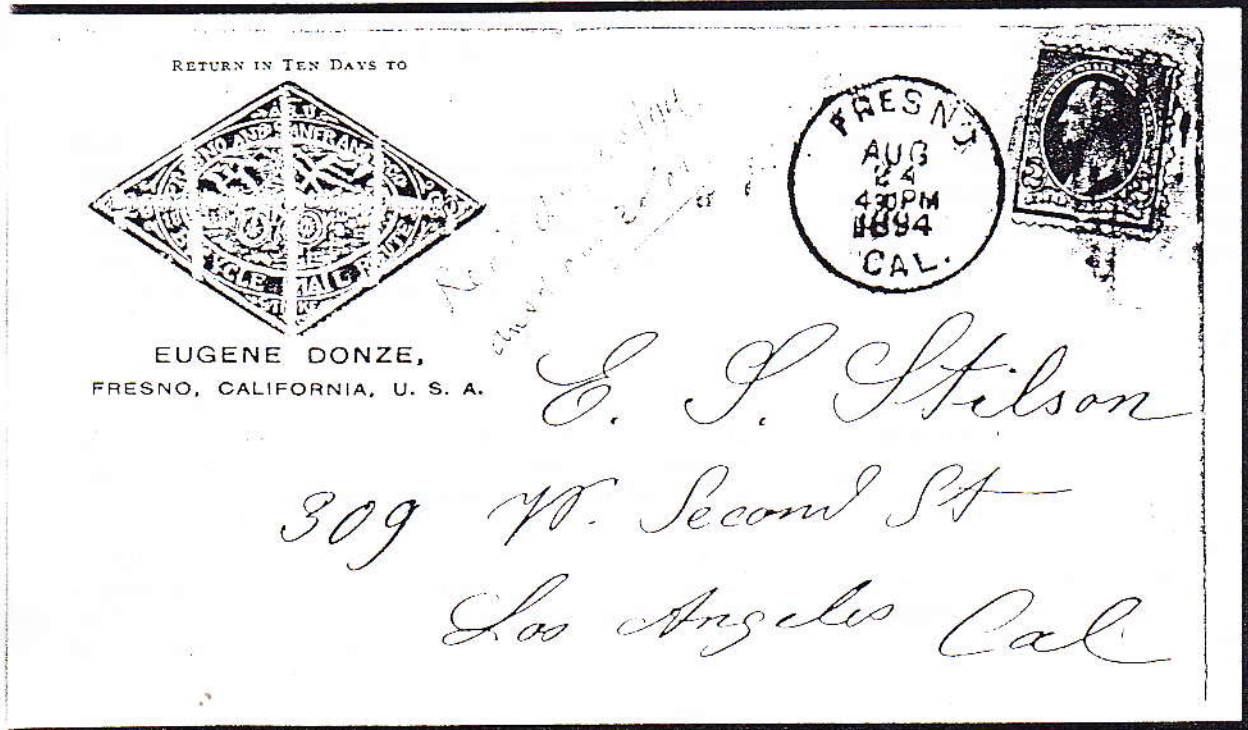
book on this very interesting and fascinating subject, entitled "THE FRESNO AND SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLE MAIL OF 1894", written by Mr. Lowell B. Cooper, printed in 1982, published by Leonard H. Hartmann, Philatelic Bibliopole, P.O. Box 36006, Louisville, Kentucky 40233, U.S.A.. The price of the book is \$50.00. It goes without saying that I have used much of the above information from this excellent book.

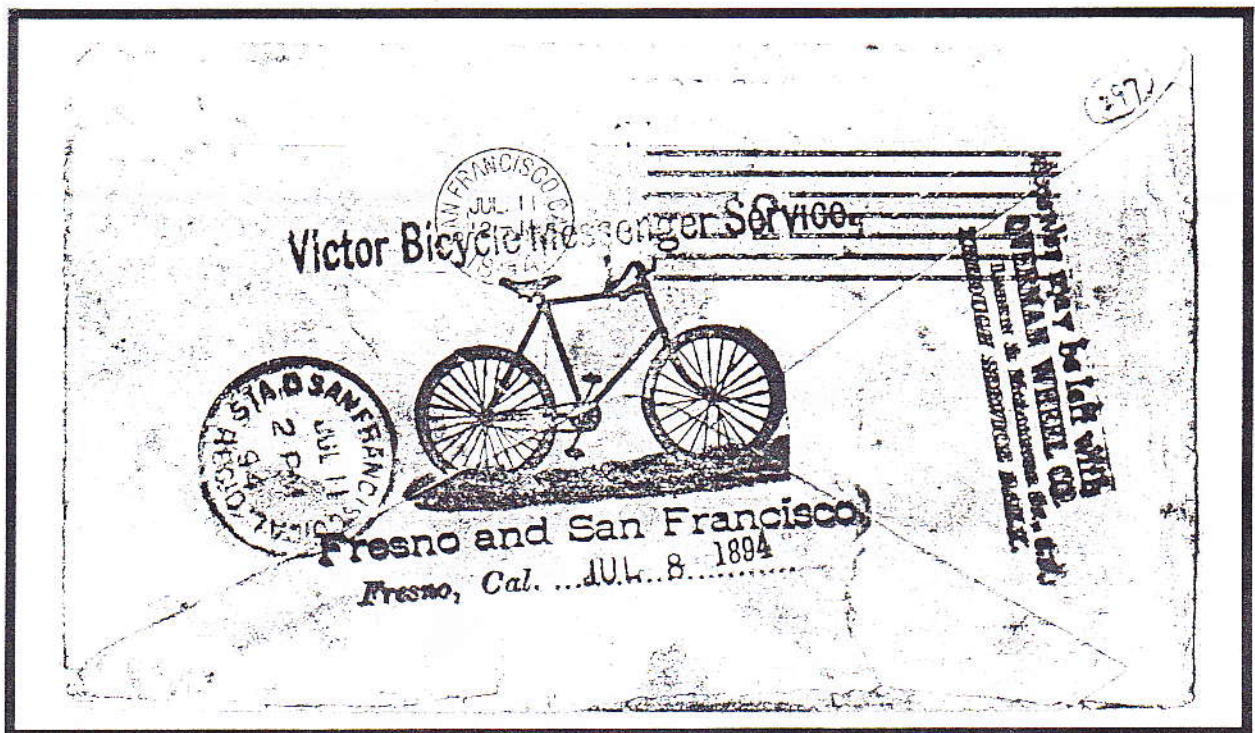
All material shown on the following pages is in my own collection.

Bert Schapelhouman
1880 Golden Way
Mountain View, California 94040 U.S.A.



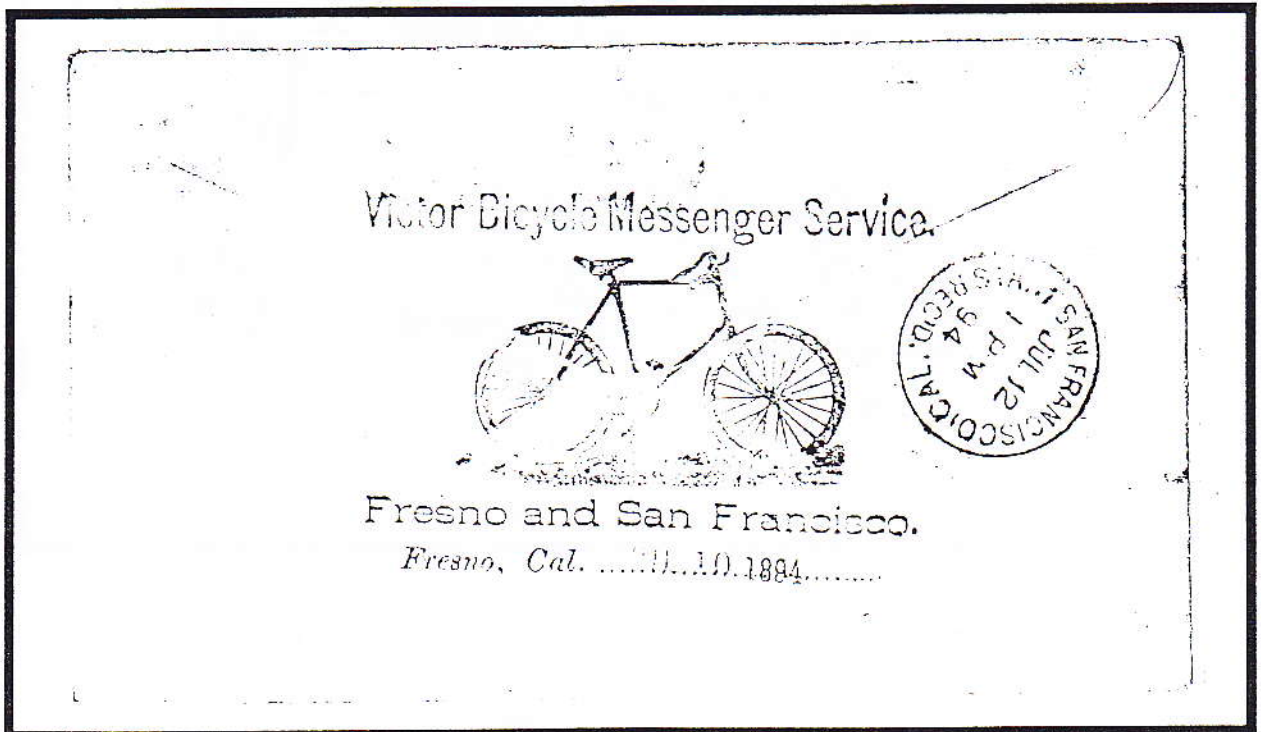
DIE III, Donze and Banta's stationary, engravers counterfeit.





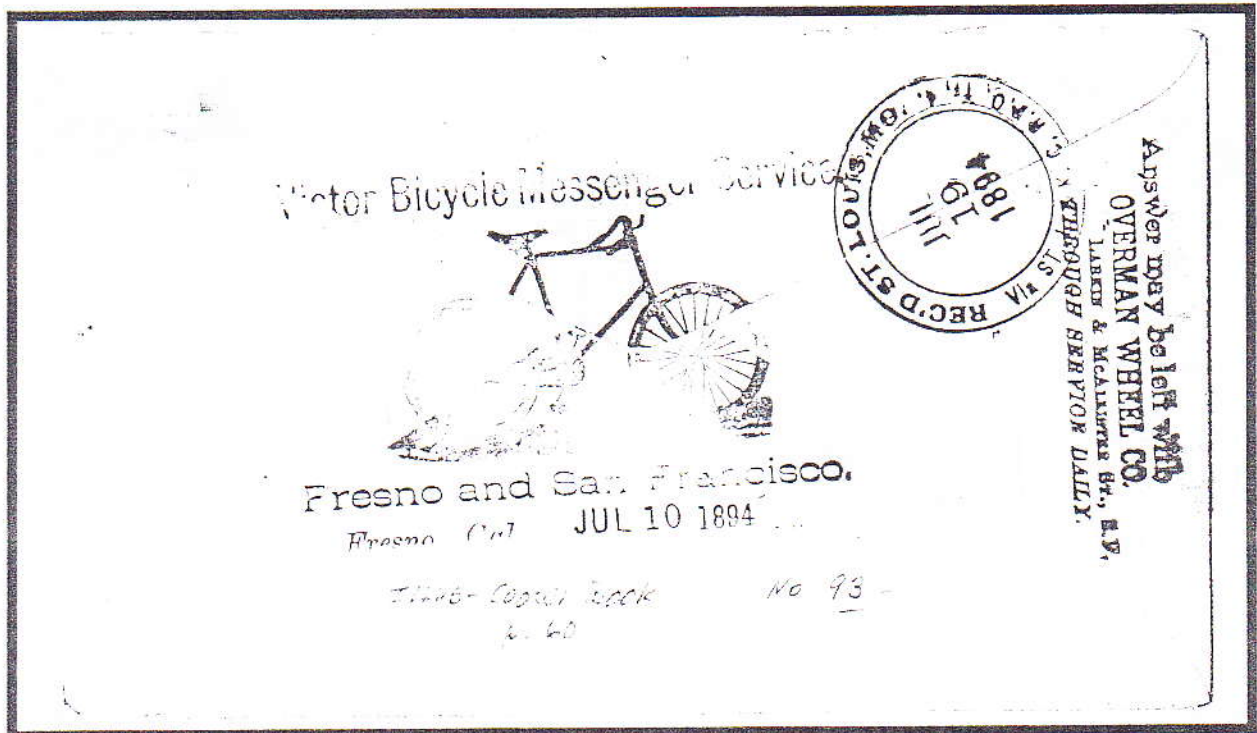
COVER #50, from Menlo Park to San Francisco. Dated July 11, 1894 with the Die I stamp. The only known corner card for this event.

COVER #88, with Die I stamp. Left Fresno on July 10, 1894 and arrived in San Francisco on July 12, 1894.

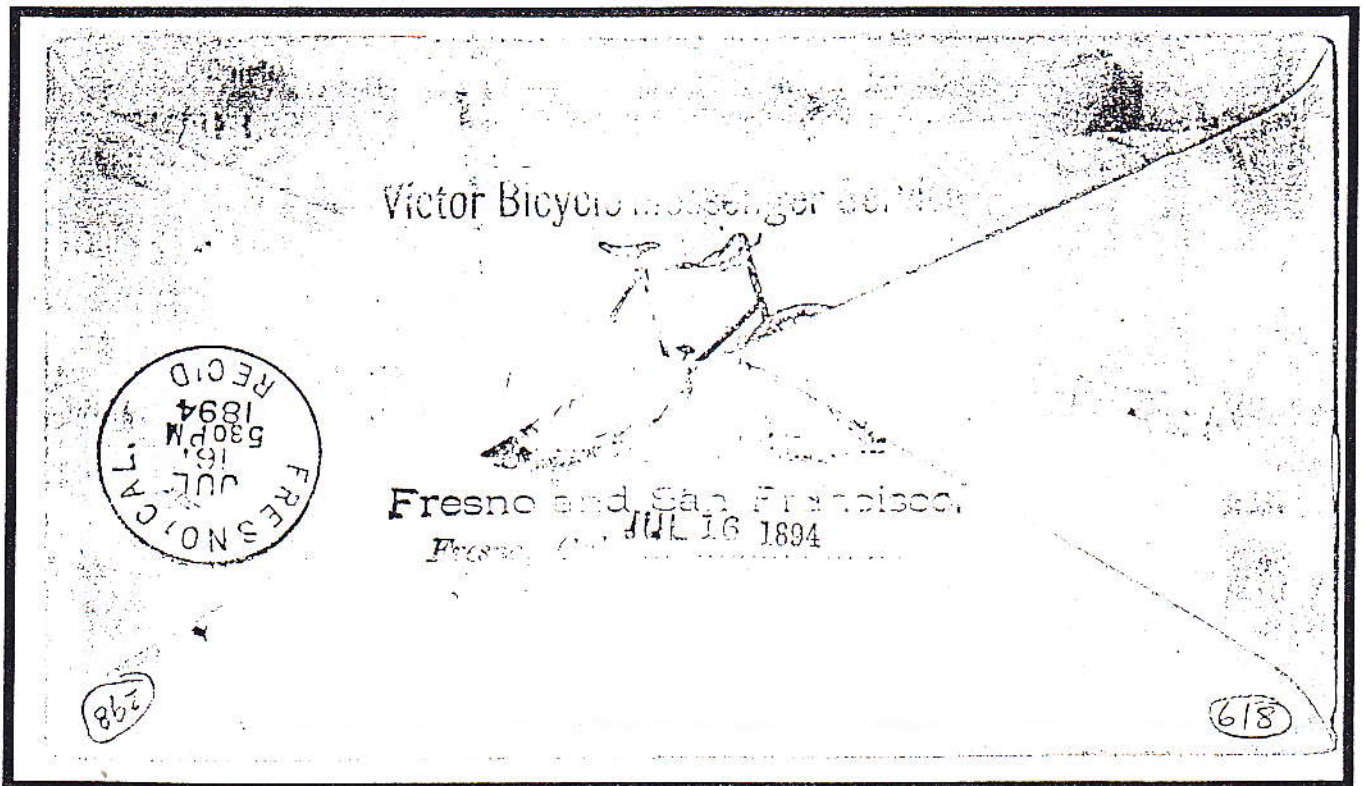
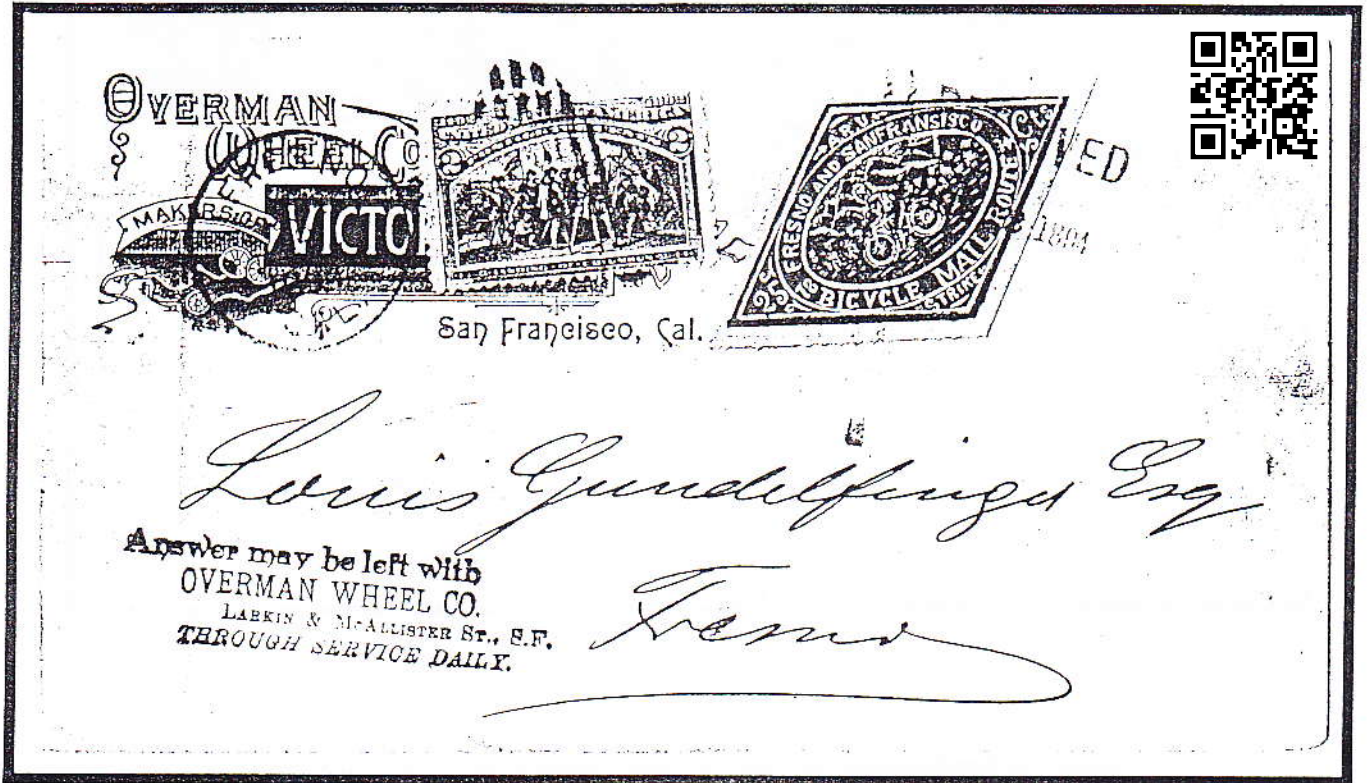




COVER #93, with Die I stamp. Left Fresno on July 10, 1894 and arrived in San Francisco on July 12, 1894. From E. Donze (engraver) to C.H. Mekeel of St. Louis, publisher of Mekeel's The Philatelic Journal of America.

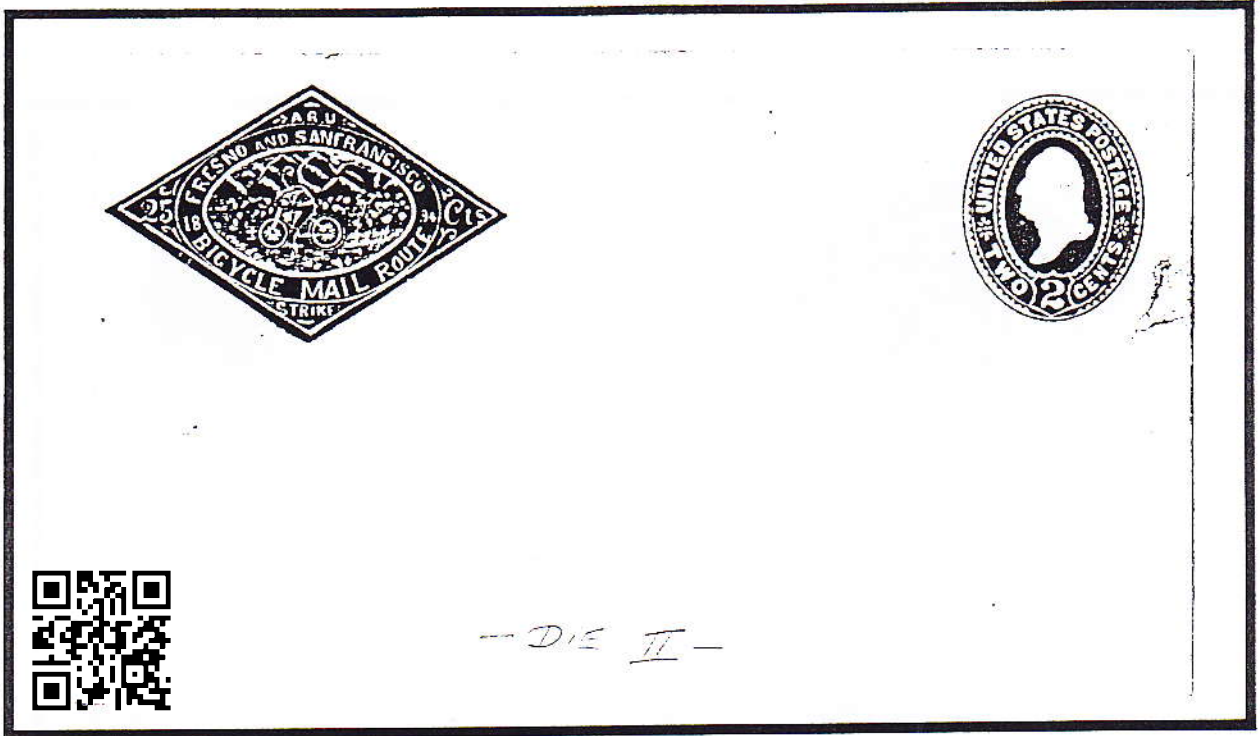


OVERMAN WHEEL COMPANY, July 12, 1894 is the earliest date known for the use of the Overman Wheel Company dated "Received" handstamp. This marking was used on covers leaving San Francisco.

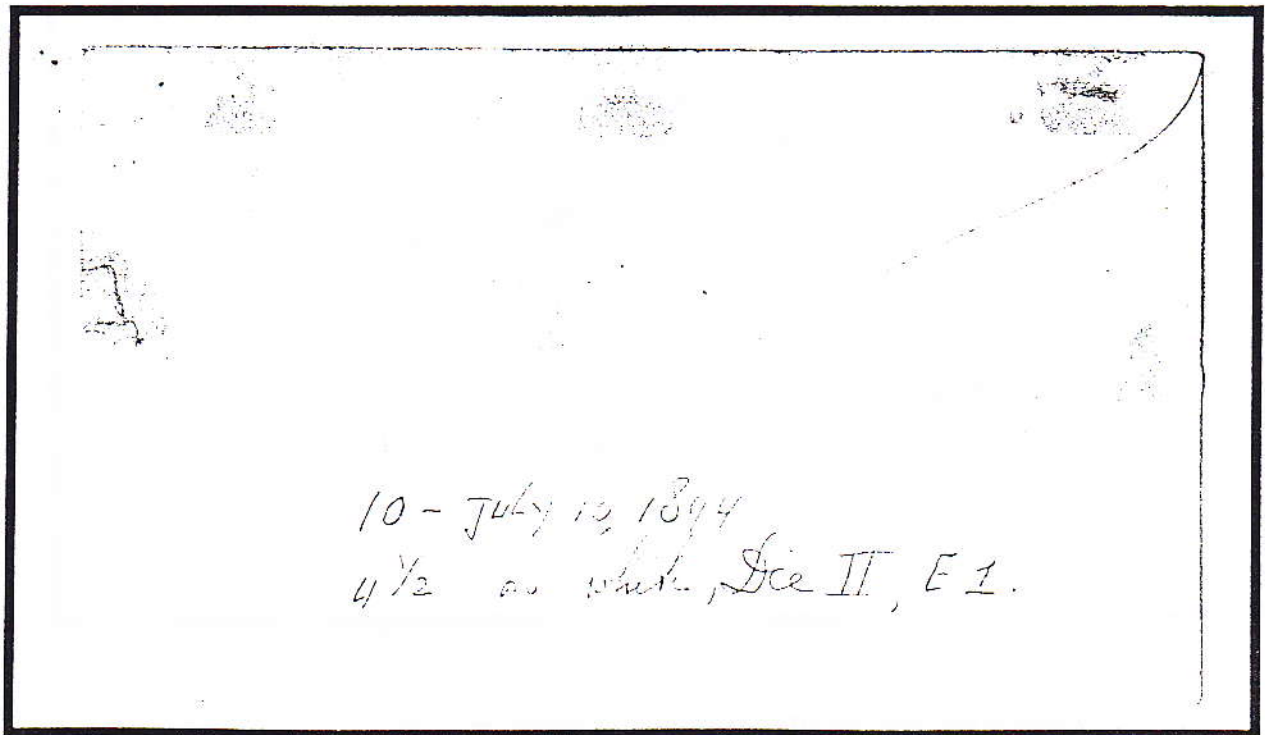




COVER #146, with Die I-R imprinted on envelope. From Fresno to San Francisco. This cover entered the mail at Gilroy and received a July 14, 1894 postal handstamp.



DIE II, Only three examples of Die II are known to be in existence. Envelope size 4-1/2, white, 1890 series, Plimpton Envelope. Only a few were known to be printed before the die broke.





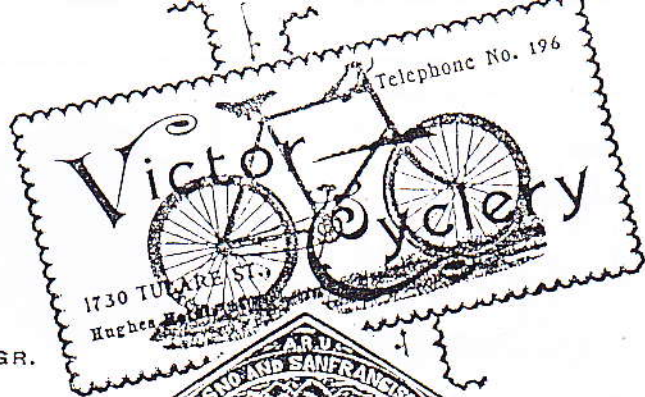
DIE I, Original design, on Banta's stationary, Unused



DIE I-R, Full sheet of the second stamp, with corrected spelling. Sheet height circa 68mm. Printed July 7, 1894.



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ARTHUR C. BANTA, MANAGR.



FRESNO, CAL.,

JUL 12 1894

DEAR SIR:

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

Very respectfully yours,

Arthur C Banta

A Unique Stamp.

Collectors of stamps have now an opportunity to add a valuable specimen to their collection. The stamp, which will be a memento of the present railroad difficulties, is one issued by Arthur Banta, and used on his mail route to San Francisco. The stamps are green and diamond-shaped. On them are the words "Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route. 25 cts. A. R. U. Strike, 1894." In appearance, except as to shape, they resemble a government stamp. The engraving, which is excellent, was done by E. Donze of this city.—*Expositor, July 12.*

A New Stamp.

The bicycle messenger route established between Fresno and San Francisco has brought into existence a new postage stamp, which in time will be looked upon as a curiosity and also a souvenir of the present railway troubles. The stamps were issued by A. C. Banta,

and every letter going over the route bears one of them. Two styles of stamps were issued. The adhesive is green in color, while the envelope stamp is a red brown. In an inner oval are the words "Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route, 1894, A. R. U. Strike, 25 cts." In the center of the oval is a messenger mounted on a bicycle with the foothills looming up in the background and sagebrush in the foreground.—*Republican, July 13.*

MAIL BY BICYCLE.

A Messenger Service Between Fresno and San Francisco.

A feature of the interruption of railroad operations was the utilization of the bicycle for business purposes.

Every one knows how it carried copies of the EXAMINER to neighboring towns with greater speed than the best teams, but all do not know that a bicycle message route was established from Fresno to San

Francisco. The service was daily for mail matter, and the intermediate points covered were White's Bridge, Pacheco Pass, Gilroy and San Jose. Envelopes were sold for 25 cents, reading: "Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route." Above the legend were the letters "A. R. U.," and below the word "Strike," while in the center was a representation of a speedy bicyclist on his wheel, and on the two sides, "25 cents." Mail matter was deposited at the Victor Cyclery in Fresno and at the Overman Wheel Company's office in this city, and when the town to which it was addressed was reached it was deposited in the local postoffice and at once delivered. There were letters carried between these two points on bicycles, with no Pullman car attached.—*S. F. Examiner.*

This was the only regular service for mail between Fresno and San Francisco from July 6 to July 14. The distance, 210 miles, was divided into 6 relays, and the schedule time was 18 hours.

BANTA ADVERTISEMENT, Banta may have been trying to recover his losses from the mail service which ended on July 18, 1894.

FRESNO, CAL., August 23d, 1894.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have witnessed the defacement, by Eugene Donze, of what, after careful examination, we believe to be the original Die or Plate from which the San Francisco and Fresno Bicycle Stamps were printed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, G. C. GRIMES, a Notary Public in and for the County of Fresno, State of California, this 23d day of August, 1894.

EUGENE DONZE, Engraver,
ARTHUR C. BANTA,
C. E. JENNEY.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
COUNTY OF FRESNO. } SS.

On this 23d day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, before me, G. C. GRIMES, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared EUGENE DONZE, ARTHUR C. BANTA and C. E. JENNEY, known to me to be the persons described in, whose names are subscribed to, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[SEAL]

G. C. GRIMES,
Notary Public in and for the County of Fresno,
State of California.



FRESNO, CAL., August 23d, 1894.

I, EUGENE DONZE, hereby certify that the original Die or Plate, from which the Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route Stamps and Franks were printed, has been continually in my possession since the said Mail Service was discontinued, and that there has been no stamps or impressions made from said Die or Plate since the said Mail Service was discontinued.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, G. C. GRIMES, a Notary Public in and for the County of Fresno, State of California.

EUGENE DONZE, Engraver.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
COUNTY OF FRESNO. } SS.

On this 23d day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, before me, G. C. GRIMES, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared EUGENE DONZE, known to me to be the person described in, whose name is subscribed to, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

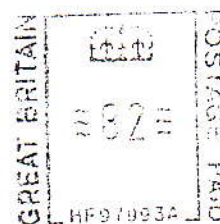
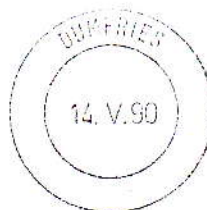
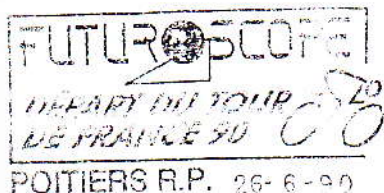
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[SEAL]

G. C. GRIMES,
Notary Public in and for the County of Fresno,
State of California.

DONZE AFFIDAVIT, certifying the defacing of the original Die (Die I-R), and a second certification that there were no stamps or impressions made after the mail service stopped.

CANCELLATIONS AND OTHER POSTAL BICYCLES
 from Benoit Carrier, Tore Josefsson,
 David Sher, Josef Muheil, and Guy Salmon



50^e TOUR DE LUXEMBOURG



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Jean Kirchen



Jempy Schmitz



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Lucien Didier



Math. Clemens



Jean Goldschmit

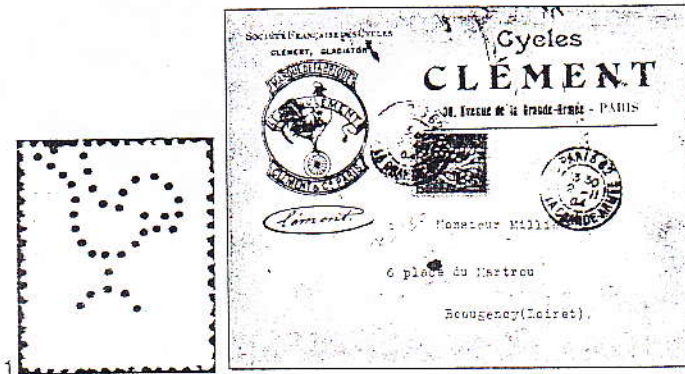


Bim Diederich

"The Cycling Rooster"

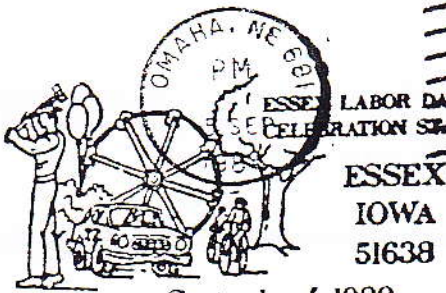
Perfin stamps related to cycling do not abound. Here is one from France: the design was used by the "Cycles Clement" company from Levallois near Paris. The company also used at one time perforated initials "CG" as seen on illustration 2.

Le coq était cycliste



1. Ce coq perforé était jusqu'à présent un mystère. On savait qu'il se rencontre sur timbres aux types Blanc, Mouchon, Merson, Semeuse lignée et camée. Mais on ignorait son origine. Karl Gillet, lecteur d'Orléans, résoud l'énigme avec cette enveloppe. Le gallinacé était l'emblème des cycles Clément, installée à Levallois, aux abords de Paris.

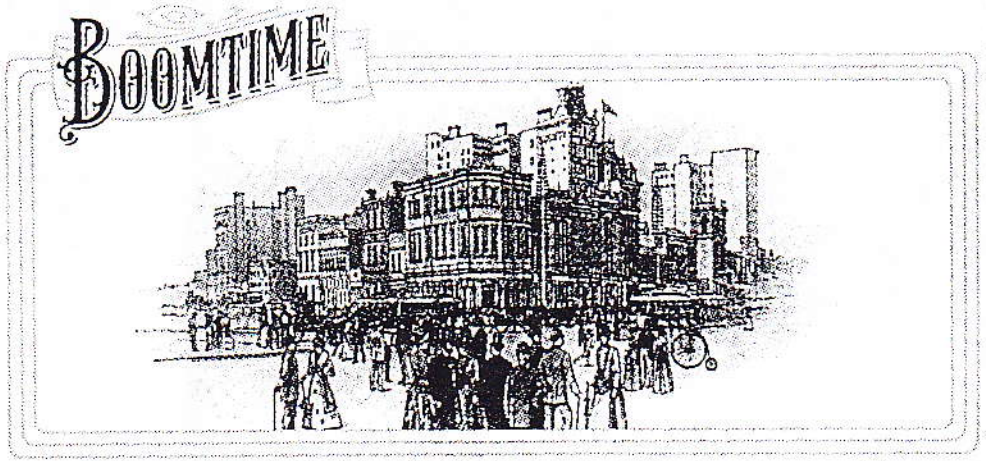
2. René Geslin, lecteur de Bois-Colombes, grand spécialiste de ce que lui-même appelle "L'histoire de la vélocipedomanie" et auteur avec Jean-Pierre Mangin d'un ouvrage de référence sur *Le cycle et la Poste*, nous précise que la même maison Clément a fait usage d'un autre type de perforations, aux initiales "CG". Témoin cette Semeuse sur lettre.



September 4, 1989



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A 100% enlargement from the Australian Stamp Bulletin #205. No stamp in this 12.07.90 set shows a bike.

HE WHO FINDS A FRIEND, FINDS A TREASURE

By: Raymond V. See

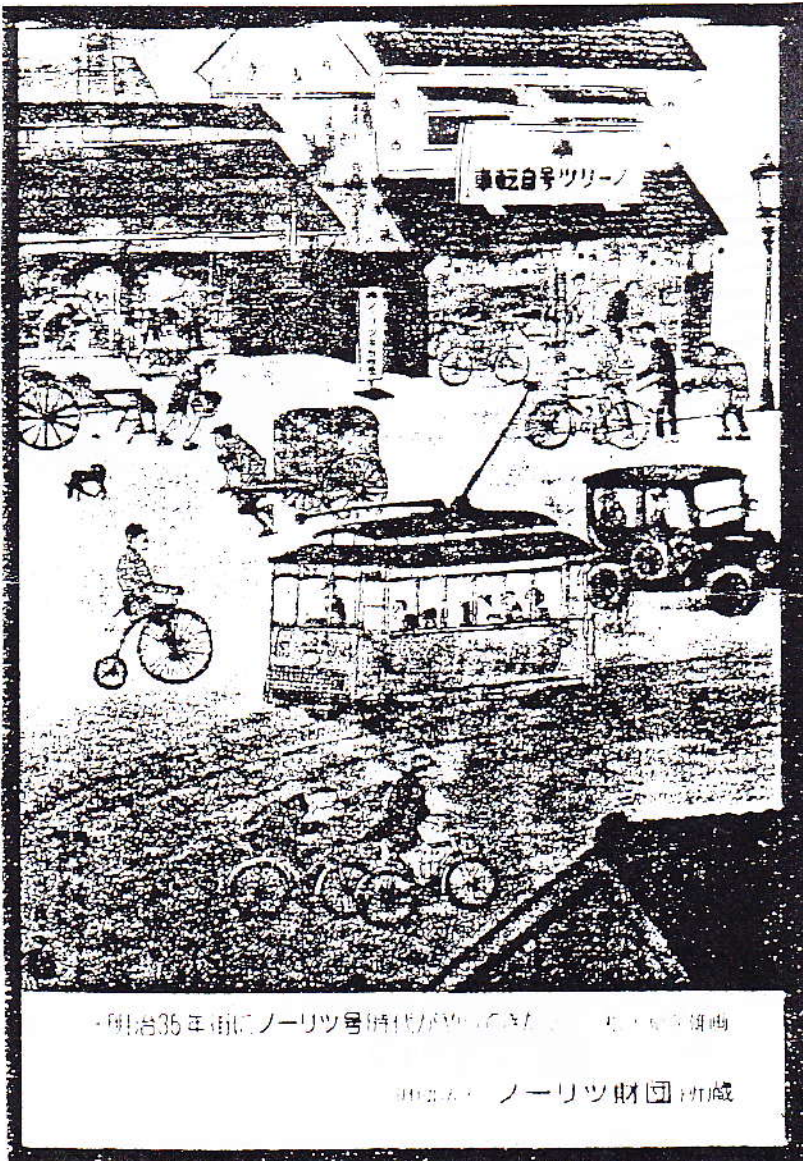
Starting out with 50 used bike stamps in 1985, my collection steadily grew to include 100 pages of exhibit mounted stamps, 2 stockbooks of mint stamps, 1 stockbook of used stamps, 2 volumes of FDC, 2 volumes of covers and 1 volume of postcards.

The growth of my collection can be attributed to friends.

These days, whenever I go over my collection of bike stamps, I am also reminded of several persons whose friendship and generosity I am going to treasure forever.

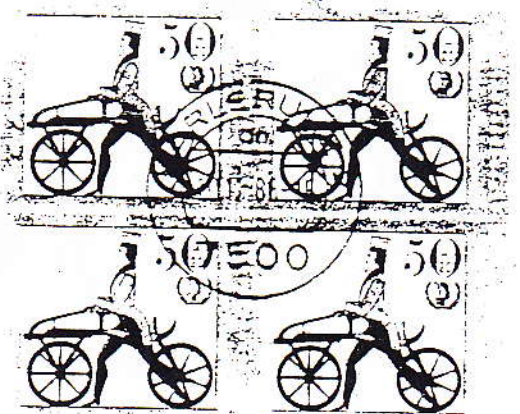


Above stamp reminds me of Bert Schapelhouman whose bike stamps is a virtual goldmine.



At left; This card reminds me of Shiro Yagami and his bicycle company some years back... Today he is doing business in China!

Below; The block-of-4 reminds me of no other than Rupert Waltl. He has one of the finest collection of blocks and FDC's.



Ar. 210
Köln 40



Douglas Marchant - Organizer of Bicycle Stamps Club in the Summer of 1986.



Takao Ono - who is committee member, Japan Amateur Cycling Federation; Strength Section.



PH Hilarides with daughter in their record rides; 233 days, 10000 kms. for the elder, 155days, 4000 kms. for the younger.



Graham Wade, BSC Honorary Vice-President who is also the designer of above stamp.



Jean-Pierre Mangin and his important book, The Cycle & The Post.



Computer designed stamp reminds me of Norman Batho and his computer list of bike stamps.



Denis Gemmani - the bicycle stamps collector from San Marino.



Fiona Hedges and her possible tour of Denmark in the near future



Finally, this stamp featuring a cyclist surrounded by rings could very well be me with my circle of close friends. To you dear friends, WABUHAY!

These lottery tickets supplement those pictured in BS8B. They were submitted by Denis Gemmani, David Sher, Benoit Carrier, Shiro Yagami, and Douglas Marchant.

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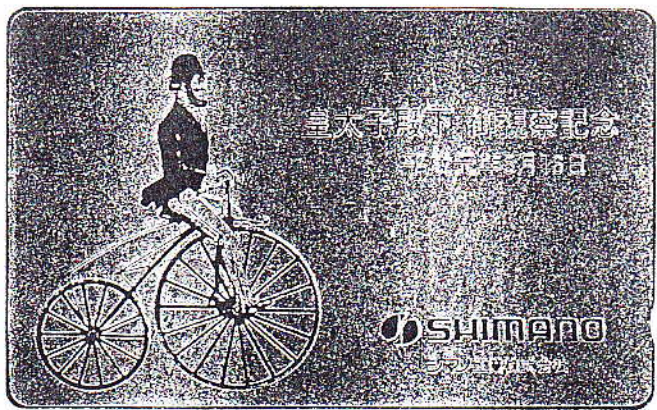
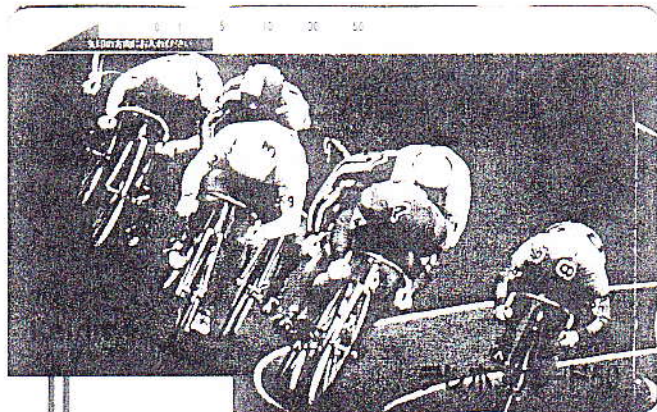
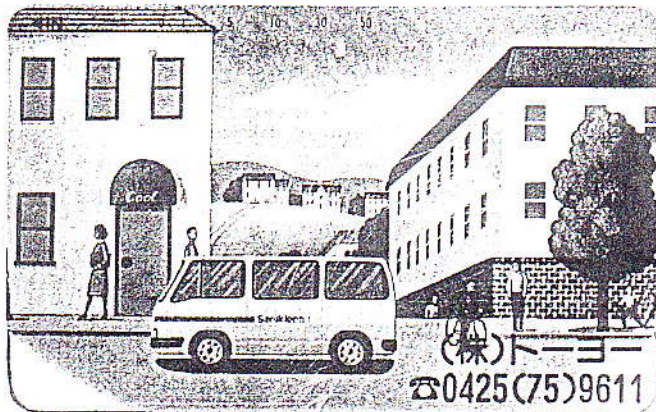
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When is a telephone card not a telephone card? Andre DeVos says the phone cards from Japan can be identified by the numbers "0 1 5 10 30..." printed along the edge. The middle card in the left column on page 27 of BS8B is a card for use in machines that sell postage stamps, and so is not a phone card.

The additional cards pictured here are from the collections of Andre DeVos and Douglas Marchant.



第2回
東京サイクルパーツショー
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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

While a complete Treasurer's report is not available at present, I have been told there is approximately 1200 pounds sterling or a little over \$2200 in the treasury of the club. The officers have unanimously voted to return a portion of this surplus to the members who created it, in the form of an extra issue of *Bicycle Stamps*. Subscription Renewal Notices will be postponed for all who are presently paid up members.

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Our Treasurer, Fiona Hedges, has asked that I advertise in this magazine for volunteers willing to assume the duties and responsibilities of Treasurer. The press of her other responsibilities make it necessary to step down.

Fiona has been doing an excellent job since taking over the job of club Treasurer, also serving as Secretary for the handling of club business in Europe. Until a suitable replacement can be found European members may direct their inquiries to Douglas Marchant, President, 1 Popes Grove, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey, England CR0 8AX.

Volunteers should make their willingness to serve known to one of the club officers as soon as possible.

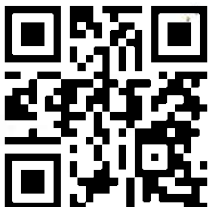
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A NEW BICYCLE BOOK

Piet Hein Hilarides has written a book entitled *The Bicycle in French Literature*. The anticipated date of publication is January 1, 1991. Copies are \$5.00 each, or the equivalent, post paid. American members may order from Norman Batho. Others should write P.H. Hilarides, Fioringras 64, 8935 BV Leeuwarden, The Netherlands.

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