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Stamps On Stamps Collectors Club

Message from the New President

Hello, the SOSCC has been revived with a new Signal, a new editor and a new president. I am very proud to have been chosen, and I thank you for support. As my first act as president, I would like to welcome both the past members who returned and those who recently joined.

In my research into the early history of the SOS-CU/SOSCC (which will be continued in the next Signal), I found that the small start-up group was joined by many more who eagerly added their ideas and knowledge for the common growth of the organization. This was done then, all by slow "snail mail", but it led to a vibrant and valuable organization; with today's instantaneous communications, we should be able to do an even better job, so I invite you all to take part in the resurgence of the SOSCC by sending us your ideas and suggestions, or to share your

SOS knowledge and discoveries in notes or articles for the Signal.

A little about me and the SOSCC: I discovered stamps on stamps in 1967, and three years later, I found out I was not alone, and joined what was then called the Stamp on Stamp-Centenary Unit of the ATA. Not too long after, I began contributing to the Signal, and to date, I have had close to one hundred published articles. I was twice editor of the Signal until health problems forced me to drop out, but in those times, I added postal stationery and souvenir sheets with stamps in the margins to our checklists. During our Club hiatus, I have been providing many issues and identifications to Rammy's site which he ultimately added to our web site lists. All these efforts greatly advanced my own collection and knowledge of stamps on stamps, and I probably would not have done many of them without the incentive of the SOSCC.

Sincerely, Lou Guadagno

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Revisiting the 1940 Stamp Centenary Stamp on Stamp Issues

By Lou Guadagno

United States Mailomat

May 3-6, 1940

Like their counter parts in Great Britain, many stamp collectors in the United States were looking forward to the centenary of the Penny Black on May 6, 1940. President Roosevelt was a stamp collector too, and he favored the idea of the U.S. Post Office issuing a stamp to commemorate the anniversary. But, with the advent of war in Europe, it was

these items have become a collectible topic of their own.

In Washington, D.C., the Postage Stamp Centenary Exhibition and Convention was held as planned at the Mayflower Hotel from May 2 -6, and in place of the expected Centenary stamp, the Washington Philatelic Society arranged for the Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Co. to install a Mailomat machine—a fore-runner of the office postage meter-- in the lobby on May 3. It would allow visitors to

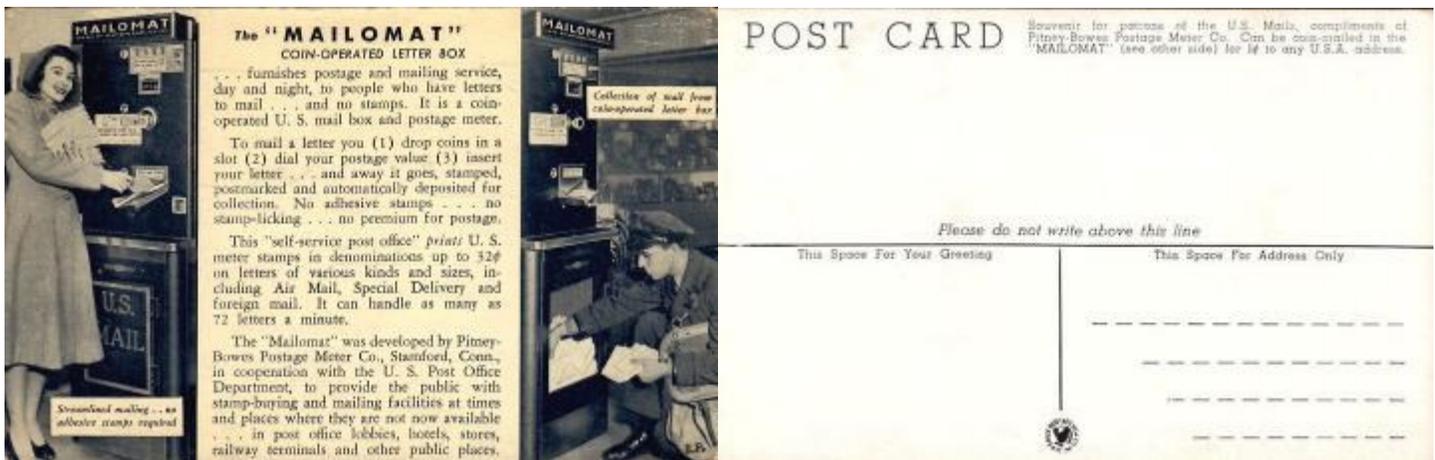


Fig. 1

somehow thought by the neutralists in the government, that the stamp would show favoritism to England over Germany, and the issue was canceled even though it would have reproduced the Franklin and Washington stamps of 1847, and not the Penny Black.

Abandoned by the government, the American collectors responded by planning local exhibitions throughout the states around the May 6th date and many cacheted envelopes and souvenir sheets were created. Indeed,

create souvenirs of the exhibition by inserting their cards and envelopes and after coin purchasing the needed postage, the mail would be imprinted and delivered to a built in letter box. Pitney Bowes supplied a free post card, the picture side of which was an ad for the company and Mailomat, but it could be mailed anywhere in the country for the 1¢ postage imprint. See Fig. 1

Pitney Bowes added to the date stamp and postage a commemorative imprint noting the Postage Stamp Centenary and a reproduction

of a William Wyon hand drawn essay for the Penny Black creating a meter imprint stamp on stamp. It is possible that Pitney Bowes was advised not to use a Penny Black in its imprint, but more likely, the very simple hand drawing was a better choice for meter printing.

See Fig. 2 imprint and Fig. 3 essay



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

The machine was available for four days, but again, a first day date was not as wanted as a May 6 cancel, and most Mailomats offered today have that date. As mentioned, the machine was pre-set to supply various rates, and the most commonly found are the 1¢ post card, 2¢ printed matter, and 3¢ first class; other more rarely found rates were for 1½¢ circular, 5¢ air mail, 12¢ special delivery and 16¢ air mail-special delivery. Many of the souvenirs made use of the cacheted envelopes prepared for the unissued U.S. stamp.

See Fig. 4—card, and Fig. 5 letter May 6



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

Approximately 11,000 cards and letters were mailed using the Mailomat at the Hotel; not a very large figure, but enough for all stamp on stamp collectors.

Trip to Mauritius By Rob Marohn

Do you ever want to stow away to an island surrounded by sparkling turquoise waters and leave your hectic life? That's what Joseph Osmond Barnard did in 1838 landing in Mauritius, a small island in the southwest Indian Ocean. See Sc. #737, Fig. 1. There he engraved the "Post Office" stamps, first released



Fig. 1

in 1847 and based on the then current issue of Great Britain stamps bearing the head of Queen Victoria.

They were issued in two denominations: one penny red brown and two pence blue with only five hundred of each value printed from a single plate. See Sc.

#1, Fig. 2 & Sc. #2, Fig. 3 respectively. They are among the rarest post-

age stamps in the world and often appear on SOS commemoratives. For more on the story of these precious stamps visit: www.stampsonstamps.brinkster.net and go to Mauritius in the country list.

In 1507, the Portuguese first explored the island and found no indigenous people. It was then controlled by the Dutch, the French and finally the British who took control in 1810



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

during the Napoleonic Wars. Mauritius gained its independence in 1968 and became a republic within the

Commonwealth in 1992. What you will find if

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MEXICO, May 2, 15 1940

Mexico released its commemoration of the First Postage Stamp of the World several days before Great Britain, and went one step further, by actually reproducing the Penny Black stamp—in ten different colors, but not black!

For a "modern" issue, very little information can be found about many aspects of these stamps. That the stamps were to be issued was definitely publicized, as this can be seen by first day cancelled covers sent to collectors in the U.S. who obviously sent cacheted envelopes to Mexico to be prepared and mailed back to them. The designer of the stamps is not known either, but was probably someone at the National Stamp Printing Works that produced the stamps. Other intriguing questions concern the 5 Pesos surface and airmail stamps: why weren't they issued with the other values, and what was their actual first day of issue?

What is known is that the stamps were printed by the photogravure method in the same five values for both surface and airmail: 5c-10c-20c-1p-5p, each

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Trip to Mauritius ...continued By Rob Marohn

you visit Mauritius is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural country where most people are multilingual and speaking various languages...English, French, Creole and different Asian languages. On your visit you will enjoy delicious seafood and cultural festivals. You will find a nation of islands typically tropical in the coastal regions with forests in the mountainous areas and traditional architecture as depicted on SOS Sc. #380a. See Fig. 4.

One of the most famous visitors to the island (in 1901) was Mahatma Gandhi who wrote in his autobiography, "So I sailed for home. Mauritius was one of the ports of call, and as the boat made a long halt there, I went ashore and acquainted myself fairly well with the local conditions. For one night, I was the guest of Sir Charles Bruce, the Governor of the Colony." Later Gandhi referenced and referred the island to various people. In 1906, during a brief meeting with a Manilal Doctor in London, Gandhi asked him to go to Mauritius, evidence that the

plight of the colony's Indo-Mauritians and the Indian indentured laborers remained in the heart of the apostle of non-violence even years after leaving the island shores. On February 10, 2001, this most famous tourist was commemorated for the centenary anniversary of his visit appearing on an SOS Sc. #943 with Sc. #361 inside. See Fig. 5.

In 2013, on the suggestion of Martin Hirschbühl, club Vice President, members of the SOS collectors club received a special gift of the 240 year of postal service in Mauritius Sc. #1123. See Fig. 6. Mauritius is one of the world's top luxury tourism destinations. Michael Merritt, SOS club Secretary/Treasurer, has visited the island and says it's beautiful and redolent of philatelic history, celebration and ephemera.

Take a virtual tour of the Mauritius museum at: www.mauritiuspost.mu/postal-museum/virtual-tour



Fig. 4

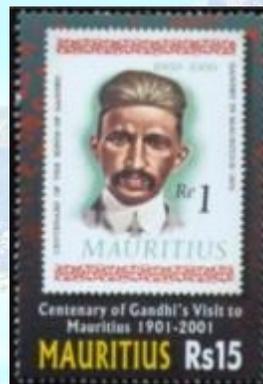


Fig. 5



Fig. 6

Revisiting the 1940 Stamp Centenary Stamp on Stamp Issues

By Lou Guadagno ...continued from page 4

in a different two colors, and the only design difference is the wording and type size for CORREOS MEXICO and CORREO AERO MEXICO. The same amounts were printed for both surface and air stamps: 5c-500,000, 10c-5,000,000, 20c-500,000, 1p-25,000, 5p-5,000. The eight 5c to 1p stamps were issued on May 2, 1940 and the two 5p stamps were

issued either on May 15 or 16. There is no known explanation for the delay, and the small printings show that there wasn't a pressing need for

these high values.. Many catalog producers, unsure of the correct day of issue, like Scott just note May, 1940; Michel Catalogue, Marian Carne Zinsmeister in her Centenary Issues 1940-1960 handbook published by the S.P.A., and even Bunny Kaplan in the Stamps on Stamps ATA Handbook 122, list May 6, 1940! My own data base has May 2 and May 15 to match FDCs in my collection.

The 5p first day date is questioned because all of the covers known dated May 15 were sent

to the same person, Benjamin Dworetzky of N.Y.C. I have one, and have seen others, and all have registry labels on the face and Mexican registry seals and N.Y. post office registry May 17 receiving stamps on the back. Obviously, these covers were produced for him by an agent in Mexico, and either the stamps were pre-released in error on the 15th, or he

was the only one to be at the post office when they were actually released. If there had been a delay in producing the stamps, it is probable that the printers would send

out the stamps when ready without any prior notice. Mr Dworetzky was probably a dealer as he also had covers of the May 2 issues sent to him, and I have these in my collection. I just checked a few online resources, and only found Dworetzky covers being offered.

See Fig. 1

Actually, the first day was not important to many collectors at that time, as most wanted the stamps with the May 6, 1940 centenary

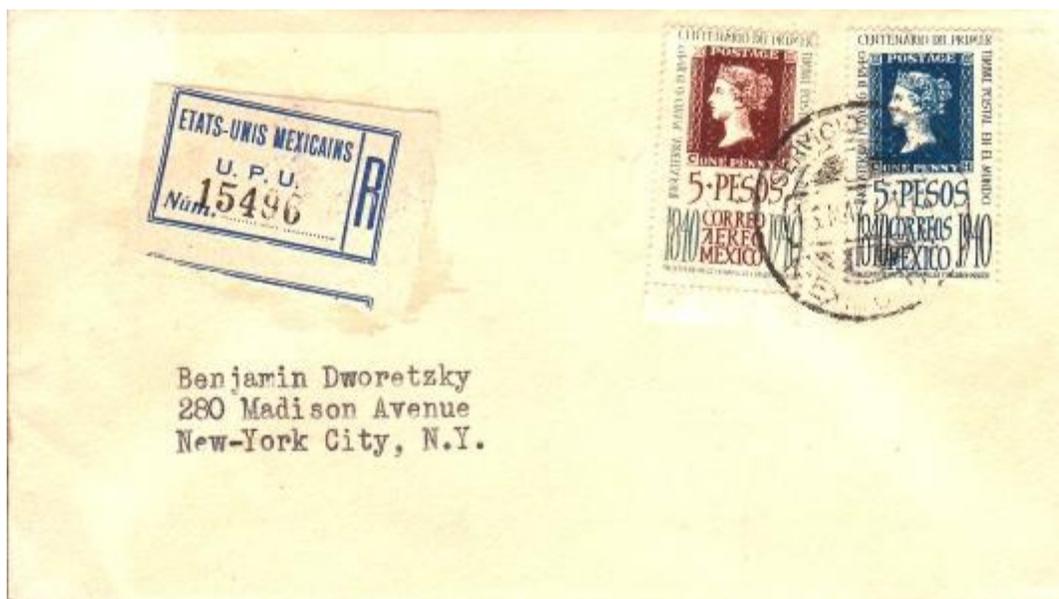


Fig. 1

date, and covers can still be found with that date. Rarely seen today, but offered at the time were covers with the complete set of 10 stamps with a May 6, 1940 cancel, which were later known to be impossible. These could have been produced as “favor cancels” by a friendly postal clerk who backdated his hand stamp, or just forged, as in one case, by the use of a cancel that wasn’t put into use until the 1950s.

As you will note by the issued amounts above, there can only be 5000 complete sets, and the price has risen over the years, but there always are sets being offered in auctions and online. Checking recently, there seems to be a wide range of prices, so it would be wise to shop around if you need the set.

The only major variety found in these issues is a doubling of the brown printing on the 5 p air-mail stamp, probably all from just one sheet, and unless you look carefully at the stamp and have a regular one to compare it to, it would be very easy to miss this. This variety was little publicized, and I actually found I had it in my collection after I learned about it. When I went to a show dealer to buy a normal 5p to complete my set again, I found another selling for the regular price. It is very possible you may still find one offered as part of a set or even individually, and the only one I ever saw offered was selling for twice the

price of the normal. See Fig. 2 the normal and Fig. 3 the variety.



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

Another item that turns up often and at a reasonable price is a cover for a cruise ship voyage with the 5c stamp with a green “Cancelled on the High Seas—S.S. Monterey” paquebot cancel. I was also able to find a cover with a block of 4, but the high-light of my Mexico 1940 collection is a # 10 size envelope with the complete set with the S.S. Monterey cancels, sent registered mail from Veracruz to N.Y.C., and then forwarded to Lynchburg, Va. See Fig. 4 & 5 next page.

I had once mentioned to a salesman who called on me at my office that I collected stamps on stamps, and several months later he came in and offered the cover to me, saying that I would appreciate having the cover in my collection more than he would in his. I totally agreed, and happily paid his very reasonable price. Without a doubt, this is an example of philatelic mail, but it was not over franked by the complete set, as it needed an additional 50c postage, and it may very well be a unique piece. See Fig. 6 & 7 next page.

Brazil, in 1938, “jumped the gun”, so to speak, by honoring Sir Rowland Hill and the Penny Black on the Brapex S/S, but that pictured a representation of a Penny Black essay, so to Mexico should go the honor of being the first to picture the First Postage Stamp of the World.

New Issues By Lou Guadagno

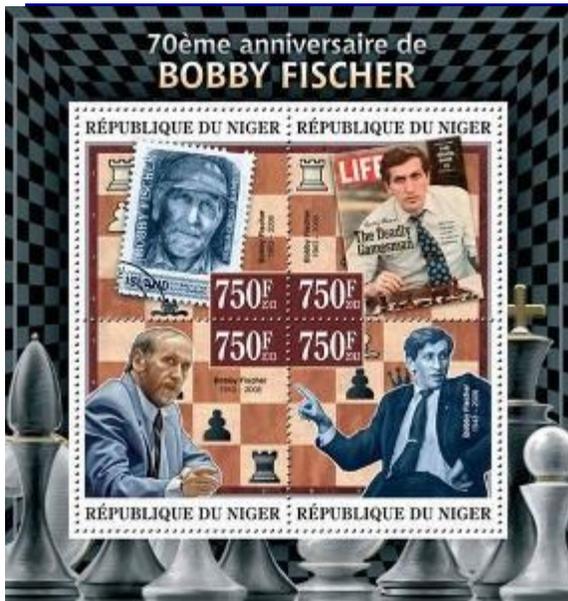
For complete SOS identifications and scans, please see the SOSCC and Rammy Molcho's Virtual Album web sites.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>Dy</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Reason for Issue</u>	<u>Stamp Reproduced</u>	<u>Scott #</u>
2013	04	15	Niger	S/S-4v-1 sos	70th Birth Ann'y, Bobby Fischer	Iceland personal issue, 2011	1184
2013	07	04	Isle of Man	6 v-1 sos	The Times, Newspaper Headlines	I.O.M. 24-27, 28 (on # 1591)	1589-94
2013	07	04	Isle of Man	Sheetlet-10 v	Europa	As above	1591a
2013	07	05	Russia	1 v	50th Ann'y, First Woman in Space	Russia-USSR 2752	7461
2013	07	10	Monaco	1 v	Publicity, 21st Grand Bourse	Monaco 2488, 2592	2731
2013	07	12	Latvia	1 v	150th Ann'y, First Stamp Issued in Latvia	Russia-Wenden local L1	836
2013	07	26	Romania	4v	Numismatic Collection	On labels: Romania 45, 188, 250, 576	Pending
2013	07	31	Guernsey	6 v- 1 sos	200th Ann'y Guernsey Press	Guernsey Germ. Occup. N 1 (on # 1215)	1214-19
2013	08	01	Brazil	S/S-3 v	170th Ann'y, First Stamps	Brazil 1, 2, 3	Pending
2013	08	01	Brazil	1 v	5th World Philatelic Exhibition	Brazil 3— Hologram	Pending
2013	08	04	Thailand	1 v	130th Ann'y, First Stamp	Thailand-Siam 1	Pending
2013	08	04	Thailand	1v	Renovated General Post Office	Thailand-Siam 1, 75	Pending
2013	08	04	Thailand	S/S-1 v-no sos	Renovated General Post Office	In margins— T-S 1, 75, 153, 118, 235, C1	Pending
2013	08	06	Cocos (Keeling) Is	2 v	Barrel Mail	Australia 213, 166, 236	372-73
2013	08	06	Malaysia	S/S-2 v-1 sos	Thailand 2013, Royal Baby	Malaya-Selangor 101	Pending
2013	08	15	St Thom & Prince	S/S-4 v-3 sos	Rossica 2013, 155th Ann'y Stamps	Various Russia, Russia-USSR issues	Pending
2013	08	15	St Thom & Prince	S/S-1 v	Rossica 2013, 155th Ann'y Stamps	As above (also in margin)	Pending
2013	09	17	Greenland	1 v	75th Ann'y, First Stamps	Greenland essay detail, bear only	651
2013	09	17	Greenland	S/S- 1 v	75th Ann'y, First Stamps	Greenland essay, re-colored	651a
2013	09	18	Cook Is.	1 v	World's First Postage Stamp	Gt Britain 1 —gold foil	Pending
2013	10	09	San Marino	1 v	50th Ann'y C.I.F.T.	San Marino 1583, 1349, 1483a, 567, card	1892
2013	10	09	Kazakhstan	S/S-1v-no sos	20th Ann'y Postal Service	Kazakhstan 697	Pending
2013	10	12	India	S/S- 1 v	Philately Day	India 205, 497, other design components	2656
2013	10	17	Isle of Man	6 v	A Christmas Stamp Gallery	I.O.M. 436,488,1129,378,662,1172--parts	1603-08
2013	10	17	Isle of Man	2v- self adh	A Christmas Stamp Gallery	I.O.M. 436, 488-parts	1609-10
2013	10	18	Netherlands	1 v	Stamp Day	Netherlands C9—value omitted	Pending
2013	10	18	Netherlands	Prestige Bklt	Stamp Day	As above-multiples	Pending
2013	10	18	Italy	5 v	Philately Day	Various Naples, Tuscany, Italy issues	Pending
2013	10	22	Turkey	2 v -1 sos	PTT Museum	Turkey 3094-95	Pending

Note: The following were reissued with new art work and changed values:

2013	10	5	Australia	S/S, 1 v	Based on 1913 Kangaroo and Map definitives.
2013	18	7	Gibraltar	18 v	Based on 1953 definitives.
2013	22	8	Singapore	2 v+S/S	Based on 1970 Osaka Expo commemoratives.
2013	22	9	U.S.A.	Sheetlet, 6 v	Based on 1918 Inverted Jenny airmail.

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Os primeiros selos foram colocados à venda no dia 10 de dezembro de 1857, mas não eram válidos para uso até dia 1 de janeiro de 1858. O primeiro valor era de 10 kopeck a ser utilizado para as cartas com um peso até um lote (cerca de 12,8 gramas). Era um selo imperfurado e a representar o brasão de armas da Rússia, e impresso usando tipografia em cor castanha e azul. Ito foi seguido no dia de 10 de janeiro com os selos de 20 kopeck e 30 kopeck perfurados utilizando o mesmo desenho, mas em pares de cores diferentes, juntamente com uma versão perfurada do selo de 10 kopeck.

Primeiro selo postal russo, 1857

Selo postal do Império Russo

Carteiro do Império Russo

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SOSCC News

Dear SoSCC Membership,

The long-awaited Volume 43 of the SoS Signal was sent last July to every address I had on file. My first duty in reporting to the membership is a sad one. Notice was received of the deaths of SoSCC members Denis Donohue, Donald Mitchell, Boris Politziner, Dr. Theodore Tristan, and Gerrit Van den Heuvel. Our small community is lessened by their passing.

More positive news: We received forty-three positive member responses and collected \$688 in dues! Costs of Volume 43 were \$628, including the Mauritius premium, so our long-standing balance of \$1344 has grown to \$1405. With the policy of issuing most issues electronically, we are well positioned financially. (Our other on-going expense is for web hosting and domain registration for the www.stampsonstamps.org site...

these expenses have been covered for many years by anonymous donation.)

NOTE: I have already received some additional 2014 dues payments. Given the financial health of the club and the irregularity of SoS Signal publication, it may not be appropriate to collect dues on an annual basis. Please watch this space and your email for dues requests before sending.

Finally, I am pleased to formally report in Volume 44 that the slate of officers was unanimously approved by all 26 email responses to the electronic ballot, and is listed above. I am honored to be part of a team of such enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and collegial collectors.

Duly reported,

Michael Merritt

Secretary/Treasurer Stamps on
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