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Notes on Map Cancellations, Part 1

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Map cancellations have a lot to offer to cartophilately: They can be excellent supportive items for exhibitions or specialized collections, they are fun to collect, and they may offer a serious challenge for the interested. As expected, there are a great variety of map cancellations, ranging from simple metered mail cancels to highly pictorial commemorative ones. Unfortunately, we do not have a good, comprehensive list of them. Occasionally the *Topical Time* has a page of illustrations under the heading "Topics On Postmarks," and the *Rundschreiben* of the German society, Landkarten-Vermessung-Entdeckungsgeschichte der Erde, frequently illustrates or describes them.

The purpose of these notes is to select and describe some of the more unique items. Although many countries, especially Germany and Japan, are known to have used a large number of map cancellations, the examples chosen are from the United States.

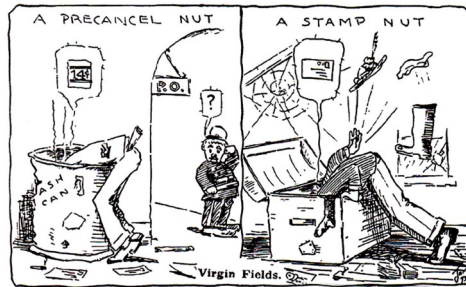


Fig. 1. Treasure hunt! From the 4th edition of *Handbook on Precanceled Stamps*, Chicago, IL: Adolf Gunesch, 1935.

Part One: Precancels

A PRECANCEL is defined as a postage stamp canceled prior to its postal use.

They have been around for about 150 years appearing in a great variety of styles, place of issue, and manner of production. Essentially, precancels evolved to assist commercial firms and the postal authorities in handling large volumes of mail efficiently. One of the early postal regulations on precancels stipulated *inter alia* that precancels be limited to second, third, and fourth class mail, that the name of the post office be incorporated on the cancellation, and that there be no less than 1,000 pieces of mail per day. (The latter restriction was dropped in 1909).

Two basic categories of precancels are recognized in the United States: *bureau* precancels, which are stamps canceled in Washington, DC, by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing before delivery to local post offices, and *locals*, stamps precanceled in various towns under the authority of the post office. Other categories encountered refer to phases of usage such as "pioneer precancel," or very early (pre-1880) issues, "transitional precancels" of the turn of the 20th century, and the "classic precancels" of pre-1922. Classifications may also include bar cancels, city names, and picturesque formats. And furthermore, there is the manner in which cancellations are applied, such as hand-stamped, typeset, electroplated, etc. Because there is such a large amount of precancel material, good terminology and definitions are necessary to aid collectors.

Those not familiar with precancels will be surprised to learn of their popularity, which is generally attributed to their low price tag, collecting possibilities, and the

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challenge they offer. There is a vast amount of literature on this subject.

A good general introduction is, *An A.B.C. of Precancel Collecting*, published by the Precancel Stamp Society, last revised in 2009. During the past century over one hundred periodicals or newsletters were published—although many are now defunct—along with numerous checklists and catalogs, just in the United States. There are many local clubs, and there is the national organization, Precancel Stamp Society. The above-mentioned publication maybe found on the Society’s website under the tab “Getting Started” at

www.precancels.com.

Having said all this, cartophilatelists will find it astonishing that among the



Fig. 2. The Lansing precancel showing railroad tracks.

thousands of precancels to date there is only one with a quasi-map design, the “Lansing Railroad Tracks”!

The cancellation shows a schematic map of a bunch of railway lines converging on Lansing, Michigan, the appearance of which gave it the affectionate nickname of “Lansing Spider”. It clearly highlights the importance of railways at the beginning of the 20th century when this precancel was designed, and when the capital of Michigan was an important hub. (The 1904 census ranked Lansing the ninth largest city in Michigan with a population of 20,276.)

To judge how well the representation was executed on the cancel, the reader is left to compare it with the *Official Railroad Map of the State of Michigan*, issued by the State Commissioner of Railroads in 1906. This is a large, 38 x 34 inches map, at the scale of 1:750,000, a relevant portion of which is reproduced above. Most likely an earlier edition of it

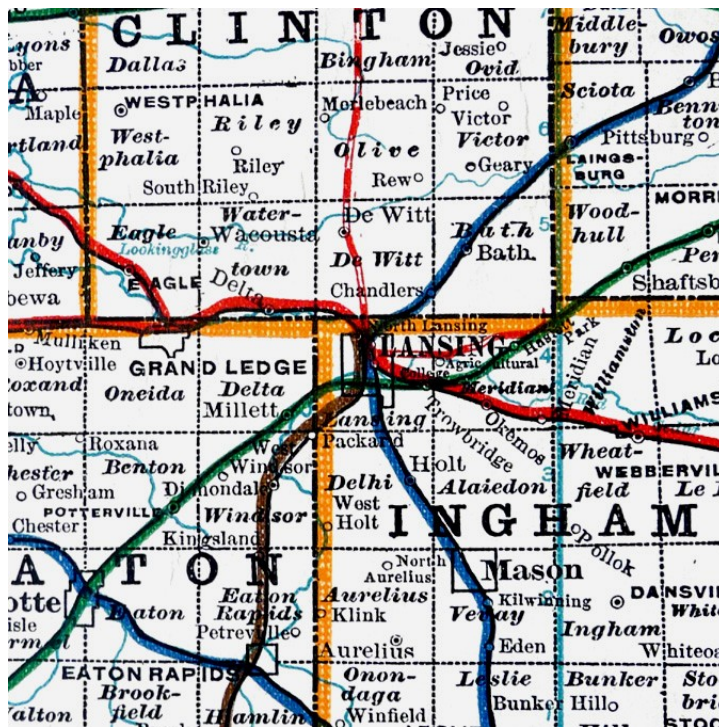


Fig. 3. A section from the 1906 *Official Railroad Map of the State of Michigan*.

was the source of the design for the Lansing Spider. Five railway lines converged and passed through Lansing: (1) blue line, Michigan Central, (2) red line, Pere Marquette, (3) brown line, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, (4) green line, Grand Trunk, and (5) from the north, an electric railway shown in a thin, dashed, red line.

The Lansing Spider is one of the popular precancels in what is termed the transitional style, the introduction of pictorial designs in a departure from bar cancels of previous years. The cancellations

were applied by the electroplate method to five 1903 stamps: 1¢ Franklin, 2¢ Washington, 3¢ Jackson, 4¢ Grant, and 5¢ Lincoln.

According to Arnold Selengut, an eminent expert on precancels, very few of the 5¢ Lincoln exists, maybe five. There are invert on the 1¢ and 2¢ stamps, which are also quite scarce. Neither multiples nor examples on cover are known. Copies are generally faulty; hence, sound stamps are quite scarce. Well-centered stamps, sound, with well-centered precancels, are almost impossible to find.

For such an interesting cancellation, it seems improbable that we know so little about it. Even the date first used and the length of application seem unclear, not to mention the type or source of the mailing it was applied to.

Prior to 1938, U.S. precancels did not show a date, hence, it is difficult to date them unless the enclosure has some clues, or, perhaps the cover carries some sort of dateable information. No cover with the Lansing Spider has yet been located, and, we also do not have good documented information about the material it was used for. We can, however, make some assumptions. As illustrated



Fig. 4. Four of the five known Lansing Spider precancels.

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above, the Lansing Spider is found on stamps that were issued in 1903. Ergo, its introduction must be 1903 or post-1903. It probably remained in use until about 1908 when other precancels replaced it, and when the pictorial designs began to be phased out.

The only application reported in the literature refers to an advertisement from Borden's Condensed Milk Company, which was printed in Lansing. It seems that Postmaster Seymour Foster had the idea to distribute the advertisement from Lansing, rather than sending the printed adverts back to the company in New York. It has also been reported that the Lansing Spider precancel was designed and produced at the personal expense of Postmaster Foster and that the 2¢ stamps were used for the Borden's mass mailing. As Arnold Selengut points out, this raises further questions because the 2¢ was first class rate for which precancels were not supposed to be used. Moreover, US postal authorities apparently considered this as "local propaganda" and forbade its continued use.

Fast-forwarding a few years: sometime in the early 1900s, by a strange circumstance, the original Lansing Spider elec-

troplate came into the possession of Michigan philatelist Milton Greenebaum. As the story goes, rummaging boys found it in a local dump and sold it to him. (Was the cartoon artist, whose sketch is shown at the beginning of this article, aware of this in 1929?) Eventually, he applied the plate to an assemblage of used sets of the 1932 Washington Bicentennial stamps, Scott numbers 704-715, to create a promotional item for a Precancel Stamp Society convention. Thankfully, he printed an appropriate note on the reverse side, no doubt to

avoid any charge of impropriety. And thus the life of the Lansing Spider was further embellished. ■



Fig. 5 The Lansing Spider as a promotional item on a used Washington Bicentennial stamp, Scott no. 705.

- ¹ Published in *Mekeel's* on January 10, 1903
- ² See also R. Malcolm Hooper, *A Historical Survey of Precancels*, Weston, MA: Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, 1979.
- ³ The author is indebted to the staff of the Lionel Pincus and Princess Firyal Map Division of the New York Public Library for locating this map.
- ⁴ This article would not have been possible without the generous help of Arnold Selengut. He was the source of the stamps illustrated and the key information cited. His critical reading of this article was indispensable.
- ⁵ Charles C. Souder, *Postal History and Usage of 1907 And Earlier Precancels*, North Miami, FL: David C. Phillips Publishing Co., Inc., 1989, 297pp. See page 126.
- ⁶ The Foster family, originally from Rhode Island, contributed much to the development of Michigan. Seymour Foster was successful in business and had a keen interest in political and civic affairs. He was appointed postmaster of Lansing in 1897 and served for 17 years.
- ⁷ Aeneas Constantine, "Lansing 'spider-web' also postcanceled" in *Linn's Stamp News*, August 15, 1977.

Part Two will describe "Fancy Map Cancels" in a forthcoming issue.

Maps and Trains on Stamps, Part 3

David Wolfersberger

This is the conclusion of the article published in TNCP 33 and 34.

EUROPE

Albania has issued several interesting train/map stamps. The first standard gauge railroad in Albania was from Durrës to Peqin, completed in 1947. After that, expansion took place with the completion of several other routes. The system now consists of three main lines: Shkodër in the north through Durrës to Vlorë in the south; Vorë to Tirana; and Rrogozhinë to Pogradec.

A set of 6 stamps (Sc 2995-99, Figures 42-46) clearly shows the development of the system. The first (Sc 2295) shows



Fig. 42, Albania Sc 2295.



Fig. 43 Albania Sc 2296.



Fig. 44, Albania Sc 2297.



Fig. 45, Albania Sc 2298.



Fig. 46, Albania Sc 2299.

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the system in 1947, with only the Durrës to Peqin line shown on a nice outline map of Albania. Each subsequent stamp in the set shows the additional lines in operation in 1949, 1978, 1985, and 1988. In total the stamps provide a great graphic history of the development of the Albanian rail system.

There are a couple of interesting things to note on Sc 2299 which shows the state of the railroad in 1988. On this stamp can be seen a line from Shkodër to Han-i-Hotit, on the border with Montenegro. This provided the first link between Albanian rail and another country, providing freight service only. This part of the line was shut down in the early '90's for several years because of the political situation in Albania but was reopened in 2003. Also shown on Sc 2299 is a line from Milot to Rreshen; this line is closed as some of the track and ties were used to reconstruct the line to Montenegro.

Also from Albania is a set of stamps (Sc 424-31, shown is Figure 47, Sc 431) commemorating the completion of the line between Albania's two largest cities, Durrës to and Tirana. This 38 km line was constructed by thousands of volunteers. The stamps in the set all have the same design, differing in color and denominations. Shown on the map are the older Durrës to Peqin line and the new Durrës to Tirana line.



Fig. 47, Albania Sc 431.

The Czech Republic issued a souvenir sheet in 2000 (Sc 3117, Figure 48) highlighting 100 years of Czech passenger service. (I did not find the significance of the year 1900 in Czech rail history.) The sheet has 2 stamps and labels, showing passenger trains and locomotives in 1900 and 2000. Of interest to us is the large central label on the margin of the sheet. This label has a nice map of the Czech Republic with the major interna-



Fig. 48, Czech Republic Sc 3117.

tional rail routes shown in red, along with the major cities on the routes. Also shown are the cities in other countries that are connected to the system, such as Warsaw and Vienna. This is a very nice map of one part of the extensive rail system found in this country.

In 2001 Spain issued a minisheet of 6 stamps in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Ministry of Development (Ministerio de Fomento).

This sheet, Sc 3131c (Figure 49), has stamps showing the key infrastructure components in Spain: automated postal stations; ports; high speed rail; airports; and high speed highways. The stamp "Ferrocarriles de Alta Velocidad" (high speed railroads) shows a large number of rail routes throughout Spain. In total, there are almost 15,000 km of rail lines in Spain. The highest speed lines are the AVE lines which connect Madrid with many major cities. These trains



Fig. 49, Spain Sc 3131c.

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operate at up to 300 kph.

The map shown on the stamp is very detailed. It seems to show both existing high speed lines and planned high speed lines; most of the planned high speed lines will generally follow existing rights of way so the routes on the map could also be existing rail routes. The map is a nice outline of Spain with many major cities shown. This is another excellent example of a map and train on stamp.

Slovakia has a long history of rail transportation with the first line being built in 1840. A set of four stamps was issued by Slovakia in 1943 (Sc 89-92, Figure 50 is Sc 89) on the completion of a line between Prešov and Strazke. There is schematic map on the bottom of each stamp showing the termini and two major cities in between. The stamps themselves feature the Prešov Cathedral, a steam engine, a tunnel and bridge. I could not find any information as to the importance of this line, although being built in 1943 it might have had some military use.



Fig. 50, Slovakia Sc 89.

TRACECA (Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia) is an international transport initiative involving the European Union and 14 member States of the Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian region. The goal is to develop a transportation system in this area, including rail, road and water. Eventually the rail line will have over 22,000 km of track of which about 30% is currently completed.

Armenia is one of the members, and in 2003 issued a souvenir sheet (Sc 677, Figure 51) relating to TRACECA. Being in the strategic location it is, Armenia plays a key role in the rail system. The sheet shows, on the margin, existing and planned routes through Armenia to

several other countries including Turkey, Georgia, and Azerbaijan. The map clearly shows the routes and major cities on a very good map of Armenia.



Fig. 51, Armenia Sc 677.

Jersey issued a set of stamps in 1973 (Sc 85-88) on the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Jersey Eastern Railway. Sc 88 (Figure 52) shows the south-eastern part of the island with the rail route. The termini, St. Helier and Gorey, are named. Several other cities are noted by red dots but not named. The railway was never financially successful and shut down in 1929 with the right of way being sold back to the original land owners. In addition to the route on Sc 88, it and the other stamps in the set show the 4 locomotives used by the railway.



Fig. 52, Great Britain (Jersey) Sc 88.

A set of five stamps tracing the early history of railroads in Romania was issued in 2006 (Sc 4864-69). Each stamp denotes the completion of a key part of the system with a schematic map of the route and the image of a locomotive used at the time of completion.



Fig. 53, Romania Sc 4864.

Figure 53 (Sc 4864) shows the route from the coal mines in the Anaina Mountains to the Danube port of Bazias, and then was extended to Timișoara. This route was completed in 1854. The schematic shows the terminal cities of Bazia, Timișoara, and Stamora Moravita.

Figure 54 (Sc 4865) shows the rail line from Cernavodă, a port on the Danube, to Constanța on the Black Sea. This route was completed in 1860 presumably to transfer freight between the two ports. The map also shows an extension beyond Cernavodă but it is not identified; however I think it might be to Bucharest.



Fig. 54, Romania Sc 4865.

Three of the stamps (Figure 55, Sc 4866; Figure 56, Sc 4867; and Figure 57, Sc 4868) commemorate the completion of two parts of a line that eventually connected Bucharest with Suceava through several cities including Roman, Buzău, Focșani, Galați, Brălia, and Mărășești. The lines noted were completed in 1869 and 1877.



Fig. 55, Romania Sc 4866.



Fig. 56, Romania Sc 4867.

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Fig. 57, Romania Sc 4868.

Figure 58 (Sc 4869) shows a rail line from Bucharest to Constanța to Carmen Sylva. The interesting thing about this stamp is the town Carmen Sylva. It was originally named Eforie Sud, and is a resort city on the Black Sea. This line was completed in 1933, when Eforie Sud was known as Carmen Sylvan. In turn, Carmen Sylva (translated as *The Song of the Forest*) was the literary name given to Queen Elisabet of Wied, wife of King Carol I of Romania. She was queen from 1869 to 1881, when she was forced to leave Romania for encouraging an illegal romance. During her reign she often visited Eforie Sud on holiday and the town was renamed Carmen Sylva between the world wars when the train line was built there. Another interesting note about this town: During the Communist regime it was renamed Vasile Roaită, a supposed hero. It turned out that Roaită was actually an operative in a secret capitalist underground. The city name was promptly returned to the original!



Fig. 58, Romania Sc 4869.

Two souvenir sheets from Finland directly relate to the history of rail transportation in that country. The first shown in Figure 59 (Sc 517a), issued for Finlandia 1988, has a map on the margin showing the two initial routes constructed in Finland, which at that time as the autonomous Grand Duchy of Finland, part of the Russian Empire. The first line, completed in 1862, connecting Helsinki to Hämeenlinna, was built mainly to transport forest products to the port, as well as provide passenger

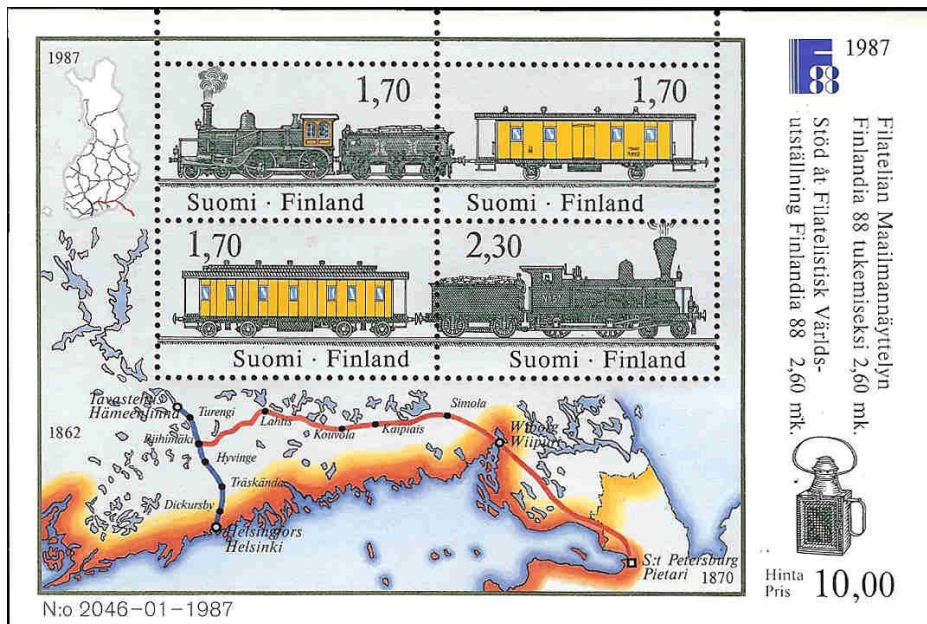


Fig. 59, Finland Sc 517a.



Fig. 60, Finland Sc 1252.

transportation. Construction was opposed by some in the Finnish government, but the plan was championed by Johan Vilhelm Snellman, a staunch Finnish nationalist, and construction proceeded. Snellman is commemorated on the second sheet, Figure 60 (Sc 1252), issued in his 200th birth anniversary year.

In addition to the first line, Sc 517a also shows the second line that was constructed linking Riihimäki and St. Petersburg. Construction of this line was completed in 1870. Interestingly, it was not until 1913 that a connection from St. Petersburg to the Russian rail system was made. Also on this sheet is an out-

line map of Finland showing the major rail lines in Finland today.

The Snellman sheet has two stamps. The one to the right has a map similar to that on Sc 517a showing the two original lines on an old map of Finland. Also pictured is a steam engine that I suppose was used on this route. The stamp to the left features a photo of Snellman over an old map of Sweden showing Swedish rail routes. Although Snellman spent a few years in self-imposed exile in Sweden in the early 1850's I have not been able to establish a link between him and the Swedish rail system.

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Cartography, an Exhibit by Maurice Touchette

This is a continuation of the article from TNCP 34, July 2011.

Explorers and adventurers who explored a vast expanse of the Arctic and Antarctic:

James Cook (1728 – 1779)
Fabian Van Bellinghousen (1778 – 1852)
Robert F. Scott (1868 – 1912)



Roald Amundsen (1872 – 1928)
Ernest H. Shackleton (1874 - 1922)



John Cabot (Giovani Caboto 1450 – 1498), citizen of Venice Italy. On board his ship the Matthew, he reached the shores of Cape Breton Islands and Newfoundland June 24th 1497.



Domestic stamps of each country and two commemorative postmarks depicting a wind rose.



Map projections

The representation on paper of the Earth involves distortion because it is spherical. It is the reason why different kind of map projections are used. They have been defined according to the variety of uses: Mercator, Traverse Mercator, Lambert, azimuthal, poly-conic, etc.

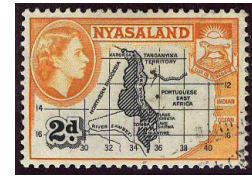
All continents represented by a Transverse Mercator projection.



Direct Mercator projection.



Single circle metal hammer type postmarks of Franklin Center Quebec. The date, April 1st 1949, is interesting when Newfoundland joined Canadian Constitution. The Canadian stamp honors citizens.



Direct Mercator projection.



Poly-conic projection with tangent point on equator.



Azimuthal projection (south pole).



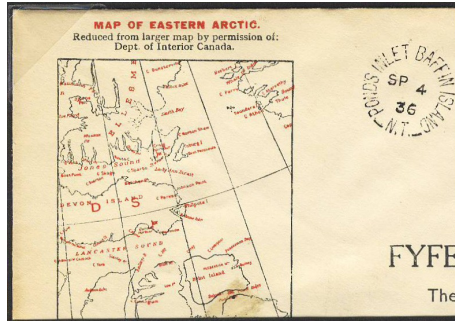
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Lambert projection



Northern territories of eastern Canada, conic projection (now Nunavut).



Lovers map. Valentine projection.

Azimuthal projection (north pole).

Azimuthal projection (south pole).



To be continued in a future TNCP.

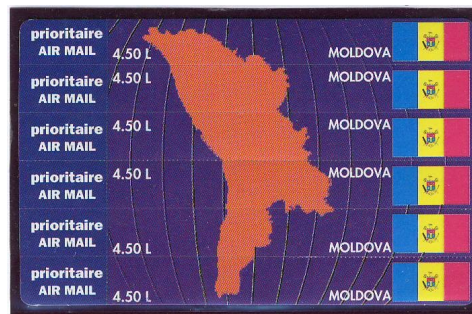
Azimuthal projections with tangent point on south pole for representation of ice cap.



Commemorative envelope with interrupted simple circle hammer type postmark, from Ponds Inlet NT (Northern Territories) September 4th 1936.

False projections

Map of Moldova. Background lines look like meridians but do not describe the region. The parallels seem to reflect the cut lines of stamps.



The CartoPhilatelic exhibit at Philanippon.



Won Silver Bronze.

Priority Air Post linear stamps.

Map of Australia describes meridians and parallels without defined projection.



Stylized projection like Mercator.



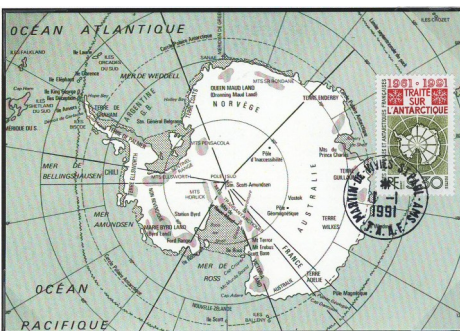
Checklist Update

On page 9, David announces release of Checklist v5. If you have made notes in the right hand columns of check list 4 you will want to transfer them to v5. I think I have a solution, but not guaranteed. I will send any member a copy of an Excel sheet containing a Macro which compares a sheet in v4 with the new sheet in v5. It should transfer all notes. If after you have received the new version, you would like to try it, please contact me by email. martinoakes@aeroinc.net

Here Be Dragons: A Brief History Of Monsters On Maps

Link: http://www.artsjournal.com/artsjournal1/2011/09/here_be_dragons.shtml

Conic projection.



Maximum card.

Society News, David Wolfersberger

New Members

I am pleased to welcome several new members:

William Cochrane – Castlemaine,
Victoria, Australia
Website: www.philatelicedatabase.com

Thomas Tarabicos – Roswell, GA
Frederick Skvara - Bridgewater, NJ
Roger Baty – Redlands, CA
Dr. Carl J. Smith - Bluffton, SC

Roger is a returning member – welcome back! Fred joined several months ago but I forgot to list him as a new member in the last issue. Welcome to all new members.

Dues

Those who have not paid their dues have been contacted by our Secretary, Marybeth Sulkowski. If you have not renewed, please do so promptly. Dues amounts and the mailing address are on the back of this issue. Those who do not renew in the next month will be dropped from membership. Also your dues must be current to get a copy of the Revision 5 of the Checklist. Please take a moment and renew now. I don't want to lose any members.

Index

Volker Woesner has completed the first draft of the Index for all issues of the *Carto-Philatelist* from 1955 to 1995. The officers will be reviewing this over the next several weeks. If anyone else is interested in helping, please contact me. Thanks to Volker for the tremendous effort he has put into this.

Maps on Stamps Checklist Revision 5.0

Revision 5 of the Maps on Stamps Checklist is nearing completion and will be issued on November 1, 2011. This revision contains over 1100 new issues plus hundreds of corrections and additions of issues previously overlooked. As in the past, those who have previously purchased the electronic ver-

sion of the Checklist can get Revision 5 at no cost. (Your dues must be current). However, you must request a copy by contacting David Wolfersberger at de-wolf2@swbell.net.

Because of the costs involved in printing and mailing, those who purchased hard copies will need to buy a new copy. The Checklist will be about 400 printed pages (two sides). Printing on two sides obviously cuts the amount of paper in half and saves on the postage and shipping costs. The Checklist, printed on two sides, is available to US addresses via Priority Mail for \$50. For other addresses the cost is \$35 plus actual shipping costs. Please contact David Wolfersberger to determine the exact cost to mail to you. The electronic version, for those who have not purchased before, is \$35.

New Issues

Several stamps related to the Struve arc that were illustrated and discussed in Volker Woesner's article "The Measurement of the Earth" in the July 2011 issue of *The New CartoPhilatelist* have been issued Scott numbers and are on the new issue update in this issue but the images are not repeated.

In 2010 Brazil issued a souvenir sheet (Sc 3124) in honor of Amerigo Vespucci, the person for whom the Americas was named on Waldseemüller's famous 1507 map. From the Correios do Brasil website:

The features shown in the block are on a blue background, and are taken from the life of Amerigo Vespucci. These include maps, letters and panoramic views of Florence (Italy) and Arraial do Cabo (Brazil). At the bottom, to the left, there is an image of the Our Lady of the Remedies, from 1506, which was built out of mud formed onto a wooden framework and was the first church to hold mass in Brazil together with the Amerigo Vespucci Obelisk, on Praia dos Anjos, which marks the place where the first Portuguese armada landed in 1503. At the bottom, to the right, there is the Gateway to Arraial do Cabo and the

logo of the Year of Italy in Brazil, which will take place in 2011. The upper stamp portrays the Florentine sailor Amerigo Vespucci as a young man, and the lower stamp, shows him in his later years, when he was already known as the tamer of the New World and had also become famous for his tales of the newly-discovered lands. The stamps also feature typical 15th and 16th century sailing vessels.

In an interesting side note, I received an email from the person who heads up the America 500 Committee. This organization was founded to teach people in the US about the person who gave his name to the Americas and eventually to the United States of America. The Committee also tried to get the United States Postal Service to issue a joint stamp with Germany to commemorate the Waldseemüller map. As we know now, this effort failed and Germany issued the beautiful stamp that we know well. Now the Committee is focusing on 2012, the 500th anniversary of Vespucci's death. In that regard I was asked to write to the USPS's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to support issuing a US stamp next in honor of Vespucci.

I did so and included a copy of our book *America on the Map*. In a recent letter from the USPS Manager of Stamp Development I was informed that such a stamp is indeed being considered. Whether the stamp ever gets issued is still to be determined; whether my letter had any impact will never be known but it is nice that at last the USPS is thinking of such an issue.

Bermuda issued a set of four stamps "Piloting – Pioneers of Progress." One of the main themes is recognizing freed slave Jemmy Darrell, who became one of Bermuda's first sea pilots. The stamp of interest to us (Sc 1025) shows a boat being pushed ashore (perhaps a life boat?) on the top half of the stamp, and an excellent old map of Bermuda on the bottom half. I cannot identify the source of the map; perhaps a member can provide information.

The Dominican Republic issued a set of two stamps (Sc 1502-03) on the occa-

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sion of the 100th anniversary of the Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (UPAEP). This organization of 27 countries in the North, Central and South America, the Caribbean, plus, of course, Spain and Portugal was formed in 1911 to help insure smooth mail exchange between the member countries, to share experiences, and help to optimize mail services. The \$20 value has the number 100 with a map of the Western Hemisphere inside the first "0" and a map of Portugal and Spain in the second. The \$26 value has the same maps within a single oval.

Member Mark Honig makes some interesting observations concerning the design of the maps: "The designer who drew the map obviously knows that Spain is attached to France, but he has no idea how France should appear on a map. On the other stamp Spain is out of proportion; also Africa is missing."

A joint issue from Russia (Sc 7355) and Åland (Sc 313) commemorates the 150th anniversary of founding of the city of Mariehamn, the capital of Åland, an autonomous territory under Finnish sovereignty. Both souvenir sheets share the same design. Tsar Alexander II of Russia founded Mariehamn and named it after Empress Maria Alexandrovna, whose portrait is in the center of the stamp. On the margin is the original map of the city by G.T. Chiewitz, an architect who designed the city.

Uzbekistan issued several stamps with great maps. Two sets highlight important sites in two provinces; they have two stamps with a central label. The first set (Sc 596) features a monument to Amir Temur, a 12th century conqueror who controlled much of Central and Western Asia late in that century. The monument on the 800s value is located in Shahrisabz, a city in the eastern part of Qashqadaryo province and the birthplace of Amir Temur. The second stamp on this set shows the rail station in the town of Qarshi, a city in the middle of Qashqadaryo province. The station appears to be of very modern design; I have not been unable to find any information about it. The center label has an excellent map of Qashqadaryo province

with most major cities noted. Rivers are also on the map as are major roads.

The second set (Sc 641) features sites in Andijon Province. The 900s value has monument to Zahiriddin Muhammad Bobur (1483 – 1530), a distant relative of Amir Temur, who was born in the city of Andijon in the Andijon Province. Bobur ruled this area and Afghanistan, founding the Bobur Empire which lasted into the 19th century. The second stamp shows the Olimpiya Zahiralar Sport-kolleji, a large soccer stadium in Andijon. The center label has a very good map of the province again showing many major cities and towns, rivers and roads.

The third stamp (Sc 628) from Uzbekistan featuring a great map is for the Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan-China gas pipeline. The entire pipeline, which will connect Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan with China, has been under construction since 2007; when completed it will be over 7000 km long and provide huge quantities of natural gas to China. The map on the stamp shows the pipeline route from Turkmenistan, through Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and ending in China. This is for a second phase of the pipeline project.

You may recall a souvenir sheet issued last year by Monaco about the Grimaldi family in the Haut-Rhin region of France (see *The New CartoPhilatelist* January 2011, page 12). Recently another souvenir sheet (Sc 2630) was issued, this time showing the location of the Grimaldi family holdings in the Provence region. The sheet has two stamps, each showing a Grimaldi castle in the region. On the margin is a map of Provence with the locations of the various Grimaldi properties shown. This is another nice sheet celebrating the "first family" of Monaco.

St. Vincent issued a souvenir sheet (Sc 3730) "Cats of the World" with a nice world map on the sheet margin. A souvenir sheet (Sc 4565) from Bulgaria has what would be an excellent world map on the margin of a souvenir sheet "Atlantic Club Bulgaria" but is very faint. Details can be seen with close examination. (The Atlantic Club of Bulgaria was formed in 1990 to help integrate the former Warsaw Pact coun-

tries into international organizations such as NATO and the EU.)

Zimbabwe issued a stamp (Sc 1126) with a nice map of Africa with all of the countries outlined on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Pan African Postal Union. Zimbabwe is shown in green, and non-member countries are in gray (Algeria, Western Sahara, and Mauritania). Morocco is also in gray although according to the Postal Union website it is a member nation. Perhaps this is a minor error.

French Southern and Antarctic Territories (FSAT) is a rather prolific issuer of map stamps – approximately 18% of her stamps issued so far are on the Maps on Stamps Checklist. Certainly, many are simple O grade stamps, but many are also very nice, high quality map stamps. Two more have recently been issued, both very nice maps. The first (Sc 444) is the center stamp in a strip of 3, all commemorating the December 8, 1929 crash on Juan de Nova Island, located in the Mozambique Channel between Madagascar and Mozambique. Juan de Nova Island is part of the Scattered Territories (Isles Éparses) of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories.

As far as I can determine the story, a small plane carrying mail departed from Toamasina, Madagascar bound for France. A fuel leak developed and the plane was forced to crash land on Juan de Nova Island, apparently not causing much damage. Two members of the three man crew were taken off the island by a ship passing by shortly after the crash. The third crewman stayed with the plane and while waiting for the others to return he explored the island and built a small landing strip. After three months the two crew members returned and the plane returned to Madagascar. The map on the stamp shows part of Madagascar and the plane route; the part actually flown from Toamasina to Juan de Nova Island is in red; I guess the portion in black was the planned route had the plane not been forced to crash land.

FSAT issued is souvenir sheet (Sc 445) featuring four stamps with different

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whales shown. In the center, on the sheet margin, is a somewhat stylized topographic map of Antarctica. Of course, a portion of FSAT is in Antarctica.

India issued a stamp and souvenir sheet (Sc 2494 and 2495a) on the 100th anniversary of the airmail flight by Henri Pequet. The flight took place on February 18, 1911 from Allahabad to Naini, India, 13 km apart. India claims this was the first airmail flight, at least by airplane. However a pilot in the US flew 3 letters, a sack of coffee and 50 newspapers between Petaluma and Santa Rosa, CA, a distance of 14 miles, on February 17, 1911. Unfortunately he didn't quite make it, landing a mile short. Regardless of this controversy, the map on the Indian stamp is very nice showing key elements of the area and the flight path. The margin of the sheet shows several of the mail pieces as well as pictures of the pilot and plane.

A few other new issues with nice maps: Greenland (Sc 586b) – underwater cable; cable route shown on one stamp on a souvenir sheet; Colombia (Sc 1345) – 100th anniversary of Cauca Province; nice map of the province on one stamp that is part of a sheet of 6 (this is an ongoing series); Vanuatu (Sc 986) – map of archipelago with all islands identified on a sheet promoting tourism and issued for the Shanghai '10 Expo; Czech Republic (Sc 3470) – great old map in the background of a stamp commemorating the Austrian Empire postal system.

Finally another “old” new issue, this time from Serbia. In 2009 Serbia issued two stamps (Sc 480-81) for the 125th anniversary of railroads in Serbia. Issued in sheets of 10, there is part of a map of Serbia showing the original line from Belgrade to Nis, which began operation in 1884. Another couple of entries for the Maps and Trains on Stamps list!

Cartophilately in the Press

In the July 4, 2011 edition of Linn's Stamp News, Michael Rogers discusses two 1957 booklets from Taiwan. These

booklets contain various denominations of the famous 1957 definitive “Map of China” stamps (Sc 1157-62). One booklet has face value of \$10 in stamps, the other \$20. Because of the high price of the booklets, less than 100,000 of each was sold, and few remain intact today. Rogers reports that they are available in Taiwan for \$2000 for the pair.

In the June 6, 2011 issue of Linn's, Denise McCarty writes in detail about the Finnish Struve sheet and briefly discusses other Struve issues. I hope she enjoyed reading Volker's article in the last issue of *The New CartoPhilatelist*.

Les Winick has a short note in the July 4 Linn's about Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher. While perhaps best known for his mathematical inspired lithographs and woodcuts, he also designed several stamps for the Netherlands. One of these illustrated in the article is the National Aviation Fund stamp (Sc B81) which shows three planes over the Netherlands.

Another article in the July 4 Linn's, also by Denise McCarty, discusses the City of Netherlands sheet issued in March (Sc TBD). The sheet is illustrated; two stamps on the sheet feature a map of the Netherlands.

In the August 1 issue of Linn's, in the Fifty Years Ago column, it is mentioned that the July 31, 1961 issue of Linn's contained an article about the

“CartoPhilatelists study group of the American Topical Association.” It turns out that this issue of Linn's had many articles about maps on stamps. The lead article was by Allen Seed, founder of the Carto-Philatelists. It describes the activities of at-the-time rather new organization. Also on page one a popular subtopic is topical collecting is discussed by Howard B. Howard (later president of the Society): “First Stamp with Map Design.” (He concludes it was the Wilmington Match Company revenue stamp, Sc RO182.) Evelyn Nelson contributed “Antique Maps on Postage Stamps.” Other articles include one on Ichang Local with a nice map of Ichang (Phillip Williams); “Canada's Map Stamp of 1898” (no authored noted); Island of Samos map stamp of 1912 (Kathryn Fox); Ryukyu Island map stamps (Emory Cochran); and another continuing topic – “What is a Map Stamp?” (no author noted).

The officers of the Carto-Philatelists were also listed, including 6 elected officers; a Board of Governors; and about 20 Regional Vice Presidents. It was very interesting to read these articles and see how similar our interests in maps stamps are today with those 50 years ago.

Thanks to Mark Honig for bringing these to my attention. Anyone who wants a copy of any of the articles mentioned can contact me. ■

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Finally, there is great set of stamps from the German Democratic Republic showing narrow gauge rail lines. However, discussing these stamps and the narrow gauge railroads in eastern Germany deserves an article on its own so it will be discussed in a future article. An example of the stamps is shown in Figure 61 (Sc 2147).

This concludes Part 3 in the series “Maps and Trains on Stamps.” The next article in the series, Part 4, will be published in a future edition of *The New CartoPhilatelist*. ■

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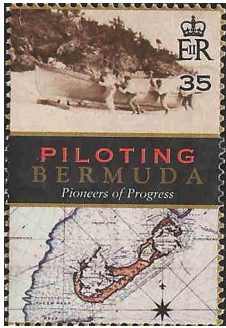
Fig. 61, German Democratic Republic Sc 2147.

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Linn's June-August 2011 Special Edition Updates									
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Issue Date	Country	Issue	Scott Cat. #	Format (Single Stamp Unless Noted)	Grade	Coverage	Face Value	Michel	SG
2011	Aland	150th anniv. Founding Mariehamn	313	S/S, joint with Russia	AR	Map on town on margin	€ 1	B11	TBD
2010	Argentina	Relationship with Austria - Weather Stations	2596	S/S of two. Joint with Austria	A	Western Hemisphere, Atlantic Ocean, Africa, Europe with Argentina and Austria highlighted	5p each	TBD	TBD
2010	Argentina	Federal Electric Power Council	2598		A	Argentina	1.50p	TBD	TBD
2010	Armenia	Russian Cemetery, Gyumri	842	S/S		Faint map in background	650d	B36	MS744
2010	Armenia	World Cup Soccer	849		A	Globe with Africa shown	1100d	718	753
2011	Aruba	Banknotes	377d	Part of sheet of 12	A	Sudan	167c	TBD	TBD
2010	Belarus	Preservation of Polar Regions	760-61	Issued in mini-sheets of 5	A	Antarctica on 760, Arctic on 761	1500r, 2500f	847-48	847-49
2011	Belarus	Preservation of Polar Regions	761b	S/S of six, 3 each 760-62	A	Antarctica on 760, Arctic on 763	1500r, 2500f	B83	Not listed
2010	Belgium	Folon Art	2476		A	Globe	1st (59c)	4124	4353
2010	Belgium	Folon Art	2477a	Booklet pane of 10, 2468-77	A	As above	1st (59c)	4125 note	Not listed
2011	Bermuda	Piloting Bermuda	1025		AR	Old map of Bermuca	35c	TBD	1081
2010	Brazil	Amerigo Vespucci	3124	S/S of 2	A, OG	Map of Vespucci route, Vespucci	2.40 r each	B147	MS3627
2010	Brazil	World Cup Soccer	3129		A	Globe	2.55r	3773	3632
2010	Brazil	Fish of Lake Malawi (Africa)	3135	S/S of 3	A	Lake Malawi on margin	2r each	B149	MS3637
2011	Bulgaria	Atlantic Club	4565	S/S	A	Partial world map in background	1l	B338	TBD
2011	Bulgaria	Russian Space Acheivements	4566	S/S	A	Globe	65s, 1.5l	B339	TBD
2010	Burma	Protection of Ozone Layer	382	S/S	A	World map	100k	B1	TBD
2011	Canada	Postal delivery methods	2468-69	Pair. Issued in sheets of 16.	A	Map on stamp and margin	59c each	2720-21	TBD
2010	Chile	Irish Involved with Chile's Indpendence	1562	Pair 1562a-b. Joint with Ireland - identical designs (1903a)	AR	Old maps in background	500p each	TBD	TBD
2010	Colombia	100th anniv. Valle del Cauca province	1345	S/S of 6, 1345a-f	A	Map of province on 1345a	4000p	TBD	2704-09
2011	Cyprus	Paphos Lighthouse	1151		A	Cyprus coast showing location of lighthouse	34c	1210	1248
2011	Cyprus	Cape Greco Lighthouse	1152		A	Cyprus coast showing location of lighthouse	43c	1211	1249
2011	Cyprus	Cape Kiti Lighthouse	1153	S/S	A	Cyprus coast showing location of lighthouse	€ 1.71	B35	MS1250
2010	Czech Republic	Austrian Empire Post Office	3470		AR	Postal map	A (10k)	654	625

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1994	Djibouti	Sea-Me- We 2 underwa- ter cable	737A	S/S	A	Excellent world map on stamp and margin, cable route shown	350fr	B149	TBD
2011	Dominican Republic	Postal Union of the Americas	1502		A	Western Hemisphere, Spain, France	\$20	9.11	2376
2011	Dominican Republic	Postal Union of the Americas	1503		A	Western Hemisphere, Spain, France	\$26	9.11	2377
2011	Estonia	Struve Arc	672	S/S of 2	A	Entire route of arc	58c each	B33	TBD
2011	Estonia	Lighthouse - Vergi Tuletron	674		A	Estonian coast show- ing location of light- house	35c	699	TBD
2011	Finland	Struve Arc	1381	S/S of 2, 1381a- b	A	Finland	2 each	B66	TBD
2011	French South- ern & Antarc- tic Territories	Airplane accident	444	Strip of 3	A	Madagascar and southeast Africa on 90c value showing route and crash site	56c, 90c, €1.35	744	640-42
2011	French South- ern & Antarc- tic Territories	Whales	445	Sheet of 4 + center label	A	Antarctica on label	56c each	B26	MS639
2011	Greenland	Greenland Connect submarine cable	586		A	Northern Hemisphere showing cable route	46.50k	577A	626
2011	Greenland	Greenland Connect submarine cable	586a	Perf variation	A	Northern Hemisphere showing cable route	46.50k	577C	Not listed
2011	Greenland	Greenland Connect submarine cable	586b	S/S of 3: 584a, 585a, 586a	A	Northern Hemisphere showing cable route	46.50k	B52	MS627
2011	India	Indipex, 100 years air- mail	2494		AR	Flight path in city of Allahabad	5r	9.11	TBD
2011	India	Indipex, 100 years air- mail	2495a	S/S of 4, 2492- 95	AR	Flight path in city of Allahabad (on 2494)	4x5r	9.11	TBD
2005	Mali	World Summit on the Information Society	1139	Same design as 1138.	A	World	385fr	2616	TBD
2011	Monaco	Lions Club of Monaco 50th anniv.	2629		A	World map in lions emblem	75c	3034	TBD
2011	Monaco	Grimaldi Family fiefs	2630	S/S of 2: 2630a, 2630b	A	Provence showing location of family cas- tles	€1.75, €1.80	B100	TBD
2010	Qatar	Amateur Radio	1073		A	World	50d	TBD	TBD
2011	Russia	150th anniv. Founding Mariehamn	7355	S/S, joint with Aland	AR	Map on town on mar- gin	40p	B143	TBD
2010	Saint Vincent	Haiti Earthquake Relief	3700	#3681 over- printed, sheet of 4	A	Haiti in overprint	\$2.50 each	TBD	MS5804 a
2010	Saint Vincent	Cent. Of King George V accession	3718	Sheet of 6, 3718a-f	A	Great Britain on mar- gin	\$2 each	TBD	TBD
2010	Saint Vincent	Cats	3728	Sheet of 6, 3728a-f	A	Globe on margin	\$2 each	TBD	TBD
2011	Saint Vincent	Cats	3730	S/S	A	World map on margin	\$6	TBD	TBD
2011	San Marino	Luigi Einaudi	1837		A	Italy	€ 3.30	2464	TBD
2010	Senegal	West African Economic and Monetary Union	1652		A	Nice outline map of Senegal	790fr	2155	1819

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2010	Senegal	World Festival of Negro Arts	1676		A	Africa	300fr	2177	TBD
2009	Serbia	125th anniv. Railroads in Serbia	480	Sheet of 10	A	Part of Serbia on margin with at least one rail line shown	22d	320	416
2009	Serbia	125th anniv. Railroads in Serbia	481	Sheet of 10	A	Part of Serbia on margin with at least one rail line shown	46d	321	417
2010	Serbia	World Cup Soccer 2010	511-12		A	Africa	22d, 50d	354-55	448-49
2011	Spain	Autonomus Regions	3762	Booklet pane of 8, 3762a-h	A	3762b-h have nice outline maps of different regions	Rate "A"	4564-71 (MH0-67)	4574-81
2010	Sri Lanka	Royal College 175th anniv	1749		A	World	10r	TBD	2040
2010	Sri Lanka	Youth Olympics	1752		A	Sri Lanka	10r	TBD	2043
2010	Sri Lanka	World Post Day	1767		A	Globe	5r	TBD	2060
2011	Sweden	Struve Arc	2661	S/S of 2: 2661a-b	A	Sweden showing route of arc	12k each	B37	TBD
2010	Syria	March 8 Revolution 47th anniv.	1668		A	Syria	£50	2333	2331
2010	Tanzania	Hu Jintao	2562	Sheet of 6, 2562a-f	A	China in background	900sh each	TBD	TBD
2010	Trinidad & Tobago	Cadet Force cent.	860	S/S	A	Map of Western Hemisphere in medal on margin	\$15	TBD	TBD
2010	Tunisia	Year of Peace in Africa	1492		A	Africa	250m	1745	TBD
2010	Turkey	11th Economic Cooperation Summit, Istanbul	3241	S/S of 4, 3241a-d	A	Globe on margin	90, 100, 130, 150k	B74	TBD
2010	Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	Islamic Conf. 34th anniv.	681		A	Small but nice world map with Islamic countries highlighted	70k	709	700
2011	Uganda	World Cup Soccer	1910-11	2 sheets of 6	A	Globe on margin	400sh to 4000sh	TBD	TBD
2010	United Arab Emirates	Watani (National Identity)	1013		A	Stylized map of UAE	150f	1040	TBD
2010	Uzbekistan	Sites in Kashkadarya Vilayet	596	Pair 596a-b with central label	A	Excellent map of Uzbekistan on label	800s, 1200s	845-46	TBD
2010	Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan-China Gas Pipeline	628		A	Uzbekistan and China with route of pipeline shown.	250s	900	TBD
2010	Uzbekistan	Sites in Andijon Vilayet	641	Pair 641a-b with central label	A	Excellent map of Uzbekistan on label	900s, 1200s	918-19	TBD
2010	Vanuatu	Tourism/Shanghia Expo	986	Sheet of 4, 986a-d	A	Map of Vanuatu on margin	40v, 2x140v, 190v	B69	MS1070
2009	Venezuela	Francisco da Miranda	1693a	S/S	A	Venezuela on stamp, South America on margin	1.50b	Not listed	3756
2010	Zimbabwe	Pan African Postal Union 30th anniv.	1126		A	Africa with countries outlined	"Z"	964	1313

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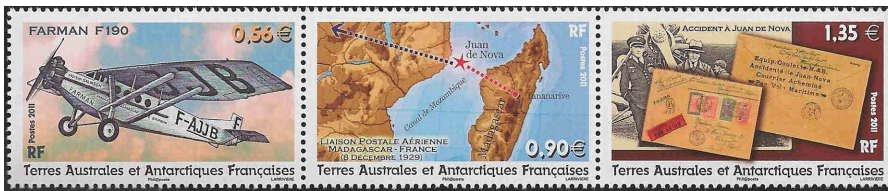
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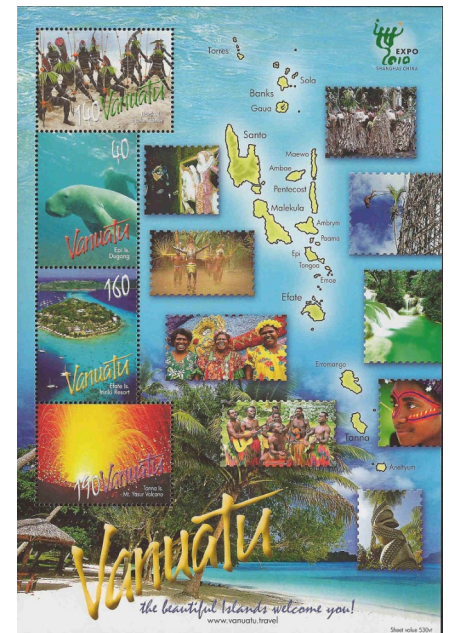
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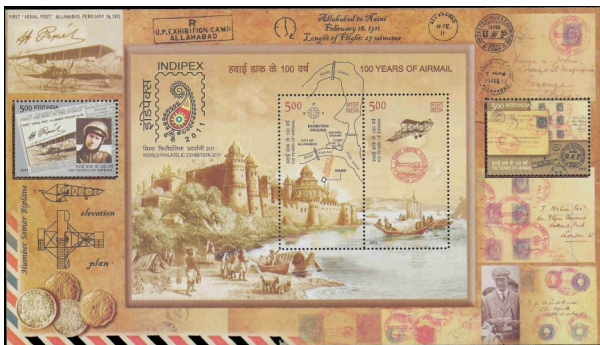
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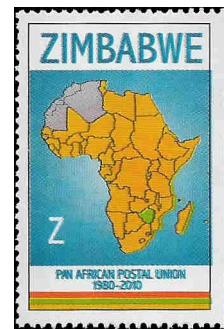
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