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At Our Monthly Meetings

October:

36 members were present. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das was in the Chair. Mr. Chari of the Young Club, Mylapore wanted the association to conduct a philatelic exhibition for one day on the 24th October '82 for the benefit of his club members to enable them to take to this hobby in a scientific way. Several members came forward to display their exhibits and some have shown interest to donate philatelic items like fdc's etc. to the club members. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das read an article from the American philatelist on Junior philately which was very informative.

Shri C. S. Sankaranarayanan read a prepared topic on 'History of stamps through Maps'. American Topical Association's books were the main source of information for him to prepare this article, which was well received by the members present.

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SIPA MEETINGS

SECOND SUNDAY of every month - Regular meeting at the Philately Bureau Anna Road, Post Office.
THIRD SUNDAY of every month - Auction meeting at 41 Perumal Mudali St., Madras-1

AVIATION HISTORY ON STAMPS

M. T. KARUNAKARAN.

Ever since man watched the birds flying, the ambition to fly like them must have got into his mind and persisted till he actually achieved it, through some means. The number of attempts made by him in this effort might be countless and so also the developments he made in the aids he devised. Though we do



Ireland 1948

Angel victor over Rock of Cashel

not have the records of all early attempts made by man, from the Epics and Legendaries we could gather a number of instances where Angels, Gods and Goddesses with wings were described. The stamps of certain countries (i.e., Greece: 1916 issues (SG 286 to 296) depicting 'Iris'; 1942 issues (SG. 561 to 569) showing symbolic wind Gods, Ireland: 1948 issues (SG 140 to 143) depicting Angel Victor, Thailand 1925 issue of 8 stamps depicting 'Garuda'. France: 1948 Air Stamps (SG 968 and 969) depicting Iris and plane, an issue of



Spain 1930

Weird flying methods

1930 depicting 'Le Sourire de Reims'. Spain: 1930 issues (SG. 570-582) all designs being the works by Goya illustrating curious flying figures, Great Britain: 1976 Christmas (SG 993 to 996) depicting Angels with wings are some philatelic examples illustrating man's thought and imagination.

When we come to the recorded attempts of man in this endeavour, Leonardo da Vinci's (1452 - 1519) attempt may be the earliest

among those deserving mention. The Great Italian artist and inventor developed several original and very remarkable ideas for flying machines. We now know that it is most unlikely that any of his designs would have



Italy 1932 - Leonardo da Vinci

worked because they were too heavy. But this in no way detracts from the brilliance and range of his thinking about problem of flight which included ideas for a helicopter and parachute. Quite fittingly Italy issued in 1932, 7 stamps (SG 326 to 332) depicting Da Vinci's flying machine and his portrait. Again commemorating his 5th Birth Centenary in 1952, Italy issued three stamps (SG 812 to 814). France also commemorated the 500th Birth Anniv. of Leonardo da Vinci by issuing a stamp in 1952 (SG 1150).

France in one of its earlier stamps issued in 1938 commemorated Clement Adler, an Aviation Pioneer. Adler attempted to fly, in a steam powered aeroplane called 'L' Eole'. He was unable to reach any great height but could only hop. The stamp shown below depicts his portrait and flying machine.



Niger 1970 - Clement Adler,
Flying Machine and Modern Aircraft

However the first recorded free ascent was made at the Bois de Boulogne in November

1783, in a balloon constructed by the Montgolfier brothers. Flown across Paris by Pilatre de Rozier with the other passenger being Marquis de Arlandes, the balloon was inflated with heated air from a fire beneath an opening in the bag. A stamp issued by France in 1936 (SG 546) commemorates the 150th death Anniv. of Pilatre de Rozier. The design of



France 1936
Pilatre de Rozier

the stamp portraits pilatre de Rozier, showing the balloon in the background, France also issued a stamp in 1955 stamp day; a stamp depicting the picture of Paris Balloon Post, 1870. The centenary of the same was commemorated in 1971 (SG. 1907), the design of the stamp being 'Balloon leaving Parris'.

The first sustained flight by a powered aircraft was made by Wilbur and Orville Wright at Kitty Hawk U.S.A. in December 1903. The Aircraft was constructed by Wright brothers themselves. In a latter flight on the same day Wilbur Wright covered a distance of 852 feet. U.S.A. celebrated the 25th Anniv. of Wright brother's first flight in 1928 (SG. 652 & 653)



India 1978
'First Powered Flight'
Wright Brothers and their aircraft

Again in 1946, 46th Anniv. of the same was commemorated with the stamp (SG. A97) showing the portraits of Wright brothers and Aeroplane. India also issued a commemorative stamp celebrating the 75th Anniv. of the "First Powered Flight 1903". The stamp depicted the picture of Wright brothers and the plane.

Finally in 1909, the free potential of the aeroplane was demonstrated by a French aviator named Louis Bleriot. On July 25th, 1909. He flew his type XI mono plane from Calais to Dover, making the first crossing of the channel by a heavier than air machine. It gave



Hungary 1978 - L. Bleriot

an indication of the ability of aircraft to travel anywhere regardless of boundaries. France commemorated the event's Silver Jubilee by issuing a stamp in 1934 (SG. 523) which depicted the picture of 'Bleriot's' monoplane over the channel.. Hungary's 1970 issue also depicted the portrait of Louis Bleriot and his monoplane.

In India, on February 18, 1911, Humber Biplane piloted by Monsieur Henry Piquet flew from Allahabad Exhibition grounds to Nain; over the waters of the Jammuna a distance of about 6 miles-carrying the worlds' first air-mail; a bag of some 6,500 letters and post cards, weighing less than one ounce each. The plane was flying not higher than one thousand feet. It took 13 minutes on the outward flight and 17 minutes on the return flight. The flight was a spectacular event in those early pioneering days and marked the first ever aerial post in the world. India commemorated the Silver Jubilee of this worlds first Aerial Post (Air Main Flight) In 1961 by releasing a set of 3 stamps. One of which depicted the 'First Aerial cancellation' and the other two depicted the Humber Summer plane.

The credit for showing the ability of aircraft to cover long distances was given to John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown. who achieved the first non-stop trans atlantic flight in June 1919. In a Vickers Vimy Biplane they covered the 1,890 Miles from Newfoundland to Ireland in 16 Hours 12 minutes. In 1969 Great Britain commemorated 50th Anniv. of the

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Special Cancellations : A special cancellation will be provided on 3-11-82 at Anna Road, Head Post Office, Madras on the occasion of *Round Table India* 25 years of community Service.

Vijayawada Philatelic Circle 11-44-15, Kumari St., Vijayawada is bringing out a special cover for the occasion.

Special cancellations will be provided at the following Post Offices in New Delhi in connection with IX Asian Games :

Asian Games Village, Post Office 20-11-82.

Indraprastha Stadium Post Office-23-11-82.

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Post Office 4-12-82.

Special cancellations will also be provided on 20-11-82 at Jaipur and Bombay on the occasion of the inauguration of Rowing and Yachting events of IX Asian Games.

A special cancellation will be provided on 20-11-82, at Calcutta GPO in honour of Babu Tarapada Mukherji.

A special cancellation will be provided on 8-12-82 at Bombay, Calcutta, Cochin, Vishakapatnam, Naval Based Post Office, Vishakapatnam and Parliament Street, H O. New Delhi on the occasion of the 15th Anniv. of Submarine ARM.

A special cancellation will be provided from 10th to 12th December 1982 at Cuttack on the occasion of International seminar on Gandhi and Modern times.

A special cancellation will be provided at Madras on 11-12-82 on the occasion of the valedictory function of Mahakavi Bharathi Centenary Celebrations.

Special cover and cancellation : 4th All India P & T Basket Ball Tournament was held at Indore from 1st to 4th Oct. 1982. The event was commemorated by issuing a limited number of special covers and a special cancellation at Indore on 1st October, 1982.

Special Flight Covers : A limited number of first day covers on '50 years of civil Aviation' bearing Pakistan postage stamps and special cancellation of Karachi P. O.

were flown on Shri J. R. D. Tata's special flight from Karachi to Bombay on 15-10-82. The covers will be on sale at the Philatelic Bureau, Bombay G.P.O. with effect from 1-11-82 on first come first served basis. The cost of each cover is Rs. 5/- (Similarly, the cost of the first day covers with Indian commemorative stamp bearing the cancellation of Ahmedabad Post Office dated 15-10-82 is @ Rs. 4/-

Mr. G. Balakrishna Das, Secretary, The South India Philatelists Association, Madras, exhibited before the Airport Posts and Telegraph Office for public viewing for two days from 14-10-82, a panel of Indian postage covers issued in 1932, covering Indian First Flights-Tata Flights 1932 - by Airmail etc.

Special Cover : On the occasion of the 4th International Congress of Engineering Geology to be held in New Delhi from 10th to 15th December, 1982, a special cover will be issued and special cancellation provided.

Philatelic Congress of India : The Regional Meeting of the Philatelic Congress of India is to be held on 7-11-82 at Hotel Dasaprakash. Matters of Philatelic interest, especially of the Southern Region in particular will be discussed. Shri V. N. S. Rau, President Elect, Philatelic Congress of India will be hosting a lunch in honour of the visiting philatelists.

Elite Philatelic Club : The annual day of the club was celebrated on 3rd Oct. 1982. Mr. F. P. Seervai, one of the Vice-Presidents of SIPA was the Chief Guest. While Mr. T. Ramaswami of the PMG's. Office was present as a special invitee, Mr. S. D. Kulkarni PPM, Madras and Mr G. Madan Mohan Das, President, South India Philatelists Association were present as guests.

Mr. A. Ravooof, President of the Elite Club conducted the proceedings. Mr. T. Ramaswamy who spoke first, detailed the efforts taken by the P & T Dept. in Tamil Nadu, in encouraging the hobby among the school children. Mr. Kulkarni, who spoke afterwards stressed the need for the same. Mr. Madan Mohan Das, President, South India Philatelists Association, who is also well known among the philatelic circle as a consistent lecturer on philately subjects; also stressed the need for bringing more juniors into the field of stamp collection.



Hungary 1978 - Alcock and A.W. Brown
and Vickers Vimy Biplane

flight (SG. 791) by a commemorative stamp describing the event in the stamp itself. The stamp depicts portraits of Alcock and Brown and the Vickers Vimy aircraft. In an earlier issue in 1967, France commemorated the 40th Anniv. of Trans Atlantic attempt made by Nungaesser and coli (SG. 1750).

In the year 1927, Charles Lindbergh achieved the first solo non-stop trans atlantic flight. Piloting his Ryan Monoplane the 'Spirit of St. Louis', he flew the 3,160 miles from Long Island, U.S.A. to Paris 33-1/2 hours U.S.A. issued a stamp in 1927 (SG. A646) showing the plane 'Spirit of St Louis in flight. Later the plane figured in many a stamps of other countries. Spain issued a set of 6 stamps littled Seville and Barcelona Exns. during 1929. The design being 'Spirit of St. Louis' over the coast.'

Possibly the most successful airship of all time was the Graf Zeppelin (SZ-127) named after the inventor. Completed in 1928 it was in 29 years of continuous service, having flows 1,053,391 miles and carrying in total 13,110



Germany 1938 - Count Zeppelin
in early airship gondola

passengers. In 1929 is made the first round-the-world passenger carrying flight in an elapsed time of 20 days, 4 hours, 14 minutes. U.S.A. commemorated the 'Graf Zeppelin' Europe-Pan-American Flight by issuing a set of 3 stamps in 1938 (SG. A687 to 689).

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Mr. Seervai spoke on the importance of philatelic literatures. He also brought a number of journals, books etc., on philately and exhibited them in the hall for the benefit of the members present.

Mr. Ravooof revealed the intention of the club to devote the next year as 'Juniors, year.'

The following members were elected as office bearers for 1982-83. Mt. A Ravooof - President; Mr. S. Mahalingam-Vice-President; Mr. T. Raja Rajan-Secretary; Mr. G. Namichand Chopra-Jt. Secretary; Mr. V. Srinivasan-Treasurer and Mr. S. Ramaswamy; Mr. S. Sampath Kumar; Mr. V. P. Devey and Mr. A. C. Thirlok-nath as committee members.

Children Club, Madras-4: With the help of South India Philatelists' Association, Madras, the club conducted an exhibition of world stamps at their club on 24th Oct. 1982. The fundamentals of the hobby was also explained to the children by the members of SIPA headed by their Secretary Mr. G. Balakrishna Das.

Ludhiana Philatelic Club: LUPEX 82 was a major event of Ludhiana philatelic club. Mr. Ravi Sawhney I.A.S. Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana inaugurated the exhibition and released a beautiful souvenir along with a special exhibition cover on Red Cross. A seminar on philately was also held on various topics. On 19-9-82 Shri E. Kishore, P.M.G., N. W. Circle released another special cover on Lion International and a special cachet was provided by the P & T Dept

Members !

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G. BALAKRISHNA DAS.

Secretary.