



Philatelic Review Bulletin

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Dear members and collectors,

The contents of this bulletin aims at informing members of pending auctions, stamps issues and other calendar items relevant to our hobby.

As things go, there will be room for errors but I hope I can keep those to a minimum.

The editor

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Meetings

Start: 8:00 pm; first Thursday in the month (except January)

CWA Rooms, Baby Health Centre, Tindale Street,
Penrith

Date	Activity
2 July 2009	Exhibition; Trading
6 August 2009	Exhibition; Trading Election of Office Holders
3 September 2009	Exhibition; Trading
1 October	Exhibition; Trading
5 November	Exhibition; Trading
December 2009	Christmas Party
January 2010	No meeting

Blue Mountains Stamp Club: 4th Friday (ex Dec)
8:00pm Katoomba Public School; PO Box 76,
Blackheath

Parramatta PS: 1st Friday

References

- Australia Post

Stamp Shows

For more stamp shows refer to Richmond:
The Stamp World of NSW & ACT 2009

18 July Chatswood

Events

Where	When	Contact
Katoomba: Katoomba Masonic Centre Civic Centre, Station Street	1 st Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm	Tel: (02) 9418 9044
Brookvale: Manly-Warringah Leagues Club Unlicensed Premises (first floor Car park Building), corner Federal Parade / Pittwater Road	1 st Saturday (except January) 10:00am – 4:00pm	Tel: (02) 9977 4076
Orange: Quinn's Arcade, Summer Street	1 st Saturday (except January) 9:00am – 4:00pm	Orange Coin & Stamp Club, P.O Box 324, Orange, 2800 Tel: Norm Binns (02) 6362 3754
Tuncurry: Tuncurry-Forster TAFE College, Taree Street	1 st Saturday (February to November) 9:00am – 12:00noon	Great Lakes Stamp Club, P.O Box 717, Forster, 2428
Caringbah: Stamp and Coin Collectors Fair, East Coast City Church, 375 Kingsway (Entrance fee: Gold Coin - all funds donated to the church)	1 st Saturday	Convener – Dave Ellis Tel: (02) 9528 9011
Parramatta: AAA Stamp & Coin Shows	28 March 2009 20 June 2009	Steve 0432 540 760
Bankstown: Masonic Hall, corner of Restwell Street and Greenfields Street	1 st Sunday 9:00am – 3:00pm	Grahame Fudge: Tel: (02) 4455 4011
Corrimal: Masonic Hall, 69 Railway Street	1 st Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm	
Brookvale: Federal Parade Hall	3 rd Saturday (March, June, August & November only) 10:00am - 4:00pm	Manly-Warringah Leagues Club Stamp Club, 563 Pittwater Rd, Brookvale, 2100
Wallsend: Pioneer's Hall, Cowper Street	3 rd Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm	Tel: (02) 4946 9121
Epping: Epping School of Dance Hall, 9 Oxford Street	4 th Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm	
Croydon: Imar Community Hall, 2A Fitzroy Street	Last Sunday February, May, August & November only; 9:30am – 3:00pm	NSW Postcard Collectors Society, P.O Box 426, Newport, 2106

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Useful Links

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A-One Stamps	www.aonestamps.com
APRL	www.stamps.org
APS	www.west.net
Australian Philatelic Federation	www.apf.org.au
Bilby Stamps & Covers	www.bilbystamps.com.au
British Library Philatelic	www.portico.bi.uk Collection
Burpengary Stamps	www.burstamp.com
CDDSTAMPS	www.cdddstamps.vom
Collections Plus	www.centurynova.com.au
County Philatelic	www.stampauctions.co.uk
FIP	www.f-i-p.ch
French postal history	www.esil.univnirs.fr/Eleves/P98/incio/index.html
Ideal Solutions	www.philately.com
James Bendon	www.jamesbendon.com
Kennedy Stamps P/L	www.kennedystamps.com.au
Kevin Morgan Stamps and Coins	www.kevinmorgan.com.au
Leonard Hartman USA	www.pbbooks.com/index.html
Malta Philatelic Society	http://www.maltaphilately.org/
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Pacific Stamps	www.pacificstamps.com .au
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Renniks Publications	www.renniks.com
Royal Mail	www.royalmail.co.uk
Sotheby	www.sothebys.com
Stamp Shows	www.stampshows.com/#international
Stamp World	www.stampworld.com/index.html
STAMPS4COLLECTORS	www.stamps4collectors.net
Stanley Gibbons	www.stangib.com
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Status International	www.statusint.com
Sydney Stamp Centre (WCS)	www.sydneystampcentre.com.au
Webzine, NetStamp	www.netstamps.com
Yvert & Tellier	www.yvert-et-tellier.fr/

Stamp Issues

Australia Post

www.auspost.com.au/philatelic/stamps/intro.asp

2009 STAMP PROGRAMME

1 July Australian Bush Babies (\$10.65 per set)

14 July Australian Parks and Gardens

23-26 July Melbourne stamp show miniature sheet

28 July Micro Monsters

Great Britain

<http://www.royalmail.com/portal/rm>

Invitation

Dear guests and readers of this bulletin,

You are invited to join our club as stamp collecting has provided many of us with deep insights into past and present cultures of countries we may or may never visit. As a guest you can find the behaviour of exited members a bit overwhelming. Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you do, please do not be overwhelmed with the answer as you usually get more than you asked for. Some of us have been collecting stamps for such a long time that we have forgotten what it feels like to be a beginner.

Join in and enjoy a pastime that need not be expensive. If you have inherited a stamp collection we will provide you with information (free of charge) about the value of that collection. Again, you may get comments you do not like (there is rust in the collection; not worth much but interesting enough to expand; etc). We are human and we have our little errors. However, if you do not like the information received, by all means, get a second opinion.

Looking back and ahead

Australia Post issued Australia's Favourite Stamps and I cannot help myself but be astounded. All stamps depicted are pre-decimal stamps. Is AP telling us that not one decimal stamp is up to the high standard of the pre-decimal stamps? One wonders.

During the month of June I had contact with Richard Abbott. He is working hard to find out the paper differences of the various New Zealand stamps. Once he has solved the puzzle, may be, he can write an article for the bulletin and share his deep insights.

Uwe Krüger
President

Difficult to find stamps

Switzerland



1890 (cantonal) revenue stamp - Forbin 'Droits Fiscaux' no. 17 (low value in set of 14).



Fiscal stamp "Droits Reels" from 1887 Forbin nr. 4.



This is a regular Swiss railway parcel stamp, and is not a revenue stamp. It is to pay the dues or fee on transporting goods like mail and papers or cargo by railroad



Fiscal stamp for Switzerland canton Bern from 1880-1881 Forbin nr. 24.



This stamp was issued for a hotel in Switzerland probably in 1884. The hotel was called "Hotel zum Schweizer Alpenclub" and it was situated in "Maderaner Tal". These stamps were issued for hotels which were too far away from normal postal agencies to frank their letters. Zumstein #21. "This hotel, in a valley running east from Amsteg to Oberalp, charged a fee of 5 Rappen for forwarding letters to the nearest post office at Amsteg. The fee was charged on letters from some time before 1870. The stamp was suppressed in 1882."



Bela Szekula was a notoriously disreputable stamp dealer. He was born in Budapest in 1881 and moved to Geneva in 1902. Once various dealings came to light, he moved back to Budapest in 1904. By 1916, however, he was back in Switzerland (Luzern, this time). His main dealings seem to have been in dubious reprints and forgeries (especially issues of Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Bolivia and Belgium. The Union of Swiss Philatelic Societies managed to force him out of business in about 1938. For further information, see 'Philatelic Forgers, their lives and works' by Varro Tyler (1991) and the further references listed there. Australia had a brush with Mr Szekula as he purchased most (of 50 000 printed), but never paid, for the Olympic Games 1956 miniature sheet. No one knows what became of those. The ones on the market are those he sold to the US (about a 1000).

Syria



A seal of the of the Syrian Red Crescent Society (i.e.Red Cross).



Obligatory stamp from 1949. Michel #18.



Syria: general revenue from 1964, listed in Duston's catalogue as #311. The 10 piastres is the 3rd value in a set of 12. There exists a second issue from the late '60s(?), with arab script OVER smaller arab numbers (the 10 piastres would be #323).

Thailand



A 1952 revenue stamp from Thailand, R51 in "Revenue Stamps of Thailand" edited by Peter Collins



This stamp is a documentary stamp from Thailand. Issued 1957-1958. Inscription on top: THAI GOVERNMENT. Inscription at foot: WE SUPPORT PUBLIC CHARITY/FOR/HEALT AND EDUCATION. You can find this stamp in: "The Revenue stamps of Thailand" by Peter Collins. It is stamp D1 the 25 satang .



This is one of a set of 5 official stamps issued by Thailand in October 1963 (Scott #O1-O3, O5-O6; Gibbons #O495-O504; Michel Dienstmarken #1, 2, 4, 7, 9). This is the 20 satang value - the Thai script was the give away. In this issue the centres are various shades of red and the frames another colour (I assume yours is dark blue-green, although it appears grey in the scan). The values are 10, 20, 25 satangs and 1 and 2 baht). A second set of 5 was issued in January 1964, printed in one colour (20, 25, 50s, 1, 2b) (Scott #O4, O7-O10; Gibbons #O500-O504; Michel Dienstmarken # 3, 5, 6, 8, 10). Scott says other values exist printed in one colour, but gives no details, and includes the 50s in the 1963 issue: there seems to be a possibility that a 50s with carmine centre and red frame was issued in 1963, the 1964 issue being described as scarlet. The inscription in the oval translates as "For Government Servive statistical research". These stamps were used compulsorily by Government departments between 1 October 1963 and 31 January 1964 to determine the amount of mail sent out by the different departments for

the purpose of charging them in the future. They were postmarked in the normal way.

Tonga



Fantasies are listed in Chapier's "Timbres de Fantasia" as being seen but there is no further information, and this is the only set listed for Tonga. There's a fourth value, a 1v tree,

Transjordan



The translation of the overprint on this stamp is: "Revenue" so it must be a revenue stamp.

Tristan da Cunha



This is a 1946 "Potato Essay" from Tristan da Cunha, one of 9 designs proposed but not used as stamps for Tristan, and the only one that was actually printed. These are also seen on two sheets of imperforate facsimiles, one with a block of 4 of this stamp, and one with the complete set of 9

Tunesia



Tunisia, special tax stamp for drought relief, 1937 issue, listed in the new edition of Donald Duston "French Colonies revenues", page E-15, #1. "SOLIDARITÉ" in 1938 by the Résidence Général (colonial government). When you were purchasing a ticket for a show (theater...), this stamp was stuck on the ticket. The money collected was for a charitable society. Source: "Les timbres de fantaisie et non officiels", by G. Chapier (1963).

Turkestan



In Les Timbres de Fantaisie, Georges Chapier writes:

Vers 1921, fut vendue une série dont l'origine exacte nous est inconnue mais qui paraît être de fabrication russe, si l'on en juge par la monnaie indiquée et par l'orthographe de la légende. S'agit-il d'une émission préparée et non émise ou de vignettes fantaisistes? Nous serons reconnaissants aux personnes pouvant nous aider à éclaircir ce point.

He describes the stamps as imperforate and lists 1, 2, 5, 25 and 50 kop values with designs showing a bearded man (yellow), a native on a camel in the mountains (green), a native on a camel (violet), a city (blue) and a herd of sheep (brown) respectively.



Turkestan - It is a bogus stamp (one of a large set) supposed to be of Turkestan Republic 1921.

Turkmenistan - under Russian occupation since 1869. In 1916 there was Turkmens revolt against Russia but in 1920 Soviet Union Bolsheviks took control of the country until recently.

Turkey



Turkish (Ottoman) revenue stamp from 1899. McDonald catalogue Proportional Fees number 171.



This stamp has the inscription Yoksullara yardım cemiyeti - which translated means Poor Assistance

Organization. There is another inscription going up and down - Balmumcu. This is a district in Istanbul. The stamp is a private charity label. It was probably sold to generate money and tolerated on the mails.



General municipal issue for public notices and advertising: one from a set of 12 issued in 1940-50s. See McDonald, "Revenues of the Ottoman Empire" page 113, #8.

It's a tax stamp paid to a local town council (the word "belediye" means municipality) for posting an advertisement or public notice (the word "ilan" means notice or advertisement; "pul" is stamp; and "ilan pulu" is advertisement stamp). TC at the top is short for "Turkiye Cumhuriyeti" - i.e. Republic of Turkey; the value suggests it probably dates from between 1922 and ca. 1960.



Turkey, newspaper tax stamp, 1st issue from 1875, 2 paras blue. See McDonald "Revenues of the Ottoman Empire", page 32, #1.



This is a Turkish (Ottoman) Constantinople Municipal Water Tax stamp, 1876 to pay for maintaining the Roman aqueducts. It is in three languages: Turkish written in both English and Arabic alphabets, Armenian and Greek. It identifies the quarter that the stamp was for. This is for the Kjoztepe Quarter of Constantinople.



This is known as the "Kilis" provisional, issued in Kilis, Turkey in 1921 by Armenian refugees fleeing from Cilicie. Michel lists this as Turkey no. 753, but Scott lists it as Syria no. 91. Kilis is

presently in Turkey just north of the Syrian border. Apparently in 1921 it was part of Syria.

Ukraine



Without overprint: unissued stamps.

The same overprint on the same set (2 gr.) is described in a reference manual published in 1988, plate DCLXXII. I quote from the author "In one of his Rossica Journal articles Capt. S. de Schramchenko claimed that some of the kopeck values of the Vienna issue were supplied to the Ukrainian Republic Government and were used for a short period in Volochinsk and other towns. We now know that this was just misinformation created to back up his forged cancellation on this issue. A wide range of crude cancellations are to be found on all values of this issue."



Ukraine, bogus issue, with overprint of the town name Rivne (Rovno in Russian).



Ukraine, again a bogus local stamp, in the design of the Carpatho-Ukraine issue of 1945. Many of these sets were printed after the new independence by Mafia people.



Obukhiv is a town in Kiev Oblast. This stamp is listed in the Lobko catalog, so it is probably one of the genuine issues. A large percentage of the Ukrainian local overprints (and most of the Russian overprints) are private, not authorized, bogus issues.

UNESCO



This is a UNESCO gift stamp and are issued to raise funds for less developed parts of the world, The proceeds from their sale are exchanged for Gift Coupons which are issued by UNESCO and which may be redeemed in any country by the school, hospital, library, laboratory, or similar institution to which help has been allocated by the Gift Coupon Fund. They have been sold and denominated by many countries: US, France, UK, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Australia. The ones noted were dated between 1951 and 1961.



Fund raising stamps for UNESCO. They exist for many different countries where they were sold in the 1950's. Cost 6d each in United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland.

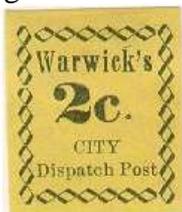
United States



Postage Currency Furnished only by the assistant treasurer and designated depositaries of the U.S. Receivable for postage stamps at any Post Office". On the back:

"Exchangeable for United States Notes by Any Assisant treasurer or designated U.S depository in the sums not less than Five dollars. Receiveable in payment of all dues to the U.States less then five dollars. Act approved July 17 1862".

The 5 cent imperforated is Scott no. 5, listed Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps.



US local post fantasy printed by Hussey, listed in the 9th Edition of Springer's "North American Cinderellas" (1980).



Pomeroy's Letter Express, local stamps issued in 1844 for use in New York State, listed in Scott's US Specialized Catalog as 117L1-7. Engraved by John E. Gavit, Albany, N.Y. (seen as 'GAVIT' in bottom part of stamp).



McIntire's City Express Post, New York, Established by William H. McIntire, N.Y., same Scott Catalog #99L1, stamp style L207, issued 1859.

A note about US Local Posts, which supplemented government posts between 1844 and 1882 (sometimes illegally!); Scott's US Specialized lists 165 posts, most quite rare because they were short-lived. Be aware that most if not all of these have been forged extensively, and also there are many bogus and fantasy issues masquerading as US locals.



Metropolitan Errand and Carrier Express Co., New York, N.Y. Organized Aug. 1 1855, by Abraham M. Hinkley, Hiram Dixon, and others.

Scott # 107L1, printed 1855

#107L1 have been extensively reprinted in brown and blue on paper much thicker than the originals



W. Wyman, Boston, Mass. Established to carry mail between Boston and New York, Scott Specialized Catalogue # 149L1, stamp style L281, issued 1844.

This stamp should be a 5c black. It also says some singles may have been sold as 6c. There is no info

on this colour displayed. This is certainly a fake - note the reversed 3 before Wall Street.



American Express Co., New York, N.Y. Believed by some researchers to have been established by Smith & Dobson in 1856, and shortlived, Scott Specialized Catalog #4L1, stamp style L10, issued 1856, 2c, black on green.



Browne & Co., City Post Office, Cincinnati, Ohio. Operated by John W. S. Browne, Scott Specialized Catalog #29L2, stamp style #L85, issued 1852-55.



This is a label produced by Marc Rousso, a French philatelic promoter in cooperation with the Westchester County, New York, Republican Party. They were 'used' aboard a publicity balloon flight at a June 26, 1988, fund raiser, with a free mint label given for every \$10 in contributions. Flown covers with the appropriate US postage affixed in addition to the label were given to \$1000+ contributions. There appear to be two types; blue type with red stars and a second with red type and blue stars.



Allied Military Government (AMG) travel permit stamp, 3rd issue from April 1948. Listed in Esler, catalogue of the Adhesive Revenue Stamps of Germany, vol. VIII., page 125, #8. Also listed by Yvert et Tellier "Catalogue des timbres fiscaux et socio-postaux de France".



This is a premium stamp, like the more recognizable S&H "green stamps". These were given out as premiums based on purchase value, most often in supermarkets. The buyer saved them, stuck them in special books, and then redeemed the books for gifts. There were probably hundreds of different types used at one time in the USA, but in the last 10 years or so their use seems to have dropped to near zero. The only place I know that gives out "stamps" now is Subway (a sandwich-shop chain). The value, one mill, is a thousandth of a dollar.



Cover from a booklet of "Santa Claus Post" seals. The seals are listed in the Hixon catalog.



Postal Note Stamp from US, they supplemented the regular postal money order service for fractions of the dollar. The only set was issued in 1945, there are 18 to the set, 1¢ to 90¢. All are black, they were discontinued in 1951. In the Scotts US Specialized catalogue, this is #PN12.



The illustrated "stamp" is Patton Forgery E of the unissued Philadelphia labels. In Larry Lyons' book of "Locals, Carriers, Fakes & Bogus posts" 1998 Volume 1, page 142 Mr. Lyons shows your stamp as Henry Clay Stamp! This might have been a genuine emission of Blood's Post, under Kochersperger's management. They are not known used and might not have been issued. 8 different forgeries are known.



The very common reprint of Chicago Penny Post produced by Hussey. These are usually on thin hard paper.



The BonTon Stores, Inc., founded in 1898, operates 73 leading quality fashion department stores offering a broad assortment of women's and men's apparel, home furnishings, cosmetics, accessories and shoes. The stores are located in secondary markets throughout the Northeast USA.



Santa Claus Post label. Most or all produced by Dennison, a commercial label maker. There is a catalogue on this subject also. These are very desirable tied to postcard. Most come from panes that may only have several 'Santa Claus Post' seals and the rest would be Christmas labels. The catalogue is written by Larry Hixon and last revised in 1990 (many items have been found since or earliest known dates changed) still it is very good basic information on a very interesting subject. These have a usage period from 1908 to 1920's but most found in 1908 through 1912.



USA Christmas seal. National Tuberculosis Association. This is the only seal issued in diamond shape, all others are rectangular. There are 3 types with minor differences, (printed by 3 printing companies). Catalogued by Scott as #WX28, X29, and WX29A, 25 cents each in 1997 catalogue.



"Atlantic Oil" - "Anni di trionfale successo". Issued by USA Atlantic Oil company advertising an Italian subsidiary (a so called Poster Stamp).



"John Paul Jones" is from the John Paul Jones Training School, Corpus Christi, Tx. listed in the Mosbaugh's U.S. all Funds catalogue. This was issued in the 1910's or abouts. This stamp or seal was issued in two colours , A) blue perf 12, 12x14, or 14x12; B) green with perf combinations 12, 12 1/2, and 14.



"Camp Dewey" is from the same grouping U.S. Junior Navel Reserves. Camp Dewey , New London, Ct. This stamp was issued in three colours, A) blue perf 12 or 12x14; B) brown perf 12 or 12x12 1/2; C) green perf 12 , 14, or combination.

Upper Silesia



Stamps of the above design were a private issue not recognized by the Inter-Allied Commission of Government." A 1947 edition of Scott lists this as Upper Silesia N6, under Polish Occupation. A set of 7 exists: 10f red; 20f purple; 30f orange; 40f dark green; 50f yellow green; 60f deep blue; 1m red brown. All are typographed, unwatermarked and imperf.

Vatican



The translation of the Latin text says "Through the Cross to the Light".. However, the emblem above the coat of arms is a cardinal's hat (not a bishop's mitre). It looks like a a letter seal used by a cardinal, but you'd need to research the coat of arms and motto to find out who!



St Vincent Pallotti, the priest asked by Cardinal Wiseman to establish St Peter's, was born in Rome in 1795 and ordained priest in 1818.

Venezuela



This is a private ship letter stamp from the St Thomas-La Guaira-Puerto Cabello service (i.e. from the Danish West Indies to the coast of Venezuela). DWI is now the US Virgin Islands. They are listed (not every year) in Facit Special (the last I have is 1994-5) and in several specialist publications.

The first printing was ordered from Waterlows (1864) and the later printings (1864-67) from Felix Rasco in Caracas. However, forgeries are relatively common, and it is likely that this is one (especially since it is either imperforate or cut-down). The identifying details are too complex for this note.



Venezuela, Scott image type A16, #79, 87, or 91(unlikely). Used for revenue and internal postage. 'La Cubana' overprint indicates revenue usage.

White Russia



"White Russia". In 1940 they were listed in Stanley Gibbons' catalogue as follows:

WHITE RUSSIA

Type 1. Designed by R. Sarinsch and printed at the Latvian State Printing Office, Riga.

1920. Type 1. (a) Imperf. 1) 5k. green; 2) 10k. scarlet; 3) 15k. violet; 4) 50k. blue; 5) 1r. brown. (b) Perf. 11 1/2. 6) 5k. green; 7) 10k. scarlet; 8) 15k. violet; 9) 50k. blue; 10) 1r. brown.

The 15k. varies in many details from the design of

Type 1. It is doubtful if these stamps were ever used for postal purposes.

Yemen



Overprint (it reads "Yemen Arab Republic") added 30 Nov 1962, during Yemen's first year of Civil War. Several definitives of that year exist with it. The same series can also be found ovptd. by opposition Royalist Yemen which reads FREE YEMEN/FIGHTS FOR GOD/IMAM &/COUNTRY in Arabic & English. The overprint above is a FORGERY made to defraud collectors. The original stamp unoverprinted stamp was CTO with a date of 30.07.1962 but the overprint stamp was issued in NOV 1962. The forgeries I have seen are on old CTO stamps and seem to originate from Beirut, Lebanon. Genuine overprints (rare) should be collected on covers with contemporary Yemen cancels (Nov 1963-1963).

Yugoslavia



The inscription in the bottom of the stamp. It is in serbo-croatian: NAROD SEBI which means - people in own behalf.



This is a stamp issued in the sole purpose of supporting building the monument of Karageorge Petrovic in Belgrade (sometime before WWII). Eventually, the war started and the monument was never built.



Slovenia but also used in Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina and in the province of Vojvodina. Issued on 8 April 1919, represents a woman with

three falcons (Slovenia-Croatia-Serbia). Bisected stamps are seen relatively often!



This is a Yugoslavian federal revenue, circa 1920-1930.



Jugoslavenska matica" - "Cuvajte Jugoslaviju!"
This means something like "Yugoslavian (main) organization" - "Save Yugoslavia!" Issued during or just after WW2.



The Croatian specialist catalogue 'Katalog Postanskih Marka - Hrvatska 1999/2000' lists this stamp as # XIII under 'NDH Lokalna izdanja - Medimurje (Cakovec)'. NDH stands for 'Independent State of Croatia', 'lokalna izdanja' means 'local issue'. Cakovec is a town at 46.23N, 16.26E in the district of Medimurje in the far North of Croatia, bordering both Slovenia and Hungary. There are 15 values in the set, from 25para to 30 din, and variations such as inverted overprints are also noted on the lower values. An older catalogue, the Cjenik of 1975, contemptuously dismisses these stamps as 'private local issues not recognised by the official of the Independent State of Croatia', and does not even bother to illustrate them or list them in detail. This is particularly curious as the same catalogue devotes 21 pages to illustrate and list the issues in exile from 1934 to 1972.



Yugoslavian. "Jadranska Straza" means: "Adriatic Watch". I would assume it refers to a Coast Guard unit of some sort, perhaps on the 10th anniversary of the founding of the country in 1918. Price is 0.50 Dinars.



Commemorative label from Yugoslavia region (Bosnia-Herzegovina) commemorating Franz Joseph in 1908, used on postcards.

End