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Items from Austrian Display to Colwyn Bay Philatelic Society.

Dear Member,

Herewith the third journal of 2006 and the first of the new season with apologies for the lateness with which it is issued. Since the issue of the last journal no new members have been elected. This issue contains a number of articles for The Ryder Cup, The Fishguard & Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company Centenary, Foynes Museum - The Boeing B 314 Flying Boat Exhibition. There are also reports on visits to Colwyn Bay and North of Ireland Philatelic Societies to give displays.

NEWS

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

If a subs renewal form is included with your September Journal it means that these remain unpaid for 2006. I would be obliged if, you could remit the amount due together with any arrears shown as soon as possible.

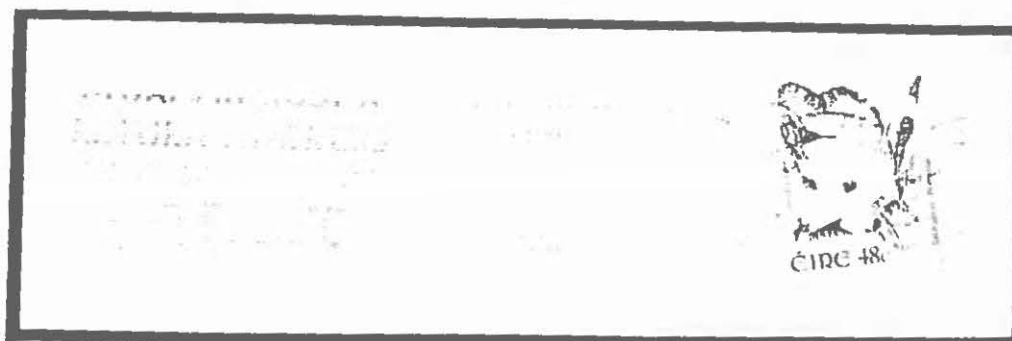
MEMBERSHIP

Since the issue of the last journal no new members have been elected to the Society. I can also report that no resignations were received and that there were no bereavements.

IMP SLOGANS

I have seen the following IMP Slogans since the issue of the last journal both for the Dublin Mails Centre. No doubt these were also in use at the Cork, Portlaoise and Athlone Mail Centres also.

ALWAYS INCLUDE A
RETURN ADDRESS
ON YOUR ENVELOPE



Pat Carey	- Modern German Postal Stationery
Jim Kelly	- France 2006 Sheetlets
Fred Condell	- Great Britain - ED VII
Eddie Fagan	- Poland
Norman Finnie	- St Lucia - Geo V Covers
John Fitzsimons	- Connections with the USA
Michael McNamara	- Poland Postal Stationery
Tony Finn	- Golf in Ireland
Frank Mc Donald	- Austrian Empire

British Commonwealth

21 September

This display was given by our President Dr. Robert Towers on the subject of British North America. It was as is normal for a display from Bob very entertaining and rich in the array and quality of material shown. Included was the 1868-71 surcharges of British Columbia and Vancouver. New Brunswick was represented by the 1851 recess imperf issue and the 1863 issues on cover. Nova Scotia by 1851-3 issues including cover usage and 1860-3 Queens definitives.

The bulk of this display was given over to Canada and here we saw a wide diversity of issues and material from Queen Victoria to George V. I will mention here some of the items shown though every page of the display would merit a mention - 1852-7 3d beaver value on cover, 1863 1d Q. Victoria head and 5d beaver on cover to Quebec, various fancy cancellations on Q. Victoria issues, 1893 Parcel Post and Registration Fee and Post issues, 1897 Diamond Jubilee set used and Plate Proofs of the set, 1899 2c Imperial Penny Post issue on cover, 1908 Quebec Tercentenary issue, 1927 60th Anniv of Confederation and 1932 Air Mail issue on covers.

THE FISHGUARD & ROSSLARE RAILWAYS & HARBOURS COMPANY CENTENARY

12-8-2006

1906 / 2006

By John Mullen

I arrived at Rosslare on the 12th August for the centenary celebrations. I met with Mr Philip Quigley Support Manager of Rosslare Europort and discussed the day's events, I had been asked by An Post to design a special postmark for the centenary and communicated with the Fishguard & Rosslare centenary committee through Philip, a special cover was also designed for the centenary.

Everyone gathered at the Great Southern Hotel for lunch after which all moved to the Europort for the speeches, where all the dignitaries had gathered, which concluded with the unveiling of a centenary plaque.

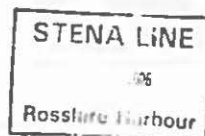
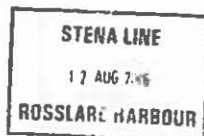
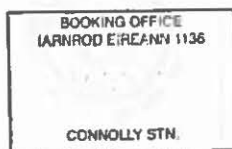
Dignitaries present were, Mr. John Byrne TD Minister of State at the Department of Communications Marine and Natural Resources, Deputy Brendan Houlin, Mr. Vic Goodwin Route Director Stena Line, Mr. Richard Fearn Chief Executive Iarnrod Eireann, Mr. Michael Murphy General Manager Rosslare Europort, Captain Aedan Jameson Harbour Master Rosslare Europort and Mr Johnny Glendinning Chairman of the Irish Railway Preservation Society.

After the speeches and the unveiling of the plaque, we embarked on a journey to Waterford via Campile where a plaque was unveiled by Minister John Byrne to commemorate the centenary of the longest railway bridge in Ireland which spans the river Barrow built 1906. This journey was to have been made by Locomotive No. 4 Steam Train, unfortunately the engine had received mechanical failure the previous day and a replacement, 2 diesel Loco's called Bobo's made the journey from Dublin to Rosslare that morning, (No.1 train journey, tickets were numbered as per journey), and then to Waterford No.3 and returned the same evening. The following morning the train journeyed to Enniscorthy No.4 and returned to Rosslare. That evening the train returned to Dublin No.2

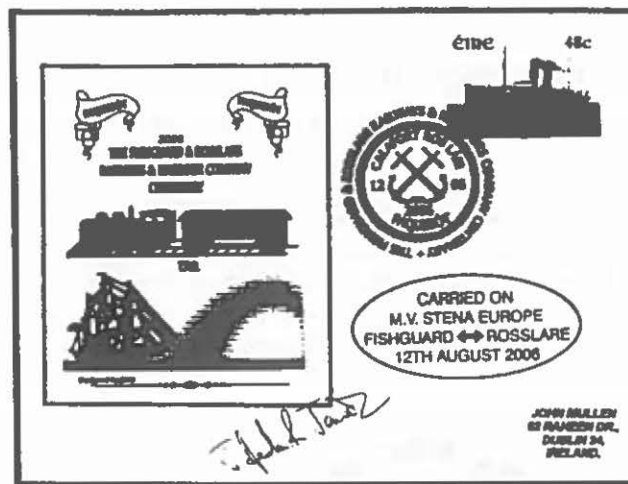
Hand stamps available, Fishguard & Rosslare postmark,



Connelly Station Booking (boxed),
Stena Rubber hand stamp two types in black and blue (boxed),



A number of covers were carried on some of the train journeys, Dublin to Rosslare, Rosslare to Waterford and return. Covers were also carried Rosslare to Fishguard and return journey Fishguard to Rosslare each cover receiving the appropriate hand stamp.

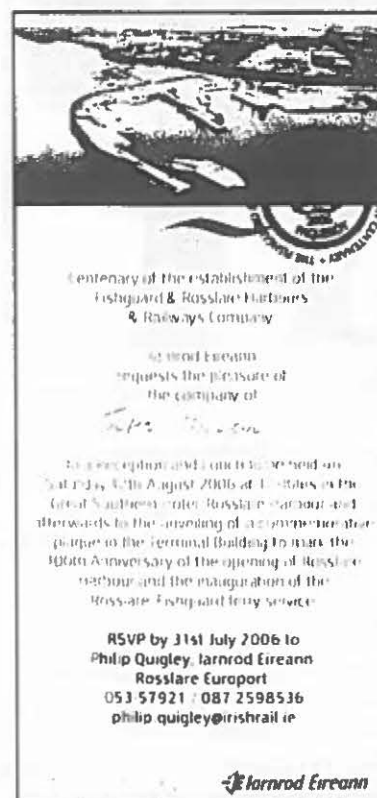
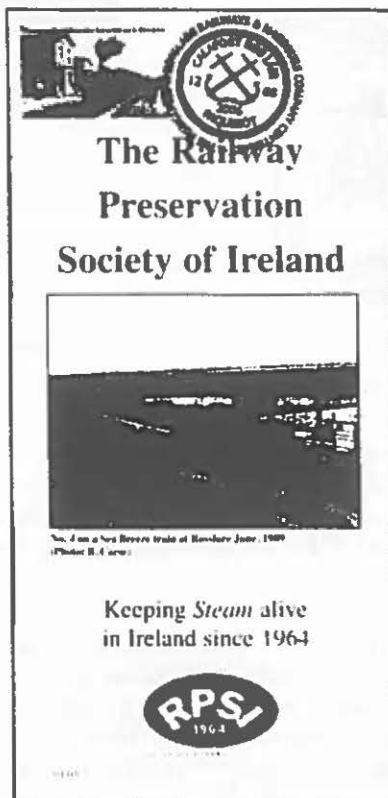


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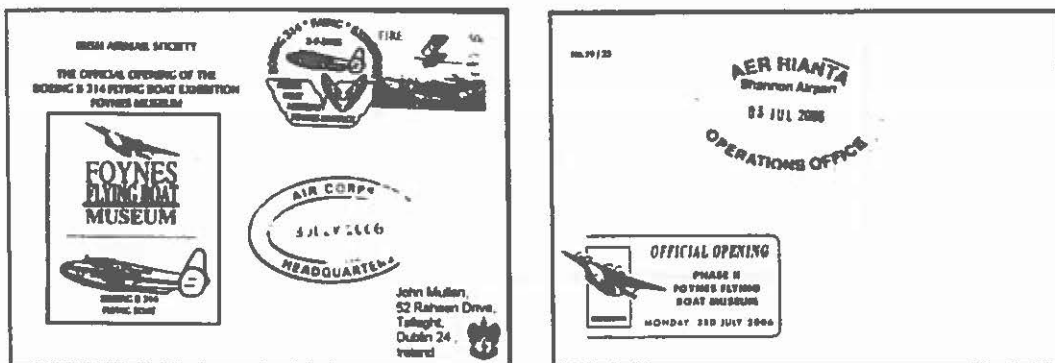
Signed by Captain Aedan Jameson.



Cover posted in Fishguard
The Railway Preservation society of Ireland brochure & Invitation.



After all the speeches the museum presented a wonderful meal after which all moved outside to the music of The Band of the 1st Southern Command led by Lt. Fergal Carroll while waiting for an air spectacular. A modern Bi-plane flown by Mr John Keane preformed aerobatics above the museum the plane a Steen Sky Bolt Bi-plane flight No. EI C1Z. John flies with the Limerick Flying Club out of Shannon, following the Bi-plane the Irish Aer Corps gave a display and a fly-by in an Airtech Casa Persuader which is used by the Aer Corps in fishery protection and security of the country. (25 covers carried)

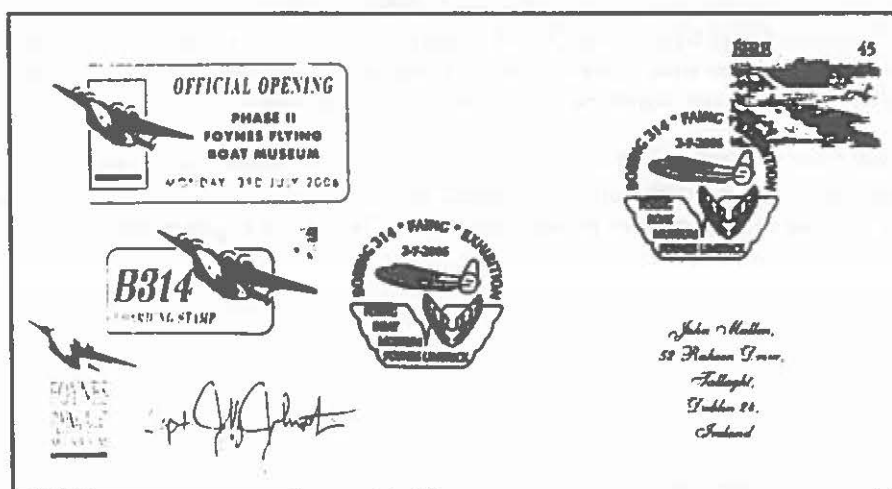


Special Flight Cover carried by the Irish Aer Corps

One interesting guest I met was Capt. Jeff Johnston of the Alaska Airlines who has a great interest in flying boats and was telling of his involvement privately in the recovery of a Boeing B-314 flying boat and has promised to keep us up to date in his endeavours.



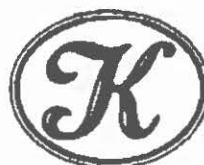
Captain Jeff Johnston



Official Foynes stationery signed by Captain Jeff Johnston

RYDER CUP 2006
THE K CLUB STRAFFAN CO. KILDARE

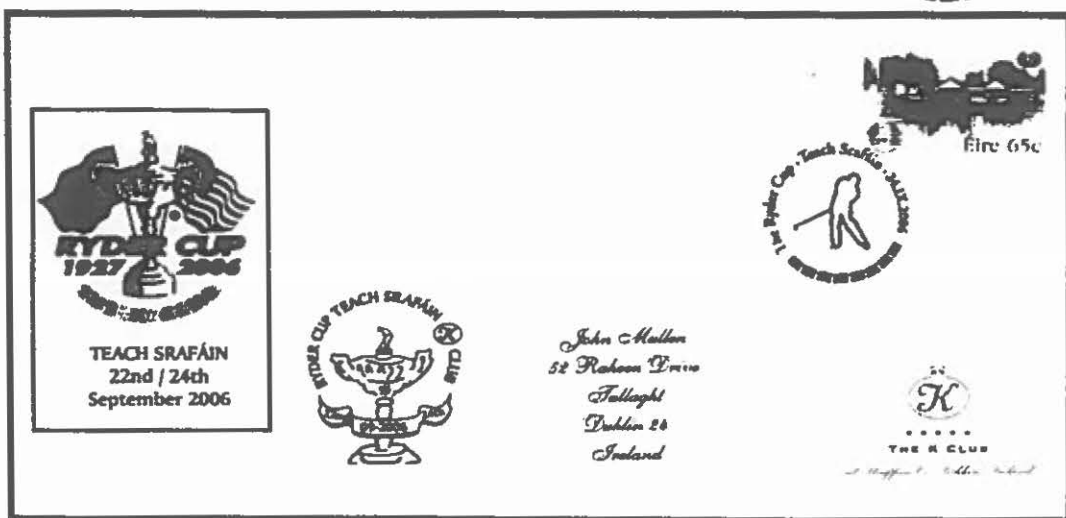
By John Mullen



With all my efforts to find out if An Post would be attending the Ryder Cup I failed. Eventually I arrived at the K Club and proceeded to the Ryder Cup site office where the administration checked to see if An Post was part of the tented village, they were not. I then proceeded to Straffan Post Office to ask the postmistress if she would be so kind as to cancel some envelopes for the dates of the event 22nd / 24th September. I also managed to have twenty covers carried by the Irish Air Corps on the Fly By for the official opening on 21st. September

On the 25th September I travelled back down to the K Club to see what hand stamps might have been available for the event, without success, I then proceeded to Straffan Post Office, and much to my surprise the Post Office had received three special hand stamps for the occasion 22nd 23rd 24th., when asked where the special hand stamps had come from, I was told that they (Straffan Post Office) had no idea they just arrived on the Wednesday of the Ryder Cup week.

My efforts will continue, but I suspect the Philatelic Bureau as this type of special post mark is very much like the Bureaus work.



Official K Club Stationery

Visit to Colwyn Bay Philatelic
Society by Frank Mc Donald.

Following a successful display to Colwyn Bay Philatelic Society on 11 September 2005 I was as mentioned in the June Journal invited to give a further display on 12 September this year. The subject of the display was Austria between 1850 and 1945 and was to be of 120 sheets.

On the morning of 12 September which was weather wise very pleasant and warm both myself and Mr. Paul Appleby set out on the 11.10am Stena Line Ferry for Colwyn Bay to give the display. We arrived at about 3.15pm and checked into the same guest house as last year.

At 7pm we were in the Reference Library where I prepared for the display by placing the first half on the display boards. This covered Austria from 1850 to 1819 along with sheets of Bosnia Herzegovina 1904-1918, and Austro Hungarian Military Post issues. I was required to speak on this so with time short I gave a philatelic overview of Austria and the Empire during that period. Following this and a very warm vote of thanks from the Chairman Mr. Bill Eager members were invited to view the display on the boards.

After a lengthy time with members taking sheets in their hands for closer viewing I removed the first 60 sheets and replaced them with the second half of the display. This continued with Austro Hungarian Military Posts leading then into the 1918-21 Deutsch Österreich campaign for Austrian integration into Germany. This continued into the issues of 1920 to 1937, the period of German Occupation 1938-45 and concluding with the Allied Occupation of 1945. Again this was covered by a philatelic overview talk on the displayed sheets and members viewing these.

When this had concluded the Chairman gave a very warm and gracious vote of thanks and presented the Society's Certificate of Thanks duly signed by himself and the Hon. Secretary Mr. Dennis Rosser. Some of the material shown is reproduced here and on the front cover.

Later that night we returned to our guest house and prepared for our onward journey to London the following day for a few pleasant days in the capital but, that's another story.

