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Welcome to STAMPA 2010

Welcome to Stampa 2010. If it is your first visit and and curiosity has brought you in I hope you get a good idea of how wide a field the hobby covers. It is ideal for someone looking for a retirement interest, not weather dependent or physically demanding but mentally stimulating. It can be a solo or group pursuit and there is no limit to what is collected. Go to the Society's stand and have a chat there.

A major recent event was the opening of the museum in the GPO and comments from visitors to it have been very favourable. I recommend it as a good way to spend an hour or two. An Post (& PTT) have been a major supporter of Stampa since the beginning.

We are fortunate to be able to display Des Quaille's exhibit of Irish Postal History which won a Gold Medal at the exhibition in London in May and has just been at the FIP exhibition in Lisbon. Have a good look at it as you won't see many finer.

To all partakers, helpers and especially the Council I give my thanks. Without them there would be no Stampa.

John Lennon,

Chairman

STAMPA 2010

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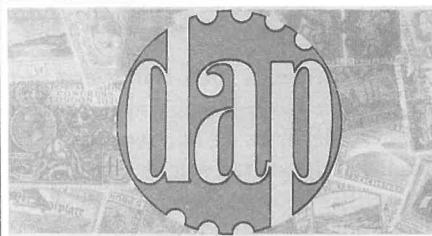
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Official Opening	–	Friday
I.P.T.A. AGM	–	Friday 6:15 p.m.
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F.P.S.I. AGM (Committee)	–	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
F.P.S.I. AGM (Delegates)	–	Sunday 2:00 p.m.

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to be held on
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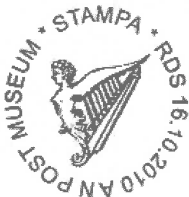
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Sports Postmarks

by Maurice Barrett

Now that the Cork footballers have defeated Down, the Tipperary hurlers have prevented Kilkenny from their five-in-a-row aspirations and with the Olympic Games coming to London in 2012, I thought it opportune to look at sporting postmarks.



Pictorial cancellation used at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on 30 September 1982 to commemorate the 12th Commonwealth Games, the opening day of the Games which continued until 13 October 1982.



The success of England in winning Rugby's World Cup competition in Australia on 22 November 2003 was commemorated by Royal Mail on 19 December 2003 with the production of a miniature sheet. Shown here is a special handstamp, showing a player kicking a drop goal, from Rugby, Warwickshire, England used on 19 December 2003. England beat Australia 20-17 to win the World Cup.



5-8-2005



To commemorate London's selection by the International Olympic Committee for the 2012 Olympic Games, Royal Mail produced a miniature sheet of six stamps reproducing the 1996 Olympics issue revalued from 26p to 1st class on 5 August 2005.



Shown here are a range of special handstamps used on that date.



This postmark was used on the first day of issue of the 2007 issue by An Post of a set of stamps to commemorate the sixth Rugby World Cup, hosted by France.



Pictorial cancel used at Newport, Rhode island, USA on 3 October 2007 for the US Olympic trials for sailing. About 15 similar cancels were used at various US locations about this time to commemorate various trials.



This postmark was used on the first day of issue of the 2008 issue by An Post of a stamp to commemorate the Munich Air Disaster when members of the Manchester United soccer team were killed. The postmark shows Irish born Liam Whelan, one of those who died in the crash.



This postmark was used on the first day of issue of the 2008 issue by An Post of a set of stamps to commemorate the Beijing, China Olympics.



Special handstamp used on 24 August 2008 in London, England to commemorate the closing of the 29th Olympic Games held in Beijing, China and showing the "Bird's Nest" Stadium lattice structure in Beijing and the London Eye



Commemorative postmark used at New Delhi, India on 13 March 2010 to mark the International Hockey Federation (FIH = Federation Internationale de Hockey) Hockey World Cup 2010 sponsored by Hero Honda and held in New Delhi, India from 28 February to 13 March 2010.



The London 2012 Olympics will commence on 27 July 2012 and conclude on 12 August 2012 and the Paralympics will take place from 29 August 2012 to 9 September 2012. The UK's Royal Mail will commemorate London's hosting of these 30th Olympics by issuing a series of thirty stamps (three sets of 10 x 1st Class stamps in each of 2009, 2010 and 2011). This special handstamp was used at Stratford, London, England on 27 July 2010 in connection with the issue of the second set of these stamps and shows a stylised clock.

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The amazing thing is that there are still many dedicated members of STAMPA who were at that first exhibition and still watch over our progress. STAMPA was set up with forethought and foresight and has endured. Philately is as strong as ever with quite a few top Irish awards at international level. The STAMPA Councils over the years have directed the National Stamp Exhibition to best advantage for you, the loyal members.

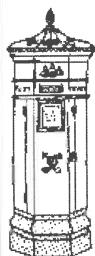
Plans for STAMPA's 40th Birthday in 2012 are in the think tank/forward planning stage and any ideas you, the members, have are most welcome. Just write in with your ideas to: STAMPA, PO Box 2723, Cardiff Lane, Dublin 2.

If you were at any, or all, of the first 10 STAMPAs, please let us know of your memories and please show us any photos you may have. Plans for a history/listing of all things STAMPA are advancing and should be ready for the 40th celebration. We will keep you informed of the ideas in mind.

STAMPA exists for you, the membership, and your loyal support of STAMPA Councils over the years means that we may be getting it right. A special celebration souvenir is planned for our 40th anniversary, so renew your membership this year and remain a member next year to qualify. Membership is open until December and you can download an application form from the website: www.stampa.ie

Thank you for your support.

Michael Kelly, Secretary STAMPA



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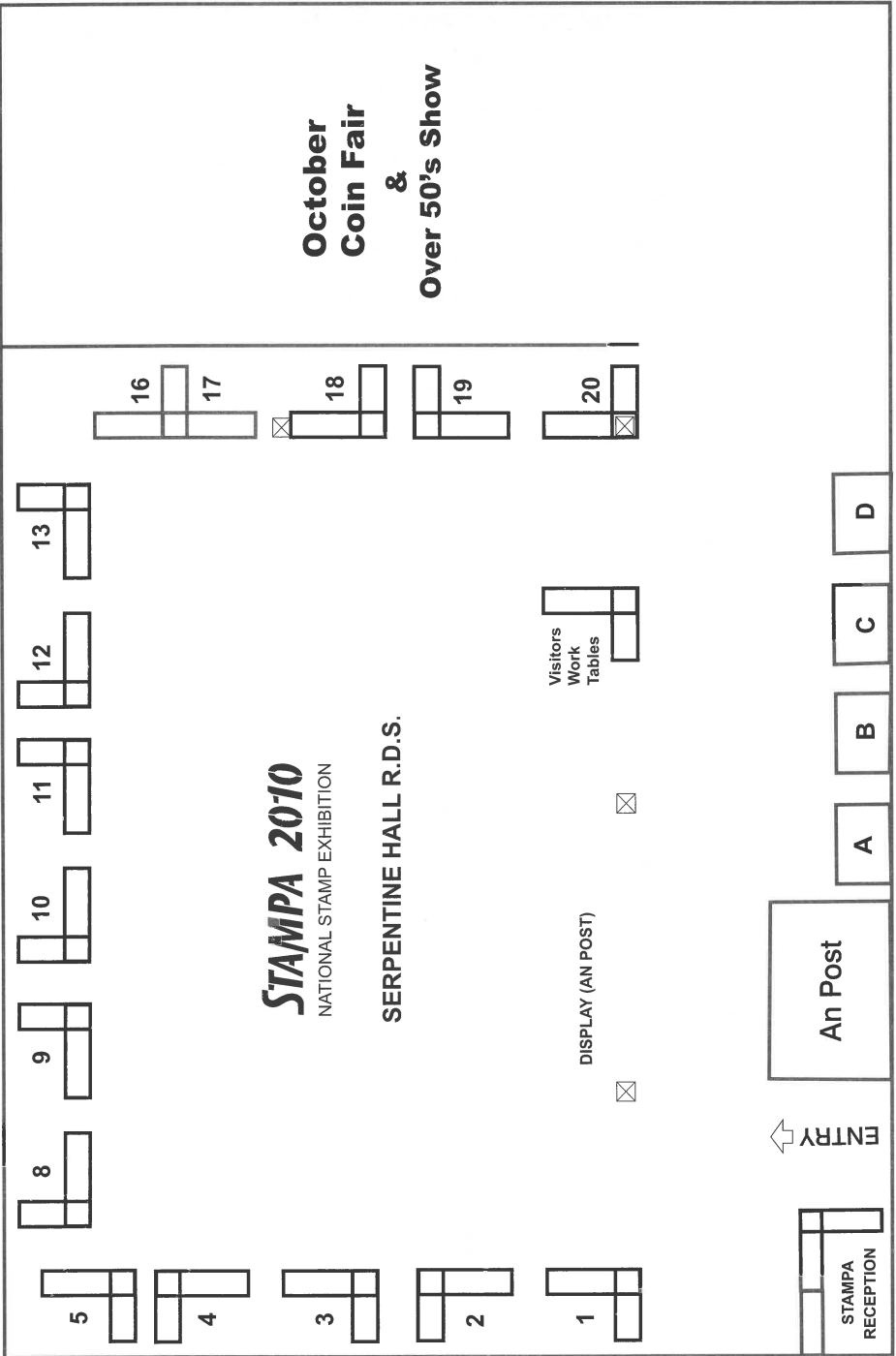
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Photo taken by renowned photographer and Stampa member Ken Kelly (Birmingham).

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Exhibitors invited to enter Stampa Competitions

All collectors are invited to participate in the exhibition. The various competitive classes cater for wide philatelic interests from novice (*only sixteen pages*) to advanced (*up to eighty pages*). Social Philately has been increased by one frame this year (*up to eighty pages*). Trophies and medals are awarded by an international jury and exhibits which achieve Vermeil or Gold will be eligible to enter international exhibitions (*the stamp 'Olympics'*).

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2. Vermeil (75% - 84%) (Qualifies exhibit for entry to FIP World Stamp Exhibitions).
3. Silver (65% - 74%)
4. Silver Bronze (60% - 64%)
5. Bronze (55% - 59%)

The **David Feldman Trophy** will be awarded to the **best overall exhibit**.

The following trophies will be awarded, subject to a sufficient standard being attained:

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F. E. Dixon Shield (Postal History)

C. O'Neill Memorial Trophy (thematic)

William Kane Trophy (Aerophilately)

The Irish Security Stamp Printing Trophy (Irish stamps issued since 1922)

The Michael Giffney Salver (Open Class)

FPSI Trophy (One frame class)

E.P.A. Medal (Best Irish Exhibit)

Gwyn Bennett Trophy (Novice competition)

TRADITIONAL

“A Halfpenny Assortment”

John Baverstock

Display of Falkland Island ½ d stamps 1891-1922.

POSTAL HISTORY

“Irish Registered Mail 1841-1922”

Stan Challis

Examples posted in Ireland during the period the Post Office was under British control.

“Irish Frank, The Franking Privilege and Ireland”

John Matthews

A display of 12 Dublin Free marks, manuscript frees, notes on other marks and details of notable signatories.

“The 1979 Irish Post Office Strike”

Heinz-Juergen Kumpf

Philatelic documentation of this interesting period showing material of incoming and outgoing mail.

MAXIMAPHILY

“Irish Maximum Cards”

Brian Warren

Exhibit shows development of use of cards in Ireland since first authorized by Dept. P&T 1967 to present day.

AEROPHILATELY

“Graf Zeppelin 127 Airmail”

Brian Callan

Mail carried throughout its nine year life to the Orient, Middle East and circumnavigation of the globe.

“Pan American Airways 1928-1952”

‘High Flyer’

First flights P.A.A. showing history and operational routes.

LITERATURE

“Overprinted Stamps of Ireland 1922-1935”

Barry Cousins

A compendium of reference data, overprinted stamps with varieties and price guide. First edition.

COMPETITION ENTRIES

OPEN CLASS

“The Road to Independence”

Peter Wood

The Easter Rising & War of Independence had a profound Influence on the shaping of modern Ireland. The political and cultural background from the Act of Union is examined.

“Aer Chór na hÉireann & James Fitzmaurice”

John Mullen

A view of the Irish Air Corps and the 1st East-West flight.

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“The Good The Bad & The Ugly”

Nicola Challis

Commercial covers with Irish connection addressed to well known personalities.

“Killarney National Park”

Pamela Reynolds Reilly

An overview of the Park, its history and inhabitants.

“Asgard II”

John Mullen

A view of the life of the Asgard II.

“New Zealand: The 2d Blue Chalon Head 1855-71”

Jonathan Barclay

New Zealand’s Chalon Heads 2d from the London print to damaged plate 2.

“39 Years A-Sowing & 73 A-Growing”

Pat Lynch

A brief look at R.J. Kings Irish stamp designs.

“Victorian Illustrated envelopes”

James M. Rankin

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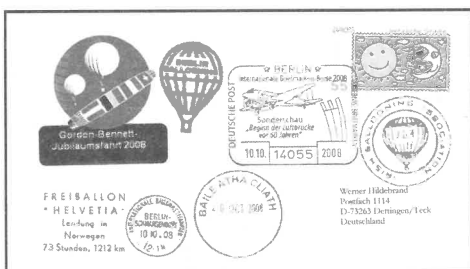
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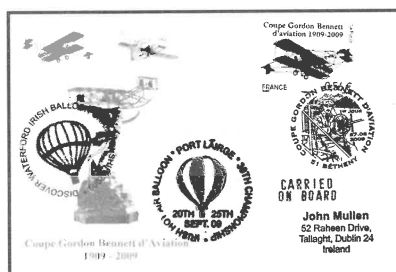
The 2010 Coupe Gordon Bennett Balloon Race GB & 40th Anniversary of the Irish Hot Air Balloon Championships 2010

By John Mullen

On the 24th September Coupe Gordon Bennett Balloon Race was hosted in Britain for the first time. The worlds Greatest Gas Balloon Race was first held in Paris in 1906 before a crowd of 200,000 people. In Bristol up to 20 teams from all over the world took part in the race, the Balloons took off at dusk from Ashton Court. The team that flew the furthest distance from the starting point won the race, results were at hand at the time of going to press.



*Irish acceptance, Gordon Bennett 2008
Ascending, Switzerland, landing in Norway. 1212kms
Winning team "British"
Pilots, David Hempleman-Adams & Jon Mason*



*Irish acceptance, Gordon Bennett 2009
Ascending, Geneva, landing in Portugal. 1587kms
Winning team "France"
Pilots, Sebastian Rolland & Vincent Lays*

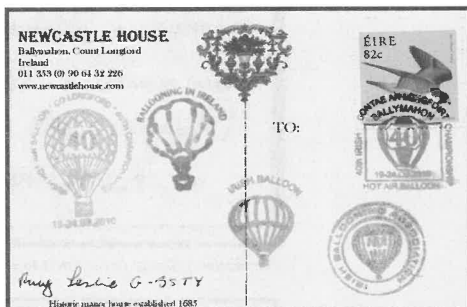


*GB acceptance, Coupe Gordon Bennett
Balloon Race.
First time in Britain starting in Bristol,
coinciding with 40th Anniversary of the Irish
Hot Air Balloon Championships held at
Ballymahon Co. Longford*

A limited special postcard was issued by the Newcastle House Hotel, unfortunately the card did not lend itself to the ink in the hand stamps as a result, after applying the hand stamps they had to be blotted giving a weak impression, as can be seen from the card. A view of events may be viewed on the web at Irish Ballooning Championship 2010.



Newcastle House, four views



Newcastle House Hotel, Historic Manor House built in 1683, note weak hand stamp impressions. Cover signed by Pilot Ray Leslie Balloon G-Bsty known as "Beasty"

Covers & Cachets



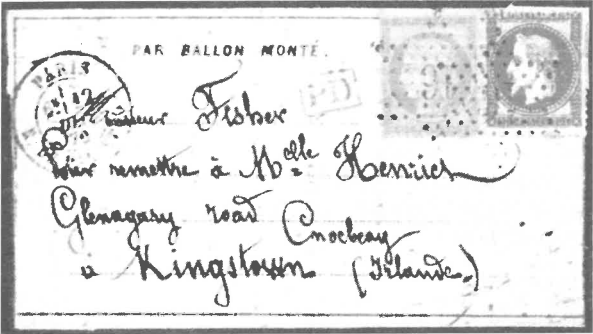
40th anniversary of the Irish Hot Air Balloon Championships, Newcastle Hotel, Co. Longford.

Red Anniversary cachet, Blue Ballooning in Ireland cachet, Birds of Prey stamp tied by anniversary cancel.

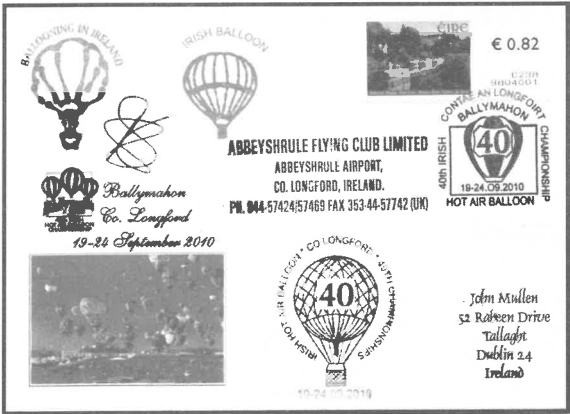
Red 40th anniversary cachet, Blue & Green Ballooning cachets.



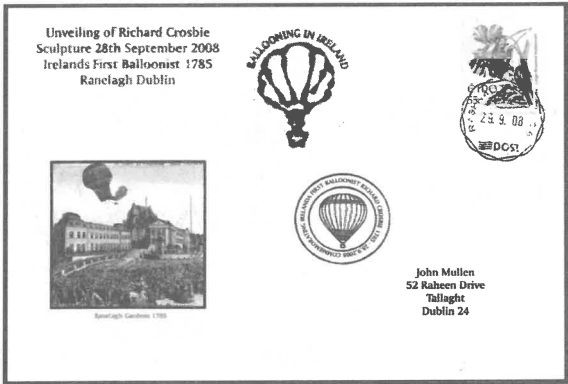
The earliest known Irish connection to balloon flights are the “Balloon Monte” covers from Paris.



Par Balloon Monte cover Paris to Ireland



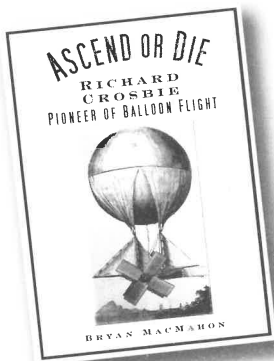
Cover signed by President of the Irish Hot Air Balloon Championships John Leahy, Abbeyshrule Airport hand stamp where some of the ballooning activity took place.



Commemorative cover for the unveiling of a sculpture to Richard Crosbie 28th September 2008.

The earliest recorded Irish Hot Air Balloon Pilot was a man named Richard Crosbie; his flight took place in Ranelagh in 1785 from the Ranelagh Gardens. Richard made his first manned flight, ascending from Ranelagh Gardens and landing safely near Clontarf a short time later. This was an amazing achievement, which occurred just 14 months after the first manned flight by the Montgolfier brothers.

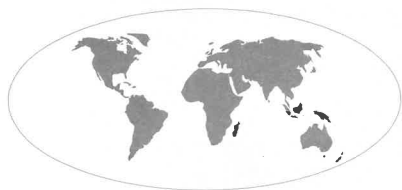
Bryan McMahon gave a lecture on the life of Richard Crosbie on Thursday 23rd at Newcastle House which I was very pleased to attend. Bryan also posed for some photos with me and signed the book "To John, Ballymahon September 2010". The book is a must for anyone interested in the Irish history of Balloon Flights and contains many illustrations of Richard Crosbie's many flights in Dublin, Limerick and America.



Ballymahon cover signed by Bryan McMahon author of a book on Richard Crosbie "Ascend or Die"

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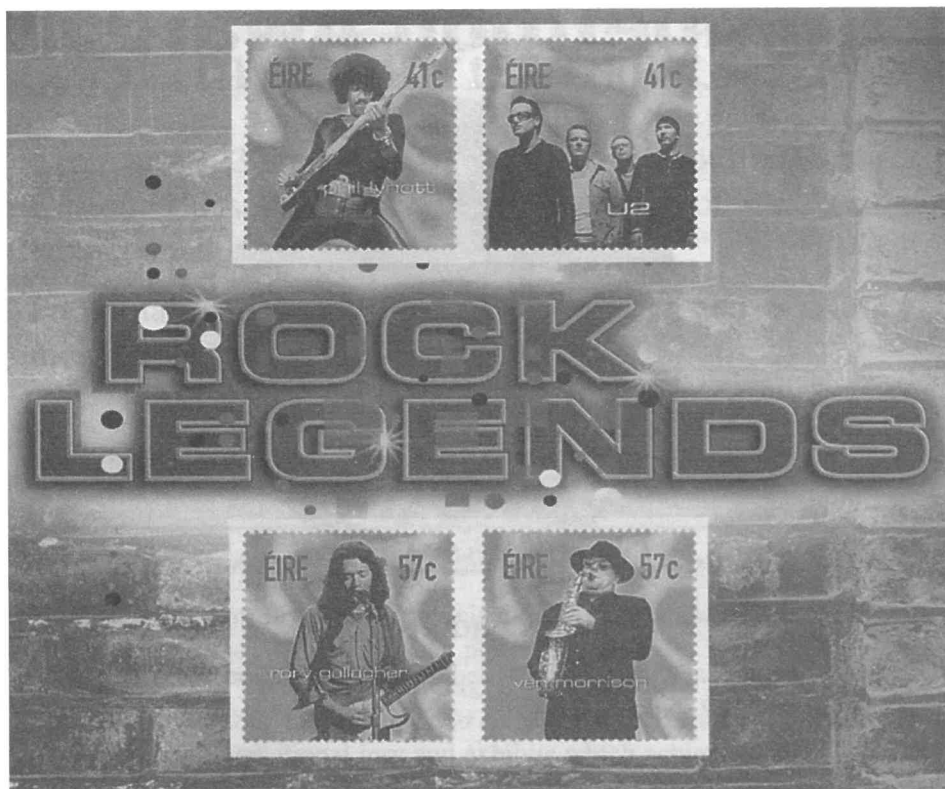
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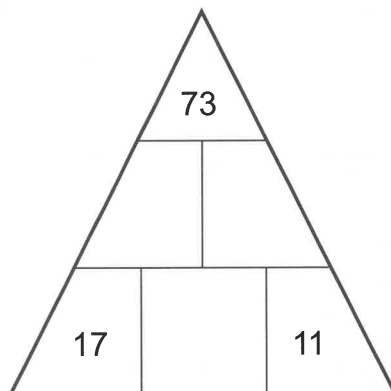
An official limited edition collection of five An Post Model Vehicles is available to purchase from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1. The vehicles featured, which measure 80mm x 30mm approx. are, the Model T Ford, Horse Drawn Vehicle, Anglia Van, Transit Bus and VW Transporter. Each of these vehicles featured in the fleet over the years and has its own legitimate Fleet Number.

The collection is contained in a superb presentation box set. A card showing an illustration of the General Post Office sits on top of a foam underlay. The models are housed in five cut-outs making for a delightful set. The collection is limited to 2,500 sets with each one being certificated and individually numbered.

This limited edition collection costs €60 (postage €6.00 within Ireland and €7.50 rest of the world) and is a must-buy for model enthusiasts and collectors alike. Available now from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, 00353 (1) 705 7400 or online at www.irishstamps.ie

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Organize and Display

Many stamp collectors become stamp hoarders, accumulating lots of stamps, covers and other philatelic material. They leave them in stock books and boxes and in presses and drawers etc. As time goes on, collectors can lose track of what they have and continue to add to this disorganized accumulation of collectibles.

Stamp collecting comes in many forms and guises. The majority of philatelists carefully organize their material in albums, stock books and various display pages. Organizing and keeping tabs on your stamps and covers is the first step towards branching out into the myriad of avenues to which philately can take you.

The basic area of philatelic interests is the traditional one, which is collecting by country. Postal history is also a very popular pursuit and this covers many aspects of the whole postal service over the centuries. Postal history by its very nature can require a great deal of research and study.

Some philatelists collect themes, such as sports, wildlife, trains, music, medicine and lighthouses etc. There is no limit to the amount of subjects in which one can specialize.

There are many enthusiasts in the world of airmail covers, stamps and related material. A recent development in our hobby is a method of display called "Open Philately" and this allows for the inclusion of non-philatelic items such as maps, photographs and advertising labels etc. One of the rules in Open Philately is that a display must consist of at least 50% philatelic material. In addition to the principle areas of collecting interest, there are many other peripheral and related subjects which form part of this broad hobby of philately such as revenue stamps, maximum cards and mail transport - there is something to cater for all tastes.

Displaying stamps and covers brings a whole new dimension to the enjoyment of your hobby. All that is needed is to review and organize enough material to complete relatively few pages, nine would be sufficient to display at Stamp Society level and sixteen pages would qualify for a STAMPA display in the Novice or One Frame class. The rules and regulations for these competitions are not too demanding and are easy to follow. The exercise of organizing your stamps and displaying them is really a very simple one if you just put your mind to it.

John H. Fitzsimons
President
Federation of Philatelic Societies of Ireland.

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The Federation of Philatelic Societies of Ireland was instituted in 1976 with the object of making provision for Irish collectors to exhibit at International Exhibitions under the aegis of IRELAND, which was not possible up to then as we did not have a National Federation. Then in 1982, the Federation became affiliated to Federation Internationale de Philatelie, and since then, many of our Irish collectors have exhibited in many countries with much success.

Forthcoming Events

Lisbon

October 1-10 2010

Irish Commissioner - John Fitzsimons

Ronnie McPartland First Ejector Pilot - Irish Aer Corps

By John Mullen

Retired Capt. Ronnie Mc Partland returned to Baldonnell Aerodrome to a celebration of pilots who flew the British fighter jet the “de’Havilland Vampire”. Ronnie was a young cadet at the tender age of 20yrs. On May 5th 1961 he was on a training exercise with experienced pilot Brig. Gen. Jerry O’Connor when the vampire they were flying refused to respond to the controls, as a result the plane headed into a crash dive when Brig Gen Jerry O’Connor pulled the canopy lever and it released, Ronnie pulled the ejector handle and was shot into the sky, as he looked at the plane Jerry was struggling to gain control, which he eventually did and returned to base without Ronnie. Ronnie’s parachute opened and he gradually returned to earth in Co. Cavan this was the only time an ejector seat was released to this day in the history of the Irish Aer Corps. Both men were present at the celebrations and posed for a photograph with a Vampire specially flown in for the celebrations which was sponsored by City Jet, present also was the chief executive of City Jet Mr. Geoffrey O’Byrne.



100 year of aviation in Ireland showing Brig.Gen. Jerry O'Connor and Capt. Ronnie McPartland with the de'Havilland Vampire flown in by Cityjet. 100yrs cachet and postmark.

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The new redesigned website www.stampa.ie has been completely updated with new pages, features and links available for anyone searching for Irish Postal History/ the Latest News-Auctions-New Releases and rare items. Over the coming months we will also be displaying previous years souvenirs to coincide with the History of Stampa which will be published in 2011 for our 40th show. Stampa is also on Twitter and Facebook and you can follow us and our latest news flashes by clicking on the link at the bottom of our home page.

For those who wish to contact us directly, our e-mail address is stampa@ireland.com and we would love to hear from any collector who may have any articles (and in particular photos) relating to our foundation years during the early 70's. Please send us any news that you may have in relation to upcoming Auctions/ latest results/ new releases and any relevant stamp news and we will post it on our site for all to see. If you have a website and would like a link to it, please let us know. We hope you enjoy viewing our new website and perhaps meeting you at this year's Stampa event.

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