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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Bento

I am pleased to announce that Liam Malone of Washington, D.C. has come forward to serve as editor of The Revealer. Liam has graduate degrees in literary studies from Florida State and Catholic University. His work at Catholic University focused on Irish Studies. He has held several human resource positions for various non-profits and currently serves as human resource director for a trade association and thus understands what a membership organization such as the EPA is all about.

Liam has collected Irish stamps since 1968 and has a wide variety of Irish philatelic interests. He was collaborating with George Nicholson on an article on the Hoban issue around the time of George's sudden passing. I will invite Liam to prepare a more descriptive autobiography for the Fall issue of The Re-

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President's Message (Cont.)

vealer. For now, he has jumped right in to complete this Summer issue with the assistance of Wynne Nicholson and Dave Brennan.

We cannot thank Wynne Nicholson enough for her efforts on our behalf since her husband's death. She completed George's work on the Winter issue and edited the Spring issue on her own. The Summer issue you are reading was 90% completed by Wynne before handing over the reins to Liam. We will forever be in her debt.

The appointment of Liam as editor does not absolve the rest of us of our responsibilities. Liam will need content to edit and that has to come largely from our membership. If you have been working on a pet project, preparing an exhibit, or researching some piece of Irish philately, please turn your work into an article for The Revealer.

Please remember that our 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held at CHICAGOPEX November 20-22. Dust off those exhibits, update the content, and participate in the show. Visit www.chicagopex.com for information on exhibiting and other details concerning the show. Our Fall issue will contain our meeting times and housing information.

We have an obvious need to recruit new EPA members. We have some resources available to help you do this. If you are attending a local show, Dave Brennan has a one page flier that he can email to you so you can make copies. Barney Clancy has Revealer back issues that can also be sent to you to be given away. Let us all try to make this effort on behalf of the Association.

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Positional Flaws Recently Discovered in First and Second Irish Definitive Issues (Continued from the Spring Issue)

By Patrick M. Evans

Flaws in the E Watermark 1d Map Stamp

I first became aware of a possible constant flaw in stamp 12 of row 1 of the E watermarked 1d Map stamp when I bought a page of used specimens on piece, from Pdraig O'Shea of Raven Stamps in Cork in 2000. The stamps allegedly contained examples of "a distinct break in the arc directly under the first 'É' of 'Éire'". The annotation continued, "Although not catalogued, it has been verified by Mr. Eddie Fitzgerald of Dublin, and is scarcer used than mint. This (1961) seems to be the earliest known date of use."

It took me another two years to trace the report to *The Revealer*, the journal of the USA-based *Éire Philatelic Association* (Ref. 21). In 1987 Eddie Fitzgerald had reported a 1967 observation that there existed a constant clear break in the semi-circular frame line under the first É of *Éire* in the E Watermarked 1d Map. It had appeared in the bottom stamp of the coil-join in a paste-up coil and subsequent research had identified that the flaw occurred in Row 1/12 in some sheets but not others. From this it was concluded that more than one plate was being used to print the stamps. This conclusion was probably correct. It is known that five plates were in use for printing the 1d Map by 1923. A further seven were produced between 1937 and 1949 (Ref. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6).

In 2003 Pdraig O'Shea of Raven Stamps in Cork managed to obtain for me a top half sheet of E watermarked 1d Map stamps. This contained the "Fitzgerald Flaw" on Row 1/12. Later that same year Declan O'Kelly of Cathedral Stamps, Dublin obtained three E watermarked 1d Map paste up coil joins containing the "Fitzgerald Flaw" on the lower stamp. Naturally, I purchased them. There the matter rested, and would have stayed resting, had not the Archangel Gabriel (Patron Saint of Philatelists!) presented a miraculous opportunity to study 135 complete sheets of the E Watermarked 1d Map, together with some part-sheets, to determine the prevalence of the "Fitzgerald Flaw".

position 1-12 needed viewing. The white paper used suggests that all of the material studied was from a printing in the 1960s (Ref. 1) and this is supported by the existence of used specimens (Figs 25, 26). During a discussion on possible publication of this confirmation of the "Fitzgerald Flaw" Declan O'Kelly suggested that the 135 sheets be studied for other constant flaws. I took his advice and embarked on the incredibly laborious task of examining and comparing every positional stamp on 135 complete sheets. This paper describes the results of that study.

I am grateful to the many philatelic collectors and dealers who have given me so much support, encouragement and advice during this study, to those who have given me access to material, sent computer scans, and those who have even given me material free of charge. But this research is only the tip of a very large iceberg! There is a pressing need for access, through mail, email, visits, or computer scans, to any and all multiples, blocks and sheets of the First and Second Irish Definitives. I should be more than willing to share my own material and work collaboratively with any others researching this same area.

Findings and Discussion

Twenty three positional flaws have been identified in the material studied.

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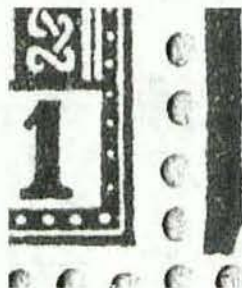
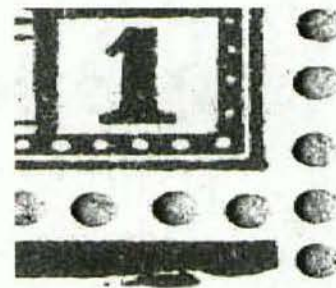


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The study was relatively easy, as only one stamp at

Jubilee Line FlawsRow 10-12 (R) Jubilee Line Chip on 137 sheets (100%)Row 16-12 (R) Jubilee Line Chip on 138 sheets (100%)Row 20-8(R)Jubilee Line Chip on 137 sheets (100)

Three of the flaws identified relate to broken jubilee lines in positions 10-12, 16-12, and 20-8. While jubilee line flaws are not usually catalogued, they are included here for the sake of philatelic interest. For this author, the interesting point about them is that while they appeared on all of the sheets studied, they did not appear on an additional sheet recently provided by Pdraig O'Shea of Raven Stamps, Cork, Ireland, even though this sheet did contain five of the positional flaws listed below (1-7, 10-7, 14-1, 15-1, 16-2). This raises two questions; did the jubilee line flaws occur at a later stage in the plate's life, and if so, why? A more intriguing question, however, is whether the absence of the jubilee flaws on the O'Shea specimen indicates that the sheet is from a different plate that nevertheless contains some of the other flaws identified. This would mean that flaws 1-7, 10-7, 14-1, 15-1, and 16-2 could be found on more than one plate!

"Dot" Flaws

Ten of the positional flaws identified comprise red "dots". Their positions are as follows:

Row 4-8 Red Dot (L) Internal Frame on 46 sheets (33%) HB No D17cRow 10-7 Red Dot on (L) of line below Pingin on 137 sheets (100%) Not CataloguedRow 14-4 Red Dot (R) "1"Frame gap on 32 sheets (23%) HB No D17gRow 15-1 Red Dot on (R) top corner of internal frame on 138 sheets (100%) HB No D17h

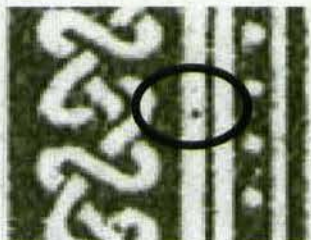
Row 16-11 (L) Lattice Flaw on 45 sheets (33%) HB No D17k



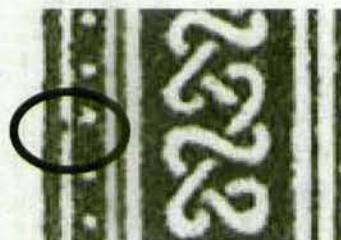
Row 17-1 Red Dot 4th vertical line top (L) corner on 137 sheets (100%) Not Catalogued



Row 17-6 Red Dot (R) frame on 42 sheets (31%) HB No D17m



Row 18-2 Red Dot inside (L) frame on 45 sheets (33%) HB No D17o



Row 19-2 Red Dot inside (R) lattice on 31 sheets (23%) Not Catalogued



Row 20-4 Red Dot inside (L) frame on 60 sheets (43%) HB No D17q



The importance which should be attached to “dots” is a valid question for both the philatelist, and for the compilers of catalogues. After all, many individual stamps will contain a variety of blemishes, whether they be dots, line breaks, white patches, and so on. The critical point is that the red flaws described here occur in the same identifiable position on a number of sheets. In some cases, it is difficult to know whether the flaw is due to temporary presence of contaminating material on the plate or roller or whether it occurs as a result of metal damage within the recessed areas, resulting in raised pieces of metal that take up ink and print out as a flaw.

In these respects, Flaws 10-7 and 15-1 are of particular interest. Thanks to material provided by David MacDonnell of MacDonnell Whyte Auction House in

Dublin, Ireland, and Padraig O’Shea of Raven Stamps, Cork, Ireland, it can now be confirmed for the first time that these two flaws also occur in The First (SE Wmk) Definitive Issue. Though it is yet to be conclusively established, there is also very good reason to speculate that Flaws 10-7 and 15-1 (and Flaw 16-2 – see below) are constant flaws, occurring on the original printing plate.

A number of points may be relevant to this discussion. Are the red flaws due to temporary presence of contaminating material on the plate or roller? Are they due to metal damage within the recessed areas resulting in raised pieces of metal that take up ink and print out as a flaw?

"Break" or "White" Flaws

Ten of the positional flaws identified comprise "Breaks" in the red lines of the stamp design, and thus appear as "White" breaks or "blobs". Examination of thousands of 1d Map stamps shows many non-constant "white" areas that are not part of the stamp design, indicating that inking may well sometimes have been a problem. Are these white "constant" flaws due to breaks in the raised design, caused by machine damage, careless handling, plate wear or, as David MacDonnell has suggested, poor quality paper, or all of these?

The ten flaws described occur in the following positions:

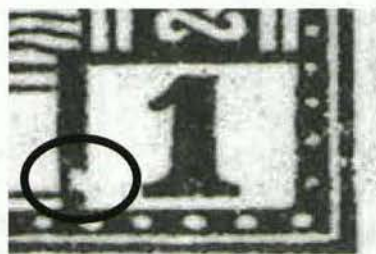
Row 1-7 "Tadpole" Flaw on 138 sheets (100%) HB No D17a



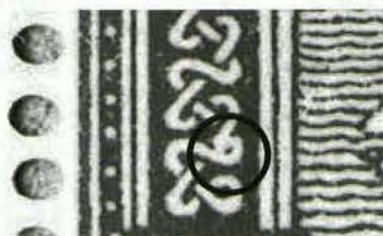
Row 1-12 "Fitzgerald Flaw" Arc Break on 81 sheets (60%) HB No D17b



Row 7-5 White (R) "1" Frame Flaw on 135 sheets (100%) HB No D17d



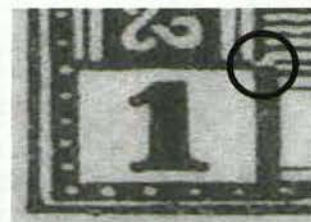
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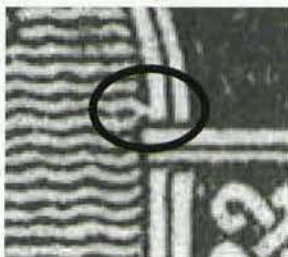
Row 14-1 Line Break (R) horizontal line below Arch on 137 sheets (100%) HB No D17f



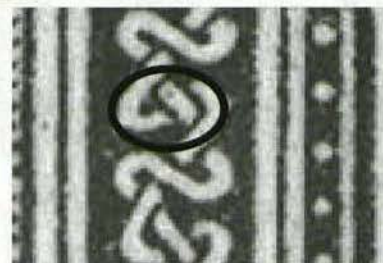
Row 16-2 White (L) "1" Frame Flaw on 138 sheets (100%) HB Nos D2a & D17i



Row 16-11 Row 16-11 (R) Internal Arc Break on 138 sheets (100%) HB No D17j



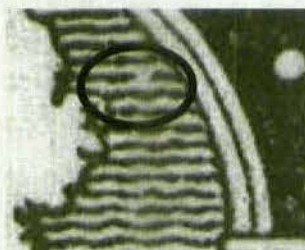
Row 16-12 Comma Flaw on (R) lattice on 138 sheets (100%) HB No D17l



Row 17-11 White Crescent Flaw below É accent on 136 sheets (100%) HB No D17n



Row 18-5 Wave Break Flaw in ® wave line on 133 sheets (97%) HB No D17p



The material provided by David MacDonnell and Pádraig O'Shea has also confirmed a finding, previously based on only one example, that Flaw 16-2 also occurs in the First (SE Wmk) Definitive Issue.

Conclusion

One only has to read the journals of specialised philatelic societies to be made aware of how much the enjoyment of philately can be enriched for the ordinary collector by the study of archives that have been carefully preserved and made available to the specialised researcher. Indeed, during this study I have benefited greatly from this past research and also the generosity of many collectors and dealers who have given so freely of their knowledge and their time. I hope publication of these findings will lead all collectors of Irish postage stamps to a more careful study of their definitive collections.

It is known that *An Post* (the Irish Post Office) (Ref. 24) and the Irish Revenue Commissioners hold valuable archival material. One hopes that the recently opened Revenue Museum in the Crypt of Dublin Castle, and the rumoured opening of a postal museum in the General Post Office, Dublin, will facilitate access to material hitherto difficult to access. In addition, much material on the manufacture and repair of printing plates, right up to the end of the issues, is held in the UK National Archive and British Library. One hopes that the publication of this paper will stimulate further research and access to these resources.

But what does the future hold for research into this area? The discovery of twenty-three newly discovered positional flaws in the 1d Map stamp will hopefully lead to discussion, debate, and even disagreement, on their significance to the field of Irish Philately. The discovery of so many varieties in one print-

ing of one value of an issue that has survived for 45 years is perhaps an indication of the potential size of a completely new field in Irish Philately. How many hundreds of positional flaws remain to be discovered on all of the First and Second Definitive Series values? And how many different papers, gums, watermarks and shades are there for research? I will be delighted to receive images any collector wishes to send in order confirm the existence or otherwise of these flaws on their material, free of charge. Above all, I hope to hear from other philatelists who wish to review my material, to share their own sheets or part sheets for further research, and to collaborate in any aspect of research into the First and Second Irish Definitive Issues, with a view to jointly publishing our findings for the benefit of the wider philatelic community.

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THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS – 2008

Part 2

by Brian Warren

POSTAGE LABELS



*Dublin Airport label – First Day of Issue
(A280 - 6.10.2008) with original "test"
number for location/machine - 4567123*



*Dublin Airport label
(A304 - 30.10.2008) with correct
number for location/machine - 9802001*

New Postal Service centres were due to be installed at Dublin Airport and the GPO Dublin on Monday 21 July. These self-service kiosks are manufactured by the German firm, Wincor Nixdorf and allow customers to buy self-adhesive postal labels, weigh items, select a destination (national or international) and give receipts and post items in an adjoining postbox – all using touch screen technology. However, the only

machine installed on 21 July was inside the main public office of the GPO Dublin. The machine continually broke down and was switched off the same day and removed the following day.

Few collectors bothered to obtain labels from the GPO machine on the day of issue and FDCs with labels from this machine will be rare.

Location	Phosphor	Ref. on stamp	First day of issue	FDI ref. on stamp
Bureau	Frame	0250001	21 July 2008	A203
Bureau	3 Bars	0250001	See note below	A203
GPO Dublin	Frame	9801001	21 July 2008	A203
GPO Dublin	3 Bars	9801001?	Not yet issued	Not yet issued
Dublin Airport	3 Bars	4567123	6 October 2008	A280
Dublin Airport	3 Bars	9802001	30 October 2008	A304
Tallaght S.C.	3 Bars	9804001	17 October 2008	A291
Merrion S.C.	3 Bars	9805001	22 October 2008	A296
Blanchardstown S.C.	3 Bars	9803001	4 November 2008	A309
Greystones S.C.	3 Bars	9806001	Not known – see below	N/A

The four standard values dispensed by the machine are 55c (inland rate), 82c (overseas rate), 95c (large envelope inland rate) and €1.50 (large envelope overseas rate). By using the "Weigh and Pay" feature, other values appropriate for each destination and type of posting (envelope, large envelope, packet or parcel) can be obtained, but the minimum value is the 55c inland rate.

A maximum of five stamps could be obtained in any one strip but you could designate the value order. However, since at least early March 2009, strips are no longer available, as the integrated guillotine operates as each stamp is printed. The machine accepts both coins and notes. Debit/credit cards are not currently accepted by the machine and the maximum note value accepted is €10. Change in coin is given. Receipts can also be obtained in English or Irish.

The labels incorporate the four designs used for the 2006 Waterways set and feature the River Barrow, the River Erne, the River Shannon and the Grand Canal. The designs are preprinted on the left-hand side of the labels, with the machine printed postage value appearing on the right-hand side. Below the value, there are two other machine printed lines of information. The first line refers to the Year of Issue of the labels (with A being Year 1, i.e. 2008) followed by a number 203 representing the day in the year (e.g. 21 July being the 203rd day of the year – a somewhat bizarre method of indicating the date). The second line of data gives a number which identifies the location (first four digits) and the machine identifier (the following three digits).



Blanchardstown Shopping Centre machine and special posting box

Labels from the GPO machine bear the number 9801001 whereas labels sold at the philatelic counter bear the number 0250001 (and the 21 July date of A203). The bureau sells the labels in a strip of 4 x 55c stamps. All initial labels had a phosphor frame.

There is no indication on either the labels or the backing paper as to the printer but *Collectors News* refers to the firm Label Art which is based in Dublin. A first day cover with postmark was provided by the bureau and the serviced FDCs sold by them bear the 0250001 labels (see also further note below).

Office. The postage paid imprint includes a reference to Oxegen '08. Each of the cards measures 147mm x 104mm. There was no special postmark.

Unfortunately, only those with tickets for the festival could access the post office but, as far as I can ascertain, there was no counter cancellation, although there was a reference in "Postnews" to a Registered Post facility.

The mobile office was staffed from Naas Post Office so perhaps a datestamp of that office was used on such mail. Given the age profile for the event, I doubt if there would be any demand for registered or express services. Mobile top-ups were probably the main seller. All mail was transferred to the Portlaoise Mails Centre.



Jamboree 2008: This international jamboree was also held at Punchestown Racecourse and used the facilities already in place for Oxegen. The nine-day event, held from 2 to 10 August, commemorated 100 years of scouting in Ireland.

The An Post Mobile Post Office was also on site for this Jamboree and a single postpaid postcard was issued. The card measures 147mm x 104mm and there are at least three shade variations. The

postage paid imprint includes a reference to Jamboree 2008.



*Mobile Post Office at Jamboree 2008
(photo courtesy of Tony Finn)*

As for Oxegen, there was no special postmark or counter cancellation and mail was transferred to the Portlaoise Mails Centre. Any cards I have seen that were posted at the event failed to receive an IMP cancellation, presumably due to the lack of phosphor on stationery items.

Culture Night at the GPO: Dublin's first Culture Night took place in 2006 and since then it has grown to include over 100 of the city's arts and cultural organisations. This year, on Friday 19 September, An Post hosted an event in the GPO from 6pm to 10pm which included a talk on the historic pictures and the Proclamation in the philatelic bureau.

A special card was given out free to all who visited the GPO on the night, all of which were gone by 7.30pm. Of a large format, it measures 208mm x 147mm and the obverse shows an illustration of the GPO at dusk. An Post advertised it on their website as a "postage paid" card but there was no imprint. Instead, an ordinary postage stamp was affixed to each card. Various 82c values were used. I have seen the 82c definitive, the Transatlantic Cable stamp and both the 82c Film stamps.

The issue date coincided with the issue of the Old Age Pension and National University of Ireland stamps but they do not appear to have been used on the cards. No special cancellation was provided.

None of the above cards (Oxegen, Jamboree, Culture Night) were available from the bureau.

EXHIBITION AND SOCIETY SOUVENIRS AND POSTMARKS

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16 Feb	Irish International Coin Fair	- Stampa cover	€5.00	*	illustrated cover with CDS cancel and Stampa printed cachet			
12 Mar	Dublin Stamp Society	- Illustrated cover	€4.00	#	with special postmark			DSS
	(60th Anniversary Display)	- Overprinted postcard	€4.00	#	with special postmark			An Post
6 Apr	Stampania 2008	- Celtic Cats sheetlet with o/p	€12.00	*	600 printed	CCP3	14 x 14½	Mahons
		- Dublin Stamp Society illustrated cover	€4.00	#	with special postmark			DSS
		- Overprinted postcard with added imprint	€4.00	#	with special postmark			An Post/DSS
3 Oct	Stampa 2008 (Members' Souvenirs)							
	- 78c Rugby World Cup miniature sheet (2007)			*	1,200 overprinted	CCP3	13¼ x 13¼	Mahons
	- Celtic Cats miniature sheet (2007)			*	1,200 overprinted	CCP3	13¼ x 13¼	Mahons
	- Year of the Rat miniature sheet (2008)		€25.00	*	1,200 overprinted	CCP3	14¼ x 14	Mahons
	- International rate (10 x 82c) self-adhesive Booklet			*	1,200 overprinted		11¼ x 11½	Mahons
3 Oct	Stampa 2008 (Public Souvenir)							
	- Viking Heritage miniature sheet (2007)		€5.00	*	1,500 overprinted	CCP3	14¼ x 14	Mahons
3 Nov	Dublin Stamp Society	- Illustrated cover	€4.00	#	with special postmark			DSS
	(Visit to Dublin Mails Centre)							
19 Nov	Dublin Stamp Society	- Illustrated cover	€4.00	#	with special postmark			DSS
	(60th Anniversary Banquet)							
22 Nov	Cork Stamp & Coin Exhibition	- Booklet	€3.00	*	350 printed (contains a pair of 55c Olympic stamps)			
	- Fungi miniature sheet with overprint		€5.00	*	1,000 overprinted in black	CCP3	14 x 14¼	Mahons
	- Illustrated cover		€1.00	*	147 covers printed			

*: The production and overprinting (if applicable) of all sheetlets / miniature sheets / booklets / covers marked with an asterisk above were arranged by the organisers of each show. Overprinting was with the permission of An Post.

#: The postcards were produced by An Post for the Dublin Stamp Society. The covers were produced by the Dublin Stamp Society. None of the items were sold by An Post.



The Square, Tallaght with larger posting box

Five further machines were installed during the remainder of the year at (1) Dublin Airport (Departures Floor); (2) The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24; (3) Merrion Shopping Centre, Dublin 4; (4) Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, Dublin 15; and (5) Greystones Shopping Centre, Co. Wicklow. The first dates of operation for four of the machines are set out in the table on the previous page.

The machine in Greystones was due to be installed on 17 November but as of 1pm on that day, when I visited the shopping centre, there was no machine on site. I was told by the local Tesco manager that a further electrical point had yet to be put in place before the machine could be installed. By chance, I met a repair engineer on New Year's Eve at the Dublin Airport machine who informed me that the Greystones machine had been in operation for some time. A visit to the machine later that day confirmed that this was the case. Subsequently, I have obtained a used example with the date reference A327 for Saturday 22 November so the installation date was sometime between 17 and 22 November. If this pilot scheme is successful, it is the intention of An Post to roll out these machines nationwide.

The labels in all of the machines were different in that three short phosphor bars replaced the usual phosphor frame of the 21 July issue. I understand one of the reasons for the malfunction of the GPO machine on 21 July was the phosphor frame - thus the change to three phosphor bars.



Dublin Airport machine with touchscreen in open position during repair work

The first Dublin Airport labels had an unusual location/machine number of "4567123". This initial set was a "Test number" and by 30 October the number reference was altered to "9802001" (see illustrations). The change happened sometime between 9.30am on Monday 20 October 2008, when I flew out from Dublin Airport on holidays, and 8am on Thursday 30 October 2008, when I returned. Can any member confirm an earlier date than 30 October?

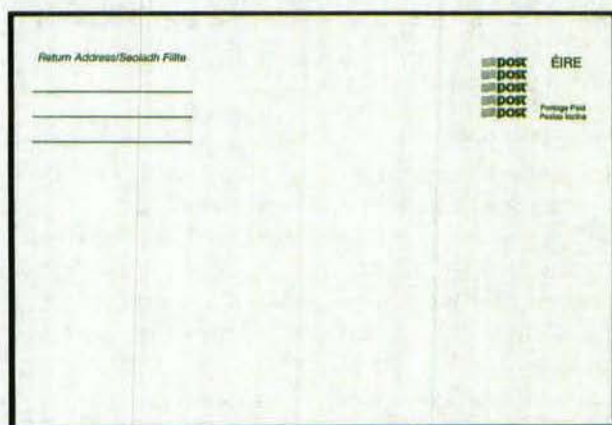
The location references for all remaining machines also begin with 980.... The GPO machine has yet to be reinstated and presumably all new labels from this machine will have three phosphor bars.

Finally, at Stampa, the An Post stand were selling first day covers of the original bureau issue of 21 July with labels with three phosphor bars. The mint copies still had the phosphor frame. By November both mint labels and FDCs obtained from the bureau had three phosphor bars, all with the original A203 date for 21 July.

Few collectors have been able to obtain labels from the new machines on the day of installation as no general advance notice was given by An Post. FDC's and even mint labels, with the issue date reference will be scarce.

POSTAL STATIONERY

Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Note	Printer
Feb ?	Prepaid Envelope	60p	new format – see below	
11 July	Oxegen '08 - Prepaid Postcards (3)	€1.00	per card - see below	
2 Aug	International Scout Jamboree - Prepaid Postcard	€1.00	see below	
19 Sept	Culture Night at the GPO - Postcard	no charge	with 82c postage stamp	An Post Print & Design



Prepaid Envelope: In February I first noted a new version of the prepaid envelope. The caption on the front of the envelope above the space for the sender's address previously read *"In event of non-delivery return to"*. It has now been replaced with the shorter bilingual notation "Return Address/Seoladh Fillte". The inside of the envelope has the same 'blue circles within squares' design. The cost of the envelope (60c) includes the minimum inland postage of 55c.

Apart from the prepaid envelope, the only other stationery item issued by An Post was the registered envelope. Postcards are no longer produced although some smaller post offices have old supplies in stock. The last pack of aerogrammes was issued in 2000 and had disappeared from most post offices by 2002.

Oxegen '08: Oxegen is an annual music festival held since 2004 which was previously known as Witness. The festival was originally a two-day event, but for 2008 was expanded to three days.

It took place at Punchestown Racecourse, Naas, Co. Kildare from Friday 11 July to Sunday 13 July 2008. The campsite was open from noon on Thursday 10 July. The average attendance each day was 80,000 people with most of them camping on site for the three days. This year An Post, Marketing Communications had a Mobile Post Office on site to cater for the postal needs of those attending.



An Post produced three postpaid cards for the event which were only on sale at the Mobile Post



International Coin Fair (RDS Dublin): Although no special postmark was provided for this two-day show (16/17 February), the organisers of the annual Stampa exhibition had a sales stand and sold large C5 size illustrated serviced covers with a Baile Átha Cliath CDS of either date (used at the Dublin Mails Centre), together with a printed cachet advertising the 2008 exhibition (see illustrations). Note that the cachet incorrectly refers to 10-13 October although the show was the usual three-day event which took place from 10 to 12 October.

In order to advertise their attendance at the above show and to advise members of the dates of the 2008 Stampa exhibition, copies of the 2003 Special Olympics postage paid card ("Failte" design) were overprinted with a suitable message and sent to all Stampa members prior to the Coin Fair. These cards were also cancelled with the same Baile Átha Cliath CDS cancel used at the Dublin Mails Centre.



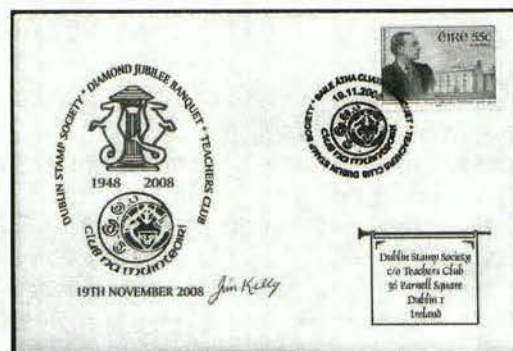
Dublin Stamp Society - 60th Anniversary: The Dublin Stamp Society celebrated its Diamond Jubilee this year. A special display relating to the history of the Society was presented to members at their normal

fortnightly meeting at the Teachers Club, Parnell Square, Dublin 1 on 12 March. A special postmark which incorporating two seahorses was provided by An Post; seahorses are a decoration that can be found on a number of Dublin bridges and they are used by the Society as a logo on

their covers and letterhead. A special cover featuring the Dublin City Arms was provided by the Society for use with the postmark. In addition, An Post kindly provided overprinted copies of the withdrawn postage paid card showing the GPO interior during the 1916 Rising which was issued in 2002 and withdrawn in 2006. The card was overprinted "*Congratulations to Dublin Stamp Society on their Diamond Jubilee from An Post*". All cards were cancelled with the special postmark. Both the serviced cover and the postcard were provided without charge to all members attending the meeting.



Later in the year, on 3 November, members visited the Dublin Mails Centre, and a further special postmark was provided by An Post which was used on covers produced by the Society. The postmark incorporates the Society's Seahorses logo. An alternate cover was also available for use with operational postmarks in use at the Mails Centre at the time of the visit.



A postmark was also provided by An Post for the Anniversary Banquet which was held in the Teachers Club (Club na Muinteoirí) on 19 November, where the Society's regular meetings are held. The postmark incorporates the Club's crest. The Society also produced its own cover for this event.



sheetlets were numbered. An Post was in attendance and provided a special postmark which also marked the Diamond Jubilee of the Dublin Stamp Society. The special Society exhibit referred to previously was on display. The Society provided a further special cover at the show serviced with the special postmark. In addition, examples of the postage paid postcard with an additional imprint in blue "*D.S.S. Diamond Jubilee Stampania 6th April 2008*" were available. All cards were cancelled with the special postmark.



Stampa 2008: The various souvenirs as listed were posted to members in advance, with certain members receiving them on 3 October. The three-line overprint reads "STAMPA/R.D.S. DUBLIN/ 10 -12 OCT. 2008". The overprinted Viking miniature sheet was overprinted in red and the other items in black. The three special cancels and related stamp issues were as follows:-

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10 October: Violin (Music Issue released on opening day of show).

11 October: Cat (Celtic Cats issue of 2007).

12 October: Sailing Ship (Viking Heritage issue of 2007).

The postmark designs for 11 and 12 October are based on the equivalent first day cancel for the stamps on the same theme issued during 2007. The Music postmark used on 10 October features a different violin illustration as compared to the first day of issue cancel. There was no official cover but the Dublin stamp Society did prepare their own cover which was sold by them at the show at €4 per serviced cover for each day's date.

The Awards Dinner was held in Wynns Hotel, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1 on 11 October. The hotel provided a folded A5 menu. A Cats 55c or 82c stamp was affixed to each menu and cancelled with the 11 October Cats postmark. 100 produced.

Cork Philatelic Exhibition 2008



Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition: The Cork Philatelic Society, in association with Raven Stamps, held their annual show in the Imperial Hotel, Cork. The Society issued their usual numbered booklet,

containing a marginal pair of the 55c Olympic Games stamp, and a numbered illustrated cover. A special postmark with the Olympic rings was available from An Post.

Raven Stamps produced the Fungi miniature sheet with an overprint in black. The three-line overprint reads "Cork/Stamp and Coin Exhibition/November 22nd 2008". In addition, a small number of the miniature sheets were produced with the same overprint in red and for distribution to standholders.

Overseas Exhibitions: I'm not aware of any cachets provided by An Post or their agents for overseas shows during 2008.

OTHER POSTMARKS

**Bremen Flight - 80th Anniversary:**

Saturday 12 April 2008 marked the 80th anniversary of the first East-West flight by Major James Fitzmaurice, Baron Von Huenfeld and Captain Kohl. To celebrate this event, An Post provided a special handstamp incorporating an illustration of the aircraft. Various covers were flown from Germany/Austria to Dublin and then on to St John's, Newfoundland, Canada. Covers originating in Dublin were also flown to Canada.



All covers flown to Canada received a St John's CDS cancel on arrival, as well as the special An Post postmark.



The organisers of the covers originating in Austria and Germany also arranged for the production of a Personal Stamp to mark the 80th Anniversary through the "Meine Marke" ("My Stamp") offer by Austrian Post. These stamps are valid for postage although not part of the official Austrian stamp programme. Some of these stamps were also used on flown covers.

All special event postmarks and cachets referred to above were designed by IPC member John Mullen. The Irish Airmail Society Cover shown in the previous column reproduces the 1928 German Medal presented to the Flyers and Dignitaries at a Gala Dinner in Germany. The Medal illustrations are reproduced on the cover by kind permission of John Mullen. Only ten of these medals were produced.

SLOGANS USED ON INTEGRATED MAIL PROCESSORS (IMPs)

(Illustrations of IMP postmarks are reduced)

Eight new slogans were used for the first time in 2008, the same number as in 2007. These and other repeated slogans were in use at the Athlone Mails Centre (AMC), Cork Mails Centre (CMC), the Dublin Mails Centre (DMC), and the Portlaoise Mails Centre (PMC). The earliest known dates for a new or repeated slogan are recorded, although slogans were not necessarily introduced at all Mail Centres on the same date.

DMC continues to exclude the time within the postmark whereas PMC always indicates the time. AMC and CMC have never normally included the time. DMC impressions have disimproved dramatically during the year and good impressions are rare. PMC machines give the best impressions.

ONE DIRECT
CAR & HOME INSURANCE
1890 22 22 22

Portlaoise
PMC
14.08.08
09:00 pm
2420462



IMP 87 used at PMC2 on 14 March 2008

ONE DIRECT
CAR & HOME INSURANCE
1890 22 22 22

CORK MAILS CENTRE
CMC
18.04.08
42191494



IMP 87 used at CMC on 10 April 2008

IMP 87 - ONE DIRECT / CAR & HOME INSURANCE / 1890 22 22 22

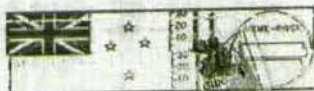
This was first recorded in use at DMC1 on 28 February 2008 and was used at all Mail Centres on all machines. Known used at AMC with Íochta on 3 March 2008. Replaced by IMP 88.



One Direct, launched in 1999, is one of Ireland's direct financial services providers. Its close association with An Post enables it to make its products and services available to its customers throughout the country via over 1,300 post offices. In April 2007, One Direct became part of Postbank Ireland Limited, a joint venture company set up by An Post and Fortis.

ONE DIRECT
CAR & HOME INSURANCE
1890 22 22 22

Post office
PMC
06.02.09
10:00 pm
0406157



IMP 87 with New Zealand
pre-flight used at PMC1 on 31 March 2008

On 31 March 2008, IMP 87 with pre-flight header was reported in use at 9pm and 10pm. The pre-flight portion shows the flag of New Zealand and the wording KIWI POST instead of the more usual "wavy lines". No explanation for the extended period of use on this day is known. It is known that the software used for use in connection with all slogans is provided by New Zealand Post.

Postbank New
Current Account
1890 30 30 40

Baile Átha Luain
12.05.08
56731068



IMP 88 used at AMC on 12 May 2008

IMP 88 - Postbank New / Current Account / 1890 30 30 40

This was first used at AMC and DMC on 12 May 2008; at CMC on 13 May 2008, and at PMC on 14 May 2008. Known used at AMC with Íochta on 29 May. In the case of the DMC2 machine, the IMP 88 slogan was withdrawn on 17 June 2008 and, presumably in error, the IMP 87 ONE DIRECT slogan was re-used on 18 and 19 June 2008 before being changed to the IMP 89 slogan on 20 June 2008 per other machines.

PAY YOUR BILLS AT
THE POST OFFICE
ITS FREE AND EASY

Baile Átha Luain
18.07.08
56386683



IMP 89 used at AMC on 3 July 2008

IMP 89 - PAY YOUR BILLS AT / THE POST OFFICE / ITS FREE AND EASY

This was introduced at DMC and PMC on 18 June 2008 and at AMC on 20 June 2008. This slogan differs in layout and wording from IMP 82 of last year which was over 4 lines and readEASY AND FREE. Known used at AMC with Íochta on 1 July 2008. Last recorded in use on 16 July 2008. It was replaced by the re-use of IMP 85. Re-used again from 12 November 2008 at all Mail Centres until at least 21 November 2008 (PMC - 24 November 2008).



**NEVER EVER
DRINK & DRIVE**

Baile Átha Cliath
DMC
06.08.08
23000000



IMP 90 used at DMC2 on 6 August 2008

IMP 90 - NEVER EVER / DRINK & DRIVE with the "RSA" (Road Safety Authority) logo

This was first recorded at DMC1 on 5 August 2008. It was last recorded on 3 October 2008 at CMC.

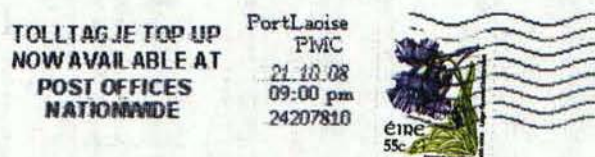


The Road Safety Authority is a Government agency established to take a lead role in the area of road safety. The RSA, under the aegis of the Department of Transport, is responsible for the promotion of road safety; accident and road safety research; driver testing and licensing; vehicle standards; road haulage enforcement functions; registration of driving instructors; driver vocational training; and compulsory basic training for motorcyclists.



IMP 90X used at CMC on 13 August 2008

A similar IMP slogan, numbered IMP 90X, was recorded in use at CMC on 13 August 2008. It has the same layout and text as IMP 90 but the colouring is reversed.



IMP 91 used at PMC2 on 21 October 2008



IMP 91 used at AMC on 7 October 2008

IMP 91 - TOLLTAG.IE TOP UP / NOW AVAILABLE AT / POST OFFICES / NATIONWIDE

This was first used at DMC and PMC on 12 September 2008. It was also used at DMC1, DMC2, DMC3, DMC4, PMC1, PMC2 and AMC.

This slogan has not been recorded in use at CMC presumably because there is only one toll road in that region. Replaced by IMP 92.

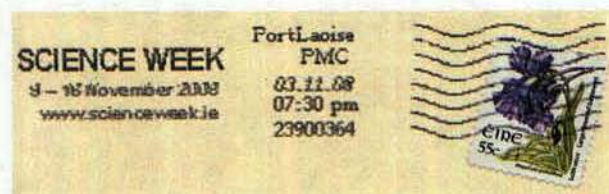


At the end of August 2008, the toll barriers at the West Link bridge on the M50, Dublin's orbital motorway, were removed and replaced by electronic tolling. TollTag is one of a number of operators of a payment system that enables motorists to pay for tolls. The M50 is Ireland's only barrier-free toll road. Unlike the other toll roads, where the motorist can choose to pay by cash, the M50 does not have an on-road cash payment facility.



IMP 91 printed out of alignment used at DMC3 on 22 September 2008

On 22 September 2009 the slogan on the DMC3 machine was printed out of alignment and, in addition, the top two lines and the bottom two lines of the slogan were reversed.



IMP 92 used at PMC2 on 3 November 2008

IMP 92 - SCIENCE WEEK / 9 - 16 November 2008 / www.scienceweek.ie

This was first recorded in use at PMC on 22 October 2008, DMC on 23 October 2008 and AMC on 24 October 2008. Latest date recorded was 11 November 2008.



Science Week is Ireland's biggest annual promotion of science to the general public. In 2008 it ran from Sunday 9 November to Sunday 16 November. Its aim is to promote the relevance of science, engineering and technology in our everyday lives and to demonstrate the importance of these disciplines to the future development of Irish society and to the economy.

**POST
EARLY FOR
CHRISTMAS**

Baile Átha Cliath
DMC
05.12.08
33400763



IMP 93 used at DMC3 on 6 December 2008

**POST
EARLY FOR
CHRISTMAS**

Baile Átha Luain
Athlone Mails Centre
16.12.08
63409981



IMP 93 used at AMC on 16 December 2008

IMP 93 - POST / EARLY FOR / CHRISTMAS

This was first reported in use at all locations on 24 November 2008 replacing IMP 89. Known used at AMC with Íochta on 1 December 2008. The style and layout of this slogan is different to a similarly worded slogan used in earlier years. Latest date seen was 29 December. During December the spacing on the CMC slogans was altered resulting in original "wide" and revised "narrow" settings. All impressions are now of the narrow type.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM AN POST**

Baile Átha Luain
Athlone Mails Centre
19.12.08
64050449



IMP 94 used at AMC on 19 December 2008

IMP 94 – MERRY CHRISTMAS / & HAPPY NEW YEAR / FROM AN POST

This replaced **IMP 93** and was first noted on 19 December at AMC and CMC with latest date recorded on 13 January 2009.

Reuse of Other Slogans

**RENT MOVIES
ONLINE AT
anpost.ie/movies**

DOWN TOWN CENTRE
CMC
06.08.08
46116112

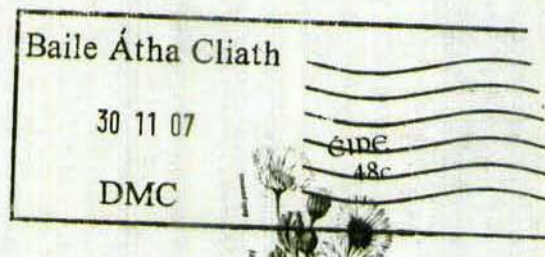


IMP 85 used at CMC on 6 August 2008

IMP 85 - RENT MOVIES / ONLINE AT / anpost.ie/movies

This slogan reappeared in general use from 17 July 2008 and was in use until 6 August at least. Known used at AMC with Íochta on 18 July 2008.

BAUMANN MACHINES



Baumann Machine with boxed
postmark used at DMC on 30 November 2007

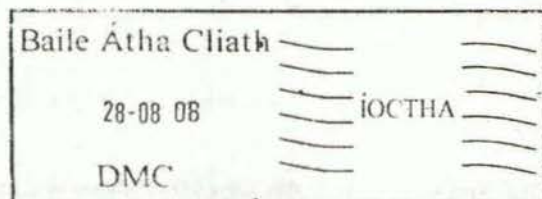
A new type of boxed postmark in black was first noted in November 2007 in use at the DMC.

Arising from my visit to the DMC with the Dublin Stamp Society, I was able to confirm that this was a machine cancellation used in a new type of stand-alone machine manufactured by the German firm Automaten Technik Baumann. Unlike the IMP machines, these smaller machines are not integrated with the remainder of the sorting and tagging process and loading of the machines is therefore a manual process.



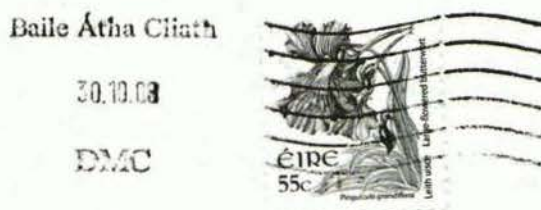
Baumann Machine with boxed
postmark used at PMC on 15 October 2008

A similar postmark, also in black has been used at PMC – earliest date known 15 October 2008 and John Mullen has reported seeing a similar postmark used in black at CMC earlier in 2008. Not yet noted in use at AMC. Although initially used for ordinary mail, the DMC machines are now primarily used for prepaid mail.



Baumann machine cancel with boxed
IOCTHA postmark used at DMC on 28 August 2008

An íoctha (Paid) version of the cancellation was reported in April 2008 (earliest date recorded 13 April), also at DMC. Not yet noted in use at other Mail Centres.



Baumann machine with unboxed
postmark used at DMC on 30 October 2008

A further Baumann machine was introduced at DMC in October 2008. The cancellation illustrated above is dated 30 October 2008 but it is believed it was first used on 23 October 2008. The cancellation on this machine is unboxed. It is understood that a total of five of these machines were in use at DMC by Christmas. Not yet noted at the other Mail Centres.

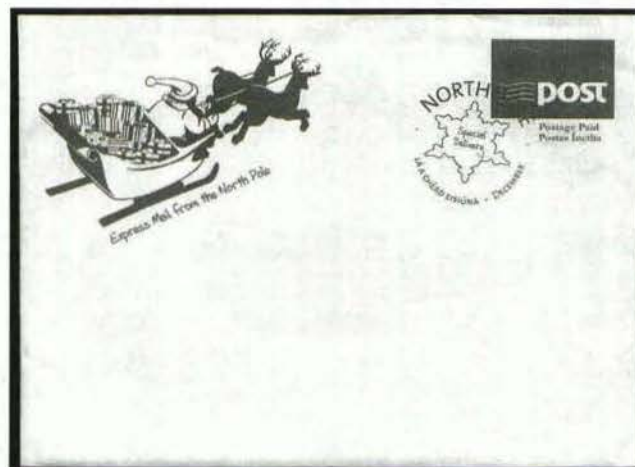
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

January - 1916 Proclamation: An original of the 1916 Proclamation has been on display in the Philatelic shop for some years. A facsimile of this original in a slightly smaller format but retaining the creases of the original is now available and retails at €10. A short explanatory note by Stephen Ferguson is printed on the reverse, together with various stamps commemorating the events of 1916.

5 March – Robbery On The Road: An exhibition of reward notices from the archives of An Post took place at the National Print Museum, Beggars Bush, Dublin 4 from 5 March to 18 May 2008. The notices were later displayed at Stampa 2008. A book by Stephen Ferguson entitled "Robbery on

the Road" reproduces many of the posters and includes a short history of the Post Office in Ireland. It is on sale for €10. Both the above publications, together with a book about the GPO Staff in 1916 (€10), all by Stephen Ferguson, are all available from the philatelic bureau. Stephen Ferguson is Assistant Secretary of An Post.

December – An Post Christmas Card: The 2008 card features silhouettes of various buildings including Dublin's GPO. There was no connection with any recent stamp issue.



December – Santa Christmas Envelope: A new envelope as illustrated (and insert) with revised printed postmark (all in red) was used this year.

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PLEASE COME TO CHICAGO**By Paul Bento**

Elsewhere in this edition you will find complete information on CHICAGOPEX 2009. Our Association will be one of several holding meetings at this event and I encourage and invite our members to attend. This is a well planned and organized show with attractions for all, including a major auction, a large dealer bourse, outstanding exhibits, lectures, presentations, etc.

We will be holding the EPA's Annual General Meeting on Saturday and have been tentatively scheduled for 2:00pm. We are also planning a dinner for Friday evening for those EPA members and their guests that are in attendance. As always, Irish hospitality will be available under the direction of North American Vice President Richard Kelly and all are welcome to enjoy some refreshments and exchange philatelic tales and fantasies. If you are planning to attend, please email me at pbento@charter.net so we can welcome you appropriately and get a preliminary count for Friday's dinner.

I encourage those of you who have exhibited before to submit your applications and frame fees prior to the August 15 deadline. For those who have never exhibited, this may be the opportune time to dive in and present your collection's treasures and any research you may have done.

I had never exhibited until BALPEX in 2006 where I prepared a one frame (sixteen pages) entry entitled "An Introduction to Irish Perfins". I made many beginner's mistakes but still managed to win a silver medal along with recognition as a first time exhibitor. The preparation of the exhibit focused my collecting interests and the judges' comments gave me ideas for future research. Perhaps most importantly, the exhibit encouraged comments and questions from those in attendance that also contributed to my knowledge of my subject.

So, let's go to Chicago, show off our collections, and have a grand old time!

NORCAL EPA Annual Meeting**By Al Dalton**

The EPA NORCAL Chapter held its Annual Meeting April 25, 2009, in conjunction with the WESTPEX 2009 San Francisco.

Seven members from northern California, one from Oregon, and one from Washington attended. Though a small quantity, the quality of participants sharing their philatelic histories was awesome! Our sharing session made each of us thankful for our involvement in philately, and most specifically in Irish Philately.

Gar Lohman, Chapter Coordinator, highlighted this meeting with a presentation on Irish Newspaper Stamps. This esoteric category of Irish Revenues is only addressed in perhaps two publications, and is unknown to many Irish philatelists.

The same considerations hold true for the material addressed in last year's presentation by Jim Lawless on the subject of Registered Official Mail. Jim's presentation addressed a specific category of Postal Stationery Registered Envelopes that were used to verify the transfer of a batch of registered mail from the Irish Post Office to another country's Post Office.

With programs such as these, I invite all EPA members to attend our annual meetings. The knowledge shared will enhance our enjoyment of Irish Philately, and we have a lot of fun sharing our individual knowledge and experiences with fellow members!

Any EPA members interested in information regarding our future meetings are welcome to email me at beniciaal@yahoo.com, or to Al Dalton, 187 Carlisle Way, Benicia, CA 94510, U.S.A.

Trading Post:

ÉPA member, Gus Winters, wishes to trade Irish stamps with members, contact Gus at gusw1931@gmail.com

Revealer Note:

Editor, Liam Malone encourages members to submit personal stories telling us how they got started in philately and on what aspect of Irish philately if any they focus. Liam will help edit your story if you contact him at EPAREvealer@gmail.com pics are welcome!

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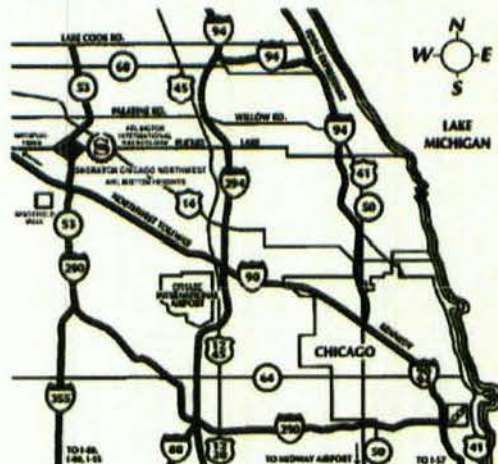
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