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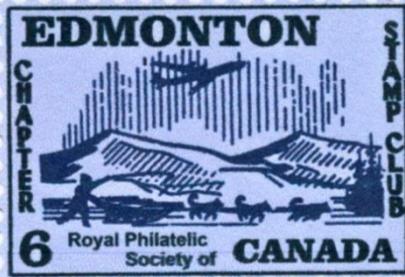
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February 13th & 27th

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Greetings Philatelists,

A tad late - Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

It is going to be interesting to see how Canada Post and the Canadian Government are going to solve their differences. While Canada Post is embarked on a course to become the preferred delivery agent for the packages generated by e-commerce, the government has indicated that they want Canada Post to reinstate home delivery of letter mail. Canada Post apparently does not see a future in ordinary mail, which is too bad for us stamp collectors because packages do carry nothing but black and white boring stickers. Perhaps we can convince the Post to again employ artists and designers to make the package labels as interesting as the stamps are. Colour printers to produce attractive stickers and labels do not cost much more than the black and white printers now in use in post offices to produce uninteresting stickers.

On a different note. My contact in the Netherlands assured me that Kiloware continues to be a successful fundraiser for an organization she is involved with. It is good to hear that not every country tries to do away with the mail.

The 4 liter jar with the to-be-guessed number of stamps was won by our esteemed editor Fred Tauber whose guess was 12,000 stamps. My own guess of 16,600 was nowhere near the actual. I had even done an experiment with a known number of stamps filling a known small volume and then extrapolating to 4 liters. I definitely need to improve on my experimental technique. Fred generously handed the stamps over to Jeff Pacey who accepted them for the junior club. All around a great outcome and a fun fundraiser. A heartfelt "Thank You" to Bill Vanderstelt for this initiative.

pres Rob Schutte

On eBay



BELGIAN CONGO-5_U, (18 bids)-\$107 BELGIAN CONGO-Q4_U, (12 bids)-\$150

NOTICES

Edmonton Stamp Club National Spring Show 2017

March 25th & 26th, 2017
Central Lion's Recreational Centre
113 St & 111 Ave
(Large Gym – North end)

The Summer Auction Committee is now accepting
auction lots for 2017.
See Rod Verrier at any club meeting.

200 WW STAMPS (75% large \$4), Canada packet 200 stamps (75 % large \$5), mint Mexico 100 (large \$4), foreign mint stamps \$8, plus SAE (self-addressed envelope) for each order. ESC members, postage free. Harold Towlson, 60 Ivanhoe Road, Buffalo, NY, 14215, USA.

Dave Ellis asks members if they have any bulk stamps to donate to the club for the kiloware table? I am running low on stamps that have not been put out already. They can just bring them to any meeting.

On eBay



CAN-272_MNH, plt blk no.1 LL, (13 bids)-\$36

CAN-273_MNH, plt blk no.1 UR, (16 bids)-\$79

Behind The Scenes



The hoar frost this morning made my cherry tree look like it was in full bloom. It was only wishful thinking . But it did remind me that spring will soon be here and of course that is also time for our spring show. This year the show will be on Sat. March 25 and Sun. March 26. at the Central Lions Recreation Centre.

Ed Dykstra is our main man in organizing this annual event. Ed spends a lot of time lining up judges, organizing the stamp exhibits, getting the frames up and numerous other tasks that make our stamp show such a success every year. Ed has been doing this job for several years and more than likely will do it for many more years to come because he is good at it.

The show will feature dealers from across western Canada. We will also have the circuit books to pick from and a kids table.

Jeff Pacey and I will man the kids table. It always amazes me how engrossed kids get when sorting through the piles of stamps we have to offer. I have never seen a kid bored and only had to break up one fight, two brothers wanting the same stamp. Kids up to 16 can pick all the stamps they like without help from Dad or Grandma. All we ask for is a small donation to help purchase more kid friendly stamps.

We hope you will make an extra effort to come out and say hello to your fellow stampers, visit a dealer or two and bring a few kids with you. A hobby may be started that will become the future of our stamp club.

Bill Vanderstelt

On eBay

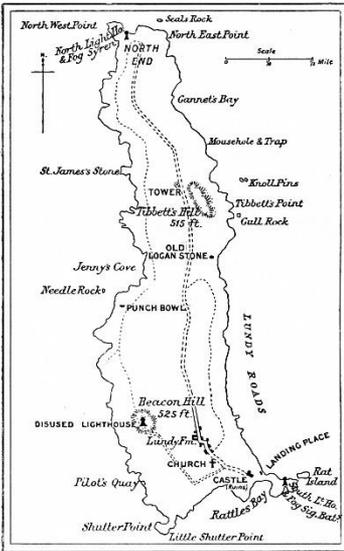


GER-B58_MH, (24 bids)-\$379



GER-B68_MNG, (21 bids)-\$212

Local Mail: Lundy by Robert Schutte



An island in the Bristol Channel. 12 miles off the coast of Wales. It is only 1135 acres in size. The Waverley encyclopedia that I have and I think dates from 1918 gives the population as 49. Wikipedia pegs the resident population in 2007 at 28 people, including volunteers. There are 23 holiday homes for those hardy souls who like to stay overnight but the majority of the 20,000 visitors per year are "day trippers".

The name Lundy is derived from an old Icelandic word "Lund" which means Puffin or parrot and "ey" an island.

Puffins were numerous but they declined as a result of predation by black rats until there were perhaps only 2 or 3 breeding pairs in 2005. The rats have now been eradicated. Since then the numbers of Puffins have increased to 7 or more breeding pairs. The CBC TV series "the Nature of Things" broadcast an episode entitled "Puffin Patrol".

The British Post office stopped servicing Lundy at the end of 1927. Mr. Martin Coles Harman who had bought the entire island in 1925 handled the mail to and from the Island at no charge.

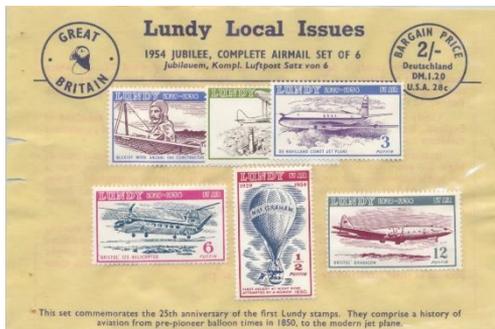


Local Post

In 1929 Harman started to charge postage to the mainland. 1 puffin was a UK penny and 12 puffin a shilling. The UK Post office accepted that these stamps would be put on the back of the envelope. Later it was allowed on the left side. Letters with a Lundy stamp on the back or lately on the left are thus franked correctly. Cancellation is by a round cancel.

Many of the 20,000 visitors per year buy stamps as souvenirs hence the stamps are not rare. Except for some specialties like postally used covers. I estimate that a nearly complete collection can be had for about \$100. But shop around, I have seen prices from a low of \$1.10 to a high of \$9.99 for the same item.

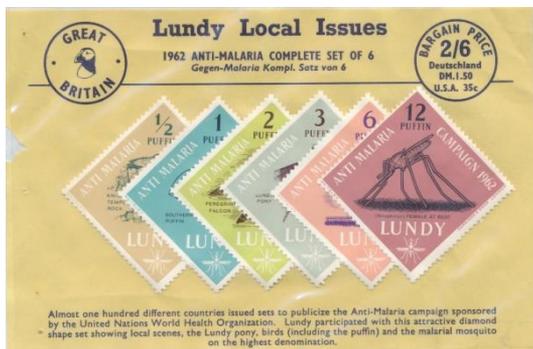
What I show here are a few pieces I found in a junk box just a few months ago. They are junk by virtue of them being glued down on approval sheets. They are cheapees at the best of times as these Europa stamps can be had MNH for under \$2.



The airmails can be had for MNH \$2.92 on a souvenir sheet.

I did not see the Anti Malaria stamps offered on e-bay.

These stamps will not end up amongst my prized philatelic treasures. But I had fun trying to find out something about them and about Lundy.



Mengkang

by Richard Barnes



I received a pair of scanned stamps Fig 1 asking me if I could identify these stamps. Later I received from two other correspondents scans Fig 2 and Fig 3 again asking me if I knew anything about these stamps. Other

than guessing that they are Oriental in origin I was in quandary. Last week I purchased “The Stamp Society of China Specialized Catalog of China to 1949”. Low and behold I found out that there was an autonomous region of the “Quisling” Republic of China name Mengkiang. It was formed in 1939 as a Japanese Occupation Puppet State with the amalgamation of the Chinese provinces of Chahar and Suiyuan in what is now the Chinese Province of Inner Mongolia. It was occupied by the Soviet Red Army and the Mongolian Red Army in 1945.



The Mengkiang Postal and Telegraphic Services started their services in 1939. Originally, they used North China Postal Administration stamps. The first Mengkiang stamps were printed in Japan in 1943. The first two stamps are the first Mengkiang issue printed to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Japanese sponsored Mongolian Postal and Telegraphic Services.

Also, printed in Japan, 1943 is the second set of Mengkiang stamps issue to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Mengkiang government. Coincidences do happen with different people sending in related material in a close sequence.

RPO Confusion

by Barend Wissink



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Giants of the Sky: Hindenburg and Graf Zeppelins

By: Ken Lewis

Reprint from The Canadian Philatelist September-October 2002

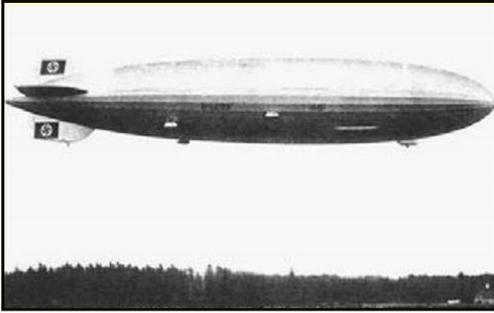


Figure 1.

The tragic history of the German air-ship LZ 129, or Hindenburg (Figure 1), has been well documented in many publications and will not be repeated here in any great detail. All those who have either seen the event from newsreels of the time or have heard Herb Morrison's tearful and chilling commentary

will never forget the event when the great airship became a mass of flame. It took just 34 seconds to reduce the giant airship to a heap of ash and wreckage lying on the ground. This was the one and only incident where an airship of the Zeppelin Company involved loss of life to its passengers. It instantly ceased all passenger flights and carried only mail and cargo after the mishap. The terrible outcome was that a total of 36 people (22 crew-members, 13 passengers, and 1 member of the Lakehurst ground crew) died in this fire. Sixty-one survived.

The Hindenburg was unusual in that it was designed to operate using helium in its gas cells as a lifting agent but had to use hydrogen. Unfortunately, helium in 1936 was a scarce commodity and its sale outside the USA, the sole producer at the time, was prohibited except in small quantities for laboratory experiments. To fill the Hindenburg with helium would have cost US\$600,000 and would have required an additional 15 passengers to be carried on each journey to cover the cost. During its short life, the Hindenburg made many flights between Germany and the Americas, and this article will concern itself with the mail carried on these first flights and its final journey. These flights will be laid out in chronological order beginning with the first proving flight to carry mail up to and including an item recovered from the last voyage to Lakehurst.

The following measurements will provide some idea of the physical size of the Hindenburg: she had a length of 804 feet (244 meters), a diameter of 135 feet (41 meters) and contained 7,062,100 cubic feet of hydrogen stored in 16 gas cells.

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Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the south-east corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-451-0420 or 780-437-1787.

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February 13th, 27th
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April 10th, 24th
May 8th, 15th, 29th
June 12th (elections)
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This made her one of the largest structures to take to the air and she was about the same size as the RMS Queen Mary now moored at Long Beach, California. The sight of seeing this airship in the sky must have been awe-inspiring!

The Flights

Monday, March 23, 1936, (6th Probefahrt & 1st Postfahrt): This was the sixth and last of the Hindenburg's proving flights but the first to carry mail. The flight took place over the Bodensee (Lake Constance) in southern Germany near the Swiss border from Friedrichshafen to FN-Lowental. The cover (Figure 2) was carried on this flight. and has two of the 50 pf Hindenburg commemorative stamps issued on March 19, 1936.



Figure 2.

They are postmarked at Frankfurt-am-Main with a 23.3.36 date. Also on the cover are two cachets by the sender that translate as: By LZ 129 (typed) and Maiden flight of LZ 129 over Bodensee [Lake Constance] on 23rd March 1936 (manuscript). The reason that the sender used the term LZ 129 was because the craft had not yet been officially named and went by her Zeppelin Company number LZ 129 (Luftschiff Zeppelin design number 129). It was not until some time later that the name Hindenburg was officially accepted by the German government whereas the rest of the world had accepted it since Dr. Eckener first announced it to the

Mayor of Munich on March 5. Also appearing on the cover is a special on-board cachet, which translates as ‘By airship LZ 129’ enclosed in a single elliptical frame in red ink. The LZ 129 returned to Friedrichshafen on March 26, 1936.

Sunday, March 29, 1936, (Deutschlandfahrt): The German government decided to use both the Hindenburg and the Graf Zeppelin to give a promotional tour of Germany so that the people could see the two airships. While they were over populated areas the two ships would relay election speeches via loudspeakers and drop leaflets encouraging the people to support Adolf Hitler in the election. An example of one of these leaflets is illustrated in Figures 3 (front) and 4 (back). On these leaflets can be seen the cachet of the flight showing the two airships on a circle.



Figure 3.



Figure 4.

Mail was carried on this tour of Germany and the cover illustrated in Figure 5 is one such example. A special large diameter on-board handstamp was used to cancel the mail carried on this flight.

A polling station was installed on the Hindenburg so that the crew and journalists could cast their ballots. Of the 104 people who voted on board, records show that all of them supported Adolf Hitler. In reality, two voted against Hitler but these ballots were changed to a “yes” vote during the counting.



Figure 5.

Tuesday, March 31, 1936, (1st Südamerikafahrt): This was the day of the first commercial flight from Germany to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a total distance of 6,330 miles. Such a long flight after short test flights would not be considered today. The card shown in Figures 6 (front) and 7 (backstamp receiver) flew on this first commercial flight of the Hindenburg all the way from Germany to Brazil.



Figure 6.



Figure 7.

As can be seen, the special red cachet was applied on board and the cost of postage was 1 Mark and 40 pfennigs. Upon its arrival, the back of the card

had the Brazilian receiver mark applied with the date of April 4, 1936.



Figure 8.

Figure 8 shows a cover flown on the return trip from Brazil to Germany on the Hindenburg on April 5, 1936. The total postage and registration fee for this cover was 5,600 Reiss. At the bottom left corner can be seen the special

imprint for this first flight to Germany. In addition, there is the special hand-stamped cachet showing both the Brazilian airmail insignia of a stylized Condor (Brazilian air insignia) and the insignia of Lufthansa. When it arrived in Germany a receiver mark dated April 11, 1936 was applied to the reverse. (Figure 9).



Figure 9.

Wednesday, May 6, 1936, (1st Nordamerikafahrt): Figure 10 shows a cover from the first flight of the Hindenburg to North America from Germany. It was posted in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, using the two special stamps issued on May 1, to commemorate the first North American flight of the Hindenburg.



Figure 10.

The cover was flown to Frankfurt-am-Main and transferred to the Hindenburg for a May 6 departure. Also displayed on the cover is a Vaduz registration etiquette at the left-hand side. Upon landing at Lakehurst, it was given a New York registered mail receiving mark dated May 9 (Figure 11) and a further registration mark of the May 11 when it arrived at Madison Square. Both postmarks are on the reverse.

The return flight to Germany began on May 11, 1936. Prior to the flight, the Canadian Post Office and the United States Postal Service had agreed on the postage rates from both countries for mail conveyed by the Hindenburg.

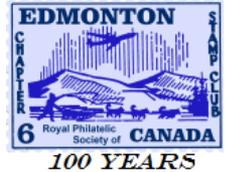
One of these covers (Figure 12) was flown from Montreal, Canada to

Langwissen, Switzerland, at the rate of 60 cents for postage and 10 cents for registration. The postage permitted this cover to be conveyed by airmail within Canada and the USA, flown across the Atlantic Ocean by the Hindenburg, and carried by airmail within Germany. It seems more likely that the airmail provision would not be restricted to Germany but extended to the whole of Europe. This particular cover, one of only 250, is post-marked May 7, 1936 at Montreal and the cachet indicates that this was the first flight by the Hindenburg applied at Lakehurst. It was only on this first flight where philatelic covers that originated within Canada and had Canadian addresses were returned to senders without extra charge. The marks on the back of the cover show the New York registration transit mark (May 8, 1936), the usual Hindenburg transit/receiver for Germany (May 14,



Figure 11.

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Figure 12.

1936), and the receiving mark of Langwisen, Switzerland dated May 15, 1936. Unless special Hindenburg airmail covers were being used, the standard airmail etiquettes had to be applied at the top left of the cover together with the instruction: 'By Hindenburg' underneath.

Saturday, August 1, 1936, (Olympiafahrt): While the Olympic Games were being hosted by Germany at Berlin, the Germans took this opportunity to show off their new prestige airship to the world.

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The postal stationery card was one of those carried on this flight. The cachet shows the Hindenburg flying above the Olympic flag all within a circle formed by the words 'LUFTSCHIFF HINDENBURG OLYMPIAFAHRT 1936'. Together with the 10pf postage charge on the front of this card, the reverse side has a further 44 pf in stamps, making a total of 54 pf. As is usual, a special postmark was used for this special flight and can be seen used on the back and front of this card. Postal stationery items from these flights are unusual. (cover below also from a flight in 1936).



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