

SOS Signal

A Mini-Topic Collection: Stamps in Maps on Stamps By Lou Guadagno

The SOS Signal is now issued three times per year in February, June and October. Articles and information about stamps on stamps is ardently solicited because it is the lifeblood of the publication. Please contact the editor who can put you in print! Your suggestions and input are always welcome. Many thanks to our recent authors.

Almost from the start of my stamp on stamp collecting, and, as part of my identifying the reproduced stamps. I made lists of the topic or topics in the design. After a while, multiple stamps in a design made this a daunting task, and I gave it up. However, as I saw various SOS design types being repeated I did make lists of these, such as “First and Current”, “Stamp on Stamps on Stamps”, “Magnified Stamps”, “SOS Ad Infinitum”, “Postal Stationery on Stamps”, “Rocket Flight Mail on Stamps” and many others.

Just in the last year, as I was getting back to working on my collection again, I came across two varieties (that I ultimately wrote about for the Signal) which I realized were for a design type I hadn't recognized previously, as the issues had been spread out over a period of sixty years.

This design type showed the stamps on stamps enclosed in an outline map of the issuing country which I simply called “Stamps in Maps on Stamps”, and I think these stamps, when shown together and not lost in the greater collection, make a very interesting display. There are some very

involved designs with many tiny SOS; others just show one stamp and there are even some imprinted postal cards to spice up the collection. I even found a “sneaky” one!

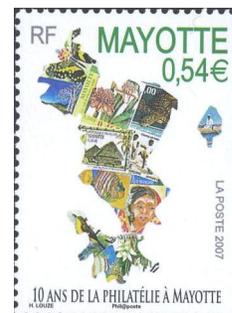
The first country to introduce the design was Russia-U.S.S.R, with the 15k value of the 25th Anniversary of Soviet Stamps set of three (Sc #1080) issued November 6, 1946; reproduced in black on a solid and symbolic red map of the Soviet Union are nine stamps issued from 1942 to 1946 which show Russian WWII patriotic issues. In 1947 the same design was reissued in a block of four on an imperf souvenir sheet (Sc #1080a).



Russia Sc #1080

It would be over a quarter of a century before the second of the design type issues, but this was a more ambitious set of four stamps of two designs from the Peoples Republic of the Congo or Congo-Brazzaville, issued on August 12, 1973. Both designs show a group of stamps enclosed in a simplified map

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Mayotte, Sc #230, 5/17/1997. Please see all the stamps in a virtual album on page 4.

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Stamps in Maps on Stamps

“Eleven of the twelve stamps inside the map of Madagascar are previous Stamp Day issues”



Congo
Sc #C167,
#C168

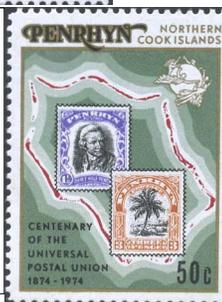
Two separate issues from Penrhyn Island should be shown together because they make an unusual display. On September 27, 1974, two stamps were issued to commemorate the Centenary of the UPU (Sc #64-5); the 25c and 50c values reproduce respectively, stamps of 1902 and 1920 in the lagoon surrounded by the coral reef that makes up the Penrhyn atoll—not many would note they were looking at a map!

Then, on September 26, 1979, Penrhyn commemorated the Death Centenary

of Sir Rowland Hill with a unique SOS (Sc #108), that overlapped the two 1974 stamps, so that this time, all four stamps were reproduced inside the atoll—making it a Stamp on Stamp! An unlisted sheetlet of four set-tenant pairs of # 107-08 and a souvenir sheet (Sc # 110a) with the background changed from white to cream was also issued.

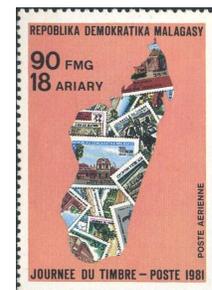


Penrhyn Sc
#64 above,
#65 at right
and #108
below.



On December 17, 1981, Madagascar, inscribed as the Malagasy Republic, to

commemorate Stamp Day, issued the first of this design type to reproduce stamps in full color (Sc # C177); eleven of the twelve stamps inside the map of Madagascar are previous Stamp Day issues, including the 1966 SOS design, making this a Stamp on Stamp on Stamp!



Malagasy Sc #C177

In 1986, both Belgium and Zaire commemorated the Centenary of the First Stamps of the Belgian Congo by issuing SOS with the common design of an 1886 Congo State stamp enclosed in a white map of Zaire; the Zaire stamp (Sc # 1230) was issued on January 22, 1986 and is square in shape and the Belgium stamp (Sc # 1236) was issued January 25, 1986, and is a rectangle shape. Though “stamp twin” in design, the different size formats set them apart and both are very handsome stamps that display well together. As a

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little spice to this collection, Belgium also issued two imprinted envelopes, a 13 fr red (Mi U19) and 24 fr blue (Mi U20) on March 17, 1986 with the same design but the imprinted stamps have a white background.



Zaire
Sc #1230
above,
Belgium Sc
#1236 at
right and
Belgium
Mi #U19
below.



On July 23, 1986, Romania, in a series publicizing Romanian polar research, issued the only one of this design type so far, not to

have the issuing country map on the stamp. The 50B (Sc # 3393) shows a map of Tierra del Fuego, an area at the tip of South America shared by Chile and Argentina, enclosing paintings of Julius Popper and his Tierra del Fuego 10 c gold local stamp. This was an SOS design that most new issue dealer at that time missed offering, but I recognized it because I owned a block of the local stamps!



Romania Sc #3393

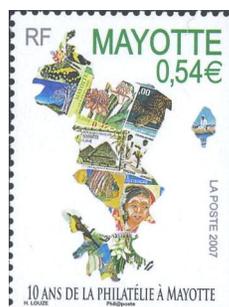
Here's the "sneaky" one: Nigeria on April 11, 1994 issued a set of four stamps to note the 25th Anniversary of the Nigerian Philatelic Service; on the N5 design (Sc #632) is a photo of a montage of stamps mounted in a map of Nigeria that graces the wall of a post office there according to a publicity release. Of course, all of the hundreds of tiny stamps are now unidentifiable, but if a photo of the stamp map should ever turn up... (I did write to their NYC

agency for a copy but got no reply)



Nigeria Sc #632

One of my favorites in this design type was issued January 20, 2007, by Mayotte, an overseas Community of France in the Indian Ocean, to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Resumption of Stamp Issuing; the € 0,58 design (Sc #230) reproduces inside the very irregular shapes of Mayotte and another islet, portions of ten previously issued stamps. I was able to identify and acquire all of them before I got the actual SOS thanks to first making a virtual album (please see page 4). If I have any quibble about this stamp is that it should have been issued in a larger size to really show off the SOS.



Mayotte, Sc #230

Last, but not least, is a very interesting stamp (Sc # 1450), issued by Liechtenstein on September 7, 2009 to honor the 75th Anniversary of the Liechtenstein Philatelic Societies Union; the designer, S Bockmüll, chose a very subtle approach to the type by using a white outline with tiny black dots to form a map of the Principality to enclose a detail of the stamp on the souvenir sheet issued in 1934, the year the Union was founded. If you examine the stamp around the map area you will see that the design of the reproduced stamp is continued in very soft shades.



Liechtenstein Sc #1450

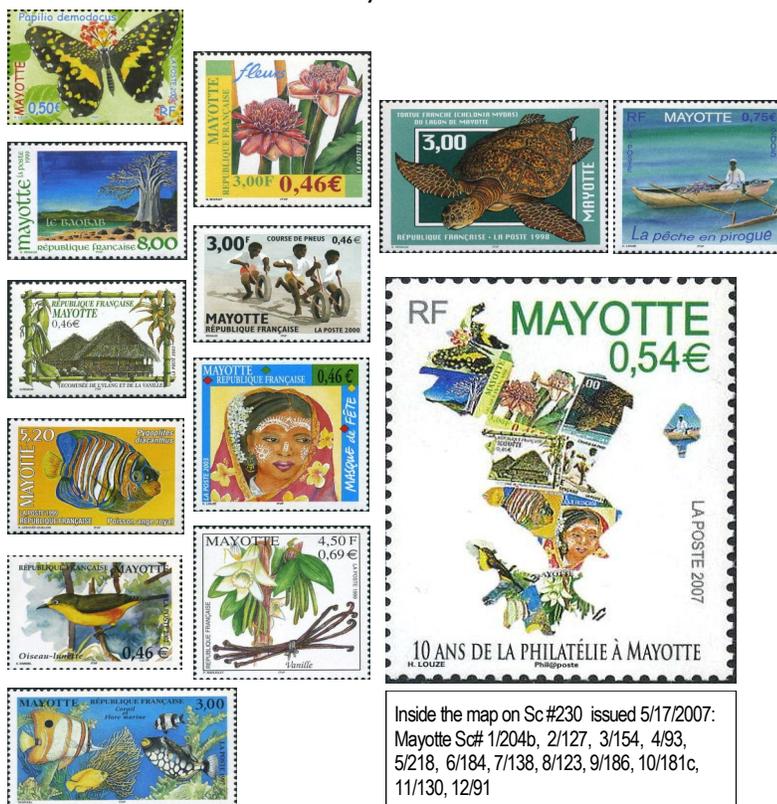
By making a display of these issues, I think you will find that even though there is a common design type, each is different enough so that there is no chance of boring repetition—in fact, I think this is one of the best, if not the best idea for a mini collection. I hope you try it.

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A Virtual Stamp on Stamp Album for Mayotte

By Lou Guadagno

Mayotte: 10th Anniversary, Resumption of Stamp Issues May 17, 1997



Inside the map on Sc#230 issued 5/17/2007:
 Mayotte Sc# 1/204b, 2/127, 3/154, 4/93,
 5/218, 6/184, 7/138, 8/123, 9/186, 10/181c,
 11/130, 12/91

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Automotive Stamps on Stamps: An Update

By J. William Doolittle

My article, “A Topic Within Our Topic: Automotive Stamps On Stamps” (*SOS Signal* Number 38), included a list of the 43 stamps in my collection of stamps on stamps that depict motor vehicles, along with a solicitation of suggested additions. Thanks to the various resources offered by the Stamps on Stamps Collectors Club, I have been able to increase my collection by more than half. First, our esteemed president, Gaston Barrette, was kind enough to lead me to five stamps that I did not have, and then Gaston’s “New Issues” in *SOS Signal* alerted me to another three. The largest number of additions – fifteen – came from my discovery of Rammy Molcho’s outstanding “Virtual Collection,” accessible via the SOSCC web page. With many thanks to these fellow club members, I am happy to offer the following:

Automotive Stamps On Stamps Supplemental List

<u>Country</u>	<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reproduced Stamp</u>	<u>Automotive Feature</u>
Australia	3087	2009	Australia 132	Vehicles on road
Australia	3092 (coil)	2009	Australia 132	Vehicles on road
Australia	3175b	2009	Australia 3087	Vehicles on road
Azerbaijan	859 (m/s)	2009	Azerbaijan 755b+	Car
			Azerbaijan 842d+	Fire truck
Bolivia	Mi BI 219 (s/s)	1995	Bolivia 781	Stock racing car
Colombia	1106	1994	Pseudo stamp	Postal vehicle
Czech Republic	3292	2006	Czechoslovakia C59	Parked vehicles
Equatorial Guinea	Mi 1479	1979	Equatorial Guinea 7466	Postal vehicle
Iceland	789 (m/s)	1994	Iceland 756	Postal vehicle
Italy	1350	1979	Italy 1083	Bus
Korea (D.P.R.)	2586 (s/s)	1986	Korea (D.P.R.) 2022+	Vehicles on street
Latvia	707	2008	U.S.A. 3626	Toy postal wagon
			U.S.A. 3628	Toy taxicab
Monaco	2530	2009	Monaco 2452 (se-tenant stamps)	Racing cars
Mongolia	C108	1978	Hungary C349	Vehicles at airport
Singapore	720	2009	Singapore 598	Bus
Singapore	721a (s/s)	2009	Singapore 598	Bus
Sweden	949	1972	Replica: Sweden 260	Postal vehicle
Syria	1350 (s/s)	1995	Syria 1044	Vehicles on highway
Tonga	548	1983	U.S.A. 1435	Lunar rover
Tonga	729	1989	Tonga 730k	Lunar rover
Tonga	730k	1989	U.S.A. 1435	Lunar rover
U. N. (Geneva)	208	1991	United Nations 10	Vehicles on street
New Zealand	B___	2009	New Zealand B151	Car seat belt

+ indicates reproduced stamp is on margin of miniature or souvenir sheet

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New Issues By Lou Guadagno (Substituting for Gaston Barrette)

<u>Year</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Dy</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Reason for Issue</u>	<u>Stamp Reproduced</u>	<u>Scott #</u>
2009	12	30	Chile	500 \$P	120th Ann'y Chile Philatelic Society	1 v Chile letter card H&G # A1	Pending
2009	10	15	Cuba	1 P	70th Ann'y Postal Rocket Flight	s/ Cuba # C31, rocket labels on covers	Pending
2009	12	09	Kenya	25-95 /-	10th Ann'y Post Services	12v /1 Kenya # 774-76, 794, 810, 823-24	Pending
2009	12	07	Philippines	7 p	65th Ann'y Int'l Civil Aviation Org.	1 v Philippines—multiple stamps in mosaic, tbi	3252
2009	12	07	Philippines	4 x 7 p	65th Ann'y Int'l Civil Aviation Org.	s/s/4 Philippines—multiple stamps in mosaic, tbi	3253
2010	03	17	Bangladesh	Sold for b25	National Children's Day	s/s Bangladesh # 540	Pending
2010	01	16	Belgium	6 x 1st	Antverpia 2010	s/s /6v/1 sos Belgium—3 partials from same sheet	Pending
2010	03	15	Bolivia	9 Bs	80th Ann'y 1st Aeropostale Flight	1 Bolivia # 199-200	Pending
2010	05	08	Br Ind O.Terr	£ 1.50	London 2010	s/ Gt. Britain # 212	Pending
2010	04	24	Cuba	75-85 c	Stamp Day/155th Ann'y	2 v/1 sos Cuba # 147	Pending
2010	01	20	Czech Rep.	10 kc	Traditions of Stamp Production	1 v Czechoslovakia # 2121— changed colors	Pending
2010	01	20	Czech Rep	8 x 10 kc	Traditions of Stamp Production	Bklt/8 As above	Pending
2010	03	22	Egypt	200 pt	50th Ann'y Arab League Center	1 Egypt-UAR # 502	Pending
2010	02	03	Estonia	NVI (dom rate)	90th Ann'y 1st Airmail Flt	Imprinted Estonia # C1 (tete-beche pair)	Mi
2010	05	06	Gt. Britain	1st	London 2010 Festival of Stamps	1 G.B.#160,MH?-busts only, changed colors	Pending
2010	05	06	Gt. Britain	1st	London 2010 Festival of Stamps	s/s/2 G.B.#160,MH?-busts only, changed colors	Pending
2010	05	06	Gt. Britain	£1		G.B.#151,159-busts only, changed colors	Pending
2010	05	08	Gt. Britain	2 x 1st, 2 x £1	The King's Stamps	s/s/4 Gt, Britain # 175-7, 185-6	Pending
2010	05	08	Gt. Britain	£ 11.15	The King's Stamps	Prestige Bklt Stamps as above 2 s/s –various panes	Pending
2010	05	06	G.B.-Jersey	36-72 p	Postal History V-Regional Issues	6 v Gt. Britain-Jersey # 1-6	Pending
2010	05	06	G.B.-Jersey	36-72 p	Postal History V-Regional Issues	s/s/6 As above	Pending
2010	04	20	G.B.- Isle of Man	2 x £1.50	Britain At War 1940	s/s/2 G.B.-I.O.M. # 204, 429a	Pending
2010	05	06	G.B.- Isle of Man	55p-£1.10	Centenary, Accession King George V	G.B. #160(die), 151, SG266a, CGH # 3b,	Pending
2010	05	06	G.B.- Isle of Man	NVI (6 x 60p)		Imprinted Pc/6 7, 9f, Niger Post Prot # 35, Mauritius # 2	Pending
2010	04	22	Iraq	250-500d	Post Day 2010	Iraq # 1748, 27	Pending
2010	01	18	Libya	500d	30th Ann'y Pan African Postal Union	Libya # 966d, g, h, j, m	Pending
2010	04	30	New Zealand	\$.50-2.80	London 2010 Festival	s/s/3 v– no In margin: N. Z. # MR1(War Tax)	Pending
2010	01	17	Poland	4.15 zt	150th Ann'y, 1st Stamp	s/s/1 Poland # 1	Pending
2010	05	08	St. Helena	£ 1.50	London 2010 Festival. KGV	s/s/ 1 GT. Britain # 154	Pending
2010	04	12	So. Georgia and	10 x 65 c	London 2010 Festival	s/s/10 Various-So. Geo., Falkland Is, Dependan-	Pending
2010	05	08	Tristan DaCunha	£ 1.50	London 2010 Festival. KGV	s/s/ 1 GT. Britain # 159	Pending
2010	04	22	Ukraine	2 x 1.50, 2.00	90th Ann'y UKr. People's Rep.	s/s/4 Ukraine Mi # I, V, II, VI (Unissued)	Pending
2010	04	22	Ukraine	2 x 1.50, 2.00	90th Ann'y UKr. People's Rep.	s/s/4 Ukraine Mi # VII, IX, VIII , X (Unissued)	Pending

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New Issues



By row position from left to right

Top: Kenya, Chile, Bangladesh, Isle of Man

2nd: Cuba, Estonia, Poland, Iraq

3rd: Libya, Bolivia, Czech Republic, Ukraine

4th: Isle of Man, G.B., South Georgia, G.B.

Last: Egypt, Cuba, Belgium, Jersey



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About Gaston Barrette By Bill Critzer

Club president Gaston Barrette was hospitalized in February 2010 for major heart surgery. He now reports that his doctors have told him that his usual energy will probably not be restored for several months.

While Gaston is recuperating, Lou Guadagno has volunteered to provide the new issue data and stamp scans.

Gaston's mailing address in Canada is listed above and I am sure he would enjoy receiving a card or brief note from you.

