

Famed U.S and World Bicycling Stamps

Focus on Cultural References

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Classification

Sports/ Hobby



Practical/ Environmental



Cultural/ Historical References



1902 10c Special Delivery (US)

- Special same day delivery service – did not know such a service existed.
- Engraved, watermarked (later unwatermarked) paper.
- Is it the earliest US stamp with a bicycle? Need to do more research.
- Value as high \$1100² for unhinged, centered, mint!



1902 10c Bike Messenger
Scott #E6¹

Source: 1. <http://casperstamp.com/images/Book/Eight.pdf>; 2. <https://www.usphila.com/us/stamp/price/scott-e6-page-1>

1934 20 centavo Special Delivery Air (Panama)

- Special same day delivery service – in Panama!
- 20 years after the Panama canal opened.
- Although Special Service – it was converted into AirMail stamp by the overprint. Makes it special.
- Unused stamp sells for \$100¹.
Postmarked ones sells for \$80².



1934 20-centavo Bike Messenger Overprint
Scott #E4¹

Source: 1. <https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/stamp-market-tips-this-overprinted-panama-stamp.html>; 2. <https://www.ebay.com/itm/253911487594?hash=item3b1e4dd46a:g:-m4AAOSwAwVbs7GA>

1947 20 centavo Special Delivery (Philippines)

- Another special delivery stamp!
- From the Philippines – First topical stamps released by *Republic of the Philippines*. Released 22 DEC 1947.
- Great significance but little value.



1947 20-centavo Bike Messenger¹

Source: 1. <https://alexmoises1.wixsite.com/philippine-stamps/first-topical-stamps-1>

1982 5.9c Non Profit (US)

- Memorializes the first few Pennyfarthings purchased in the US in 1876 at the Philadelphia Exposition.
- Tribute to the Boston Bicycling Club – founders Alfred Chandler and Frank Weston. Founded 1878.
- BBiC motto: *Pedibus Bicyclus Addidit Alas*, translates to “The Bicycle Has Added Wings to the Feet”¹



1982 5.9c Non Profit¹
Features a Pennyfarthing or high-wheeled bicycle

Source: 1. <https://info.mysticstamp.com/wp-content/uploads/02-11-1878-Bike-Club.pdf>

1894 Fresno and San Francisco Co. (US)

- In 1893 Pullman Palace Car Company shutdown owing to the economic crisis.
- Opportunity for Arthur Banta of Victor Cyclery, Fresno - he started Fresno to San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route.
- Issued his own stamps. Original 1893 stamp misspelled the “San Fransisco” – only 800 pcs produced. Total delivered letters = 380!



1894 Stamp of Fresno and San Francisco Co¹
Issued by Arthur Banta of Victor Cyclery

Source: 1. <https://www.mysticstamp.com/Products/United-States/1901/USA/>