

Amateur Radio and Postage Stamps

My name is John and I am the holder of the call signs GM4DKO (Scotland) and 4F3EW (Philippines).

Amateur radio has been recognized with postage stamps and other postal related items by various countries/entities. For this article I have assembled some amateur radio related postal items. The illustrations shown have been resized to fit this presentation.

2. Postage Stamp: A postage stamp is a small piece of paper that is purchased and displayed on an item of mail as evidence of payment of postage.

3. Postmark: A postmark is a postal marking made on a letter, package, postcard or the like indicating the date and time that the item was delivered into the care of the postal service.

4. International Reply Coupons (IRCs): IRC's are often used by amateur radio operators sending QSL cards to each other; it has traditionally been considered good practice and common courtesy to include an IRC when writing to a foreign operator and expecting a reply by mail.

5. First Day Cover: First day of issue cover or first day cover (FDC) is a postage stamp on a cover, postal card or stamped envelope franked (postmarked) on the first day the issue is authorized for use.

6 and 7. Radio amateurs featured on postage stamps.

8. Cachet: A cachet is a printed or stamped design or inscription, other than a cancellation or pre-printed postage, on an envelope, postcard, or postal card to commemorate a postal or philatelic event, in our case an amateur radio connection. There are official and private (independent of postal authorities) cachets.

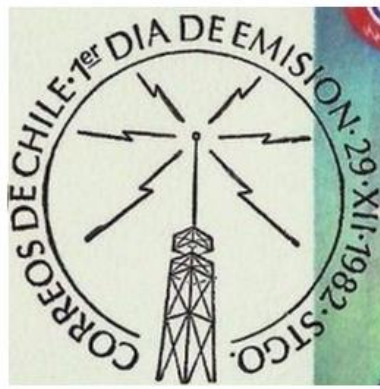
9. Amateur radio related postcards

10. Amateur Radio Satellite related postal items.

OSCAR: is an acronym for Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio

11. The Green Stamp.

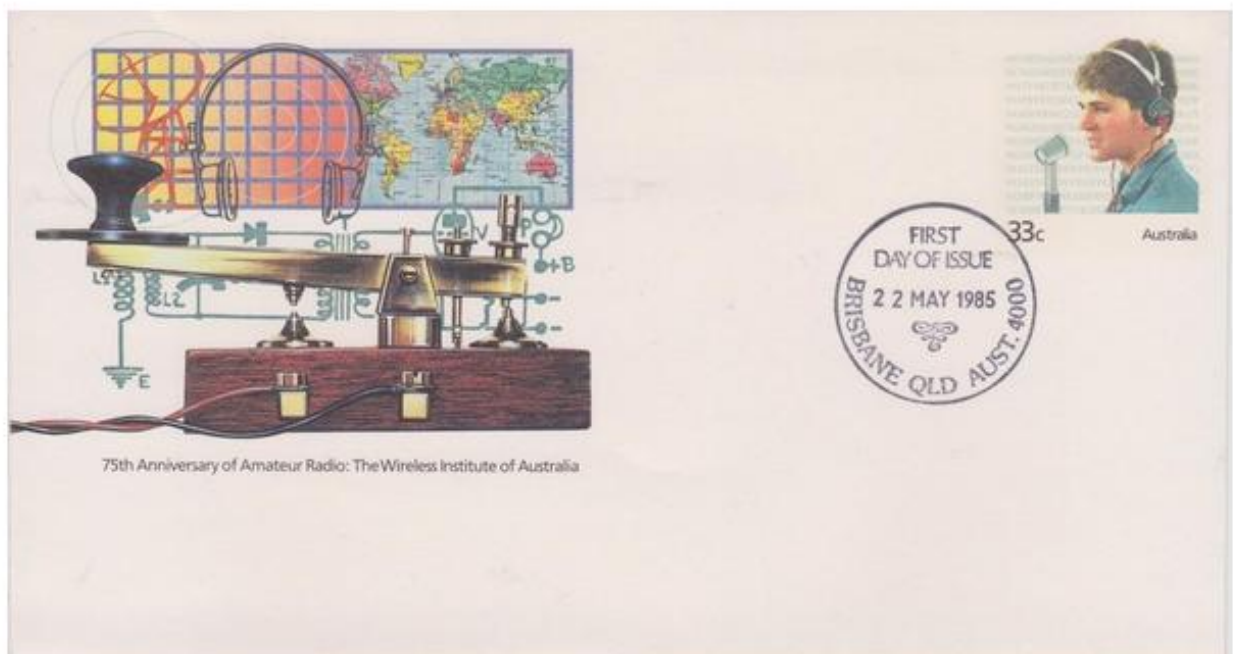




The International Reply Coupon (IRC) was introduced in 1906 at the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in Rome. Since 1907 there have been several different designs starting with this example from Germany in 1907, this design is known as the “Rome Model”.

The lower IRC was adopted for use at the 2016 UPU Congress held in Istanbul will be known as the “Istanbul Model” and will be valid for use from 2017 - 2021.





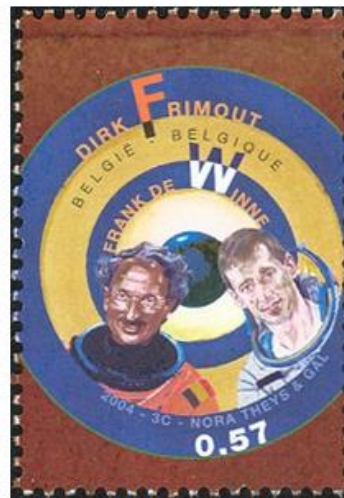
Below are radio amateurs who have been featured on postage stamps. Some are now SK (Silent Key) and their callsign may have been reissued to another radio amateur. Note: There could be errors.



OD5LE : Emile Lahoud
President Lebanon



CO5MM
Mario Munoz Monray



ON1DWN:F De Winne
Astronaut - Belgium



LI2B:Kon-Tiki expedition
lead by Thor Heyerdahl



VR6AY : Andrew Young
Pitcairn Island



KC6IWA/N6YOS - Actress
Priscilla Beaulieu Presley



CN8MH:King Hassan 2 Morocco



HK6LT : Luz M Zuluaga
Miss Universe 1959



YI5KG - King Ghazi of Iraq



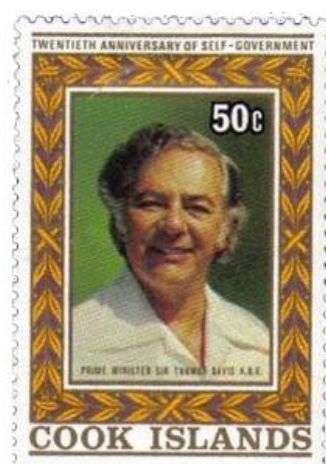
PY1JKO:J Kubitschek-President Brazil



IOFCG : Francesco Cossiga
President Italy



RAEM : E T Krenkel
Soviet Arctic Explorer



ZK1AN : Sir Thomas Davis
Prime Minister Cook Islands



SP3RN : Father Maximillian Kolbe



JY1 : King Hussain of Jordon



VU2RG : Rajiv Gandhi
Prime Minister India



LU1SM : Carlos Saul Menem
President Argentina



HS1A : King Bhumibol Adulyadej
of Thailand



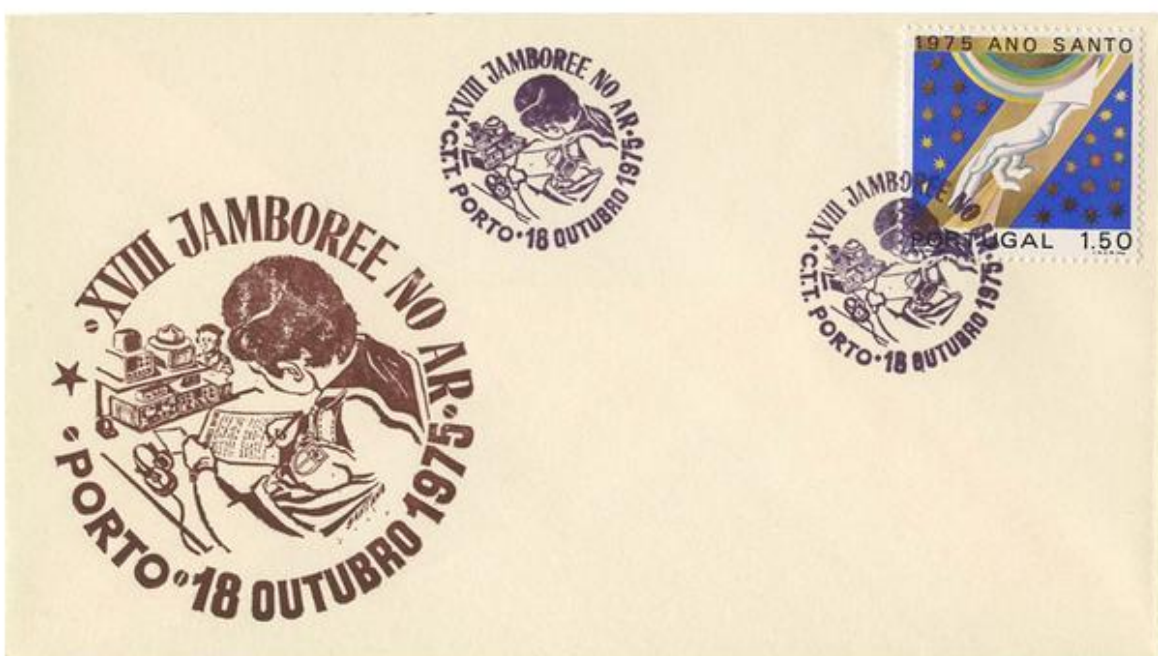
KC5ZSU : Laurel Blair Salton Clark
NASA Astronaut

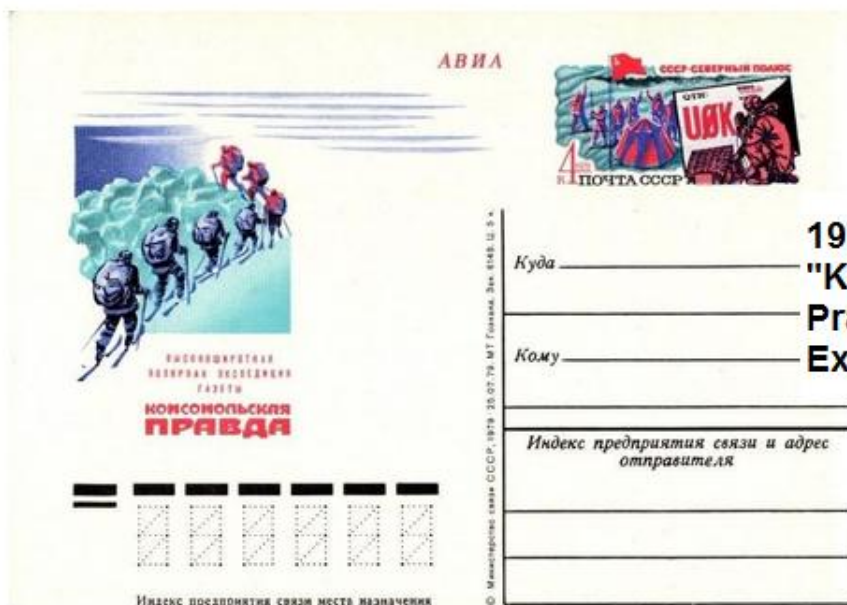


KE6PHZ/FO5GJ : Marlon Brando
Actor and Movie Star



EA0JC : King Juan Carlos
of Spain





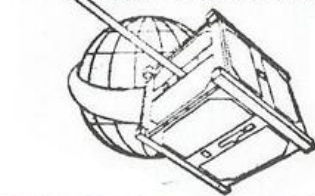
1979:Russia
"Komsomolskaya
Pravda" North Pole
Expedition



2000:Romania
Radioclubului
Aerostar Bacau



1980 : Poland
50th Anniversary
Amateur Radio



The Green Stamp: In amateur radio this name given to the US dollar bill (\$1)



When sending direct requesting a qsl card, along with the qsl card and a Self Addressed Envelope (SAE) instead of sending IRC's, the recipient (DX) station may ask for Green Stamps (US 1 dollar bills) to be included with any qsl request.

I don't collect postage stamps and became interested in amateur radio postal related items hence this article.

73 and lots of enjoyment with hobby de John.....August 2017

