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## Switzerland's Pro Juventute semipostals feature mushrooms and Christmas candles

Switzerland will picture mushrooms and Christmas candles on its four semipostal stamps to be issued Nov. 28.

The stamps are inscribed "Pro Juventute" (for the young).

Ten percent of the surcharge on each stamp is earmarked for national child, youth and family welfare work.

The remainder enables the Pro Juventute Foundation to promote and support numerous projects for children, young people and their families.

The semipostals conclude a four-year series on the theme of "Woods — Part of the Child's World." The previous semipostals in the series featured woodland flowers (Scott B572-75), trees (B581-85) and plants (B591-94).

One stamp in each of the latter two sets bore a design related to Christmas. For example, a 60-centime+30c stamp in the 1993 Woodland Plants set showed a Christmas wreath.

Similarly, one of the 60c+30c values in the 1994 set depicts Christmas candles. The warm, pleasant light of candles creates a festive atmosphere, enhancing the appeal of wreaths, Christmas trees and decorated fir branches.

The other 60c+30c stamp shows the wood blewit (*Lepista nuda*) mushroom. This stamp will be available in both sheet and booklet form. The booklet contains 10 copies of the semipostal.

In Switzerland, the wood blewit with its bright violet or brownish-lilac cap can be found in autumn in coniferous and deciduous woods, as well as in gardens and orchards. In some warmer spots, it can be found as early as May.

The violet to whitish-lilac tender flesh of this mushroom is edible and has a perfumed to radishlike flavor.

The red boletus (*Leccinum aurantiacum*) is featured on the 80c+40c stamp.

The dark orange-red hemispherical cap of this mushroom can grow up to 6 inches wide. Its white scaly stem, which gradually turns brown from orange-red to reddish brown, is between 3 and 8 inches long.

The red boletus can be found under aspens from June to October but is becoming increasingly rare.

The 100c+50c semipostal shows shaggy pholiota (*Pholiota squarrosa*), a mushroom with reddish-brown scales.

The white to yellowish-white flesh of the shaggy pholiota has a radishy flavor

and is not really recommended for eating.

This mushroom grows at the base of coniferous or deciduous trees, such as apple trees, and can be found between September and November.

Beat Bruschi designed the semipostals. The Swiss firm of Helio Courvoisier SA printed them by multicolor rotogravure in sheets of 100.

Switzerland's 1995 Pro Juventute semipostals will start a series featuring animals that live in or near the water, brooks or streams.

The stamps will show a brook trout, a gray wagtail, a spotted salamander and a Christmas design. The issue date is scheduled for Nov. 28, 1995.

In addition, Switzerland has released preliminary details for the rest of its 1995 stamp-issuing program.

Eight stamps are slated to be released March 7, 1995.

Four will mark anniversaries of the Swiss Wrestling Association, the Swiss Electricity Supplies Association, the Swiss News Agency and the United Nations.

The others will show a beaver, map butterfly, green tree frog and owl, all endangered indigenous animals. (Please turn to page 10)



Switzerland will issue four Pro Juventute semipostal stamps Nov. 28. One design shows Christmas candles. The other three feature mushrooms that can be found in Switzerland.

## German stamp to honor Revolutionary War general

An American flag is pictured on a German stamp commemorating Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben. This 1-deutschmark

stamp will be issued Nov. 9. Steuben, a German soldier, supplied considerable aid to the American colonists during the Revolutionary War by or-

ganizing, training and disciplining the American troops.

As a major general, Steuben led troops against the British at Monmouth and Yorktown. In addition, his *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States* served as the official military guide until 1812.

Steuben was born Sept. 17, 1730, in Magdeburg. He was from a military family and entered the Prussian army in 1747.

He rose to the rank of captain during the Seven Years War. After dismissal from the army of Frederick the Great, he served as court chamberlain for Prince von Hohenzollern-Hechingen, then colonel in Baden's army. (Please turn to page 15)



Germany will issue a stamp Nov. 9 to mark the 200th death anniversary of Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, who trained American troops during the Revolutionary War. An American flag is shown on the 1-deutschmark stamp.

## Recalled Legends orders of Oct. 1 total 287,000

By Michael Schreiber  
Stamp collectors and others mailed 286,810 individual orders for recalled Legends of the West Oct. 1.

About 57 percent of the 506,000 or so orders received were postmarked Oct. 1.

Minnesota Diversified Industries, the firm hired by the United States Postal Service to process orders, was still counting as of 4 p.m. Oct. 19, but the search for Oct. 1 orders was near completion. The total of 286,810 orders postmarked Oct. 1 is not expected to change much.

MDI, headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., is a contract manufacturer. It contracts various manufacturing, engineering, quality control, warehousing, shipping and receiving services.

Among its U.S. stamp products are year sets, books packaged with stamps (such as the World War II Remembered series), commemorative panels, and stamps packaged for retail and vending sales. Approximately 60 percent of its employees have some

form of disability.

The total number of recalled Legends orders received is still approximately 506,000. Only a few or no new orders were received each day in mid-October, according to Postal Service spokesman Robin Wright. The orders are being processed in Kansas City, Mo.

Although the official ordering period didn't close until Oct. 31, the 150,000 recalled Legends panes the Postal Service plans to sell likely will be filled entirely from orders postmarked Oct. 1.

A possible roadblock to the distribution of the 150,000 panes, set to begin Dec. 1, is a lawsuit filed Sept. 29.

In the suit, seven individuals seek a court order forbidding the Postal Service from distributing the existing re-

called Legends panes. Each plaintiff owns at least one recalled Legends pane purchased prior to the surprise announcement in June of the sale of 150,000 panes but after Postmaster General Marvin Runyon said in January that all recalled Legends panes would be destroyed.

The 150,000 panes are from a group of approximately 2 million panes not destroyed out of a supply of 5.2 million panes. Sam Winters, chairman of the Postal Service's board of governors, announced June 9 that 150,000 panes would be made available to collectors.

The suit also seeks a court order to have all remaining recalled Legends panes destroyed, including the 150,000 being processed for possible sale. ■

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PAID CIRCULATION: 66,538 TOTAL DISTRIBUTION: 67,267  
POSTMASTER: Address changes to Box 29, Sidney, Ohio 45365



# United States domestic airmail postal cards

The history of United States domestic airmail postal cards spans only 26 years, one of the briefest periods of all U.S. postal stationery categories. Between 1949 and

marked in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1949, this is an example of the first month of usage of the card and the rate.

This card, and the 4¢ rate.

postal card. While the domestic airmail postcard rate of 4¢ went into effect Jan. 1, 1949, this 4¢ card was not released until Jan. 10.

I've never seen a U.S. do-

though some first-day-of-rate cards are known canceled Jan. 1.

The 4¢ Eagle in Flight is the most plentiful of all U.S. domestic airmail postal cards, with slightly more than 100 million printed. Its history also includes two major varieties: a color specimen in deep red instead of orange red, and a pronounced cracked plate flaw variety.

No U.S. airmail postal card generated as much public interest as the 6¢ Boy Scout World Jamboree card, shown in Figure 2. This example was postmarked in Monterey Park, Calif., Dec. 26, 1967, only a few weeks before the domestic airmail postcard rate was increased to 8¢.

During the summer of 1967, Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien received thousands of inquiries from the world over, all wondering why the host country

was not issuing a stamp to commemorate the gathering of the Boy Scouts at Farragut State Park in Idaho.

O'Brien's decision to release a domestic airmail postal card on Aug. 4, 1967, calmed the storm of protest. But a few critics maintained the United States should have

issued an international airmail postal card for the convenience of the estimated 20,000 Boy Scouts who attended from nearly 100 nations.

What makes the Figure 2 card so unusual is that it had the shortest rate life of any U.S. domestic airmail postal

## Airmails

By Dan Barber

1975 the United States issued 10 domestic airmail postal cards for six domestic airmail rates.

America's bald eagle dominated the designs of these cards, with seven of the 10 cards bearing various stylized renditions of the bird. However, between 1949 and 1974, the bald eagle design evolved into something that looked less like a bird and more like modern poster art.

Figure 1 shows the first U.S. domestic airmail postal card, Scott UXC1. Post-

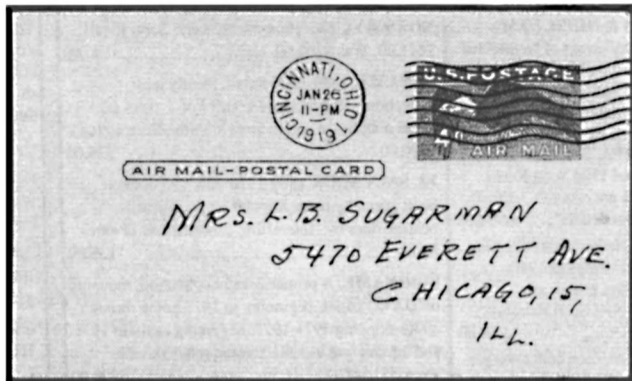


Figure 1. This 4¢ Eagle in Flight card, released 10 days after the first United States domestic airmail postcard rate took effect, was the first U.S. domestic airmail postal card. The card and rate it paid lasted nine and one-half years.

lasted nearly nine and one-half years, longer than any other U.S. domestic airmail

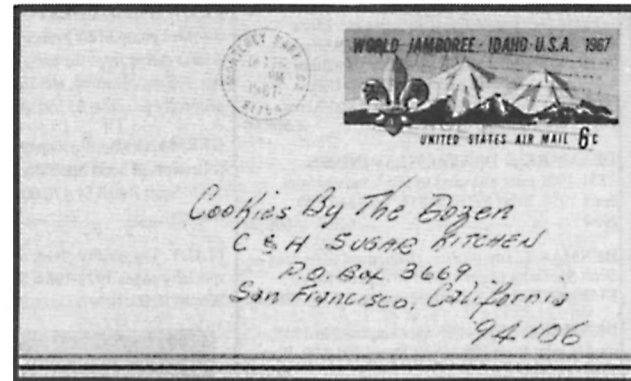


Figure 2. The most short-lived U.S. domestic airmail postal card, this 6¢ Boy Scout World Jamboree card was issued Aug. 4, 1967. The rate increased to 8¢ Jan. 7, 1968, which gave the card a working life of about five months.

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| Date                 | Rate | Domestic Airmail Postal Card   | Scott                | FDOI                             |
|----------------------|------|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 01/01/49             | 4¢   | 4¢ orange Eagle in Flight postal card<br>5¢ red Eagle in Flight postal card  | UXC1<br>UXC2         | 01/10/49<br>07/31/58             |
| 08/01/58             | 5¢   | 5¢ redrawn red Eagle in Flight postal card   | UXC3                 | 06/18/60                         |
| 01/07/63             | 6¢   | 6¢ precanceled red Eagle in Flight postal card<br>6¢ Virgin Islands postal card<br>6¢ Boy Scout World Jamboree postal card | UXC4<br>UXC6<br>UXC7 | 02/15/63<br>03/31/67<br>08/04/67 |
| 01/07/68             | 8¢   | 8¢ precanceled Stylized Eagle postal card<br>9¢ precanceled Stylized Eagle postal card                                     | UXC9<br>UXC10        | 03/01/68<br>05/15/71             |
| 05/16/71             | 9¢   | 9¢ Grand Canyon postal card<br>11¢ Stylized Eagle postal card  | UXC12<br>UXC14       | 06/29/72<br>01/04/74             |
| 03/02/74<br>10/11/75 | 11¢  | END OF DOMESTIC AIRMAIL RATES *  |                      |                                  |

\* — Although it was a creation necessitated by U.S. Post Office Department bookkeeping rather than an operating rate, a 14¢ domestic airmail postcard rate was reinstated Dec. 31, 1975, and endured until May 1, 1977. No postal cards were issued for this service, and even cards with stamps paying this rate are rare, and possibly non-existent.

Figure 3. This chart summarizes U.S. domestic airmail postcard rates and postal cards.

card, from Aug. 4, 1967, to Jan. 7, 1968, when the rate was increased to 8¢.

The 6¢ Boy Scout World Jamboree card is one of the toughest U.S. airmail postal cards to find with a proper date, and I have dealer Kirk S. Wolford of California to

thank for the example shown in Figure 2.

To put the history of U.S. domestic airmail postal cards into perspective, the table in Figure 3 ought to help.

While there was a domestic airmail postcard rate of 14¢ between Dec. 31, 1975,

and May 1, 1977, after the U.S. domestic airmail rate had ended Oct. 11, 1975, this 14¢ rate was little known and infrequently used, and no new postal cards were issued for it.

The 6¢ Virgin Islands and 6¢ Boy Scout World Jamboree

cards of 1967 had rate lives of less than a year, and properly dated specimens are not easy to find.

However, the Scott *Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps* gives a slightly higher price to used examples of the 1972 9¢ Grand Canyon card, although it was available for about 19 months, longer than the Virgin Islands and Boy Scout

cards.

The 9¢ Grand Canyon card was simply not used often enough during 1972 and 1973 for used quantities to be plentiful today. It also had the lowest printing quantity of any domestic airmail postal card, with only about 4 1/2 million issued.

With only 10 U.S. domestic airmail postal cards, it would not seem to be much

of a challenge to obtain a complete collection of this U.S. aerophilatelic specialty.

But, even with the help of friends like Wolford, it took me several years to complete my collection.

Some people love a challenge. That's why I'm looking for domestic airmail postal cards with special services, like registered, special delivery or certified fees. ■

## Austria to release three Nov. 18

Austria will issue three stamps Nov. 18 (advance date Nov. 4).

One of these stamps, a 10-schilling denomination, commemorates the 100th birth anniversary of Richard Coudenhove Kalergi, the founder of the Pan-European Union.

Otto Steffler designed and engraved this commemorative, which shows Kalergi's portrait.

Steffler also designed a 6s

stamp in the Austrian Working Environment series. The design shows a stewardess with a child.

A 7s value in the Monasteries of Austria definitive series features the Franciscan Monastery in Salzburg.

This stamp, designed and engraved by Werner Pfeiler, shows a marble lion from the monastery.

The Austrian Government Printing Office printed all three stamps.

The Kalergi and Monas-

teries of Austria stamps were produced by a combination of the intaglio (engraved) and photogravure printing processes. The Austrian Working Environment was printed only by photogravure.

The definitive is in sheets of 100, while the two commemoratives are in sheets of 50.

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