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NEW ISSUE NEWS



FIG. 1: CHINESE ARRIVAL BICENTENARY 1806 - 2006

The eighth issue released for this year was the Chinese Arrival Bicentenary 1806 - 2006 on the 11th October. The issue consisted of five stamps all featuring paintings: \$ 1 - *Guayaguayare Beach* by Ou (Edwin) Hing Wan; \$ 2.50 - *Hosay* by Carlisle Chang; \$ 3.75 - *Saddle Road* by Amy Leong Pang; \$ 4.50 - *Mother & Child* by Patrick Chu Foon; \$ 5.25 - *Still Life* by Sybil Atteck. A souvenir sheet was produced with a single \$ 15 stamp reproducing a mural, *Inherent Nobility of Man*, by Carlisle Chang.

The issue was printed by Cartor's Security Printers and the graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The FDC's were sold at \$ 19.00 each and the Souvenir Sheets at \$15.00 each. A brochure was prepared for this issue.

Two more issues are expected to complete the stamp programme of 2006: Games we used to play and Cricket ICC World Year.

REPORT ON THE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 6th February at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain. Present were seven members. The returning officer was Mr. Motilal Dass. The results of the election of officers are: President - Mr. John Chay, Vice-Presidents - Mr. Jazad Ali and Mr. Albert Sydney; Hon. Secretary - Mr. Robert Franco; Treasurer - Vacant; the four Committee Members - Mr. Motilal Dass, Ms. Marjorie Smith, Mr. Roger Edghill and Mr. Selwyn Gomes; Librarian - Mr. Mark McPeanne ; Hon. Auditor - Mr. G. Sancho. Mr. Albert Sydney will act as Treasurer until the post is filled.

Here is a directory of club services:

HON. SECRETARY: Mr. Robert Franco, 33 Verbena Road, Victoria Gardens, Diego Martin, Tel: 637-3603. General correspondence, change of address and new issue standing orders. Please make payments for the new issue standing orders payable to Robert Franco. If you have not received a bulletin, please inform Robert e-mail address: virgo@tstt.net.tt

PRESIDENT: Mr. John Chay, P.O. Box 596, P.O.S. Tel: 622-1673. Sale of accessories, i.e. stockbooks, albums, mounts,, etc. Bulletin Editor. Fax: (868) 632-2759.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Jazad Ali. His e-mail address is anj@carib-link.net

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Albert Sydney. If you have any ideas for new stamp issues, please send them to Albert. Please note that the stamp programme is planned as far as a year or two in advance.

Ag. TREASURER: Mr. Albert Sydney, P.O. Box 596, Port of Spain, Tel: 637-4303. All remittances are to be sent to Albert except for the new issue service. Payments are to be made to the Philatelic Society of T&T. His e-mail address is albertsydney@hotmail.com

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Please remember that our monthly meetings at St. Mary's College start now at 6pm and not 8pm on the second Wednesday of every month.

PRINTING QUANTITIES 2004 - 2006 ISSUES

Below is a list of the printing quantities of some recent issues. This information was provided courtesy TTPost.

2004 FRUITY FUN:	\$ 1.00 -	150,000	\$ 2.50 -	50,000
	\$ 3.75 -	75,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
	\$ 5.25 -	25,000	S/S -	1,800
2004 RETURN TO ATHENS:	\$ 1.00 -	200,000	\$ 2.50 -	100,000
	\$ 3.75 -	50,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
2004 SLAVERY:	\$ 1.00 -	100,000	\$ 2.50 -	100,000
	\$ 3.75 -	50,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
	\$ 5.25 -	50,000	S/S -	1,800
2004 CHRISTMAS:	\$ 1.00 -	150,000	\$ 2.50 -	25,000
	\$ 3.75 -	75,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
	\$ 5.25 -	50,000	S/S -	2,000
2005 CARNIVAL:	\$ 1.00 -	150,000	\$ 2.50 -	50,000
	\$ 3.25 -	100,000	\$ 3.75 -	50,000
	\$ 4.50 -	50,000	S/S -	1,800
2005 BRIAN LARA:	\$ 1.00 -	200,000	\$ 2.50 -	50,000
	\$ 3.75 -	100,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
	\$ 5.25 -	50,000	S/S -	2,000
2005 COASTAL BOOKLET:	\$10.00 -	45,000 & REPRINT -	100,000	
2005 TOBAGO FESTIVAL:	\$ 1.00 -	150,000	\$ 2.50 -	50,000
	\$ 3.75 -	75,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
	\$ 5.25 -	25,000	S/S -	1,800
2005 SOLOMON HOCHOY:	\$ 1.00 -	150,000	\$ 2.50 -	50,000
	\$ 3.75 -	75,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
	\$ 5.25 -	25,000	S/S -	1,800
2005 WOMEN POLICE:	S/S -	7,000		
2005 CHILDREN / CANCER:	S/S -	1,800		
2005 ANANSI:	\$ 1.00 -	150,000	\$ 2.50 -	50,000
	\$ 3.75 -	75,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
	\$ 5.25 -	25,000	S/S -	1,800
2006 POPE:	\$ 1.00 -	350,000	\$ 2.50 -	70,000
	\$ 3.75 -	80,000	\$ 4.50 -	70,000
	\$ 5.25 -	35,000	S/S -	2,300
2006 CSME:	\$ 1.00 -	150,000	\$ 2.50 -	50,000
	\$ 3.75 -	75,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
	\$ 5.25 -	25,000	S/S -	1,800
2006 FIFA WORLD CUP:	\$ 1.00 -	175,000	\$ 2.50 -	25,000
	\$ 3.75 -	100,000	\$ 4.50 -	50,000
		COLECTOR'S PACK -	11,000	

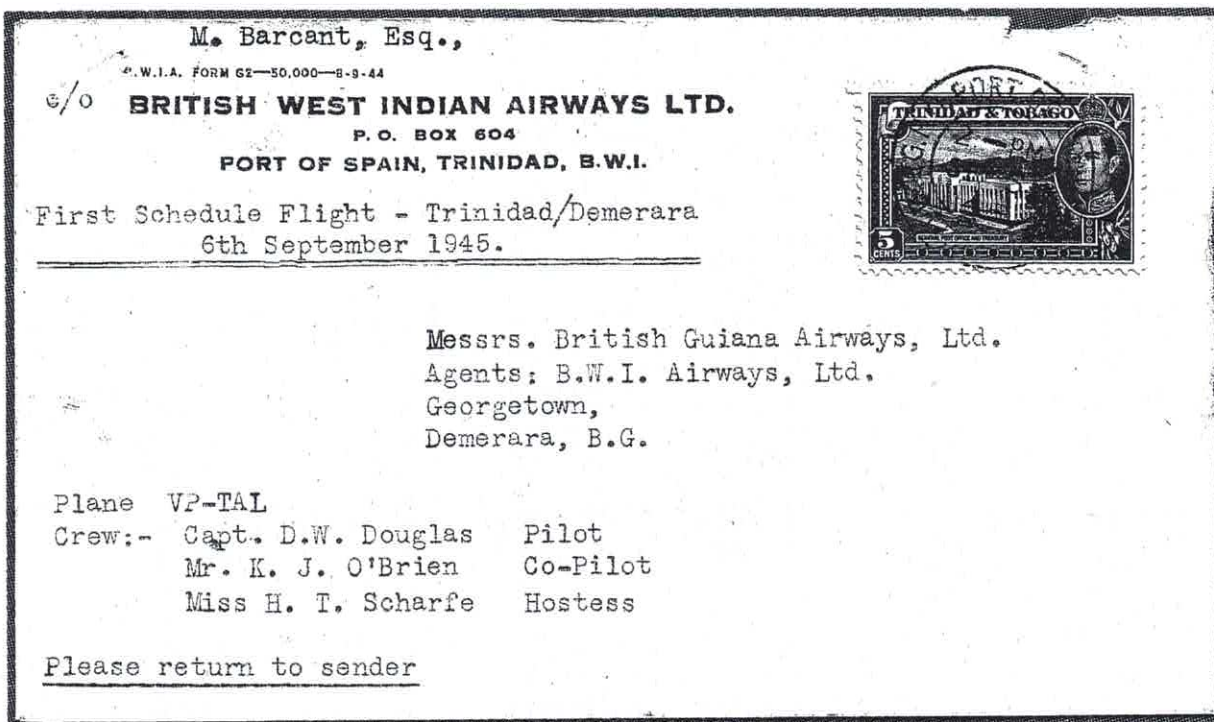
BWIA 1940 - 2006

Fig.1: BWIA FIRST FLIGHT COVER TO BRITISH GUIANA 6th September 1945



Fig.2: PICTURE POSTCARD OF TOBAGO AIRPORT TERMINAL - INCOMING PASSENGERS

After 66 years BWIA will fly into the history books. The T&T government has decided to close down the bankrupt airline on the 31st December 2006. A new carrier, Caribbean Airlines, will replace BWIA from the 1st January 2007. BWIA will continue to be alive in the collections of philatelists due to the numerous stamps, picture postcards, aerogrammes and first flight covers from T&T and countries from this region which it served.

Illustrated in Fig. 1 is a first flight cover to British Guiana. BWIA expanded its route to British Guiana using its converted Lockheed 14s (VP-TAL). The inaugural regular service was flown on the 6th September 1945.

The picture postcard (Fig. 2) shows the airport terminal (a shed) in Tobago. The aircraft staircase on the right states BWIA/BOAC AFFILIATE. On the 1st November 1961, the government of T&T purchased 90% of BWIA shares from BOAC. The caption reads: " WAITING ROOM, CROWN POINT AIRPORT, TOBAGO. This sign of welcome greets air-travellers who land at Tobago's airport ". The PPC is published by H.O.Thomas, Port of Spain.

Reference: AIRMAILS OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO by R.G. WIKE

Pointe-a Pierre during World War II

by E. Barrow

During the Second World War Trinidad's oil production was vital to the Allied war effort. Not only was Trinidad responsible for over 40% of British Empire oil production but it also produced critically important aviation fuel. Given this, it is not surprising that there was a local British Army base at Pointe-a-Pierre with two 6-inch coastal artillery guns.

The registered cover shown in Fig 1 was sent by a local member of this force to the US. Mail from active members of the armed forces was firstly censored at the unit level (the crown shield censor mark on the top left). Also, it was often signed by a commanding officer (signature below the shield censor mark).

When talking to a fellow stamp collector who spent part of his childhood at Pointe-a-Pierre he had mentioned that one of the officers was the famous local cricket hero Gerry Gomez- (apparently Gerry taught him how to fire a gun). Interestingly the commanding officer who signed this envelope is G. Gomez. The cover was also censored later by civilian censors in Trinidad; they applied the label on the right (Wike type 6 label)

Gerry Gomez was featured on the \$1.50 stamp of the Famous West Indian Cricketers series of 1988 (SG 739, Scott 474 - shown in Fig 2).



Figure 2: \$1.50 stamp from the 1988 Famous West Indian Cricketers series honouring Gerry Gomez.

