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NEW ISSUE NEWS



NEW DESIGN OF THE INDICIA ON THE PREPAID ENVELOPE

The Prepaid envelopes size 4 1/8" X 9 1/2" (without window) has been reprinted with major changes. This envelope was previously reprinted in 2010 and the indicia was redrawn (see Bulletin # 253). In the last quarter of 2011 another reprint of the envelope with a new design indicia was observed. The indicia illustrated a map of T&T enclosed within a double-lined border. The map was drawn using a fine dot-screen in red with two diagonal stripes in white. A sans-serif font was used for the text 'Postage Paid within Trinidad and Tobago'. Also the TTPost logo printed on the inside of the envelope was made much larger.

The first stamp issue for 2012 will honour T&T's first female Prime Minister. Up to press time, a date has not been set for the release.

The Paria Waterfall was illustrated on one of the two new aerogrammes. To visit the waterfall one must go to Blanchisseuse, followed by a three hour hike to Paria Bay. From Paria Bay, it is only a short walk to the waterfall.

2011 PHILATELIC CALENDAR SUMMARY

- 1) 2011 (unknown date). Two aerogrammes - Water Lily and Paria Waterfall. Each \$ 2.00
- 2) 2011 (unknown date). Reprint of 4 1/8" X 9 1/2" Prepaid envelope (without window).

PSTT AWARDS

The PSTT presented Appreciation Awards to two very special persons in 2011. Each award consisted of a plaque of Juniper wood, laser engraved with an image of the Lady McLeod stamp and suitable text.

The first award was presented to life-member, Mrs. Noreen George, for her devoted work to the PSTT. Noreen has been a 'workhorse' and an 'engine' in the Society for decades. Those who came to our Port of Spain meetings and the San Fernando meetings (when we had them) know her well. Noreen is now retired from active service in the Society.

The second award was presented to life-member, Dr. Reuben Ramkissoon, for his lifetime of service to the Philately of T&T. Over the years, Ben has done a tremendous amount of research into the postal history of T&T. His articles on Trinidad, Tobago and T&T have appeared in numerous publications over the past 60 years including the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal, The London Philatelist, American Philatelist, Airpost Journal and the PSTT Bulletin. Also, he co-authored the books 'Trinidad - A Philatelic History to 1913' and the 'Town and Village Postmarks of T&T'.

Ben has exhibited many of his collections around the world. Some of the awards are FIP Championship (Large Gold) - Trinidad 1797 to 1913, FIP (Gold) - Postal Stationery of Trinidad and World War I Red Cross Label that became a Postage Stamp for a Day. National Awards include Tobago Traditional exhibit, Airmails of T&T, Revenues of T&T, 50 years of BWIA, The Trinidad Connections of the 1931 DO-X South American Flight, The 1898 2nd Columbus Discovery of Trinidad, King George V Britannia issues of T&T, King George V Silver Jubilee of T&T, Numeral Cancellations of Trinidad and the 1956 QEII one cent on two cent overprint of T&T.

We say 'THANK YOU' again to Mrs. Noreen George and Dr. Reuben Ramkissoon for all they have done for the PSTT and T&T Philately.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2012 at St. Mary's College, Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain. Nominations are required for all posts for the 2012/13 sessions. Please respond and nominate any member whom you believe could serve well, but please have you nominee sanction their acceptance.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

All ordinary members are reminded that the 2012 dues were due by the 31st December 2011. The 2012 dues for local members are adults \$ 30.00 and juniors \$ 20.00. Please send early. Your dues can be paid either at the meetings or mail it to P.O. Box 596, Port-of-Spain. For our overseas members, the dues are UK £6.00 and all others US \$ 10.00. Please make cheques payable to the Philatelic Society of Trinidad & Tobago. Ordinary members can pay two or more years at a time based on the annual given above. Life membership is TT \$ 500.00 for local members or US \$ 150.00 for overseas members. Due to bank charges in T&T, we ask our overseas members to send payment via a bank money order (bank manager's cheque) or a personal cheque drawn on a USA bank. Please do not make any payment using a Postal Order.

QSL CARDS (Part 2)

The first part of this article was published in Bulletin # 254. Here are a few points to note.

Amateur Radio Operators must first pass a proficiency test to obtain their radio license. During World War II, all radio activity by the Ham radio operators was banned. Ham radio operations first began with the Morse Code transmissions (dots and dashes) and later came the voice transmissions.

CENTRAL RADIO PROPAGATION LABORATORY NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FORT READ, TRINIDAD, B.W.I.		
VP4TZ		
DATE <u>12-4-47</u>	QSA <u>BRS-2768</u>	FREQ <u>28.483.7</u>
TIME <u>1543</u> 60W	S <u> </u>	OPERATOR <u> </u>
QSL - QTH: POST SIGNAL OFFICE, APO 869, 7/8 PM., MIAMI, FLA.		

Fig.4: Reverse of a QSL card from VP4TZ (Central Radio Propagation Laboratory, Fort Read) confirming a reception on the 12th April 1947. The card was mailed to England and has the machine cancellation of Army Post Office 869 (Fort Read, Wallerfield) in front.

To W2UK Confirming our QSO of Mar 12, 1934

UR ⁴ ~~MC~~ ~~YONE~~ CW SIGS Were QSA 5 R₆ T₄ AT 2:35 PM Local

W I T H

XMTR RCVR

203 EN
HARTLEY
WID 800
VOLTS: 40
XMTR ANT:
HERTZ S W
FEED.


VP4TC


STERN &
STERN
4 TUBE
T.S.G.: DET
2 AUDIOS
RES: CPLD:


REMARKS *Your card is so late I'm
late about yours: pre oblige, 73s & 3
Lpe see you again*


D. SERRAO, 1 Broome Street, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.

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Queque, N. Y.
U. S. A*

Fig.5: Front (top) and reverse (bottom) of a QSL card from VP4TC (D.Serrao) confirming a reception with W2UK on the 12th March 1934. The card was mailed to New York, USA. The card was franked with two meter stamps: one pence and half-penny (equivalent to 3¢). The postage meter, Neopost 4, was registered to T. Geddes Grant Ltd., POS.

"CLIPPER" NETS 7025-14050 KC



PAA

VP4LZ

ON THE ROUTE OF THE FLYING CLIPPERS

RADIO SWL-W2 ^{TNX} UR replay Sigs RST _____ at 4:20 PM ^{EST} GMT 14/MAR 1954

XMTR 150W

RCVR 348 ^{Pse QSL} _{TNX}

PAA Flight Radio Officers
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Piarco, Trinidad

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Fig.6: Front (top) and reverse (bottom) of a QSL card from VP4LZ (PAA Flight Radio Officers, PAA Guest House, Piarco) confirming a reception with SWL-W2 on the 14th March 1954. The card was mailed to New York. The reverse of the card has the appearance of a regular picture postcard.

WOODBROOK, TRINIDAD, British West Indies
 Recvr ACR 175

Transmitter *59. OSC*
40 Buffer-Doubler
& a pair 210s parallel
Wid 60 Watts input
 Ant *K Voltage fed Lepp. E & W*

ARRL SWL
 MRTA
 QTH 62° w. by 10° N.
 QRG 7177 KC 14354 KC


VP4TN

Radio	Date	EST	RST	QRM	QRN	QRG	Condx	WX
<i>W3HWZ</i>	<i>10/3/39</i>	<i>6:22 p.m.</i>	<i>578</i>	<i>Lots</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>14 PIC</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Warm & Clear</i>

Let's hv ur crd O.B. it will be greatly appreciated and saved

Time 9:50 & 10:15 QSL just for ur crd. On air delay. Hope Cu apa on

R. ERIC DUFF
 28 DeVerteuil St. *Trin*



Amateur Radio Station

W3HWZ

Mr. R. Briggs
5601 Wayne Avenue
Baltimore
Maryland USA

Fig.7: Front (top) and reverse (bottom) of a QSL card from VP4TN (R. Eric Duff, Woodbrook) confirming a reception with W3HWZ on the 10th March 1939. The card was mailed to Baltimore, Maryland. The one cent stamp was cancelled by the POS date-stamp - 22nd June 1939.