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## Officer's Corner

This year I was once again able to visit the WESTPEX Exhibition at the end of April where I was able to discuss some of the Society issues with some of our officers and members. It was a last minute decision on my part to go, but going the 'long way round' via Canada plus the quick time changes made it very tiring and I was not feeling at my best either when I was there or for a few days after I returned home. Next time it will be a direct flight only.

A few weeks ago our Society was honoured by the fact that the Trace Foundation's Latse Contemporary Tibetan Cultural Library in New York invited me as your President to attend their Tibetan stamp exhibition to be held in November, to assist with their presentation of the stamps they had and give a talk on Tibetan postal history. Not being a Tibetan specialist myself, the invitation was taken up by our Vice President Geoffrey Flack. My thanks to him for helping out as I know he had to fit it in with arranging a trip to Asia. If any members would

like to see the exhibition I am sure that details can be found on their website: [www.latse.org](http://www.latse.org).

I have been doing some work recently on the Perkins Bacon 1907 printings and in a letter from Perkins Bacon to Keymer & Sons on 6 August 1907 they state that '*we enclose 100 sheets each value proofs stamped 'Specimens'*'. It occurred to me that I cannot recall seeing any of these stamps with Specimen stamped on them. If any of you have such an item I would appreciate a photocopy of it.

There is a good deal of information coming out about the London International in May with a number of philatelic events taking place in capital during the time it is on. I will give as much information as I can in my next report in the winter issue.

Colin

[Geoffrey's talk at the Latse Tibetan Cultural Library in New York will be on Saturday, 07 November 2009 at 7:00 p.m. - ed.]

## Editor's Ramblings

At the bottom of page 4 is a compilation (by Colin Hepper) of items from eBay. Would members like to see something like this continued. Please respond to either Colin or myself with your thoughts.

Also on page 4 are some of the extra things occurring during the Festival of Stamps in

London in 2010 of which the LONDON 2010 is a part.

If you are interested in photos taken at Stampshow 2009 in Melbourne, Australia (including some by our own Alfonso Zulueta Jr.) visit the site <http://melbournestampshow2009.com/gallery.htm>

## CONGRATULATIONS:

**Colin Hepper** was awarded Vermeil for *The Modern Postmarks of Nepal* at the New Zealand National Philatelic Literature Exhibition

**Edward F. Gosnell** was awarded Gold for his exhibit "The Kingdom of Nepal 1795-1930, A Philatelic Overview" at APS STaMpsHOW in Pittsburgh

**Alfonso G. Zulueta Jr.** was awarded Large Gold for his exhibit "Afghanistan, Amanullah Period, 1920-1929" at Stampshow 2009 in Melbourne

## UPCOMING:

**WESTPEX 2010** 23-25 April 2009 San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel

**LONDON 2010** 08-15 May 2010 Business Design Center, London (NTPSC meeting on 12 May from 10:00 am through 1:45 pm))

**LISBON 2010** 01-10 October 2010

**INDIA 2011** February 2011 New Delhi

## PERKINS BACON

by Roger Skinner

A number of interesting books have been written about the printing firm commonly called "Perkins Bacon", most of which concern its printing of postage stamp for the British government. One book that concerns the man himself was written by David Rowse, titled "Joshua Bacon", just a few years past. The book's subtitle is "The Printer of Banknotes and the First Postage Stamps". For those of us interested in finding out more about the firm it would be an excellent start in learning what the firm went through. I'm sure that most collectors here in the United States will be very surprised to learn that Joshua was a citizen of the US, starting a firm in Philadelphia under the name "Perkins & Bacon" back in 1819 to sell Fire Engines!

For collectors of Nepal, perhaps a summary of the business' that is at the back of David Rowse's book will suffice for them and it is printed below. This listing shows clearly that the final demise of the firm was on 4 December 1935. That should give some finality to any

speculation about why that firm did no further printing for Nepal or anyone else.

One other facet of printing operations that this book covers is the continued discussions between the firm and customers in Britain about the possession of the printing plates used for their orders. The firm felt it was the best repository and some customers thought they ought to have possession at the end of a printing run. That the customers sometimes ended up with the plates should not astound anyone. Does that ring a bell with any collector of Nepal? Isn't one of the discussions about how Nepal ever ended up with the Perkins Bacon printing plates a question most do not have an answer for? For specific proof, it may reside in the archives of Perkins Bacon now residing in the Royal Philatelic Society in London. It would make a nice article if one of our British members could find time to do a bit of research in London and provide some details, or lack of them, that might still be waiting there.

### *PERKINS ET AL* CHANGES IN TITLE AND OWNERSHIP

- 1819 (Feb) PERKINS & BACON**  
Original partnership in Philadelphia between Jacob Perkins and his son-in-law JBB to promote fire engines.
- 1819 (18 May) PERKINS & FAIRMAN**  
An agreement signed in Philadelphia between Asa Spencer , merchant, and J. Perkins and G. Fairman, under which A. Spencer was to proceed to England and work for Perkins and Fairman for three years at \$3000 per annum (c. £45,000 now) plus 12.5% (up to \$18,000) of any sums from the Bank of England or similar contract.
- 1819 (29 Jun)** Jacob Perkins arrived in UK from Philadelphia with seven American engravers/printers to promote steel plate printing.
- 1819 (20 Dec) PERKINS, FAIRMAN & HEATH**  
Officers at 29 Austin Friars. Partners: Jacob Perkins, Gideon Fairman and Charles Heath.  
There were three different percentages for different types of work:  
1. Banks, except the Bank of England, Perkins 80%, Charles Heath 20%  
2. Bank of England, Perkins 80%, Charles Heath 20%  
3. Non-bank work, Perkins 25%, Fairman 25%, Charles Heath 50%

- 1820 (15 Jan) J. E. Drinkwater Bethune of Fitzroy Square undertook to provide £500 (c. £30,000 now) and promised to advance a further £1,000 in return for a share of the profits which would accrue to Charles Heath of Seymour Place.
- 1820 (30 Aug) PERKINS, FAIRMAN & HEATH**  
Due to difficulties of administering three agreements, the arrangement was consolidated:
- |                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Jacob Perkins:  | 35.4% |
| Gideon Fairman: | 35.4% |
| Charles Heath:  | 29.2% |
- 1820 (21 Sep) Offices moved to 69 Fleet Street
- 1820 (31 Oct) George Heath's first investment
- 1821 (c. 27 Mar) Bank of England turned down Perkins' proposal
- 1821 (7 Apr) Charles Heath declared bankrupt (although he continued to be associated with the firm)
- 1821 (Dec) Joshua Bacon started working for the firm
- 1822 PERKINS, FAIRMAN & HEATH**  
New articles: George Heath now invested further in the firm (he owned 25%; bought from Perkins & Fairman). Late 1822 Fairman returned to the US.
- 1822 (16 Nov) PERKINS & HEATH**  
Henry Petch joined the firm.
- 1829 (Dec) PERKINS & BACON**  
JBB became a partner.
- 1832 Colonel J. E. Drinkwater Bethune's name first appeared in the ledgers.
- 1834 (Jul) PERKINS, BACON & PETCH**  
Henry Petch became a partner (almost certainly financed by his wife Amelia's capital).
- 1836 (Apr) First dividend paid based on:
- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| 50% holding:   | George Heath             |
| 25% holding:   | J. E. Drinkwater Bethune |
| 12.5% holding: | Joshua Bacon             |
| 12.5% holding: | Henry Petch              |
- 1838 Charles Heath's second bankruptcy.
- 1849 (13 Jul) Jacob Perkins died.
- 1851 (12 Aug) Bethune died leaving his parcel to Henry Malden (Prof. of Greek at University College, London).
- 1852 (1 May) New partnership.
- 1852 (8 Jun) Henry Petch died.
- 1853 (17 Mar) PERKINS, BACON & CO**
- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| 50%   | Douglas Denon Heath (George's third son)   |
| 25%   | Henry Malden                               |
| 12.5% | Joshua Bacon                               |
| 12.5% | Margaret Ann Petch (from her father Henry) |
- 1863 (7 Oct) Joshua Bacon died.  
12.5% Henry Petch's share bought for £8,390 4s 1d (£500,000 now) by J. Perkins Bacon.
- 1866 (Sep) 50% Douglas Denon Heath (left his shareholding to Sir Leonard and his nephew James Dunbar Heath. His four siblings received nothing).  
25% Henry Malden

- 25% J. Perkins Bacon (Joshua's son) - now managing partner.
- 1887 (25 May) PERKINS, BACON & COMPANY LTD**  
 Directors:  
 50% Admiral Sir Leonard Heath (younger brother of Douglas Denon Heath)  
 & James Dunbar Heath (Douglas Denon Heath's nephew)  
 25% Charles Malden (Henry's son)  
 25% J. Perkins Bacon
- 1888 J. Perkins Bacon retired.
- 1905 The company left 69 Fleet Street and moved to Southwark Bridge Buildings.
- 1906 (5 Feb) Voluntary liquidation with James Dunbar Heath as liquidator.
- 1906 (5 Feb) PERKINS, BACON & COMPANY LTD**  
 New company formed: Directors: James Dunbar Heath, Douglas Leonard Heath, Charles Rynd
- 1935 (4 Dec) Company ceased to trade and went into voluntary liquidation.

see also "The Local Pashupati Printings" by Colin Hepper (*PH* 134:5), Surendra Lal Shrestha's Letter to the Editor (*PH* 135:12) and Colin Hepper's Letter to the Editor (*PH* 136:7) - ed.

### **Additional Philatelic Happenings at LONDON 2010** supplied by Colin Hepper

LONDON 2010 is only a part of the Festival of Stamps being coordinated by The British Postal Museum & Archive (BPMA). May 6 was the day on which the world's first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, officially came into use and is also the date on which, in 1910, King George V came to the throne. The reign of George V will be celebrated by a very special exhibition at Guildhall Art Gallery, City of London. It will include material from The Royal Philatelic Collection and the BPMA. The exhibition opens on 7 May and remains open until 25 July. The Guildhall is close to St Paul's Cathedral, the Royal Exchange and The Monument and only a short walk from Tate Modern.

Also, on 6 and 7 May the Royal Philatelic Society London will be presenting dedicated displays in its meeting rooms. Tickets will be required: more details will be available later. The 'Royal' is situated close to Baker Street and Madame Tussaud's.

On 5 to 7 May Philatex Extra will take place at The Lawrence Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society in Greycoat Street. It is a short distance from Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament and brings together a range of dealers, many with a postal history basis.

Further details are available at [www.london2010.org.uk](http://www.london2010.org.uk)

### **eBay Watch** compiled by Colin Hepper

- 27 November 2008 - Nepal, 10 mint horse postcards (presumably all the same) \$32
- 30 November 2008 - Nepal, 1933 (H&G 24) used postcard \$260
- 10 December 2008 - Nepal, 1958/9 M&U + Multiples on pages 30 FDCs \$71
- 11 December 2008 - Nepal, 1886 17 imperf. M&U mixed values \$225
- 19 December 2008 - Nepal, 1941/46 24p, block of 8 UM from bottom of sheet \$8
- 20 December 2008 - Nepal, 1941/46 24p, complete UM sheet \$85

## Unrecorded Younghusband Expedition Cancel Found by Geoffrey Flack

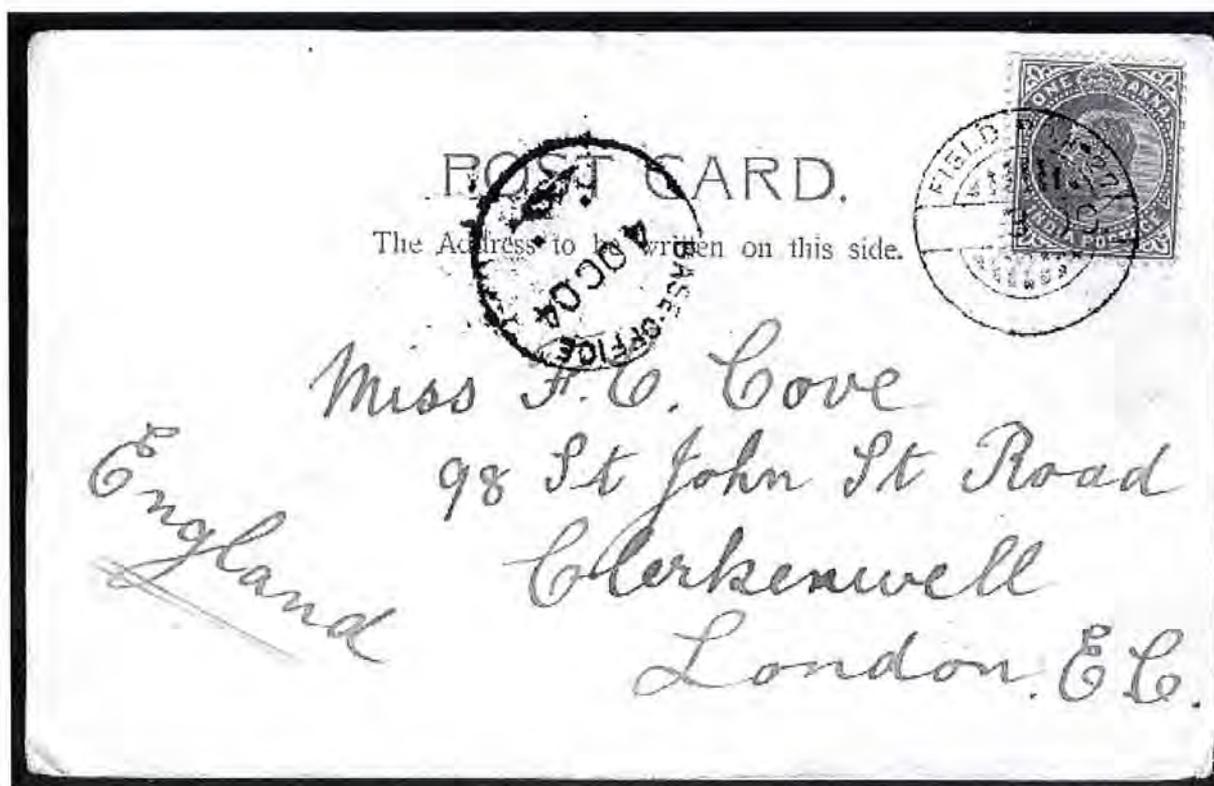
It has been more than 100 years since the British-Indian army marched across the “roof of the world” and into Tibet’s capital, Lhasa. Known as the “Younghusband Expedition” after its leader Francis Younghusband, this small army spent almost 10 months inside Tibet and postal arrangements for the expedition were required.

A number of Field Post Offices were set along the route and at Lhasa itself in August of 1904. A variety of cancels, including Registration Markings exist, some of these markings being very rare and, in a few cases, unique. (*I recommend reading Waterfall’s: Postal History of Tibet and D. W. Virk’s: Sikkim-Tibet to get a better understanding of the postal arrangements for the expedition.*)

In February of 2009, I attended a meeting of the Burma Philatelic Study Circle in London.

Knowing of my interest in Tibet, I was shown a Burmese picture postcard, addressed to England, cancelled by a double ring FIELD P.O. No. 27 (dtd 3 OC) with a single BASE OFFICE transit (dtd 4 OC 04) transit alongside. The owner realized this card related to the Younghusband Expedition, but I’m sure it “languished” in a Burma picture postcard collection for years. The card is an unassuming “souvenir” card with a nondescript message. (*I would have preferred the card to have been sent by a soldier grievously wounded at Gyantse and writing to his mother as he was carried back to civilization - but this was not to be - and I’m sure such a card would not have remained hidden for over 100 years.*)

When I purchased the card, I knew it was a scarce marking, but at the time I did not realize that I had found an unrecorded Younghusband



FIELD P.O. No. 27 (Type B2) dtd 3 OC (No Year) with BASE OFFICE (Type B1) dtd 4 OC 04 on a card addressed to England.

Expedition cancel.

This Type 2 (large double circle) marking is unique, but I believe it was used at the "Advanced Supply Depot" at Rangpo in Sikkim.

Only one example of the smaller single circle FIELD P.O. No. 27 has been recorded. Waterfall placed it at "Camp Dotha" - 10 miles south of Phari, Tibet. Virk (page 21) placed Field P.O. No. 27 at Rangpo in Sikkim. He records it as being open from January 11 to November 14, 1904. I believe Virk is correct, but I should point out that both "Camp Dotha" and "Rangpo" are within one day of the BASE OFFICE at Siliguri.

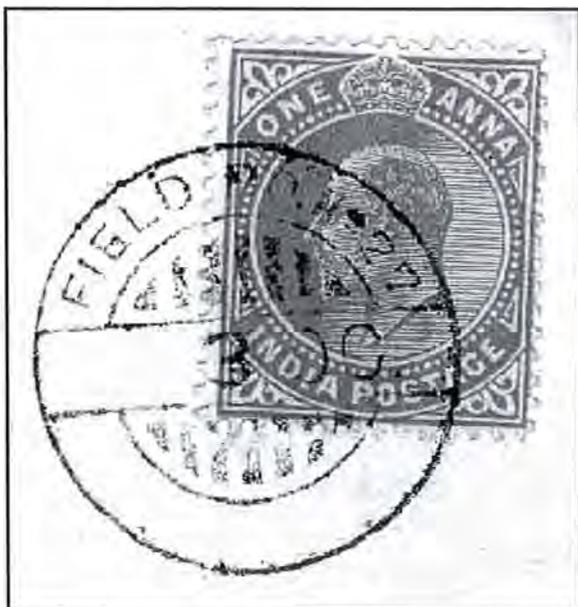
It should be noted that the "Year" is missing on this newly discovered Type 2 cancel. In that this is the only example of this cancel known - we can only speculate as to whether yet-to-be-found examples of this hammer will have the same variety. It should be noted that other Field Post Office cancels are also known with partially missing or inverted dates.

I think we have to ask ourselves why Field Post Office No. 27 cancels are so rare. The Advanced Supply Depot at Rangpo was, in all likelihood, a very small depot and it is unlikely that there were Europeans assigned there. Virk, who mentioned the Depot, did not list any Europeans as being based there. We also know from the postal records that the bulk of the mail

from the expedition was sent by native troops, but not a single piece of mail sent by an Indian soldier has survived.

The next question we have to ask ourselves is: Why was a Burmese theme postcard sent from an obscure Military Supply Depot in Sikkim? In the early 1900s postcard collecting was very popular. We know that a number of the soldiers going to Tibet were asked to mail cards from this "forbidden land" to friends and relatives. These "souvenir" cards were supplied to the soldier already addressed and taken on his journey to the roof of the world. I have seen a number of such cards (no messages and in some cases non-Himalayan picture views) sent from Lhasa and from Gyantse by soldiers on their return journey from Tibet. I believe this newly discovered FIELD P.O. No. 27 (Type B2) card is a similar "souvenir" card carried by one of the returning troops and was mailed at one of the last expedition Field Post Offices before he returned to civilization.

It has been more than 100 years since this card was sent and almost no new Younghusband Expedition philatelic discoveries have been made since the 1940s. This "find" not only adds to our knowledge of the postal arrangements of this important campaign, but gives us all hope that further such discoveries will be found in the future.



FIELD P.O. No. 27, dtd 3 OC with no year in the cancel

## More Himalayan Mountaineering Correspondence by Bob Gould

In 1982 a British expedition made the first ascent of the southwest face of Shisha Pangma, "The Crest Above the Grassy Plain". The mountain was first climbed by a Chinese expedition led by Hsu Ching (Xu Jing) in 1964 by a route up the north face. The latest information now lists Shisha Pangma (also known as Xixabangma) at 8027 meters (26,335 feet), the fourteenth and last of the 8000 meter peaks in the world. It is the only 8000 meter peak located on the Tibetan side of the Himalayas.

The British expedition consisted of six members from the U. K. and they used very few porters as expedition costs in Tibet were reportedly five times more expensive than in other Himalayan areas. They started in Beijing and then flew to Lhasa on the 9th of April and

finally set up a base camp on May 3rd.

After several weeks of acclimatization, including the first recorded ascent of Pungpa Ri (7445 meters - 24,425 feet), they turned to Shisha Pangma. An article by Doug Scott in the 1983 *American Alpine Journal* reports that the climbing was not difficult and that he, Roger Baxter-Jones and Alex MacIntyre summited alpine style (they carried their own loads and had no Sherpas or porters to help) on May 28th. After a short time on the summit they descended back to base camp with no problems.

This postcard has Chinese stamps and was cancelled on April 30, 1982, prior to their attempt on Shisha Pangma. I would appreciate it if any readers would let me know where it was posted.

XIXABANGMA (26,398 ft) EXPEDITION TO TIBET 1982



Members: Georges-Battebourg, Paul Braithwaite, Roger Baxter Jones  
Alex MacIntyre, Nick Prescott, Doug Scott

Photo Xixabangma South Face R Yamada



If any member has any information as to where this postcard was posted, please contact either Bob at [bobkatz1@verizon.com](mailto:bobkatz1@verizon.com) or the editor at [editorofpostalhimal@cox.net](mailto:editorofpostalhimal@cox.net)

## Bageda by Jaya Hari Jha

For many years I have been helping out fellow collectors who study the Postal History of Nepal by looking for and translating Nepalese Postal Documents. In such course I came upon a curious little small piece of paper titled "Bageda". I could not make head or tail of it, and was baffled.

I contacted my friend Mr. Deepak Raj Pandey who was employed in the Nepalese Postal System for quite some time. I had come to the right person. He told me what Bageda actually was. Below is the synopsis of what he told me:

"Bageda is a piece of paper used to check the time required by a postman to deliver mail from one post office to other. It records the date and time the postman departs from the starting post office and his time of arrival at the destination post office. It also contains a section to mention the time if the postman meets an invigilator/examiner on the way. This system was in place in the Nepalese Postal System from BS 1997 to BS 2045 i.e., from 1940 to 1988 AD. This control mechanism was abolished after BS 2045 with the advent of the new Communication Policy of the government which laid this system to rest."

During the time when transport infrastructure for Postal Service was not very developed, the postmen had to carry all the mail on his person. However, letters being letters had to be delivered on time. Hence, this Bageda system was developed to keep track of how long the postmen took to go from one post office to another. It was a checking or control mechanism.

I had no knowledge of "Bageda", as all my research was concentrated on the *products/outputs* of the Postal Service: the seals, postmark, covers, stamps, stationeries, etc. but not about the *logistical* aspect of the Postal Service. By logistics I mean documents like registry receipt or acknowledgement which are still being used extensively in the Postal System and a mechanism/document like "Bageda".

I have met many friends who collect and research rigorously the Postal History of Nepal, but I have not come across anyone who has shown any serious interest in this logistical side of the Postal System. I believe that any research on, and collections of, Postal History is incomplete without a full understanding of the logistical aspect of the workings of any traditional Post Office. I also feel (with my friends) that many of our Postal History collections would not have been complete or possible if this "Bageda" system was not in place to ensure that letters reached their destination safely and on time!!

~~बगेडा~~

डाँक पाउने हुलाक- ३३१०/९२

पाएको मिति- ०३३१४/९२

समय- १०

हुलाक हाकिमको सही- [Signature]

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जा. ज. ले भेटेको चौकी

मिति-

समय-

जा. ज. को सही-

हुलाकीको सही- [Signature]

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डाँक पाउने हुलाक- ३३१०/९२

पाएको मिति- ०३३१२/९२

समय- १०

हुलाक हाकिमको सही- [Signature]

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  - २) डाँक पाउने हुलाकले पाएको बगेडा जम्मा गरी प्रत्येक हप्तामा नियन्त्रक कक्षा पठाउनु पर्छ ।

## Tibet Exhibit, Online by Alan Warren

Exhibits from all over the world are posted on a web site in Czechoslovakia called Exponet. At the time of writing there were 540 such exhibits from 45 different countries. The website is [www.japhila.cz/hof/](http://www.japhila.cz/hof/). There is an English language guide on the site and specific types of exhibits can be found using key words.

Recently a 2-frame exhibit of Tibet was posted by a Czech owner. The location of the exhibit is <http://www.japhila.cz/hof/0539/index0539a.htm>. The exhibit consists mostly of covers addressed to the same person over many years. The first cover bears the stamps of British India and was sent airmail registered from

Gyantse in 1934 (Figure 1).

In addition to the stamps of India on several covers, there are examples of the first, second, and third issues of Tibet on covers to Czechoslovakia. Quite a few of the covers appear to be overpaid. There is one page of the overprinted stamps of China used in Tibet in 1911, mostly used.

Sixteen pages are of more recent covers sent with Chinese stamps, many from the 1950s. The collection appears to be for sale, although most of the exhibits shown on the site are not for sale, and are placed there only for viewing, courtesy of their owners.



Figure 1

## News from the Nepal Philatelic Society by Sagar M Shrestha

At the 24th General Meeting of the Nepal Philatelic Society meeting on 02 May 2009, the following new Executive Board was unanimously elected:

Sagar Man Shrestha	- President
Kedar Pradhan	- Immediate Past President
Dr. Ramesh Kumar Shrestha	- Vice President
Shankar Shrestha	- General Secretary
Rakesh Lall Vaidya	- Treasurer
Shyam P. Nhuchhe Pradham	- Member
Ujjwal Kapoor Shrestha	- Member
Sandeep Sagar Nepal	- Member
Vidur Upadhaya	- Member
Ms. Pratima Ranjit	- Member

This year Nepal's activities with an Everest theme include the following:

Two new Everest banknotes during April/May with denominations of Rs 5 and Rs 20. The new banknotes with the signature of Acting Governor Mr. K. B. Manandhar. They have a Rhododendron (Nepal's National Flower) instead of a crown.

The following commemorative covers were also issued during April/May:

1) "The Everest Test 2009" the highest recorded cricket match ever played. It was played at the

Gorak Shep Plateau (near Base Camp) at 5165 meters on Everest between the Tenzing and Hillary teams.

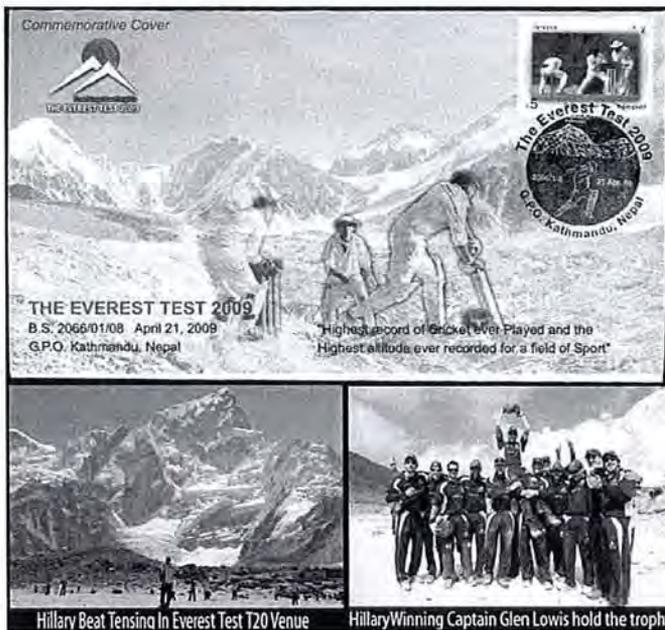
2) "Eco Everest 2009 Expedition" commemorative cover signed by Apa Sherpa, who set a new world record of 19 ascents of Everest on May 21, 2009.

3) An autographed cover of the South Korean first successful ascent of Everest from the South-West Face.

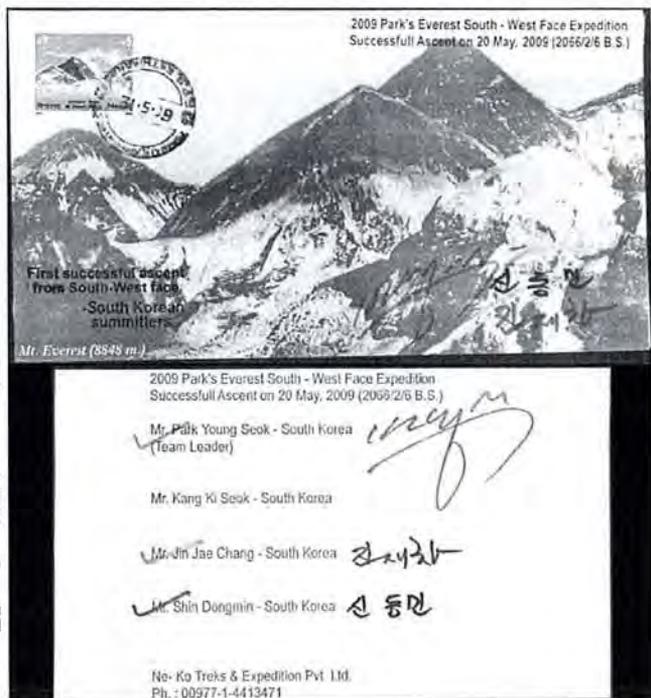
4) A commemorative cover for the 2nd International Everest Day 2009.



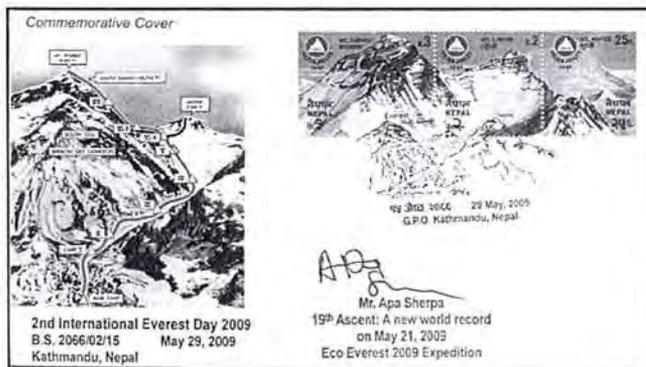
The new Rs 5 and Rs 20 banknotes featuring Mt. Everest



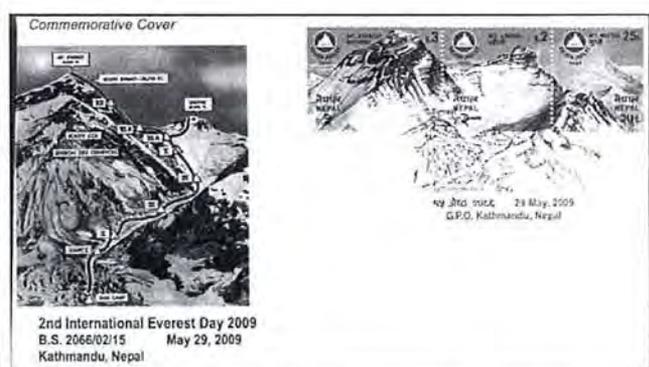
The Everest Test 2009



Korean South-West Face Ascent



Apa Sherpa's 19th Ascent



2nd International Everest Day 2009

## Report on NTPSC Meeting at WESTPEX 2009

by Richard M. Hanchett

Another successful meeting of the Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle was held at WESTPEX 2009 on Sunday, 26 April 2009.

This year my wife and I did not stay at the Marriott Airport Hotel, but at a hotel in downtown San Francisco owned by our condo association. I commuted each way using the BART system, which I found to be fast, clean and inexpensive. I left the WESTPEX show early on Friday to visit the Asian Art Museum on Larkin Street to see the Bhutan exhibit. That brought back memories of my visit to Bhutan in 2006. I should have left WESTPEX earlier, as I did not have nearly enough time to see the entire Bhutan exhibit, nor any time to see any of the other exhibits. Next time I plan to go to WESTPEX a day early and spend the entire day at the Museum.

I have not been to that many WESTPEX shows, but this is the first one that I can remember where none of our members entered an exhibit.

Back to the meeting. The following members and guest were in attendance: Colin Hepper, Bill Jansen, Roger Skinner, Curtis Jang (guest), Geoffrey Flack, Frank Vignola, Gerhard Wolf, Alfonso G. Zulueta Jr., and Richard M. Hanchett.

Discussions were held regarding LONDON 2010 and the future of *Postal Himal*. Several

suggestions were made as to how best to publish *Postal Himal*. Suggestions included issuing it only as an electronic issue (probably in a PDF format), issuing both as printed and electronic with differing membership prices, issue only as a hardcopy (as at present) and issue on a web site in electronic form only. Pros and cons exist for each possible choice - all members may not have access to computers or printers, posting on the web would require two levels on the web site (one for members to see the latest issue and a general one where older, but not current issues would be available), posting on the web could reduce revenue as it would have an impact on sales of past issues, etc. NO changes will be made in the immediate future and more discussions will be held at the our meeting at the LONDON 2010 show.

It was also suggested that members might want to bring items for sale or trade to future WESTPEX meetings (and presumably to other scheduled Society meetings). Other Society's do this and it would be a chance to acquire items at reasonable prices from other members with the risk of doing business with unknown sellers. So, if you are planning to attend LONDON 2010 or WESTPEX 2010, bring some items either for show and tell or for sale or exchange.

### Advertisement

#### MINI-AUCTION OF NEPALESE ISSUES

I wish to dispose with some of my duplicate Nepalese stamps by way of a mini-auction. There are 31 lots. Lots 1-6 is comprised of Pashupati issues; lots 7-12 of complete sets of later issues (Scott numbers 60//373); lots 13-30 (Scott 26-36, 38-46) of various multiples of Pashupati issues with telegraph cancels. A listing of the lots can be obtained by email or by snail mail at the address below. Scans of any lot are available.

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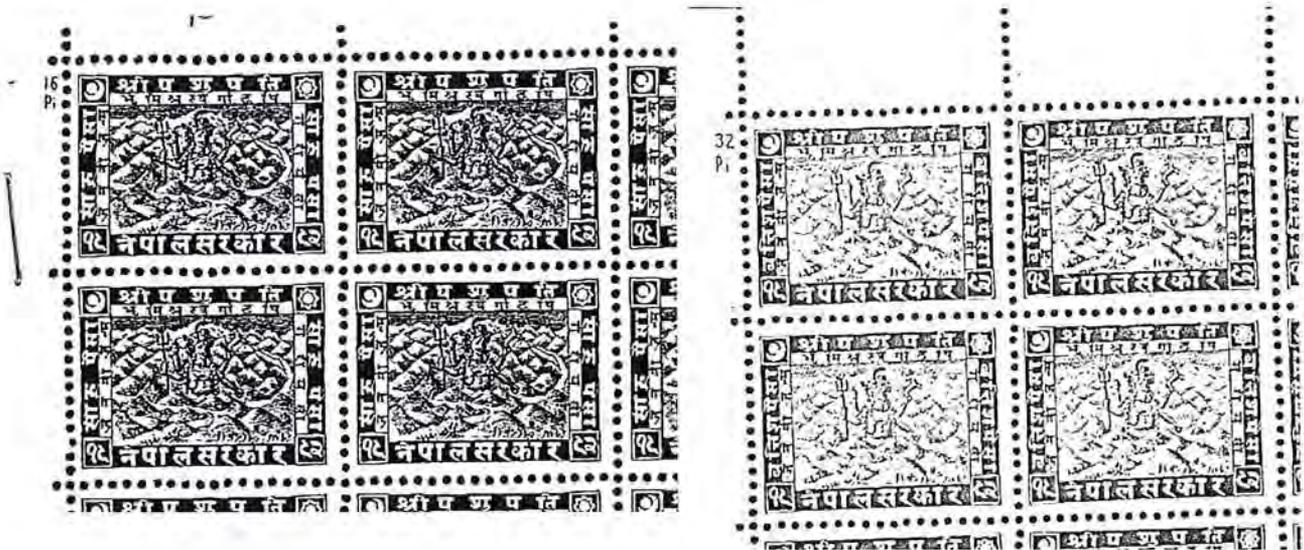
## Questions and Answers

In response to Paul Hager's question regarding a small inscription on the 1935 4 pice green Pashupati stamp [see 137:11] the following reply has been received from Colin Hepper:

Since the book on the Pashupati issues was printed I have been sent or have been able to gather up more information on these issues. Much of the information I have is on photo copied sheets and they do not always reproduce

very well, but I have copies of part sheets of the 1935 Perkins Bacon issues and they all have a small inscription of the stamp value next to the stamp at the top left hand corner.

Below are examples of the 16p and 32p sheets in which the inscription can be seen. I have copies of the 2p and 4p values with the same small inscriptions. I have not seen the other values but would expect that these inscriptions are on all the printings.



### An Unusual Tete-Bêche Pair by Colin Hepper

At a recent local stamp club auction I noticed the illustrated tete-beche pair from Nepal in amongst a small stock book containing a mixture of 'All World' stamps. The sheet of stamps had an obvious paper fold when it was printed and as can be seen from the telegraph cancellation remained folded when it was attached to the telegraph sheet and cancelled. Since being removed from the sheet the fold has been opened leaving the un-printed strip across the pair of stamps.



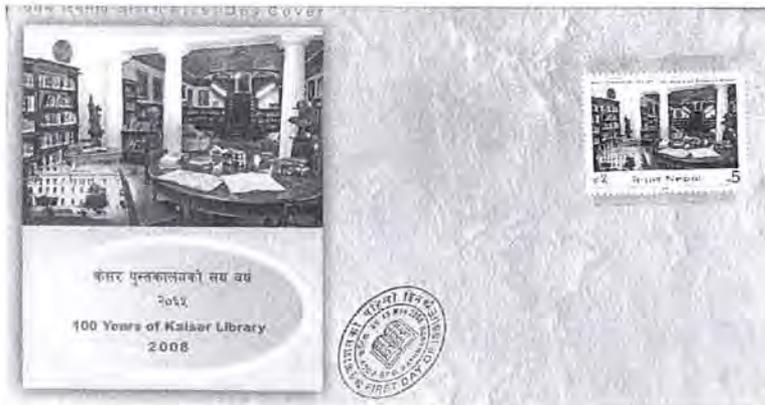
## First Day Covers

### Technical Details

Subject:	National Anthem
Denomination:	Rs 1.00
Color:	4 with Phosphor Print
Composition:	20 stamps per sheet
Size:	40 x 30 mm
Process:	Offset Lithography
Quantity:	2 million
Format:	Vertical
Paper:	High Quality Stamp
Designer:	Mohan N. Rana
Printer:	Cantor Security, France
Subject:	Kaiser Library
Denomination:	Rs 5.00
Color:	4 with Phosphor Print
Composition:	20 stamps per sheet
Size:	40 x 30 mm
Process:	Offset Lithography
Quantity:	1 million
Format:	Horizontal
Paper:	High Quality Stamp
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## News from Kathmandu by Surendra Lal Shrestha



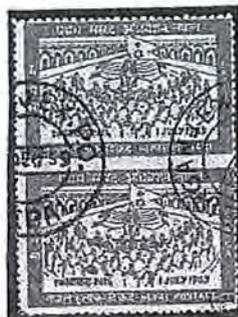
2nd Everest Day Cover

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## eBay Watch compiled by Colin Hepper

Not much to report in eBay offerings recently. Although there are usually around ninety items on offer they are normally packets of stamps and modern sets of stamps and a few early issues. However, for those interested in collecting modern stamp varieties, the following came up during June, all from the same person in Nepal. As far as I am aware, none of them sold but it is worth recording them as the remainder of the sheet must be somewhere.



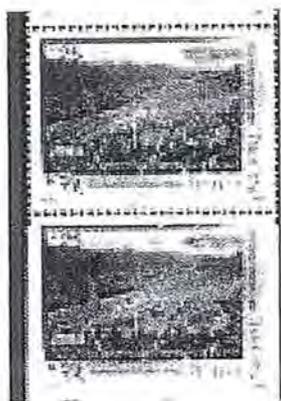
1959 Opening of Parliament  
Used pair horizontal imperf.  
between.  
Cancelled at Birganj Ex.  
P.O. December 1959.  
Start price: \$50



1987 Mt. Kanjiroba  
Color shift.  
Start price: \$25



1994 Mt. Everest  
Perforating error.  
Start price: \$40



2003 Tea gardens  
Imperf. bottom  
stamp.  
Start price: \$100



1991 Nepalese Chambers  
of Commerce  
Colour shift.  
Start price: \$ 25



1989 Mt. Amadablan  
Printing error and  
colour shift.  
Start price: \$75



1985 Tuberculosis Conference  
Colour shift.  
Start price: \$30



Rastra Bank  
Colour shift.  
Start price: \$25

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The following information has been received from Mr. Shrestha.

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3.	Butterfly Series	Aug	Rs. 10.00
4.	Institute ▶▶ Office of the Attorney General of Nepal ▶▶ Tribhuvan University	Aug	Rs. 5.00
5.	Personality Series ▶▶ Guru Mangaldas (Kristina pronomi) ▶▶ Krishna Sen Ichhuk (Journalist) ▶▶ Govinda Biyogi (Journalist) ▶▶ Tej Bahadur Chitrakar	Sept	Rs. 5.00
6.	Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal	Sept/Oct	Rs. 2.00
7.	Visit Nepal Series ▶▶ Maru-Ganesh, Hanumandhoka ▶▶ Kankalini Mai (Saptari)	Oct	Rs. 2.00
8.	100 years of the Great Poet Laxmi Prasad Devkota	Oct	Rs. 2.00
9.	Cultural ▶▶ Chhatha Festival (Mithila Culture) ▶▶ Magar Culture	Oct/Nov	Rs. 5.00
10.	Sport Series ▶▶ Kayak (Related to boat) ▶▶ Mountain biking ▶▶ Sky diving	Nov	Rs. 25.00
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12.	International Day	Dec	Rs. 25.00

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2. The detail information of each issue will be available from Nepal Philatelic Bureau, Sundhara, Kathmandu.

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