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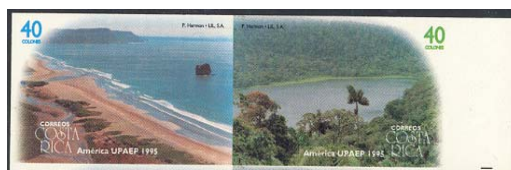
Message from the President

by Raul Hernandez



We are pleased to present an article by Josep J. Jové on the ATM stamps. These stamps are gaining great popularity of use, not just in Costa Rica, but throughout the world. Not only is it convenient to use these stamps, but the designs are quite striking and interesting when combined with the imprinted issue date and value.

Shown below is a section of a cover that Bill Critzer recently received from the Costa Rica Revenue and Postage Society. The world of philately keeps growing as technology makes available new methods and processes for stamping things. There is always something new to collect and thereby maintain one's interest.



Mail Auction 175
Please see
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From left
Top row:
Lot 4, 15, 17

Middle row:
Lot 22, 37, 55

Bottom row:
x lot 7, x lot 19,
x lot 23, x lot 24



The ATMs in Costa Rica

By Josep J. Jové

On July 12th, 1993 the *Correos de Costa Rica* installed in San Jose, the country's capital, four ATM vending machines Model 631 from the German company **Klüssendorf**. The new distributors were installed in the Main Post Office, Gran Hotel Costa Rica, Hotel Alameda and Restaurant Soda Palace.



Subject: Typical oxcart
Date of Issue: July 12, 1993
Size: 43 x 25.5 mm
Paper: Phosphorescent. Multicolor drawing
Design: —
Printer: Enschede, Netherlands (see detail)
Printing value: Black
Printing: 2,000,000

The vending machines used only one paper. They worked with coins and it was possible to obtain 16 different values programmed corresponding to the common franking values or combinations: 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 23, 25, 28, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70, and 85¢ (colones). They also issued a purchase receipt. The collector could also consider "short" sets with four basic values: 13, 15, 25, and 35¢.

The dates are not known in which the distributors were out of service, possibly they only worked during a few months. The equipment installed in the Main Post Office was in discontinuous use until 1995.

Receipt of First Day of Issue for the purchase of one ATM with value 25¢.

Original size: 57 x 138 mm.

FECHA: 12 JUL 93
HORA: 18:50
EXPENDEDORA N° 002
CORTEL
COSTA RICA
RECIBO POR FRANQUEO
IMPORTE TOTAL: 25 COLONES
SERVIMOS LA COMUNICACION
GRACIAS



The typical oxcart was used during the colonial age to transport sugar cane and tobacco and nowadays is still used by some coffee growers to transport coffee. From old ages farmers used to paint the carts with attractive and colorful motifs to preserve and make them beautiful. At first the designs were simple, but later painting the carts turned into a competition between the different properties and the owners wanted to have the best pair of oxen and the most beautiful cart. Nowadays it is one of the more representative artisan objects of the national culture.

The typical oxcart was declared a national symbol during the President Oscar Arias Sanchez mandate, on March 22, 1988 and it represents a tribute to work and art.

EPELSA Models

Playa Manzanillo (Manzanillo's beach), a wonderful natural landscape located on the Southeast Caribbean coast, has been used as a subject for the first ATM paper that the new franking balances EPELSA-Model RL-Postal used in Costa Rica post offices.



Subject: 2002-Playa Manzanillo-ICT-Bruno J.M.
Date of Issue: July 16, 2002
Size: 47 x 27 mm
Paper: Thermal self adhesive-multicolored
Design: Correos de Costa Rica, S.A.-ICT-Bruno J.M.
Printer: Ovelar, Spain
Printing value: Thermal on black
Printing: 1st : 2,280,000 adhesives (1,200 rolls) 2nd, (2003): 1,900,000 adhesives (1,000 rolls)

The ATMs in Costa Rica

By Josep J. Jové

On July 16, 2003, nine years after the previous ATM issue in Costa Rica, the first 10 franking balances were installed in the Main Post Office in San Jose. The equipment is being used by the postal employees and its placed on the attention desk. This equipment is programmed to allow the issue of thermal ATMs printing the machine number, the name of the city or postal office, the date and, of course, the face value. Despite the inclusion of a date, the users could be able to use the ATMs (or *Sello balanza*—balance stamp— as they define it) as a normal stamp at any place and date, according to the official information given by the *Gerencia General de Correos de Costa Rica, S.A.*

In the commercial exhibition celebrated

Adjust label -
Balance 24105



in Madrid on the occasion of the Postal Forum (May 6 to 8, 2002), could be seen the prototype of the franking balance Epelsa installed in Costa Rica, and at the same time the first adjust label issued; in this case it was printed on a blank label because the first paper wasn't yet produced..

The franking balances also print a receipt on ther-



The image shows a mixed franking with "traditional" stamps and one ATM issued on September 17, 2002. The cover was posted on October 4th.



First adjust label



Ovelar manufactured 1,200 rolls (with 1,900 adhesives each one) of this first model and the ATMs can be obtained directly in the branch offices of *Correos de Costa Rica, S.A.* In 2003 they made a reprinting of the same design with 1,000 new rolls. The labels have an important variation in their tonality.

The new ATM issue compiled the large experience with the ATM thermal issues in Spain, with the same format in paper and similar characteristics in the printing of franking balances.



mal paper pre-printed with the post logo, with complete information of the purchase.

The printing errors of

Receipt for the purchase of one ATM with value 115 ¢. Size: 60 x 90 mm.

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The ATMs in Costa Rica

By Josep J. Jové

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the franking balances and curiosities are very similar to the ones we can find on Spain's ATM issues.

Correos de Costa Rica wants



Adjust label with misplaced printing.



Printing of horizontal lines.



Printing error cancelled...maybe to avoid its use as a franking?



Subject: 2002-Ranza Calzonuda (Gaudy leaf Frog), *Agalychnis callidryas*. ICT-Bruno J.M.

Date of Issue: September 24, 2003

Size: 47 x 27 mm

Paper: Thermal self adhesive-multicolored

Design: Correos de Costa Rica, S.A.-ICT-Bruno J.M.

Printer: Ovelar, Spain

Printing value: Thermal on black

Printing: 2,850,000 adhesives (1,600 rolls)

to take advantage of the great possibilities offered by the new Epelsa scales, so that in special shipments (Registered, Express—EMS,...) a control label is printed on the same self adhesive support

paper. Therefore the next issues have a superior size, 57 x 27 mm., that will allow the printing of a bar code type 39, the standard recommended by the UPU.



The modifications in the software and the balances began in September 2003; the first balances using the new papers (model *Calzonuda* Frog) were the 12 units installed in the Main Post Office of San Jose on September 24th. They expect that all the scales will use this new paper by November 4th.

Advance New ATM Issues

A new paper is ready to be used in the franking balances, as soon as the previous one is sold out. And six new designs are in study and approval phase by the Directors of Correos de Costa Rica, S.A.

The new proposed papers show some wonderful images related to tourism and culture in Costa Rica. Its issue during the next years would be a great impulse to this new branch of philately.



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The Franking Balances

Following a process of modernization started in some Postal Services of the area, Correos de Costa Rica is providing their post and branch offices around the country with 150 new franking valances from the Spanish company Epelsa. The serial numbers of these machines run from 24106—24255. In March 2003, there were 83 franking balances installed, and 120 in September 2003.

These franking balances are the standard model, the RL-POSTAL, including special details like colors and logos owned by *Correos de Costa Rica S.A.*

As in Spain, this model can be used only by postal employees in two ways: Using it to print ATMs freely; or attached to the computer system that allow the postal employee to issue an ATM according to the weight, type and destination of the shipment.



The editor is indebted to Richard Yudin for bringing to his attention the web site <www.fut.es/~jjj/atm/angles/acostarica.htm> produced by the author; and to author Josep J. Jové for his kind permission to reproduce his work.

Observations

by Bill Critzer



Received from Socorico member Rafael Pinto, President of the Costa Rica Revenue & Postage Society is a handsome privately cacheted aerogram to commemorate the Spanish International Philatelic Exhibition. The CRR&PS printed the cachet on an aerogram still in inventory at the Post Office.

The objective is to send two of their Board members to Spain with some cover gifts with this aerogram and they have printed extras which are available for \$1.00 plus handling and shipping. For details contact Rafael Pinto at P.O. Box 155-1000, San Jose, Costa Rica; email rafapinto@hotmail.com.



Secretary's Report

by Joseph Stanley



Welcome!

David Giles (685) Ottawa, Canada
Juan Reinoso (686) San Jose, Costa Rica
Cordelia Gray (687) Jacksonville, Alabama
Henry Ward (688) Lexington, Kentucky

Resignations: There were a few resignations and 30 members dropped for non-payment of dues. Non-paying members were not mailed this issue of the quarterly journal. Thanks to all of you who paid your dues on time.

Please notify me of any address/or e-mail changes: Joe Stanley: harbar@adelphia.net

New Issues

By Abraham Gelber



There have been no new issues so far in 2004, but stay tuned as they should be coming starting with the next issue.

The Socorico Library

By Dr. Hector R. Mena



Following are reviews of the current philatelic literature received at the Socorico Library through June 1, 2004.

Repertorio Filatelico No. 276 (December, 2003). "Correos de Costa Rica" announces new issues for 2004 which include America UPAEP: Conservation of Environment, National Parks, Athens Olympics, Christmas surtax. Also postal stationery: youthful philately, Latin American Presidents meeting.

The 10 centimos surcharge on the triangular 1c non emiss of 1963 (Sc. C367) is reported in 2 other colors in addition to the red listed in the catalogue. One is maroon (listed as A375b) and a new one described as chocolate or dark brown. It is stated that the double overprint has been seen only once on a cover to Limon.



Eric Hidalgo complains that the Christmas tax stamp is not used by large volume mailers during December as the laws requires. Although not mentioned in the article it appears that these mailers pay the tax in bulk. Whatever the explanation of "Correos de Costa Rica" provided it does not satisfy the author. The visit of the cruiser USS Houston to Coco Island is recorded in a cover from October 9, 1935 with two US stamps. The warship was carrying President F. Roosevelt in a return trip visiting Panama. At that time it was the flagship of the fleet protecting the Panama Canal. Later the USS Houston was part of the Pacific fleet during WWII as the flagship of Admiral Hart and Vice Admiral K. Dorman. It was eventually sunk by Japan in the Battle of the Gulf of Bataan in March, 1942.

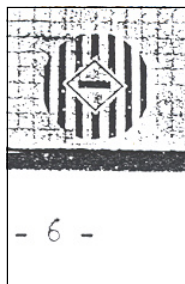
Repertorio Filatelico No. 277 (January, 2004). A first day cover of the 2004 Christmas tax stamp was also canceled with a commemorative cancel in reference to the 100 years of friendship with Panama.

Alvaro Castro reports that the imperforate 10c stamp of Justo Facio of 1960 (Sc. 161) is a plate proof (listed as I267) and illustrates a corner of 9 imperforate stamps with a wide margin left and below. (This explanation causes a sense of relief since "imperforate" stamps reported as "errors" always bring a bad taste



about the exact provenance). In summary we have a plate proof imperforate and two color proofs perforated in this issue.

A study of a commonly used cancellation of the first issue is discussed by Fred O'Neill. The cancellation is an oval formed by 7 horizontal lines in the shape of a barrel with the number one in the center within a frame. Initially it was assumed that the number one stood for San Jose province, but later it was found in Puntarenas originated mail. The author speculates that the same cancellation was used in other provinces too based on a document that describes the manufacture of 6 cancellers and illustrated a sample of it. This could be the first nation wide canceller before circular dated cancellations devices were used.



Repertorio Filatelico No. 278 (February, 2004). R. Pinto reports that the recent adhesive postage labels printed by Epelsa counters terminals installed in many post offices in Costa Rica have been used as proof of payment for fax service provide in the same offices.



A. Castro reports a slight variety in the design of the windows in the 2004 Christmas tax stamp, in the upper or lower row of the sheet the design consists of connecting lines rather than a continuous curve due to a computer glitch in the design.

Captain Herbert Oldfield from the British Royal Navy was one of the first writers of the Guanacaste overprints and his important review of the subject was published in *Stamp Collecting* in London in June 1922. A short biography is presented here.

Repertorio Filatelico No. 279 (February, 2004). Ambulante railroad cancellations constitute one of the most interesting chapters in Costa Rica philately. The one used by "Ramal del Cairo" is discussed here. Cairo was only a hamlet along the railroad spur and the cancellations bearing the name are very rare.

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The national industries issue of 1954-59 was reported with centers printed by different typographic system in Oxcart 1974. Most recent studies found a number 2 in the lower left margin believed to be related to the second plate, but a study presented here by H. Mena suggest that the number 2 in the 5 and 15c stamps is associated to the first printing. A number 1 in the same location is found in stamps of the other values also



with the first printing characteristics.

Repertorio Filatelico No. 280 (February, 2004). The surcharge on the revenue stamps for 100 colones in October, 1988 (M&R1385/86) was printed in such a small numbers that it is one of the scarcest of the modern times. Jorge Beeche presents a list of the counties where stamps of the Coco Island issue of 1936 were cancelled. Defective stamps of the recent issue of children literature were destroyed according to an official document of "Correos de Costa Rica" of February 2004.

Timbre No. 8 (Fourth quarter 2003). (Note: Number 6 and 7 have not been received). This special issue is dedicated to Ricardo Alvarez and contains several of his works originally printed in difficult to find publications. A detailed biography constitutes the introduction. The articles are "The Philatelic Ideals" in Panorama No 7, 1983, "Introduction to Costa Rica Postal History" in Granada 92 exhibit catalogue, "The First Issue" a lecture at Exfilme 90 in Barcelona, "Rare Classic Philatelic Examples" in La Nacion January, 1987, "UPU Origin of the Postal Service" in Panorama No. 7, 1983, "The UPU surcharges" in La Nacion October, 1985, "General Prospero Fernandez" in La Nacion December, 1985. The articles are mostly summaries or generalizations of contemporary philatelic knowledge. The magazine is profusely illustrated in color mostly with samples of Alvaro Castro collection.

Costa Rica Filatelica No. 109 (December, 2003). Reports from a conference on illegal or abusive issues and a worldwide stamp numeration were reported. The FIP rules for exhibits are continuing in this issue.

Small printings defect of the 1970 Christmas stamp is reported by Abraham Gelber. The most important variety is a white spot above the feet of the Child that looks like a third foot in position 95. Also a line over "1970" in position 1, 6, 21, 26, 41, 46, 66, 81 and 86. There are also two lines on the "a" of Costa Rica in positions 4, 9, 24, 29, 44, 49, 64, 69, 84 and 89. Also a line over 5 on position 15, 20, 35, 40, 55, 60, 75, 80, 95 and 100. Other dots and marks are found in other positions.



Scott 528 commemorates the 125th UPU anniversary and the design and perforation of the upper and lower rows causes stamps with missing design parts once separated from the margins.

A very interesting article by Eric Hidalgo, the designer of the 1994 Scott 476 stamp, explained details in the process of the design with changes that made the color and unusual continuous design. At the time of issue the stamp design was



strongly criticized by philatelic writers. The author has waited 10 years to provide a very logical and technical explanation of the events that led to the final issue and a refutation of the caustic and unsupported arguments of prior writers.

La marking "T" used for Post Due is discussed by Wayman. The practice was common in all UPU countries, examples are shown.

Socorico Publications for Sale

SPECIAL OFFER: The library is reducing the price of its back issues of *The Oxcart* to \$2 per issue plus appropriate postage. Available are issues #58 through #167, except #100 is \$4. Order now as these may not be reprinted.

Costa Rica Postal Catalogue, 2nd edition 1997, by Hector R. Mena. Softbound (tape). VI + 248 pages. **Sorry, sold out!**

Costa Rica Revenue Stamp Catalogue, 1998 by Hector R. Mena and Oscar C. Rohrmoser. Softbound (tape). IV + 74 pages. \$10 members, \$20 non-members. Weight 11 ounces.

Airmail Postal History of Costa Rica, 1999, by Richard Saundry, Fred O'Neill et al. Softbound (tape). VI + 121 pages. \$15 members, \$30 non-members. Weight 12 ounces.

Costa Rica Postal Stationery, 1998, by H. Dana Mitchell. Softbound (tape). IV + 41 pages. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Weight 6 ounces.

NEW: *First Issue Covers – a CD-ROM*, by Carlos Saenz. \$10 for members \$20 non-members, postpaid.

The Index to Costa Rican Philatelic Literature, Part II (1974-2000), 3rd edition by Hector

R. Mena. Unbound, 88 pages. Free, \$1 postage.

The Index to Costa Rican Philatelic Literature (1863-1972) by Earl G. Fossum and Hector R. Mena. Softbound (tape), 124 pages. \$5 . Weight 14 ounces.

History of Revenue Stamps of Costa Rica (1870-1970), by Alvaro Bonilla Lara. Softbound (tape). VII + 232 pages. \$18 members, \$30 non-members. Weight 31 ounces.

Catalogo de Sello Postales de Costa Rica, 2nd edition 1978, by Carlos Saenz. Softbound (stapled) 104 pages. \$10 members, \$20 non-members. Weight 9 ounces.

NEW: *The Oxcart* Issues 1-60 on CD-ROM, including the first 36 issues of the *Costa Rican Philatelist*. Produced by Richard S. Simpson for SOCORICO. \$30 for members postpaid.

Ordering: please contact the Librarian as shown on the Socorico information page. Please specify shipping method and remit sufficient postage. The US domestic book rate is \$1.30 for the first pound and 45 cents for each additional pound. US postal rates to foreign countries are high and vary with location.

Socorico Financial Statements By Leslie Bissell, Treasurer

For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

INCOME STATEMENT

Gross receipts	\$2,865.79
Interest Income	197.20
Total Revenue	<u>3,062.99</u>
Insurance and subscriptions	55.00
Postage and bank charges	261.25
Professional services	450.00
Maintenance and repairs	137.44
Advertising	294.00
Depreciation	230.00
Newsletter publication	<u>2,339.38</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,767.07</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u><u>\$(704.08)</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:	
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$25,776.63
Property & Equipment (Net)	<u>\$806.62</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$26,583.25</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL:	
Retained earnings	\$(393.67)
Additional capital paid	27,681.00
Current Earnings	<u>\$(704.08)</u>
Total Capital	<u><u>\$26,583.25</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Capital	<u><u>\$26,583.25</u></u>

Mail Bid Sale 175

By Raul Hernandez and Hector Mena

Send all bids and payments to Raul Hernandez, 4204 Haring Road, Metairie, LA, 70006 USA. The closing date is **August 7, 2004 at noon**. The winning bid will be one raise over the next highest bid. Complete auction conditions are posted on the website <www.socorico.org>., and all lots are illustrated there. Bids a step above the second highest bid will be placed on the web site two and one weeks and one or two days prior to the closing date. The same information can be obtained by phone, fax or mail from R. Hernandez. The only additional cost to the buyer is postage and, if desired, insurance and special packing. Bids may be sent by email to <rherna3870@aol.com>; or please prepare a bid sheet and mail your bids. The catalogue price reference is Scott 2004; other references are from CRPC 1997. Low value stamps are not graded; in lots the grade represents the highest value stamp. Please submit items for the next auction by **July 24, 2004 at noon** to Hector Mena, P.O. Box 14831, Baton Rouge LA 70898.

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>\$ Reserve</u>
Regular Mail		
1	Sc 58 1901 surcharge, 3 complete sheets of 100: Sheet No 27: almost separated in two, margins all around with damage only in one stamp. Sheet No.?: no separations, only corner margin in right missing excellent condition. Sheet No. 79, over inked, no separations, complete margins, excellent condition. An excellent opportunity to have 3 complete sheets of this overprint for plate setting studies. The alignment is not even and not all the surcharges in a plate are equal.	\$50.00
2	Sc 59 imperf plate proof pair, gum, hinge remains, good margins	\$6.00
3	Sc 98 block of 6, upper rows with margin, no gum, hinged	\$15.00
4	Sc 104 imperf plate proof (PP100) single gum, hinged, VF	\$20.00
5	Sc 105-9 independence issue, mint NH, VF cat 14.95	\$7.00
6	Sc 105-9 as above in horiz. tete beche pairs, mint NH, VF	\$20.00
7	Sc 169-76 Coco Island issue, imperf singles, no gum, hinged	\$18.00
8	Sc 163 + 164-8 Red Cross, Vision issues, mint hinged VF cat 11.30	\$5.00
9	Sc 201-8 Soccer issue, mint, fine, light hinged, cat 24	\$10.00
10	Sc 233-57 10 issues 25 stamps mint, hinged cat 8	\$3.00
11	Sc 246 surcharge, sheet of 50, no separations, upper and right margins remain, stains in upper side, good condition	\$5.00
12	Sc 258 surcharge, sheet of 100, almost separated in 4, heavy tropical stains	\$1.00
13	Sc 259 surcharge, sheet of 100, no separations, full margin, some tropical stain on gum	\$5.00
14	Sc 485 America issue vertical pair imperf gum VF	\$30.00
15	Sc 486-7 horizontal pair imperf gum VF	\$40.00
16	Sc 488 vertical pair imperf gum VF	\$30.00
17	Sc 493 Aqueducts issue, imperf horizontal pair, gum VF	\$30.00
18	Sc 498 Radio Netherlands issue, imperf horizontal pair, gum VF	\$35.00
Airmail		
19	C15-26 First definitive airmail issue, used, VF cat 7.90	\$3.00

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>\$ Reserve</u>
20	C31-4 Puntarenas, mint hinged cat 3.20	\$1.00
21	C35-8 National bank, mint hinged cat 3.20	\$1.00
22	C55a 15c on 25c error, mint NH, VF cat 30	\$25.00
23	C104-16 1945 overprint, mint, trace of hinge, VF cat 30.50	\$15.00
24	C168-77 National Theater issue, imperf color proofs (CPA180-89) hinged VF	\$50.00
25	C141-4 President issue, mint, trace hinge (10C small tear in right corner) cat 9.95	\$4.00
26	C197-210 Fair issue, mint, trace hinge, VF cat 24.75	\$15.00
27	C256-72 War issue, mint NH, VF cat 10.80	\$5.00
28	C292-97 OAE issue, mint NH, fine cat 10.45	\$5.00
29	C303-13 Rome Olympics issue, mint, hinged VF corner copies (SS perf/imperf) cat 21.	\$7.00
30	C336a double surcharge (A348a), mint NH VF cat 25	\$30.00
31	C362-5 Stamp centenary issue, mint, NH VF	\$7.00
32	C378-93 Indian art issue, mint NH VF cat 26	\$15.00
33	C452-71 Churches, mint NH VF cat 34.60	\$18.00
34	C498-509 3 issues, mint NH VF cat 5.25	\$3.00
35	C598 vertical pair imperf horiz. (A608a) mint NH VF	\$25.00
36	C649 blue color missing (A659a) mint NH VF	\$12.00
37	C656 green color missing (A666a) mint NH VF	\$10.00
38	C669-72 Exhibit issue (SS perf/imperf) mint NH VF cat 2.55	\$1.00
39	C680-82 US Independence issue, mint NH VF cat 3	\$1.00
40	C795-6 Phil Exhibition issue blocks of 4, mint NH VF cat. 16	\$8.00
41	C797-802 Fruits issue, blocks of 4, mint NH VF cat 9	\$5.00
42	C808-9 Christmas issue, blocks of 4 mint NH VF with logo cat 6.80	\$3.50
43	C815-6 Garcia Monge issue, blocks of 4 mint NH VF cat 3	\$1.50
44	C817-9 Eye bank issue, blocks of 4 mint NH VF corners with logo cat 5.20	\$2.50
45	C845-8 Archives issue, blocks of 4 mint NH VF cat 3.40	\$2.00
46	C872-6 Alajuela issue, blocks of 4 mint NH VF corners with logo cat 16.60	\$8.00
47	C877-82 Perez Zeledon issue, blocks of 4 mint NH VF cat 5	\$2.50
48	C893-5 TBC issue, blocks of 4 mint NH VF cat 2.40	\$1.25
49	C898-903 Migration issues, blocks of 4 mint NH VF cat 8.60	\$4.00
50	C902/11 St. Francis + surcharges + Bolivar issues, blocks of 4 mint NH VF cat 7.80	\$4.00
Other		
51	E1-5 express mail, mint light hinge or NH VF cat 1.90	\$1.00
52	RA61-72 1974-76 (12) Christmas tax, mint hinged VF cat 2.40	\$1.00
53	RA65-8 1975 Christmas tax, horizontal gutters pairs, mint VF	\$3.00

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>\$ Reserve</u>	
54	RA113 1994 Christmas tax, imperf horizontal pair, mint NH VF gum	\$25.00	
55	Guanacaste 9 unused, no gum VF cat 37.50	\$9.00	
56	Guanacaste 14-16 mint gum cat 17	\$8.00	
57	Guanacaste 44-5 mint gum hinged VF cat 6.	\$2.00	
58	Guanacaste 59/63 (no 62) mint partial gum, hinged F/VF cat 56.	\$30.00	
59	Guanacaste 64-7 unused, hinged, some with gum, F/VF cat 8.-	\$4.00	
<p>The following accumulation contains local used commercial covers from many cities of the country to San Jose. They are from the time of the issues (1950's and early 60's). Most have been opened by hand by tearing a corner or a side. Many covers have stamps placed at random on the front of back of the cover. Most are registered and have contemporary registration labels, there are many express delivery and some with registered value. Count of large lots could be off for a few items. The accumulation is being offered with the purpose of postal research rather than exhibit. The reserve is nominal and reflects the overall quality of the material. Obviously the lots are not illustrated in the web site. This is the last batch of this accumulation.</p>			
		<u># Env.</u>	<u>\$ Reserve</u>
60	257 op multiple or combinations for regular or express rate	33	\$8.00
61	258 + 260 op 5, 15c for regular or express rate	41	\$8.00
62	258 op 5c + C217 10c airport	11	\$3.00
63	260 op x3 or x4 for registered rate	14	\$4.00
64	260 op + 5c industries (red or blue) for registered rate	20	\$4.00
65	260 op + C217 airport 10c for regular or express rate	33	\$6.00
66	President issue 43-45 air and surface: 1, 2, 10, 15, 45, 65c and other 1950 values	18	\$6.00
67	224 1c or 225 2c + C217 airport 10c local use	24	\$6.00
68	C187 UPU 25c x2 for registered rate	1375	\$50.00
69	C187 UPU+ C254 15c industries for express rate	24	\$5.00
70	C189 War+ C217 10c airport for registered rate	9	\$2.00
71	C198-201 Fair 2, 3, 5, 10c + other issues	19	\$5.00
72	C203-4 Fair 45, 50c + other issues	15	\$5.00
73	C213 Isabella 25c + C218 airport 15c for express rate	18	\$4.00
74	C211-3 Isabella 15-25c + others for express or regular rate	18	\$4.00
75	C216 + 17 Airport 5c, 10c local rate	267	\$20.00
76	C216-17 Airport 5c +10c multiples for reg. or express rate	53	\$6.00

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u># Env.</u>	<u>\$ Reserve</u>
77	C217 Airport 10c x5 for registered rate	647	\$40.00
78	C217 Airport 10c x6 for registered rate	46	\$5.00
79	C217 Airport 10c multiple for registered rate	12	\$3.00
80	C217 Airport 10c x1- to x4 different rates	14	\$3.00
81	C227 5c + C217 airport 10c mixed for different rates	12	\$3.00
82	C229 15c single for local rate	393	\$25.00
83	C229 15c x3 + C227 5c for registered rate	270	\$25.00
84	C229 15c x3 for express rate	46	\$6.00
85	C229 15c x4 for registered rate	98	\$10.00
86	C229 15c x5+ for registered rate	18	\$3.00
87	C229 15c + C217 airport 10c	40	\$7.00
88	C229 15c x2 + C217 10c for express rate	126	\$13.00
89	C229 15c + C216 airport 5c	24	\$4.00
90	Industries 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c in different combinations	28	\$4.00
91	C254 15c single for local rate	523	\$35.00
92	C254 15c x3 + C252 5c for registered rate	156	\$12.00
93	C236 50c single for registered rate	2980	\$100.00
94	C236 50c multiple or + 5, 10c industries	25	\$5.00
95	C236 50c + 15 or 25c industries	19	\$4.00
96	C236 50c + C217 10c airport registered rate	58	\$8.00
97	C237 55c or C241 1C singles registered rate	13	\$6.00
98	C240 75c single for registered rate	36	\$12.00
99	C246 Rotary 10c multiple for registered rate	19	\$6.00
100	C246 Rotary 10c + UPU or industries combo	15	\$5.00
101	C247 Rotary 25c x2 for registered rate	46	\$15.00
102	C265 Centenary War 50c single for registered rate	62	\$10.00
103	Combination of 2 or 3 different issues	30	\$3.00
104	Combination of 2 or 3 different issues	30	\$3.00
105	RA1-2 Dec 58 first Xmas tax overprint with several issues	44	\$10.00
106	C276 Gonzalez 15c 3 to 5x for registered rate	26	\$6.00
107	C276 Gonzalez + industries, others, different rates	9	\$3.00
108	C283 soccer 10c + others for registered rate	13	\$4.00
109	C284 soccer 25c x3 for registered rate	55	\$10..
110	C284 soccer 25c x1 + C236 industries 50c for regular rate	30	\$8.00
111	C285 soccer 50c + other for registered rate	9	\$3.00
112	C279-300 St Vincent 25-50c + others registered rate	16	\$4.00
113	C309 Olympics 25c x3 or +C236 50c for registered rate	25	\$8.00
114	C314-5 Baseball 25c x3 or 75c x1 for registered rate	10	\$5.00

Lot #	Description	# Env.	\$ Reserve
115	C318-9, 32-33 professionals + others mostly reg. rate	25	\$5.00
116	C323 UN 25c x1 or x3 + others	9	\$3.00
117	C335 op 25c on 15 industries x3 for registered rate	45	\$12.00
118	C341-2 op 25-35c multiple for registered rate	19	\$6.00
119	C356 fauna 25c x3 for registered rate	11	\$5.00
120	C368-9 fauna op 25 or 35c for registered rate	16	\$6.00
121	C379 + 80 art 10/25c for registered rate	24	\$7.00
122	C382 + 80 art 35/25c for registered rate	19	\$5.00
123	C382 + 78 art 35c/5c for registered rate	28	\$7.00
124	C382 + 95 or 97 art for registered rate	25	\$7.00
125	C382 + 79 art 35 x3 + 5x1 for registered rate	12	\$4.00
126	C384 + 86 or 89 art registered rate	17	\$4.00
127	The entire collection of about 8300 covers (60 to 126 lots) at sum of reserves or higher bids		\$653.00
Literature			
128	Steiner Album pages heavy paper: surface to 1969, airmail to 76, Guanacaste		\$1.00
129	Philatelic Bulletins 35 originals between No. 7 and 56 (1971-76)		\$1.00
130	Nicarao 14 issues 3/3-4, 4/1-2, 6/3-4, 7/1-4, 8/1-4		\$1.00

**End of Mail Sale Number 175. Some lots are illustrated on page 16;
see www.socorico.org for all lots (1-59)**

News from Costa Rica

By Dr. Hector Mena

Newspaper La Nacion Electronic,
May 1, 2004

“Correos de Costa Rica” General Manager made the symbolic presentation of a check donated to The Children’s City. This is the product of the 23 colones Christmas tax stamp that is compulsory to attach to all correspondence in the month of December.

This year the amount was 44 million colones. The presentation was made at the central building of “Correos de Costa Rica” in San Jose.

“Ciudad de los Ninos” in Cartago is a social endeavor directed by the Augustine religious order. They provide more than 300 underprivileged children education in trades like furniture making, welding, electrician and mechanics.

Please see illustrations of the 2003 Christmas Tax stamp on the cover of this journal as well as the reference to a variety which may be found in the lower right hand column on page 21 under “Repertorio Filatelico No. 278”.

Useful and Classified

by Bill Critzer



Publications of Interest

Repertorio Filatelico Costarricense
Apartado 2868, San Jose, Costa Rica
Monthly in Spanish: Edited by Fred O'Neill
\$20 per year

Resources

The Steiner Album for Costa Rica
Freely downloadable from the
SOCORICO website at:
<http://www.socorico.org>

The Alvaro Castro Costa Rica Albums

Costa Rica Stamps-The First Century

\$50 plus \$15 airmail postage.

Costa Rica Stamps-1965 to the Present

\$54 plus \$15 airmail postage.

Costa Rica Postal Stationery Album

\$39.50 plus \$13.50 airmail postage.

Edited by Alvaro Castro, these albums are high quality and come with attractive three ring binders. They are the finest published albums available for Costa Rica and may be obtained from: Editorial Tecnica Commercial, Postal Box 8182, San Jose Costa Rica 1000. Or contact acastro@ulacit.ac.cr for additional specific information about the albums.

Socorico Adlets are placed free of charge to members. Please send your short ad to the editor and it will appear three times.

Wanted: SC #197-210 Agriculture Fair Issue in blocks of 4 mint. Oscar Collado, Apartado 465-1000, San Jose CR.

Wanted: SOCORICO Mail Bid Sales Manager. Please contact Raul Hernandez at his address on the last page of this publication.

Wanted: Mint postal stationery envelope 1996—Mena No. EN 38 or 38A, with the Columbus coin \$30 imprint. Also, mint postal stationery postcards Mena No. PC 9, 10, 13 and 15. B. Bielefeldt, Friedlands 50, 78628 Rottweil Germany.

Prices Realized—Mail Bid Sale

174 By Raul Hernandez

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	\$15.00	40	\$21.00	78	\$8.50		
2	\$30.00	42	\$10.00	79	\$21.00		
4	\$230.00	43	\$10.50	100	\$9.00		
5	\$10.50	44	\$2.00	127	\$441.00		
6	\$25.00	45	\$0.75		END		
7	\$6.75	46	\$6.25				
9	\$71.00	48	\$15.50				
10	\$15.50	49	\$195.00				
11	\$14.25	50	\$11.50				
13	\$24.00	51	\$8.25				
14	\$19.50	52	\$8.25				
15	\$7.25	53	\$7.50				
17	\$6.75	54	\$6.50				
18	\$7.25	55	\$4.50				
19	\$6.25	56	\$6.50				
21	\$10.00	57	\$6.50				
27	\$15.00	58	\$5.50				
29	\$5.50	59	\$5.50				
30	\$10.00	60	\$5.50				
31	\$2.50	61	\$5.50				
32	\$4.50	62	\$8.00				
33	\$10.50	63	\$8.00				
34	\$3.50	64	\$8.50				
35	\$4.50	65	\$8.25				
36	\$15.50	75	\$13.00				
37	\$15.50	76	\$13.00				
39	\$33.00	77	\$8.50				

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