

MAURITIUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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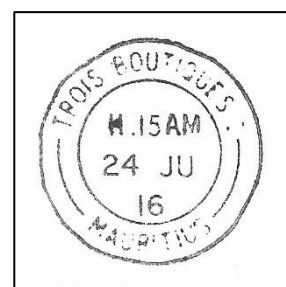
The July meeting was held on 2nd July 2016 at 14:00 at College du St Esprit, Sir Virgil Naz Avenue, Quatre Bornes.

Digital Frankings and Aspects of Mauritius were the themes dealt with.

Alain Louis who has been collecting digital meters of Mauritius seriously showed a very interesting lot of recent addition to his collection. Several varieties such as broken frames and incomplete imprints were included in the items displayed.

Aspects of Mauritius was a matching collection of stamps, coins, banknotes, photographs and postcards of the islands of the Indian Ocean as well as several Asian countries that T N Greedharrye had visited over the years. A tastefully arranged novel way of collecting various branches of philately.

Other items were the latest stamps of BIOT, press reports on the finances of Mauritius Post and several Mauritius covers together with accompanying Certificates of Posting (COP) addressed to a California and a Massachusetts destination over the last decade.



The July and August convocations were posted on 24th June 2016 from Trois Boutiques Post Office.

AUGUST:

The August meeting was held on the 6th day of the month at 14:00 at the usual venue.

The convocation listed the following: Two videos on the railways in Mauritius, Aspects of Mauritius and Recent issues of Mauritius.

The two railways videos shown were a recent forlorn Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) production and a 1960 British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) realisation. The MBC effort was a poor educational “story” mainly of the Midlands and Savanne Lines surviving stations, bridges and other remaining structure. The narration was in creole and much liberty was taken by the storyteller of what the railways were all about. The BBC film on the Mauritius Government Railways was in the main about loco no 15 at work in the Port Louis marshalling yard with glimpses of the running shed, water tanks and gantrys, coaling and scenes of the Central Station and the Plaine Lauzun locomotive workshop. The railways videos were presented by A N Maderbokus and M Antoine.

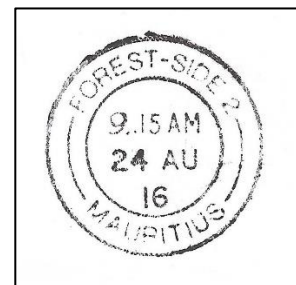
The notice board appended with much material such as the “Week End” of 17/07/2016 two page railways article full of reckless and ridiculous errors in text and captions, the New York World Stamp Show award, digital meter slogans of LIC, LUX*, and MRA, News Items 20° 10° No 16, Quarterly Update No 2 2016, details of the David Feldman “Post Office” printing plate sale scheduled for 28th November 2016 and the Mauritius section of the 3rd Edition of the SG “Indian Ocean” catalogue.

Unfinished business on Aspects of Mauritius and Recent Issues were carried forward to September as somehow an unexpected and unnecessarily long non philatelic exchange about a local issue got a bit out of hand. That is what happens when the Society doesn’t stick to its philatelic agenda.

SEPTEMBER:

The September meeting took place on Saturday 2nd September at 14:00 hours in Quatre Bornes.

The main item was a straight forward display of modern stamps of Mauritius in blocks of four by Derek Taylor. Primarily composed of post independence commemoratives a few earlier blocks of the 1935 Silver Jubilee, the 1948 Royal Wedding and other colonial era blocks were also shown. Derek explained that most of the blocks were acquired from an acquaintance. He disclosed the price he paid, the reasons for the purchase and other anecdotal details. He also talked about how he was updating and organizing his collection since joining the Society.



The September convocation was posted on 24th August 2016 from Forest Side Post Office.
NB The quality and clarity of the postmarks are above average and are as is.

Unfinished business and Aspects of Mauritius from August were on the Fresh Water Fauna and MPCG-04 Dornier stamps by A N Maderbokus with his usual detailed and well documented accompanying supports. He also showed a small range of blocks of four from his collection.

An accompanying block of four arrangement by M Antoine on the technical aspects of collecting these was rescheduled to October.

The notice board carried several snippets of a philatelic nature such as a copy of the Cabinet decision of 25.3.2016 on the “Stamp Issue Programme” for the year and proving data from a 1960 publication disproving a local historian’s claim of a MGR railway construction labour source in the 19th century.

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COMMEMORATIVE STAMP OF MAURITIUS 2016

MARITIME AIR SQUADRON

A single Rs 11.00 postage stamp was issued on 13 July 2016 on the occasion of the “Commissioning Ceremony” of a new Dornier aircraft for the Coast Guard wing of the Mauritius Police Force.

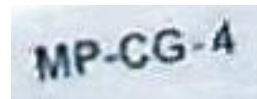
The decorative illustrated Official First Day Cover (OFDC) and the stamp feature two different angles (top and side view) of the aircraft constructed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in Kampur, India.

The OFDC was priced at Rs 60.00 each.



New Dornier Aircraft MPCG 04

Commissioning Ceremony MPCG4



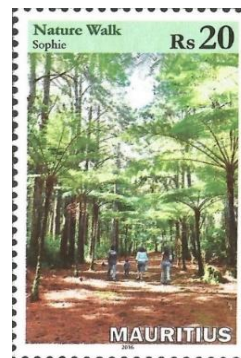
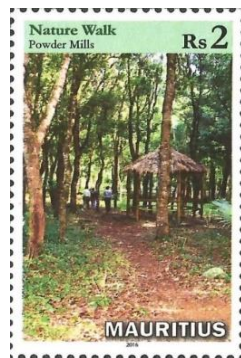
NB Various symbols used to designate the aircraft on the stamp and the OFDC

NATURE WALK

Two stamps were issued on 15 September 2016 on two reforested nature parks created, developed and maintained for recreational and conservation purposes.

The stamps feature respectively Powder Mills (Rs 2) and Sophie (Rs 20) parks. Both parks have trees trails and kiosks to encourage and cater for leisure (strolls and fresh air) activities hence the Nature Walk stamp captions.

The Official First Day Cover illustrated with two almost similar photographs of forestry, kiosks, trails and walkers was priced at Rs 80.00 per unit.



NB “Sophie” is better known as Plaine Sophie Nature Park.

OTHERS

Two sets of commemorative stamps on the Cabinet decision list of 25/03/2016 are still to be issued between October and December 2016 namely:

- Fresh Water Flora on 18 October 2016 – 4 stamps
- World Diabetes Day on 14 November 2016 – 1 stamp

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**JAN - MARCH 2016 - JANUARY N/A, FEBRUARY 16, MARCH 18.
APRIL - JUNE 2016 - APRIL 15, MAY 13, JUNE 14.
JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016 – JULY 17, AUGUST 14, SEPTEMBER 15**

THE PRESS AND THE POST

- 07.07.2016 L'Express : Quatre employés contestent une promotion
12.07.2016 L'Express : Rs12 millions
12.07.2016 Le Défi Quotidien : Pas d'inspection des colis à destination de Rodrigues
16.08.2016 Le Défi Quotidien : Un colis égaré entre Maurice - Rodrigues
01.09.2016 L'Express : L'amende d'un facteur augmentée en appel
03.09.2016 Le Défi Plus : Des douaniers additionnels dans les Parcel Post Office
12.09.2016 Le Défi Quotidien : Service postal : une lettre pas si « Express » finalement
17.09.2016 L'Express : Rs 350,000 d'héroïne saisis dans des cartes de vœux

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SOCIETY MEETINGS 2016

Society members meetings for the fourth quarter of 2016 October to December will be held on the following dates:

1st October,

5th November,

3rd December.

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