

MAURITIUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Founder Members - Mico Antoine - Yvan Martial



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Dear Member,

The Society has had a very good year in 1992. For 1993 we intend to build on the results of the past year. We now have a Management Committee with four new members who need your support and cooperation which I am sure you will provide to ensure the good running of the Society.

The two main objectives of the Committee this year are firstly, an increase in membership and secondly a higher attendance at the monthly meetings. The Committee cannot on its own achieve these objectives.

Each member can help the Society by getting a friend to join the Society and by attending the monthly meeting. So make an effort this year.

The 1993 Society Year Book is behind schedule and I could invoke 'force majeure' - I will not. The delay in its publication is due to my personal work load. The final draft is ready but preparations for the June stamp exhibition which is only five weeks away mean that the issue date is now scheduled for end of June and I hope that you are not too disappointed.

Until the next News Bulletin,

I remain
Yours philatelically

Mico ANTOINE
Editor

30. 4. 93

JANUARY MEETING SATURDAY 9 JANUARY

The January meeting was held on the second Saturday of the first month of 1993 at College Saint Esprit (College of the Holy Ghost) at 14.00 hrs.

Despite the extended New Year holiday period in Mauritius, 27 members attended the January meeting.

THE NOTICE BOARD

The notice board carried various items as usual.

These items included pre-issue reproductions of UK stamps (supplied by the British High Commission in Floreal during the last two years) featured the Swans and Marine Timekeepers commemorative sets scheduled for release on 19th January and 16th February respectively.

Serviced first day covers and stamps of British Indian Ocean Territory (Diego Garcia) featuring the 27th November 1992 Christmas stamps and the 23rd October 1992 Aircraft stamps were also shown.

Posters and pamphlets on EMS (Expedited Mail Service), introduced by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs of Mauritius, giving details of the service were displayed together with a special EMS cover made privately on the occasion of the launching of the service on 15th December 1992.

Also shown were the latest stamps of France.

THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE NAVY

Ah Lan Lam Yan Foon put up a display of stamps from the United Nations showing a variety of subjects. French U.N. stamps issued during the last decade featured UNESCO's Patrimoine Universal sites. W.H.O, World Health Organisation, issued by member countries including Mauritius were also included in the display. The U.N's own releases featured the Environment, the Refugee problem and Human Rights. A Lam now receives U.N. stamps as they are issued as he intends to specialise in the Organisation's stamps.

In October 1992 Mico Antoine showed cacheted ship covers of warships that visited Mauritius up to October. The January display featured all warships that had visited Mauritius during 1992.

The ships were :-

Australia - HMAS DARWIN	March 92
Sweden - HMS CARLSKRONA	March 92
France - ENSEIGNE DU VAISSEAU HENRY	April 92
France - JEANNE D'ARC	April 92
France - LA BOUDEUSE	April 92
Britain - HMS NORFOLK	June 92
France - LE VAR	June 92
France - ALBATROS	August 92
France - GARONNE	August 92
Australia - HMAS CANBERRA	October 92
France - JULES VERNE	December 92

The display which was written up included photographs and track-charts.

FRANCE - FOR NEW MEMBERS

During 1992 over 30 new members joined the Society and for the benefit of these new members, the Committee decided that at every society meeting in 1993 some time be devoted to initiate our new members about the various aspects of philately.

Mico Antoine put up a display of France 1981-1990. The object was to show new members that anyone could collect, easily, contemporary stamps of France without much difficulty - France being a country from which stamps are readily available because of the proximity of Reunion Island and the number of Mauritian families that have either relatives or friends living in France.

Mico Antoine talked about the annual stamp programme of France, the gum problem, prices and values, special stamps, cachets, 'flammes' and other aspects.

SPOT AUCTION, PURCHASE LIST AND ACCESSORIES

- * 20 lots were on offer featuring Mauritius, France and British Commonwealth material. 12 lots were sold for a total of Rs 2,105.
- * The Purchase List offered a wide range of stamps, covers and mini sheets worldwide and proceeds from sales were Rs 1,335.
- * Rs 365. worth of accessories were sold.
- * Refreshments were offered free by the Society since it was decided that no collection would be made for the first meeting of 1993. Members also took the opportunity to renew their annual subscription.

The meeting ended at 16.30 hrs.

FEBRUARY MEETING SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY

The February meeting was held on 13th February at College St Esprit, Sir Virgil Naz Avenue, Quatre Bornes at 14.00 hrs. The meeting was held exceptionally on the second Saturday as the 6th was a public holiday.

THE NOTICE BOARD

The notice board featured latest philatelic and stamp news worldwide, some stamps from Jersey and the Mauritius Customs Department cover.

CHESS - RONALD RAIMBERT

The Society's guest for the afternoon, Ronald Raimbert plays chess by correspondence and also writes a column in the "L'Express" on the subject. Chess correspondence cards, covers and stamps on Chess were displayed. Envelopes and chess cards addressed to Ronald Raimbert, Quatre Bornes, Mauritius from Iran, Sweden, USA, Canada, Jersey, Italy, Switzerland, Germany (East, West and Berlin), UK, Latvia, USSR (or what is left of it) and other countries were shown. (A good source of material for the study of postal rates for airmails, aerogrammes and postcards.) These mails were cancelled with some interesting cachets e.g a card from Germany without any postage stamp with the unpaid postage due to be collected in Mauritius indicated was delivered without any charges collected.

Ronald brought along a chess board (a portable leather one), chess pieces and a chess clock. He talked about the history of the game, its origins, the grand masters and some classic games. This was followed by a lively question and answer period because of Bobby Fisher's controversial series of games in the ex-Yugoslavia.

At the end of his talk Ronald Raimbert offered a cover or card to each member. Steve Siew Tu who collects chess stamps was in the UK and missed this event.

SWEDEN

For the benefit of new members Mico Antoine showed all the stamps of Sweden issued in 1986. He explained that whilst he does not collect the stamps of Sweden he had exchanged stamps with a correspondent in Sweden who collects the stamps of Mauritius and for demonstration purposes he had managed to acquire by exchange the stamps of 1986.

APRIL STAMP EXHIBITION

Ah Lan Lam Yan Foon, the Society's treasurer took the brave decision to stage a stamp exhibition and he showed some 30 album leaves forming part of his exhibition. This personal effort which has the support of the Society will be held in Port Louis. The exhibition on general aspects of stamp collecting will be targetted mainly at the young collector. The 30 album leaves previewed by the members on 13th February featured amongst other topics :-

- * The Mauritius 1847 "Post Office" stamps
- * Terms used in stamp collecting
- * Stamps sizes and shapes
- * Banking and Finance
- * Transportation
- * Music
- * Cinema
- * Paintings
- * Fruit and Vegetable
- * Flowers, Birds, Fish
- * Pandas/Camels/Elephants
- * The United Nations - Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The Society wishes Ah Lan Lam the best because as far as we are aware this is the first time that anyone has staged a stamp exhibition on his own in Mauritius.

SPOT AUCTION, PURCHASE LIST & ACCESSORIES

The Spot Auction offered 34 lots of mainly France (at about 60% of catalogue value), British Commonwealth and a few Mauritius items. 8 lots were sold for Rs 875.

Proceeds from the Purchase list was Rs 1,105. Stamps and covers offered were mainly British Commonwealth, the Malagasy Republic and Mauritius.

Rs 400. worth of accessories were sold.

The meeting ended at 16.30 hrs.

23 members signed the attendance register. A heavy downpour during a generally wet February may have discouraged some members living in rural areas from travelling to Quatre Bornes where heavy rains started at 11.30 hrs.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following were admitted as members of the Society between January and March 1993 :-

Premchand MOHIT
Stephan POINTU (junior)

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT COVER

On 26th January 1993 Mauritius Customs made a limited number of covers to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Customs Co-operative Council (1953-1993). The anniversary coincided with International Customs Day (26th January) and the special cover bears an illustration of the Coat of Arms of Mauritius and the Customs logo. 100 covers were made available by special arrangement to the Mauritius Philatelic Society.

JUNE 1993 EXPO

The Society will hold its Annual Stamp Exhibition at Max Bouille Gallery, Rose Hill from 11th June to 18th June.

The theme is THE AIR - AEROPHILATELY. So if you want to participate and wish to provide stamps and covers on anything that flies, contact Mico Antoine. Insects, Butterflies, Birds, Aeroplanes, Rockets, Space Vessels etc.. will be accepted.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The race season is on again until November. The cane harvesting is just round the corner. The monthly meetings are on every first Saturday of the month. Make an effort to attend the monthly meetings.

**MARCH MEETING
SATURDAY 6TH MARCH
4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting was held at College Saint Esprit, Quatre Bornes at 14.30 hrs.

27 members were in attendance and the quorum being attained, the meeting was called to order as per the Society's constitution.

The minutes of meeting of the 1992 AGM were read and approved on a proposition of Ravin Goreeba seconded by Jean Cyril Appapoulay.

The President reported on the activities of the Society during the year highlighting the following :-

- * the attainment of the objectives of the Society.
- * the results obtained with regards to the successful staging of stamp exhibitions in 1992.
- * the satisfactory increase in membership during 1992.
- * the cordial relations that exist between the Society and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
- * the improvement in the services offered by the Philatelic Bureau and the recognition of the role played by the Society.
- * the work done by the Committee during the year 1992.

He informed the meeting that he had to re-assume the presidency after the resignation of the President elect and that he could not stand for re-election as his three year mandate had expired.

The Accounts for the year ending December 1992 were presented by the Treasurer and were approved on a proposition of Sylvio Francois seconded by Judex Adrien.

The Budget for the year 1993 was discussed and adopted on a proposition of Jean Cyril Appapoulay seconded by T Greedharrye.

Three members of the Managing Committee namely, Patrick Lincoln, Yvan Martial and Mico Antoine stepped down having served continuously for three years and the vacancy due to the resignation of the President elect in April meant that four posts on the Managing Committee were vacant.

These four posts were filled by Jean Marie HURON, Jean Cyril APPAPOULAY, Seesambah RAGOO and Tarkesswarnath GREEDHARRYE who had submitted their candidature and as such were elected unanimously.

Members of the Managing Committee of the Society for 1993 are :-
President - Jean Marie Huron proposed by P Kwan seconded by S Francois
Vice-President - Kishore Seegobin proposed by Y Martial seconded by R Goreeba
Treasurer - Ah Lan Lam Yan Foon proposed by Y Martial seconded by J Adrien
Ass. Treasurer - Mustafa Khan proposed by A Lam seconded by S Hossen
Secretary - Patrick Kwan proposed by Y Martial seconded by S Ragoo
Ass. Secretary - T Coothen proposed by P Kwan seconded by T Dieudonne
Ordinary members of the Committee - S Ragoo, T Greedharrye, J C Appapoulay.

Jean Francois Desvaux de Marigny was re-appointed Auditor on a proposition of P Kwan seconded by R Goreeba

The meeting ended at 16.00 hrs as there was no other activity scheduled.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF NATIONAL DAY

On the occasion of Mauritius National Day a set of five stamps were issued on 12th March 1993.

The stamps feature :-

30c - Housing Development

A modern housing estate adapted from a photograph of 'La Tour Koenig' housing estate

40c - Gross Domestic Product

A computer with a pie chart showing the three main sectors of the Mauritian economy. The computer illustrated on the stamp shows the development in the field of data processing in Mauritius during the last decade.

R 3- The National Colours on a map of Mauritius

The years 1968 - 1993 represent the 25 years since independence.

R 4- A Ballot Box and a Hand Casting a Vote.

The stamp is titled 'Democracy' and the years 1976, 1982, 1983, 1987 and 1992 indicate the number of times and the years in which general elections were held in Mauritius during the last 25 years i.e since Independence in 1968.

R15- Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean

This is the highest decoration of a series of decorations replacing the old pre-republic British decorations.

The illustration on the official first day cover shows the National Assembly building in Port Louis.

The Coat of Arms of Mauritius is shown in black in the top right hand side of the stamps and the year imprint 1993 at the bottom of the stamps. The Coat of Arms and year imprint will in future feature in all the stamps of Mauritius.

An insert with a brief description of the set of stamps and general information was enclosed with each official first day cover.

12th March is a public holiday in Mauritius. The following post offices were open exceptionally from 8.15 am to noon for the sale of covers and stamps:-

Port Louis GPO Counter
Port Louis Philatelic Bureau
Beau Bassin
Rose Hill
Quatre Bornes
Vacoas
Curepipe
Reduit
Riviere du Rempart
Grand Bay
Pamplemousses
Triolet
Centre de Flacq
Mahebourg
Riviere des Anguilles
Black River
Rose Belle

THE NOTICE BOARD

WHY DON'T YOU SHOW OTHER MEMBERS WHAT YOU COLLECT ?
THE NOTICE BOARD IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL FOR THAT PURPOSE.
SO BRING ALONG YOUR LATEST ACQUISITIONS OR ANYTHING OF INTEREST.
PARTICIPATE AND MAKE OTHER MEMBERS ENVIOUS (ESPECIALLY M.A)!

1993 ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

The accounts and budget for 1993 are annexed to this News Bulletin.


THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MAURITIUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY
PORT LOUIS MAURITIUS
30 APRIL 1993

MAURITIUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY
P O BOX 89
QUATRE BORNES
MAURITIUS

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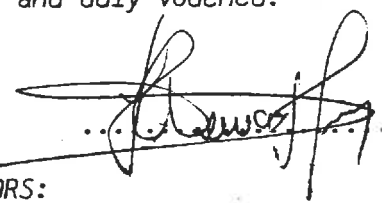
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1992

	<u>1992</u> Rs	<u>1991</u> Rs
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Furniture & Fittings	7,735.00	5,935
Cash in Hand	1,500.00	1,500
Cash at Bank	11,163.58	5,889
	<u>20,398.58</u>	<u>13,324</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable	5,800.00	-
	Rs 14,598.58	13,324
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
<u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u>		
Balance @ 1.1.1992	13,323.77	(391)
Surplus for the year	1,274.81	13,715.
	Rs 14,598.58	13,324
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

SIGNATURE OF TREASURER: 

Date: 18.2.93

We, the undersigned, having had access to all the books and accounts and having examined the foregoing return and verified the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto sign the same as found to be correct and duly vouched.

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SIGNATURE OF AUDITORS:

DECLARATION

I declare that the above statements have been approved by the Annual General Meeting held on

SIGNATURE OF SECRETARY :

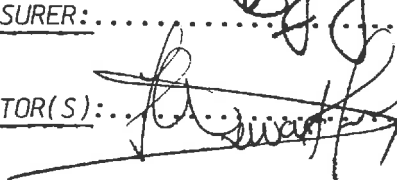
MAURITIUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1992

	<u>1992</u> Rs	<u>1991</u> Rs
Cash in Hand - 1.1.1992	1,500.00	1,000
Cash at Bank - 1.1.1992	5,888.77	16,609
	7,388.77	17,609
 <u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Entrance Fees	3,250.00	1,950
Subscriptions	26,850.00	12,000
Donations	10,707.25	1,720
Advertising Revenue	22,000.00	51,200
Commission on Sales	21,759.50	39,686
Interest Received	484.61	507
Others	9,996.65
	95,048.01	107,063
	Rs 102,436.78	124,672
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Printing of Newsletters/Bulletins	48,707.25	39,057
General Expenses	39,265.95	74,291
Furniture & Fittings	1,800.00	3,935
<u>TOTAL OUTFLOW</u>	Rs 89,773.20	117,283
 <u>BALANCE AT END</u>	Rs 12,663.58	7,389
 <u>REPRESENTED BY-</u>		
Cash in Hand - 31.12.1992	1,500.00	1,500
Cash at Bank - 31.12.1992	11,163.58	5,889
	Rs 12,663.58	7,389

SIGNATURE OF TREASURER:..... 

Date: 18.2.93

SIGNATURE OF AUDITOR(S):..... 

Date: 26.2.93

**MAURITIUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY
BUDGET 1993**

INCOME

	Rs	Rs
(a) SUBSCRIPTION:		
MEMBERSHIP LIST (1992)		
100 Local members @ Rs 200	20,000.-	
20 Overseas members @ Rs 250	5,000	25,000.-
POSTAGE		
20 Overseas members @ Rs 120	2,400.-	2,400.-
NEW MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION (1993)		
30 Local members @ Rs 200	6,000	
20 Overseas members @ Rs 250	5,000	
50 Joining fees @ Rs 100	5,000	16,000
POSTAGE		
20 Overseas members @ Rs 120	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION	<u>45,800.-</u>	45,800.-
(b) ADVERTISING REVENUE: YEAR BOOK AND NEWS BULLETINS		
Year Book - Back Cover	20,000.-	
Year Book-Inner Covers	5,000.-	
4 News Bulletins	4,000	29,000.-
(c) PROCEEDS FROM MONTHLY MEETINGS: (Commissions etc. 12 x 2000)		
	24,000	24,000
(d) GRANTS AND DONATIONS		
	<u>10,000.-</u>	<u>10,000.-</u>
TOTAL INCOME FOR 1993	<u>108,800.-</u>	<u>108,800.-</u>

BUDGET 1993

		EXPENDITURE	
		Rs	Rs
POSTAGE	R 500 x 12	6,000.-	
SUBSCRIPTION TO ASSOCIATIONS		3,000.-	
STATIONERY	R 500 X 12	6,000	
COST OF MONTHLY MEETING	R 500 x 12	6,000.-	
OTHER EXPENSES	R 2000 x 12	<u>24,000</u>	
		45,000	45,000
COST OF YEAR BOOK AND 4 NEWS BULLETIN			40,000
SUNDRY EXPENSES IN STAGING EXHIBITIONS ETC.			<u>23,800</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>108,800.-</u>

INCOME	108,800.-
EXPENDITURE	108,800.-