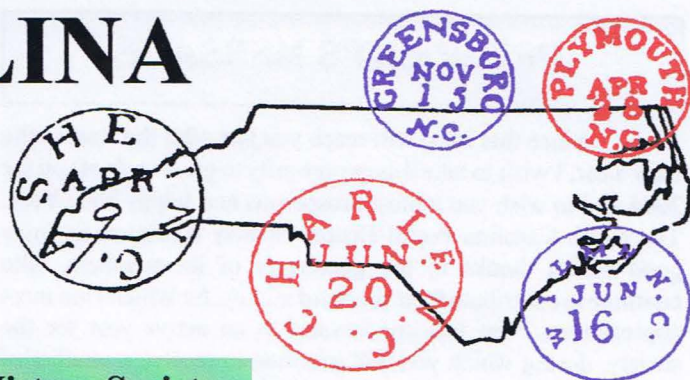


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since this issue will reach you just after the start of the New Year, I wish to take this opportunity to greet each of you for 2004 and to wish you a most prosperous and happy New Year. The North Carolina Postal History Society continues to enjoy good health thanks to the generosity of its members, who continue to contribute their time and money, for which I am most appreciative. I am looking forward to an active year for the society, during which you will continue to receive a number of very interesting *North Carolina Postal Historians*. The editor has a good backlog of varied articles to present in the new year. Since we have concluded the North Carolina Centennial of 100 years of flight, the emphasis of the articles will shift back from primarily aviation related articles to a much broader range of topics.

Our third auction accompanies this issue. This is our largest auction to date with even more interesting lots at very good minimum prices, including eight lots with markings that we had not previously recorded. Hopefully there will be something in this auction for you. Remember, your participation in the auction directly benefits the society.

The database of covers with North Carolina postmarks at the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh now contains about 11,500 covers. While it will continue to grow over the coming years, I think it is a useful size to provide meaningful information to collectors. As I stated in my President's Message of the Summer 2003 issue, Whole No. 83, I am interested in sharing information from this database with the NCPHS members. Last summer I offered to prepare and send to any member who requested it a printout of covers from this database for any particular North Carolina post office. I also suggested that the offer could be expanded in the future to include printouts by county if I could deal with the demand. To date, only one

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member has requested information from this database and it was for a small post office. Since there has been so little demand for individual post office data, I will offer now to make county printouts. While I am still concerned that the size of the printout may be quite large, I want to make the data available to our members; so, I am willing to give it a try. Just send me a note or an e-mail of the county that you would like and a mailing address.

The time has come to pay the annual dues of \$15 for NCPHS membership. A separate colored sheet is included with the issue to remind you. Please make your payments promptly to Bill DiPaolo our Secretary-Treasurer. His mailing address is listed on the inside of the front page along with the other officers. The small cost of the annual dues brings a very fine journal to you four times each year, one of the last of the really good deals.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions for improving the society. Please feel free to call me at home (336 545-0175), send me an email message, or write to me. Both my email address and my mailing address appear in this journal.

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All-North Carolina Airmail Week

October 11-16, 1937

Some years ago the estate of Gen. Paul R. Younts sold much of the remaining records of this outstanding Southern leader. The author was fortunate to claim some of these records, including the remnants of the postal records of the All-North Carolina airmail week campaign, for which he was appointed chairman.

The box which contained numerous photos of Younts with dignitaries, such as Postmaster General Farley, also contained files which shed considerable information on this area of aero philately that has never been part of the official airmail records. Knowing the magnitude of this event, one would expect months could have gone into the planning. Quite the contrary.

The first letter of record came August 30, 1937 from Second Assistant Postmaster General's office from G.P. Graddick, who was Superintendent of Airmail. Graddick informed Postmaster Younts that 30 states had celebrated National Airmail Week including successful campaigns in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. These states had created considerable interest in airmail service, and an increase of \$6 million to \$12 million in airmail revenue over the past two years. He reminded Younts that North Carolina had not observed such an event and asked that he chair the campaign for the state. His letter clearly states the whole idea is to focus the attention of all persons on the value of airmail service and ended his letter with *"The state really is the cradle of airmail as well as of other forms of air transportation in that it was at Kitty Hawk that the Wright Brothers perfected their plane and made the first flight of man in an airplane."*

On September 3, Postmaster Younts responded back to 2nd Assistant Postmaster General Harllee Branch that he would gladly chair the event to take place in North Carolina the week of October 11-16, 1937, allowing just over one month to make all arrangements. His first task as to solicit donations from the larger post offices to pull the event off. Records indicate he received \$65 from 13 Postmasters to cover stationery and other expenses.

By September 18th letterhead stationery had been printed and the first news release was sent to all state newspapers announcing the event. The release states:

FOR RELEASE SUNDAY MORNING PAPERS

SEPTEMBER 19TH

Charlotte, September 18—Air mail of tomorrow will be on vivid display during North Carolina Air Mail Week, October 11-16, under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Association of Postmasters, with the cooperation of the Post Office Department and the management of Eastern Air Lines. Postmaster Paul R. Younts of Charlotte was announced as general chairman of Air Mail Week yesterday by Wythe

M. Peyton of Asheville, chairman of the North Carolina association.

Plans announced yesterday by Chairman Younts call for thorough coverage during the week for airmail from every town and city in the State with a landing field.

Eastern Air Lines planes, on Tuesday, October 12th, will go to each of 50 or more North Carolina towns and cities and collect air mail. This mail will be rushed from the western towns and cities of the State to Charlotte and from the eastern towns and cities to Raleigh, and in these two cities will be placed on the regularly scheduled planes going North and South.

Attractive cachets will be prepared for each of the 50 air mail stops.

Both east and west planes will start their trip from Kitty Hawk, where the Wright brothers first flew planes. All of the cachets will have an attractive picture of the Wright Memorial at Kitty Hawk.

From this point the cachets will differ, each town and city having on its individual cachet its slogan or some other distinctive feature.

This will probably mean thousands of air mail letters going out of each of the stops and will prove a bonanza to stamp collectors.

Chairman Younts and President Peyton are having postmasters in each of the air mail stops of Air Mail Week contact city and county officials and civic organizations urging them to cooperate in this demonstration of the great value the post office department claims for air mail.

This release spells out the event plans quite well. It indicates 50 cities had airports and that mail would be carried from each with each city having a cachet. The Lettergrams on Page 7 indicate the cachets were provided by the Atlanta office of Eastern Airlines. A later list includes 46 cities with airports and a note that Albemarle, Concord and Kinston's airports were not of sufficient quality to allow aircraft to land.

Throughout the following weeks, numerous letters were sent to postmasters giving instruction and asking for assistance. Postmasters were asked to provide slogans for each city, arrange for radio coverage the week before and promote the event not only with individuals but with businesses in their community. Yount's files are full of letters to and from business

leaders, mayors and chamber of commerce executives committing their support to this event. The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce executive sent a letter to all the businesses in the city encouraging them to support the airport by supporting airmail. Mayor Ben E. Douglas of Charlotte proclaimed October 11th - 16th as Air Mail Week. Charlotte's new Douglas Field would be named in his honor.

Postmaster Younts sent forms to each of the participating postmasters asking for them to provide information for the production of cachets for airmail envelopes. See Page 6. Envelopes were provided in both legal and standard size. There were two standard cachets used by the post office. We have assigned Type I to the 75 x 76 mm and Type II to the 58 x 83 mm version. Both Type I and Type II were used handstamp and machine pre-printed. We shall call the handstamp the "a" variety and the printed version the "b" variety. See Page 5.

All the handstamps come in a variety of colors: black, red, purple, violet, while the pre-printed Type 2 version comes in only dark blue. Three cities created their own printed cachet. Monroe had an orange and green cachets, Edenton had a blue cachet with an image of their court house, and Tryon had a very distinctive cachet which was posted from Kitty Hawk.

A lettergram, Page 7, dated October 1, 1937 was sent to Eastern Airlines in Atlanta listing the cities and slogans for which cachets were to be made. Thirty-six cities were listed with Wallace being crossed out and a note beside Elkin stating it had not been received. By October 8 the list had grown, and the list that follows on Pages 12 and 13 includes the fifty-eight known cachets, and seven cities that posted covers with no cachet.

Other corporate contributions included Gulf Oil Company, which provided the actual flight expenses. See the illustration on Page 8, right center of the schedule, noted with an asterick.

Posters were sent out from Charlotte to each postmaster advertising the event to the public. See Cover. The postmaster at Dunn made a mimeographed advertisement with a sample of the cachet. This was used, presumably, as a point of sales advertisement. See Page 11.

Throughout the week, postmasters were sent forms requesting estimates of the number of covers to be carried. They were asked to arrange for celebration at the airport. October 12 was scheduled as the day for airmail coverage and on October 8 a schedule of the planes arrival for pick up was mailed to postmasters See Page 8. Six routes were included covering 45 different cities. Mail from the eastern cities were forwarded to Raleigh and from the western cities were forwarded to Charlotte for connection to the north and south. Postmasters not having airports were instructed to carry their mail to the nearest pickup. Each were requested to telegraph Postmaster Younts when the plane left their city and the volume of mail they had provided the pilot.

It is also interesting to note postmasters were provided a form to return to Younts covering the number of letters and packages mailed each day from October 11 through 16. This explains why covers have been recorded postmarked each day of the event with special cachets.

In Younts work papers is a list dated October 11, 1937

of 47 post offices and the number of pieces to be carried. These numbers are included in table on pages 12 and 13. This list was obviously an estimate based on the early reports from postmasters. The numbers ranged from 9 for Marston to 1800 from Asheville. Charlotte, however, is not included on the list. The total comes to 23,015 pieces. This should not be considered an accurate count as the files are full of cities, letters and telegrams indicating additional numbers. New Bern, for instance, is not included and a letter dated October 13 indicates 976 letters were flown from the city. By prorating the numbers from the October 11 list with the number of post offices not reported, we can estimate an approximate number of covers for the week at 39, 025.

One telegram from the postmaster of Tarboro dated October 7, 1937 indicates the interest that had been sparked by this event. It states:

To Paul Younts Postmaster

Your letter containing list of airmail stops for Airmail Week does not include Tarboro. Tarboro has a splendid airport operated by the city. I have done considerable work decorating and advertising to make event a success. Patrons have been advised a plane would stop here on October 12. We cannot disappoint them. In your first letter you told me a plane would visit every town in the state with airport. We took you at your word. Don't let me down. Wire me collect today and advise whether Tarboro will be on your list or not. If not, we intent to advise through press the facts and place the blame where it belongs.

Theo T. Thomas

The official list included Tarboro so I guess Theo got his point across.

Included in the files is a list of foreign airmail from Charlotte. On October 12, 1937, 25 cities are included on the list. They range from Paris; London; Havana, Cuba; Zeist, Netherlands; Lima, Peru; to Nome, Alaska and Honolulu. I guess Alaska and Hawaii were foreign to most in 1937.

Based on the files, it was obvious North Carolina's airmail week was a success. So much so it caught the attention of the Postmaster General in Washington who appointed Younts as Chairman of the National Airmail Week campaign which would take place the following year. Younts success with this would get him appointed as Chairman of the National Postmasters Organization.

Without a doubt, this event had a positive impact on airmail within the state. The list that follows includes all known cities involved in this event. The author would like to hear from others that have cities of dates not included within the list.



Type 1a cachet



Type 1b cachet



Type 2a cachet



Type 2b cachet

REPORT ON AIR MAIL WEEK ACTIVITIESTo be forwarded to Paul R. Younts, Chairman, on October 1st.Name of Post Office Black Mountain, N.C.Name of Postmaster H.A. KerleeName of Mayor J.T. Simpson

Names of Air Mail Week Committee:

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED				1206-A	
DOMESTIC	CABLE			CHECK	
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE				
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED			ACCT'G INFMN.	
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER				
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM			TIME FILED	

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

October 11, 1937.

Mr. H.A. Kerlee, Postmaster,
Black Mountain, N.C.

SORRY IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR PLANE TO LAND AT YOUR AIRPORT STOP
PLEASE MAKE YOUR DISPATCH TO ASHEVILLE IN TIME TO CONNECT WITH PICK
UP PLAN REGARDS.

(Signed) ~~XXXX~~ Paul R. Younts.

PAID DAY MESSAGE.

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.

Make any suggestions you
may have regarding Air Mail
on the back of this sheet.

Signed H.A. Kerlee
Postmaster.

Town Black Mountain, N.C.

Application for cachet and airmail service from the Black Mountain postmaster to Paul Younts,
and the reply telegram instructing him to sent his covers to be serviced via Asheville.
This application and telegram would be typical for each post office participating.

Ask Your Post Office
All About It Today

United States Post Office
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

LETTERGRAM



6 Planes Every Day
Out of CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, N.C.,
October 1, 1937.

Mr. R.D. Hager,
Eastern Air Lines,
95 Forsythe Street,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Hager:

I have forwarded you diagrams for cachets
for the following towns;

✓ Goldsboro, N.C.	East Carolina's Industrial Metropolis
✓ Marion, N.C.	Lake City of the mountains
✓ Cherryville, N.C.	High in the Piedmont
✓ Kitty Hawk	Birthplace of Aviation
✓ Wallace, N.C.	
✓ Lumberton, N.C.	Eastern Carolina's Best.
✓ New Bern	Land of enchanting waters
✓ Morganton	The Mimosa Town
✓ Gibsonville	The City of roses
✓ Black Mountain	The Key City
✓ Raleigh	The Progressive City
✓ Hendersonville	The Gem City
✓ Warrenton	Carolina's Biggest Little Town.
✓ Ocracoke	The Fisherman's Paradise
✓ Lexington, N.C.	Lexington Leads.
✓ Elizabeth City	Coastal Park Gateway
✓ Hamlet	The Healthy City
✓ Winston-Salem	World's Tobacco Metropolis
✓ Rockingham	The Best Town At All
✓ Maxton	A Good Place to Live
✓ Durham	Industry and Education
✓ Pinehurst	Famous Winter Resort
✓ N. Wilkesboro	Key to Blue Ridge
✓ Lenoir	Furniture Center of the South
✓ Chapel Hill	The University Town
✓ High Point, N.C.	The Work-shop of the South
✓ Asheville	Men to Hatch our Mountains

USE AIR MAIL + Receive Tomorrow's Mail TODAY!

Post Office
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

GRAM

6 Planes Every Day
Out of CHARLOTTE

Be Wise, Give Wings to Your Letters

Home
t Little Town in N.C.
portunity Grooms You
-South Resort
e City
gressive City
rolina's Pride
linded City
of North Carolina
est Town in the world
y of Spindles

tional diagrams and I
s that will be necessary,
re.

I shall thank you to check this with the letters
sent you and see if it agrees. If so, write on the bottom
of the letter "Approved" and forward it back to me in the
enclosed envelope.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Paul R. Younts, Chairman,
AIR MAIL WEEK CAMPAIGN.

PHY:JL

all received with exception of Elkin.

*R.D. Hager,
by L.C.*

USE AIR MAIL + Receive Tomorrow's Mail TODAY!



North Carolina AIR MAIL WEEK

October 11-16, 1937

PLANE SCHEDULE - OCT. 12, 1937

Charlotte, N.C.,
October 8, 1937.

Dear Postmaster:

Below is the schedule of the time of arrival of the pick-up plane at the various ports in North Carolina on October 12:

Route No. 1.

Charlotte	9:10 AM
Salisbury	9:30 "
Asheboro	9:58 "
Burlington)	10:14 "
Gibsonville)	10:14 "
Graham)	10:14 "
Greensboro)	10:36 "
High Point)	10:36 "
Winston Salem	10:56 "
Lenoir	11:46 "
Morganton	12:01 PM
Marion	12:16 PM
Asheville)	12:41 PM
Hendersonville)	12:41 PM
Charlotte	1:46 PM

Route No. 2.

Charlotte	9:30 AM
N. Wilkesboro	10:10 AM
Hickory	10:40 AM
Lincolnton	11:10 AM
Cherryville	11:30 AM
Kings Mountain	11:55 AM
Charlotte	12:25 PM

Route No. 3.

Charlotte	10:45 AM
Hamlet	11:35 AM
Rockingham	12:15 PM
Monroe	12:20 PM
Charlotte	12:45 PM

Route No. 4.

Wilmington	12:30 PM
Wallace	12:55 PM
New Bern	1:45 PM
Clinton	2:45 PM
Roseboro	3:05 PM
Dunn	3:30 PM
Goldsboro	4:05 PM

Route No. 5.

Raleigh	8:05 AM
Ocracoke	9:30 AM
Kitty Hawk	10:15 AM
Elizabeth City	11:05 AM
Tarboro	11:50 AM
Rocky Mount	12:05 PM
Warrenton	12:35 PM
Raleigh	1:05 PM

Route No. 6.

Raleigh	1:30 PM
Durham	1:45 PM
Chapel Hill	2:00 PM
Fort Bragg)	2:30 PM
Fayetteville)	2:30 PM
Pinehurst	2:50 PM
Maxton	3:15 PM
Lumberton	3:30 PM
Wilmington	4:10 PM
Goldsboro	4:55 PM
Raleigh	5:25 PM

* Planes for this pick-up are furnished through the courtesy of the Gulf Oil Corp. in cooperation with the Eastern Air Lines.

Postmasters at offices not having ports will see that their Air Mail is taken by private conveyance if necessary (without expense to the Department) to the nearest office having pick-up as shown by the above schedule.

I want to thank you for your fine cooperation in helping make Air Mail Week possible. If it had not been for the fine way in which you have helped us, it would not have been possible to put this program across.

Sincerely yours,

Paul R. Younts
Paul R. Younts, Chairman,
AIR MAIL WEEK CAMPAIGN.

USE AIR MAIL • Receive Tomorrow's Mail TODAY!

Flight Schedule, dated October 8, for all six planes and their arrival times

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION (15)

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENTNEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDJ. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter
NM = Night Message
NL = Night Letter
LC = Deferred Cable
NLT = Cable Night Letter
Ship Radiogram

The filing time shown in the date line on telegrams and day letters is STANDARD TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is STANDARD TIME at point of destination.

Received at Charlotte, N. C. ALWAYS OPEN

RXCF126 15= ASHEVILLE NCAR 8 402P

POSTMASTER=

1937 OCT 8 PM 4 16

RETEL SURVEY PLANE LEFT AIRPORT 3:50 PM EXPECT TO ARRIVE IN
CHARLOTTE AT 5:30 PM=

PEYTON POSTMASTER.

RECEIVED AT

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial
CablesAll America
Cables

Mackay

Radio

This is a full rate Telegram, Cablegram or Radiogram unless otherwise indicated by signal in the check or in the address.

DL	DAY LETTER
NL	NIGHT LETTER
NM	NIGHT MESSAGE
LCO	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

RAA10 6

SOUTHERNPINES NCAR 7 914A

PAUL YOUNTS

POSTMASTER CHAR

SURVEY PLANE ARRIVED 845 LEFT 847

P FRANK BUCHANAN POSTMASTER.

1937 OCT 7 AM 9 23

Two survey flights were flown on October 7th, four days prior to the start of All-NC Airmail Week to verify the time schedule of the routes. One was on Route No. 1 and the other on Route No. 6. The above telegrams informed Younts of the survey planes progress.

Charlotte, N.C.,
October 10, 1937.

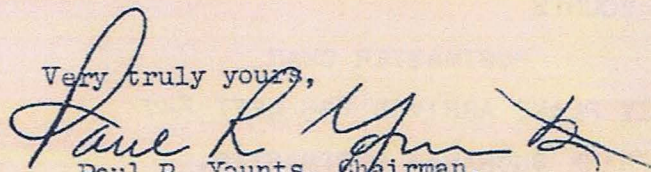
To Postmasters at offices where planes will pick up mail on
October 12:

Dear Postmaster:

I shall appreciate it if you will carry out the following suggestions:

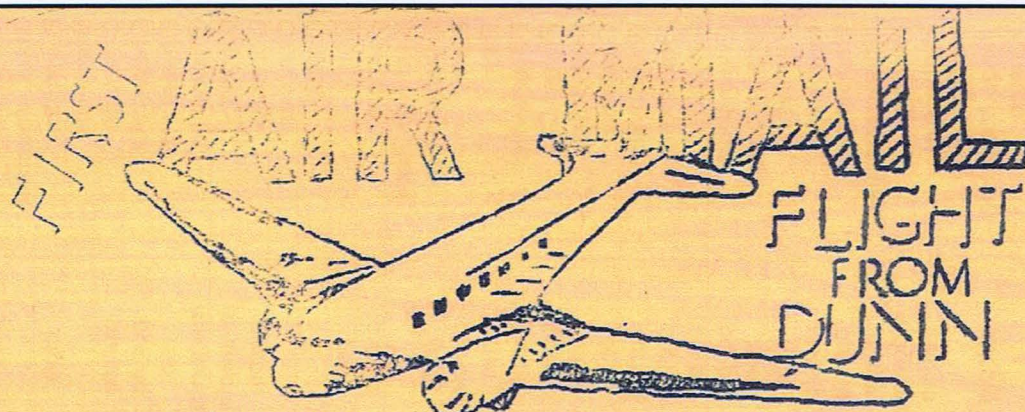
1. Have mail ready for dispatch when plane arrives at your field. Please carry out your ceremony as quickly as possible as schedules are worked out to make connections with regular Air Line planes.
2. Do not try to work any of your mail to any individual cities. Routes Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will be tied out and labelled to Charlotte, N.C. Routes Nos. 4, 5 and 6 will be tied out and labelled to Raleigh, N.C. Please dispatch this mail in lock pouches, if they are available; if not, in regular mail sacks.
3. Please count all letters and packages and wire this report to me when plane leaves your field on October 12, using the form herewith enclosed.
4. I am enclosing herewith a report to be made at midnight October 16, which will be a daily report of all Air Mail received and dispatched from your office October 11th through October 16th.

Very truly yours,


Paul R. Younts, Chairman,
AIR MAIL WEEK CAMPAIGN.

PRY:JL
Enc:2

**Letter of instruction to all postmasters detailing the procedure
for handling the All-North Carolina airmail.**



Definite information has been received at the Post Office that tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock - Tuesday, October 12, - one of the Special Air Mail Planes will land here to pick up all Air Mail matter received at the local Post Office prior to 3:00 PM on that date.

FIRST AIR MAIL FLIGHT FROM Dunn, N. C. OCT 12 1937

The Special Plane will land at the Dunn Airport on the Clinton Highway. Every citizen in Dunn and vicinity is cordially invited to witness the FIRST AIR MAIL FLIGHT FROM DUNN "The best town under the sun"

The plane will be here for only a few minutes and the Committee has arranged appropriate greetings.

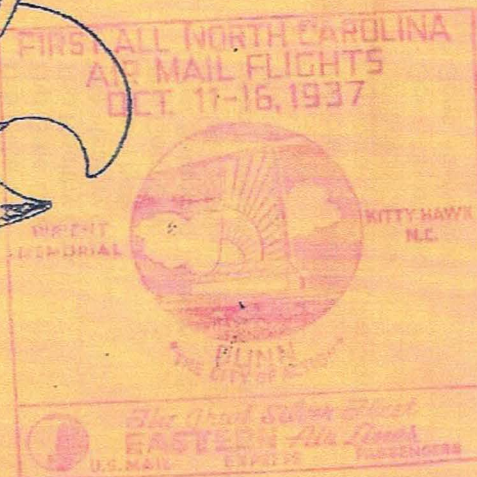
Do your part and help us make this event a memorable occasion.



Local Committee
North Carolina Air Mail
WEEK
OCTOBER 11-16,
1937



FIRST AIR MAIL FLIGHT FROM
DUNN, N. C.
TUESDAY OCTOBER 12th, 1937
N. C. AIR MAIL WEEK



Customer information broadside made on a mimeograph machine for use at the Dunn post office.
Dunn used both cachet at bottom right and handstamp at bottom left on the covers.

ALL - NORTH CAROLINA AIRMAIL FLIGHTS

	Cachet Color	No. Flown	Postmaster's Signature	Type Cachet	Slogan	Postmark Date
Albemarle		200				
Asheboro	purple	1100	J.O. Redding	1	Center of North Carolina	12
Asheville	purple	1800	Wythe M. Peyton	1	Men to Match Our Mountains	12, 15
Black Mountain		500	H. A. Kenée		The Key City	12
Burlington	blue	600		1	The Progressive City	12
Burnsville		100				
Charlotte	purple		Paul Younts	1, 2	The Friendly City	12, 13, 15
Chapel Hill	purple		R.K. Eubanks	1	The University Town	12, 13
Chapel Hill	red		R.K. Eubanks	1	The University Town	12, 13
Cherryville	magenta	800		1	High in the Piedmont	12
Clinton	magenta			1	The Busiest Town in the World	12, 13
Concord	purple	400	Brevard E. Harris		The Town You Will Like	12
Conover		17			Used Hickory Cachet	12
Dallas		100			Used Gastonia Cachet or no cachet	
Dunn	red			1	The City of Action	12
Durham	purple			1	Industry and Education	12, 15
East Flat Rock		14			Used Hendersonville Cachet or no ca	
Elizabeth City	black		William T. Culpepper	1, 2	Coastal Park Gateway	12, 16
Elkin	purple	200		1	The Best Little Town in N.C.	
Elkin	red	Included		1	The Best Little Town in N.C.	12, 13
Fayetteville	purple			1	Hustle Home	12
Forest City	purple			1	In the Iso Thermal Belt	12, 13
Fort Bragg	blue		Walling D. Vreeland & Gen. Closkey	1	North Carolina's Pride	12
Gastonia	blue	200	Clarence W. Boshamer	1	The City of Spindles	12
Gibsonville	purple	400		1	The City of Roses	12
Goldsboro	purple		R.H. Edwards	1	East Carolina's Industrial Metropolis	12
Graham	purple	100		1, 2	1848-1937	12
Greensboro	purple	500	J.W. Coleman	1, 2a	The Gate City	12
Greensboro	red	Included	J.W. Coleman	1	The Gate City	12
Hamlet	blue	500	Nathan W. LeGrand	1	The Healthy City	12
Hamlet	purple	Included	Nathan W. LeGrand	1	The Healthy City	12
Henderson	purple				City of Thrift	
Hendersonville	black	800		1	The Gem City	12, 13
Hickory	magenta	1100	George F. Bost	1	Best Balanced Town in U.S.	12, 13, 16
High Point	purple	400		1	The Work Shop of the South	12
Hoffman (?)		50			Used Lumberton or Maxton cachet	
Kings Mountain	purple	500	William E. Blakely	1	The Historical City	12
Kinston					No Cachet	12
Kitty Hawk	black	1000	M.A. Mitchell	1, 3	Birthplace of Aviation	12
Lenoir	purple	700	H.M. Baum	1	Furniture Center of the South	12, 13
Lexington	turquoise	300	Woodrow McKay		Lexington Leads	12, 16
Lincolnton	purple	1200	James F. Seagle	1	Goes Air-minded	12, 13
Lincolnton	red	Included	James F. Seagle	1	Goes Air-minded	12, 13

Lumberton	black		B.F. McMillan	1	Eastern Carolina's Best	12
Lumberton	purple		B.F. McMillan	1	Eastern Carolina's Best	12
Marion	purple	700	Rena Neal	1	Lake City of the Mountains	12
Maxton	purple	9	C.B. Williams	1	A Good Place to Live	12, 13
Mebane		100				
Monroe	purple	1500		1	City of Homes	12, 13
Monroe	orange	included		1a	City of Homes	12, 13
Morganton	purple	1100	W.B. Kibler	1	The Mimosa Town	12
New Bern	purple		R.R. Eagle	1	Land of Enchanting Waters	12
New Bern	red		R.R. Eagle	1	Land of Enchanting Waters	12
Newell		75			Used Charlotte cachet?	
North Wilkesboro	purple	1500		1	Key to the Blue Ridge	12
Ocracoke	black				The Fisherman's Paradise	12
Pinehurst	purple		Fuller T. Currie	1	Famous Winter Resort	12
Raleigh	red	500		1	The Progressive City	12
Ridgecrest		50				
Rockingham	purple	800	Robert N. Stansill	1	The Best Town at All	12, 13
Rocky Mount	red	600		1	The Air Minded City	12
Rocky Point					Wilmington Cachet or None	12
Roseboro	purple			1		12
Salisbury	blue	1100	J.H. McKey	1	Where Opportunity Greet's You	12
Salisbury	purple	Included	J.H. McKey	1	Where Opportunity Greet's You	12
Salisbury	red	Included	J.H. McKey	1	Where Opportunity Greet's You	12
Shelby	black	300			The Governor's Own	12
Southern Pines	black		P. Frank Buchan	1	The Mid-South Resort	12
Southern Pines	magenta		P. Frank Buchan	1	The Mid-South Resort	12
Swannanoa		100			Asheville Cachet or No cachet	
Tarboro	black			1	Visit Tarboro's Chapel of Antiques	12, 13
Wallace	purple		Eugene L. Johnson	1	The Coming Town	12, 13
Warrenton	purple			1	Carolina's Biggest Little Town	12
Wilmington	blue		Robert F. Colwell	1	North Carolina's Major Port	12, 15
Wilmington	purple		Robert F. Colwell	1	North Carolina's Major Port	12, 15
Winston-Salem		600			World's Tobacco Metropolis	12
Misc.		100				

POST OFFICE WITH UNOFFICIAL CACHET

Edenton	navy blue		Carroll E. Kramer	NA	Court House Erected 1767	
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POST OFFICES WITHOUT CACHET

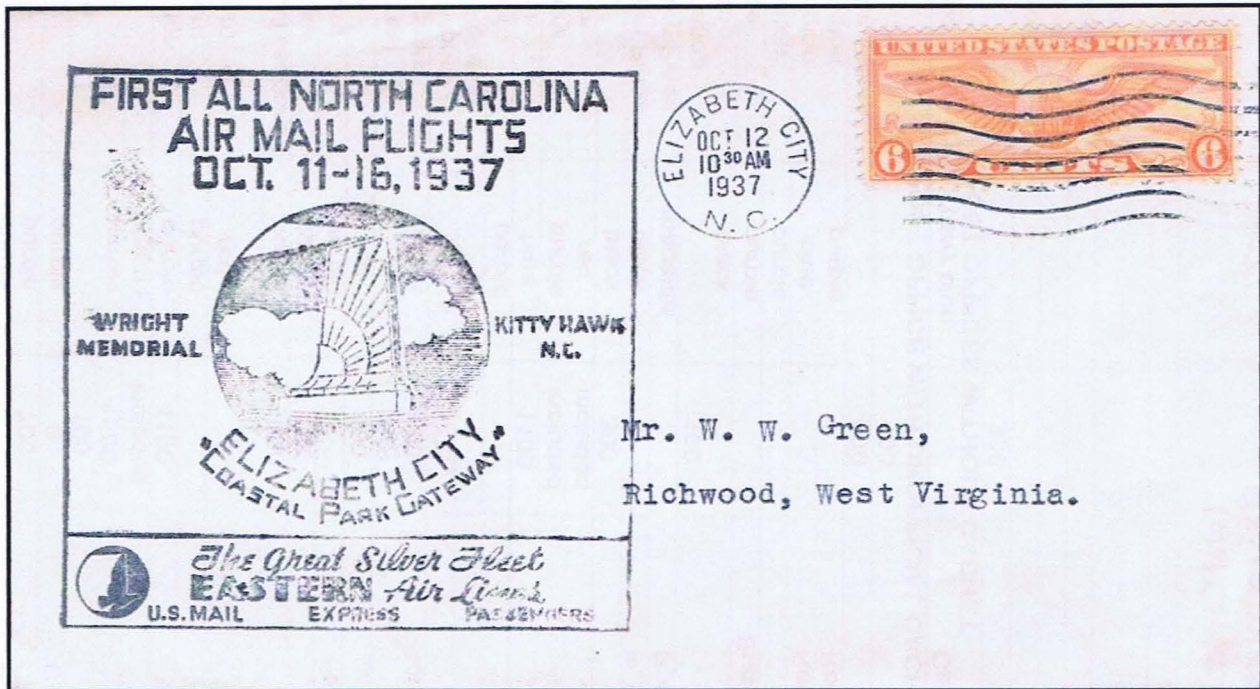
Boone		300		NA		12
Cherokee				NA		12
Hayesville				NA		12
Lawndale				NA		12
Rowland				NA		12
Stiles				NA		12
Wilson			John R. Dilby	NA		12

Total Covers Reported flown = 23, 015

Covers not reported (Extrapolated) = 16, 010

Total Probably Flown = 39,025

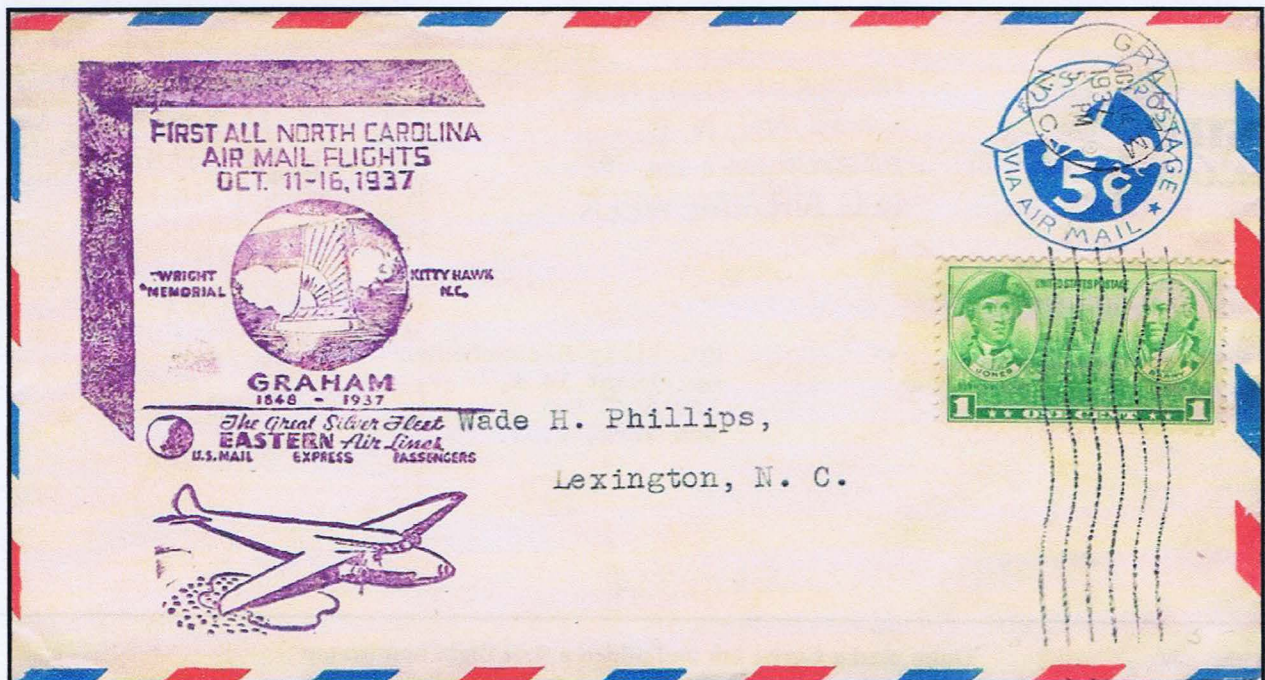
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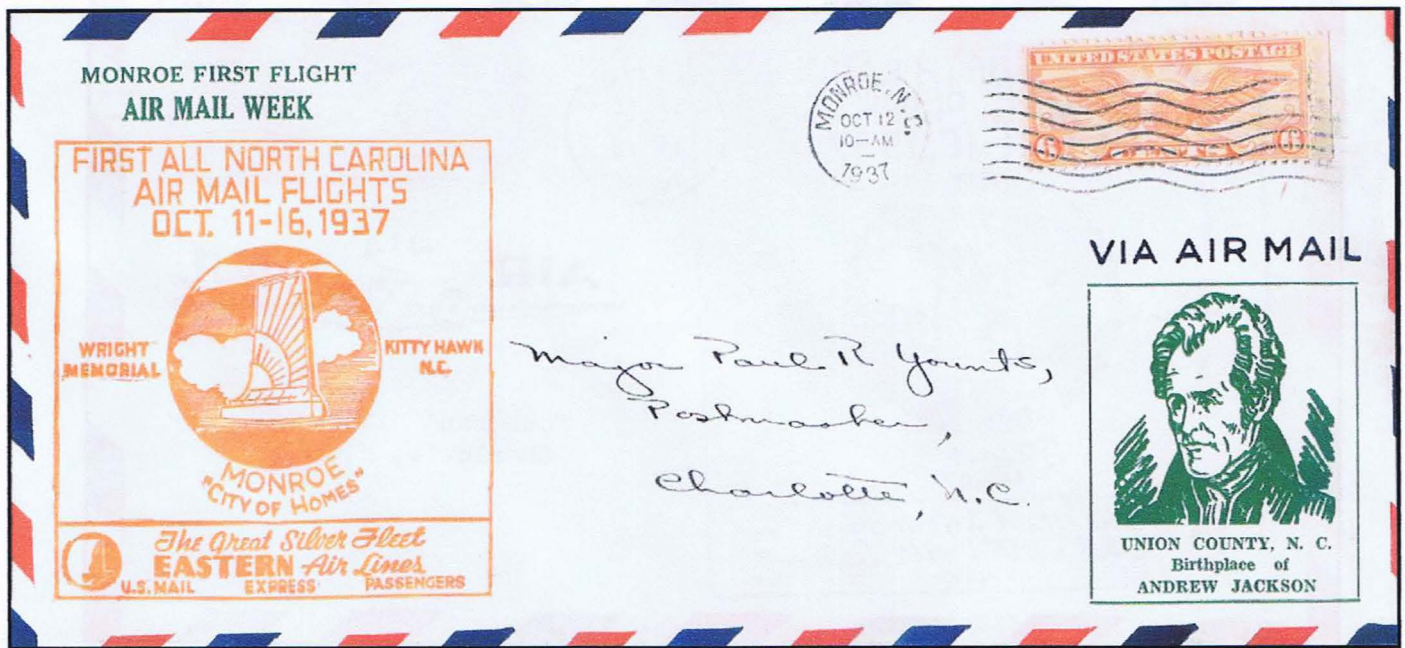
STANDARD CACHETS



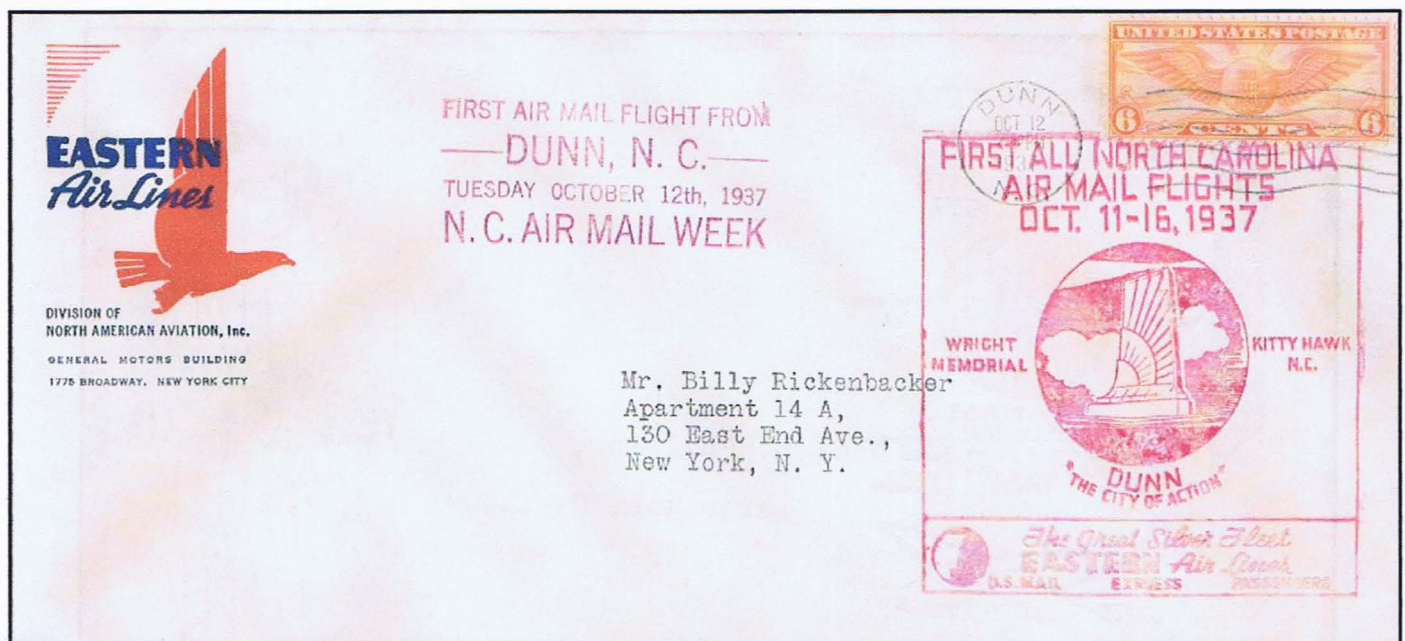
Graham used both Type 1 and Type 2 cachets



STANDARD CACHETS



Monroe printed this orange cachet and added an Andrew Jackson Birthplace cachet

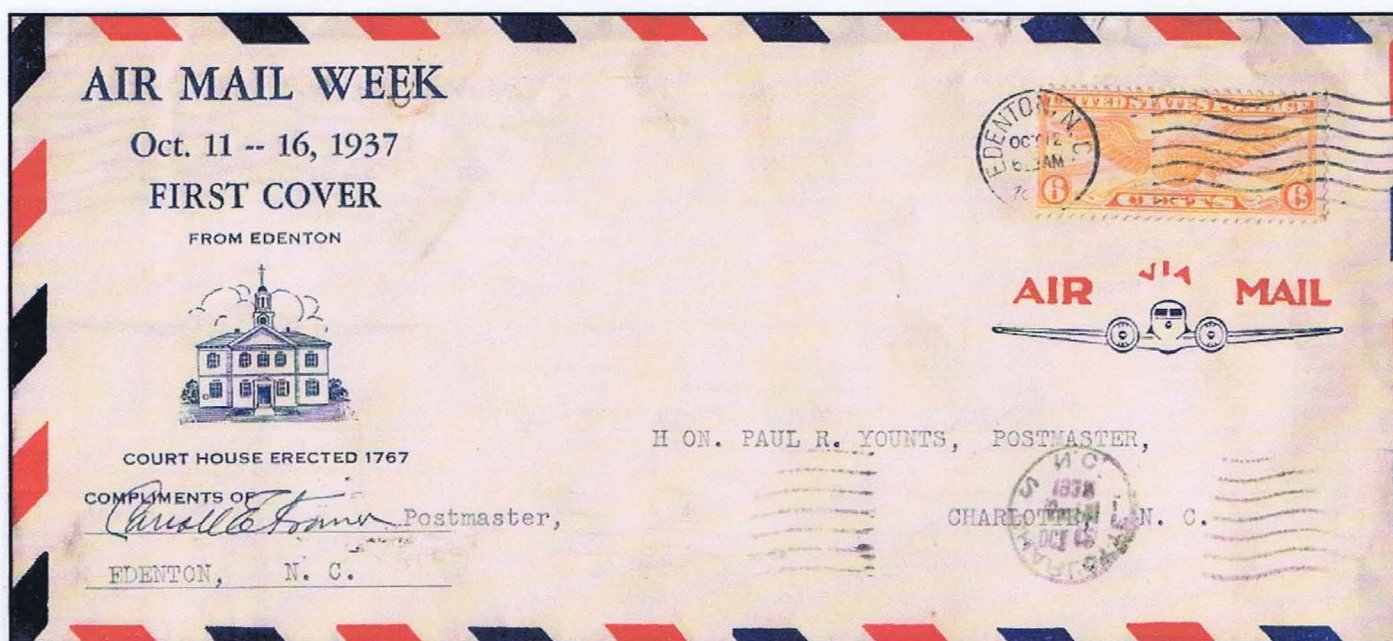


Dunn used a Cerise ink and added a first flight handstamp

NON - STANDARD CACHETS



Paul Younts prepared the preprinted Charlotte cachet, sent it under separate cover to the postmaster at Kitty Hawk, who applied the Kitty Hawk cachet, and serviced it back to Younts. Notice the Kitty Hawk design is different from the standard.



Edenton prepared a local cachet utilizing a drawing of the 1767 courthouse

NON - STANDARD CACHETS



Tryon favored Paul Younts with this Chamber of Commerce cover prepared in Tryon, sent it under separate cover to Kitty Hawk for service from there..



Conover prepared covers with the Conover cds, but carried them to Hickory for the cachet

FOREIGN CACHETS



Cover prepared in Charlotte to Worthing, Sussex, England.
 The rate was six cents air plus five cents English overland rate.
 By pre-arrangement the cover was returned to sender with the five pence British stamp.

Clary Holt Closes Albums

1914- 2003

Clary Holt, one of Alamance County's longest practicing lawyers and an avid supporter of the North Carolina Postal History Society, died September 14, 2003 at age 89. Clary had been a sustaining member since he joined the Society in the 1980's. His alma maters of Virginia Military Institute and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, inspired his collecting interest to collect these college covers. He also collected Company Shops, the predecessor of Burlington, his home town.

Clary obtained his interest in stamps as a boy from visiting Moses Cone, the founder of Cone Mills. Clary's father worked for Moses who was an avid stamp collector. Clary often

gave Moses the credit for instilling his interest in the hobby.

He spent years working with the Boy Scouts, the local Elks Lodge, the Board of Realtors and the North Carolina Law Alumni Association. He and his wife spent years traveling to more than 30 countries which helped fuel his collecting interest.

Clary is survived by his wife, Bertha "B" Holt, a daughter, two sons and four grandchildren. It is noteworthy that the Burlington Times-News ran a feature article with color portrait of Clary, and columnist Don Bolden followed up with a column on Clary's contributions to the community.

The North Carolina Postal History Society will forever miss the enthusiasm Clary gave the hobby.

Harry Lee McDowell

1917 – 2003

On December 3, 2003 the hobby lost an outstanding student. Those of you who knew Harry knew a true Southern gentleman. He continually gave his all to things that mattered – his family, church, professional society, hometown and philately.

Harry joined the North Carolina Postal History Society shortly after its founding. He had several philatelic loves, one of which was Confederate and Columbia, SC postal history, for which he won numerous gold awards for his exhibit. He built not one but two outstanding postal stationary cut square collections and was noted for years for his whimsical collection of pig covers. His North Carolina collection consisted of his interest in his birth town of Scotland Neck where he had been born in 1917, he maintained active ties to the community and had continued, seeking the second Confederate cover from Scotland Neck. Having owned the only known cover from there, he knew there

had to be others.

Harry can best be described through a personal recollection. Shortly after selling his lifelong collection of Columbia postal history through auction, Harry sat down at my table and looked through my inventory of Confederate covers. He pulled two from the lot and informed me he had never owned these two Columbia covers and wanted to buy them. It seems it was time for Harry to start another Columbia, SC collection.

The week before Harry's death, you would have never guessed he had just been informed of his pending demise. He was curious to know if I had found him any more Scotland Neck covers. His albums may be closed, but the memories of him live on with the encounter of every Scotland Neck cover.

Tony Crumbley

AN E BAY ADDITION

by Tony L. Crumbley

The week following the mailing of NC Postal Historian, Fall 2003, Whole 84, p12, and the author's mention he had never seen the 5¢ blue Areonautical stamp with the Roessler Kitty Hawk precancel, what should turn up on E Bay but an example of this very stamp.

I rather quickly placed an outrageous bid on the stamp and walked away with it. About a week later I got an invoice for \$5 for my purchase. What a buy! Twenty-five years of searching and E Bay delivers for \$5!

That is the joy of collecting.



Wright Pylon Dedication

November 19, 1932

by Tony L. Crumbley

On November 19, 1932 the Wright Memorial Pylon was dedicated at Kitty Hawk. This art deco monument rises 60 feet from its base to a beacon of light at the top and cost \$275,000 to build and four years to complete. At the ribbon-cutting event, Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley officiated and Orvil Wright was present for the ceremonies.

What some collectors consider the most outstanding cachet of its time was created for this event. Little is known of the maker of this cachet. Beginning in early December 1932, the Wright Memorial Cover Service of Hampton, Virginia advertised two different stamped covers at 5 cents each.

The green and silver inks used to print these cachets and the quality of printing make these outstanding items. Other frequently seen items are what would have been intended as

envelope stuffer cards, printed with the cachet on the front and details of the pylon on the reverse. The illustration in Figure 1 was also printed as labels and applied to covers as a cachet. There are distinctively two colors of green ink used on the cachets. These varieties exist on the covers and the cards. Some think two printers may have been responsible for these items. It is the author's feeling the difference was caused by separate printings by the Hampton, Virginia company.

It is also interesting to note most cards are franked with multiple stamps that are precanceled Kitty Hawk. There are four different precanceled stamps reportedly used. The author has seen three: Scott #704, 705 and 728. The precancel catalogue lists Scott #713, but not the others. These were the first precancels from Kitty Hawk.

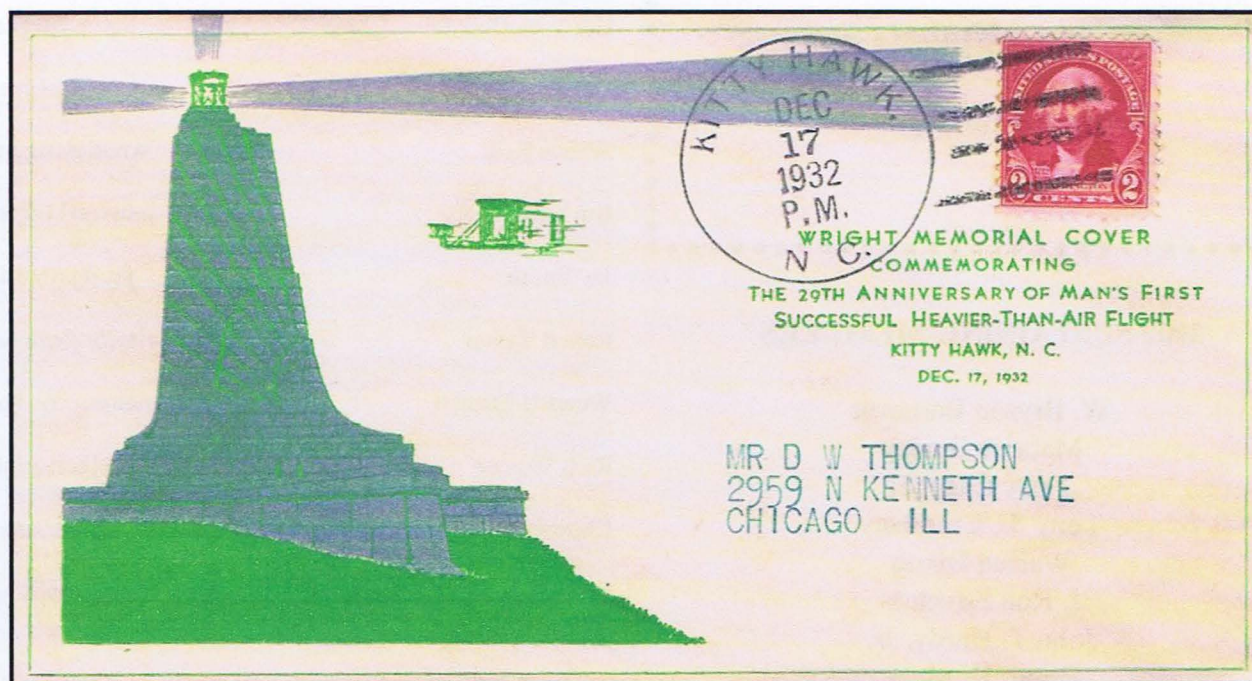


Figure 1

CHARPEX AWARD

The North Carolina Postal History Award for 2003 was won by member Bill Mitchell for his exhibit:
The Old North State Afloat - USS North Carolina in the 20th Century.

Our belated congratulations to him!

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