The U.S. Postal Transportation Issue 1981-1995

Transportation Trivia

- The issue was released over a period of 15 years!
- They were ALL coil stamps.
- The earliest vehicle dated from the 1770's ...the newest, 1933.
- O Denominations included full and decimal fractions 1c to \$1.
- Question #1: How many "basic" designs were there?

Answer: 51!

In all, there were 51 different vehicles depicted, but there is a total of 60 different Scott Numbers issued to cover the set with all variations.

Question #2: What was the oldest vehicle depicted?

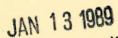
• It was the "Carreta 1770s", a 2-wheel pull cart.

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Question #3: What was the newest vehicle depicted?

It was the "Stutz Bearcat 1933".



O There were 30 basic designs with full cent denominations.

The values include: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 32 cents, and a 1 full dollar value.

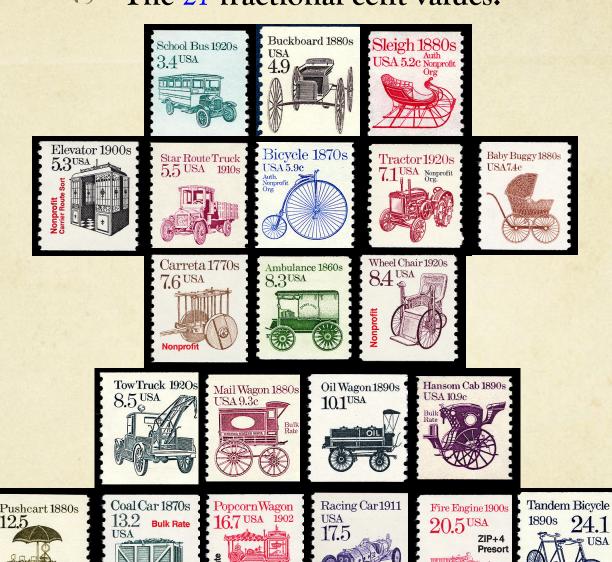
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• There were 21 basic fractional cent denominations.

They were the following: 3.4, 4.9, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.9, 7.1, 7.4, 7.6, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9.3, 10.1, 10.9, 12.5, 13.2, 16.7, 17.5, 20.5, and 24.1 cents.

The 21 fractional cent values.



O Question #5: This fractional-rate stamp paid the rate for bulk mail of qualified non-profit, tax-exempt and political organizations sorted to five digits of the zip code.

The rate was in effect for only 10 months! February 17 until December 31, 1985. Which stamp is it ???

O The 4.9c Buckboard coil single! Used, on cover during period, is a scarce piece of modern postal history!



O There was 1, with a full dollar denomination.

O Question #6: What vehicle was depicted on the \$1.00 stamp?

O The "Seaplane 1914".



Question #7: What was the "largest" vehicle depicted?

The "Ferryboat 1900s."



Question #8: How many different "boat" designs were depicted?

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5!

• A total of 5 boat designs were depicted... but not all rode in the water.



Question #8: What was this 5th design?

The "Iceboat 1880s."



- O Question #9: Which design has....
 - No wheels on the bottom...
 - No combustion engine to power it, and...
 - Is not powered directly by man or beast for its motion?

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O The "Elevator 1890s".

O Question #10: There were two (2) designs, besides the Iceboat, made to operate in freezing weather.

What are they?

The "Sleigh 1880s" & the "Dog Sled 1920s".





There were six (6) denominations with multiple designs issued with the same cent value; four (4) values had two-designs each.

These were....

O The 3 cent.



o ... the 4 cent ...





o ... the 11 cent ...





and the ...

o ...and the 17 cent.





One value had three (3) different designs.

Question #11: Which denomination was it ???

It was the 20 cent value.







One (1) denomination had FOUR (4) designs.

Question #12: Which denomination was it?

The 5 cent value.



O Question #13: Which design experienced a color change?

It was the 5-cent "Canoe 1800s".



This color was changed to...



From this to this...



• There were five (5) designs that dealt with food distribution.











There were four (4) cycle designs...



O Seven (7) had tracks to ride on....



Eight (8) required man-power for motion!



Five (5) issues were re-drawn using the same basic design.











Four (4) designs were Police and Emergency Response Vehicles of there times.



- Numerous designs were designated "Precancels" to motivate hi-volume, bulk mail permit holders and lettershops to enter the age of USPS computerization, sortation and barcoding to reduce costs. The incentive to Direct Mailers'... discounted postage rates. The greater the sort the more saved!
 - "Bulk Rate" (BMC / DDU / SCF 3-digit & 5-digit)
 - "Carrier-Route (BMC / DDU / SCF 3-digit & 5-digit)
 - "Zip + 4 Presort (Bulk Rate 3/5 Digit BMC / DDU / SCF)
 - "First Class Presort"

(Letter & Postal Card: (1.) Basic Presort, (2.) CR, (3.&4.) Nonpresorted & Sorted Zip +4, (5.) 5-digit Presorted Zip +4, Barcoded, (6.) 3-digit Presorted Zip+4, Barcoded, (7.) Nonpresorted Zip+4, Barcoded.)

[BMC=Bulk Mail Center; DDU=Designation Delivery Unit; W/S= Walk Sequence; SCF = Sectional Center Facility]

"Bulk Rate" (3-digit & 5-digit)



o "Carrier-Route





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"Nonprofit"



"First Class Presort"





- Question #14: How many Transportation Coils were designated as "Bureau Precancels" by Scott #'s??
 - (Hint #1: Precancel with two lines.)
 - (Hint #2: Some came with only 2-lines, while others had an inscription between the lines.

the answer is.....

15!

The Scott Catalogue has 15 numbers defined as Bureau Precancels!

O Precancel Usage: The same issues appear both with and without Bureau of Engraving and Printing precancel bars.



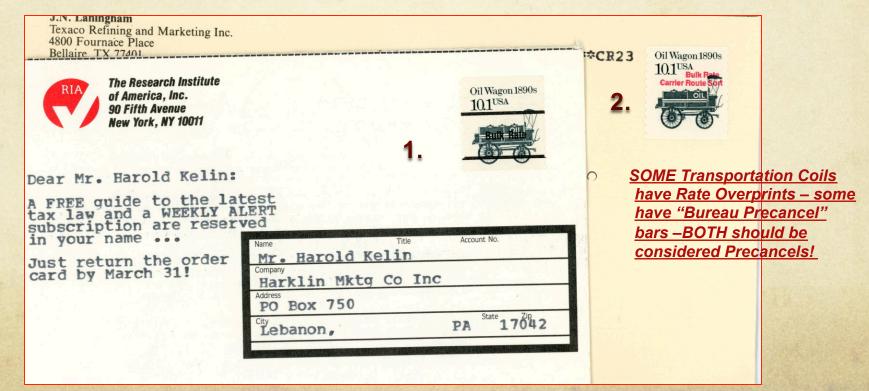
- Transportation Coils come WITH Bureau Precancels and some just have overprints.
- Two pieces two different rates both using 10.1c: (2/17/85-4/3/88 See PB 21666)

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BULK RATE

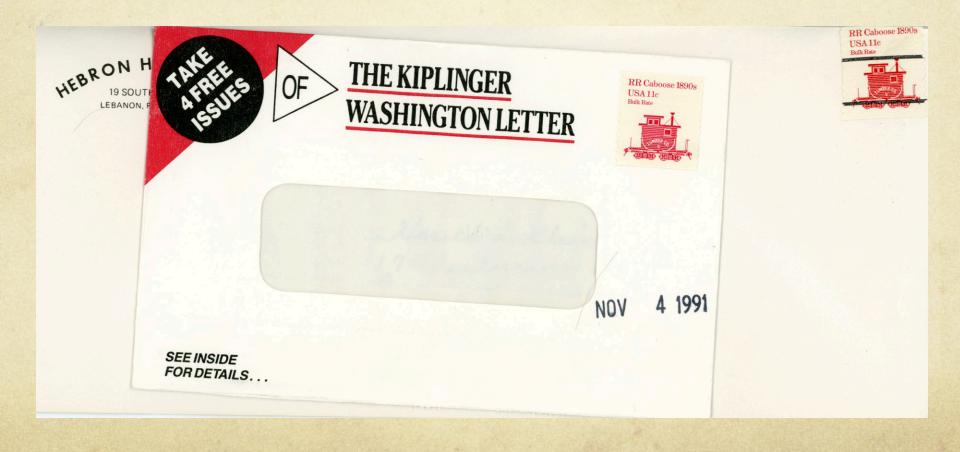
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2. TEXACO BULK RATE/CARRIER SORT (CR23) 8.3c

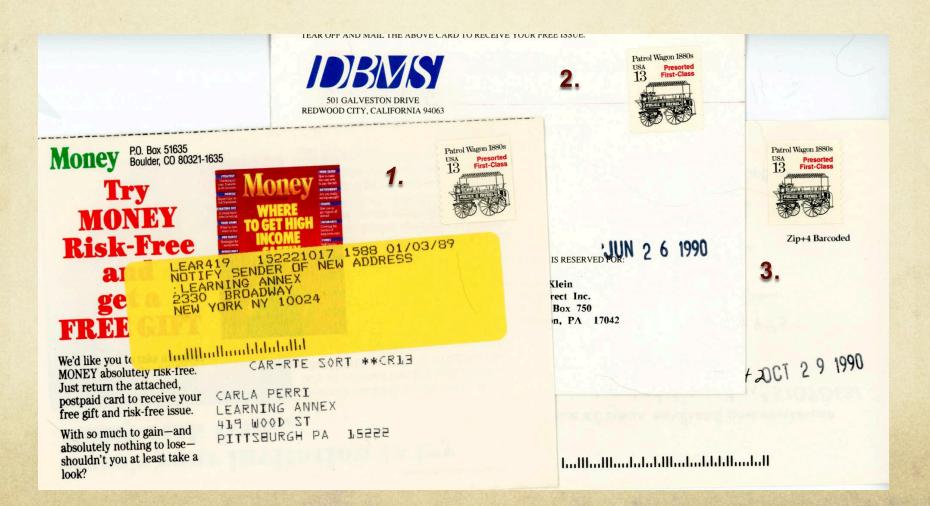


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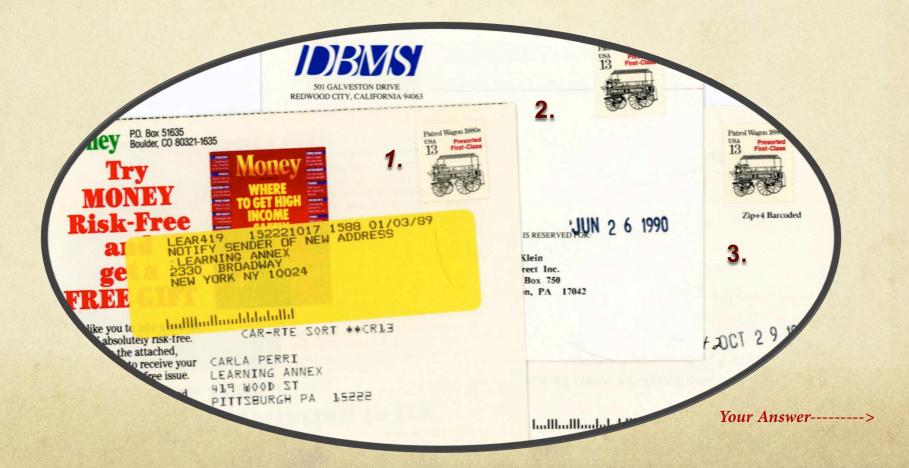
With and Without Bureau Precancel



Question#15: Look carefully... Do you think ALL cards PAID the same 13c rate for their mailings??? (Looks are deceiving - you may be surprised to learn the answer.)

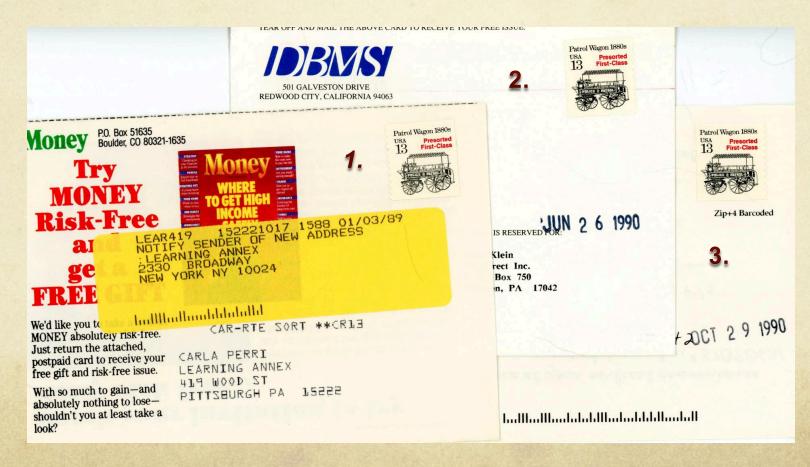


O How many Rates were these cards mailed under??? 1... 2... 3??? OR....were they all the same Rate? The Rate period was from April 3, 1988 to February 3, 1991 – they were all mailed in this period... So...



Answer: THREE CARDS -- THREE DIFFERENT RATES (L/R): April 3, 1988 - February 3, 1991 *PB21666

	Mailer	Card Pre-printed	Applicable Rate	<u>FEE</u>
1.	MONEY 1-03-89	FIRST-CLASS PRESORTED	FIRST CLS CARRIER SORT (CR13)	*13.0c
2.	DBMS 6-26-90	NOT MARKED FIRST CLASS	FIRST CLASS - ZIP+4 (17042)	*11.5c
3.	CARD 10-29-90	ZIP+4 BARCODED	FIRST CLASS – ZIP+4+BARCODED	*12.5c



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- The 10-cent "Tractor Trailer 1930s" was issued using two different printing methods.
- Questions# 16: What were the two (2) different printing methods used to print this stamp?

"engraved"



Sc# 2457 May 25, 1991

"photogravure"



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