

Graf Zeppelin & Hindenburg

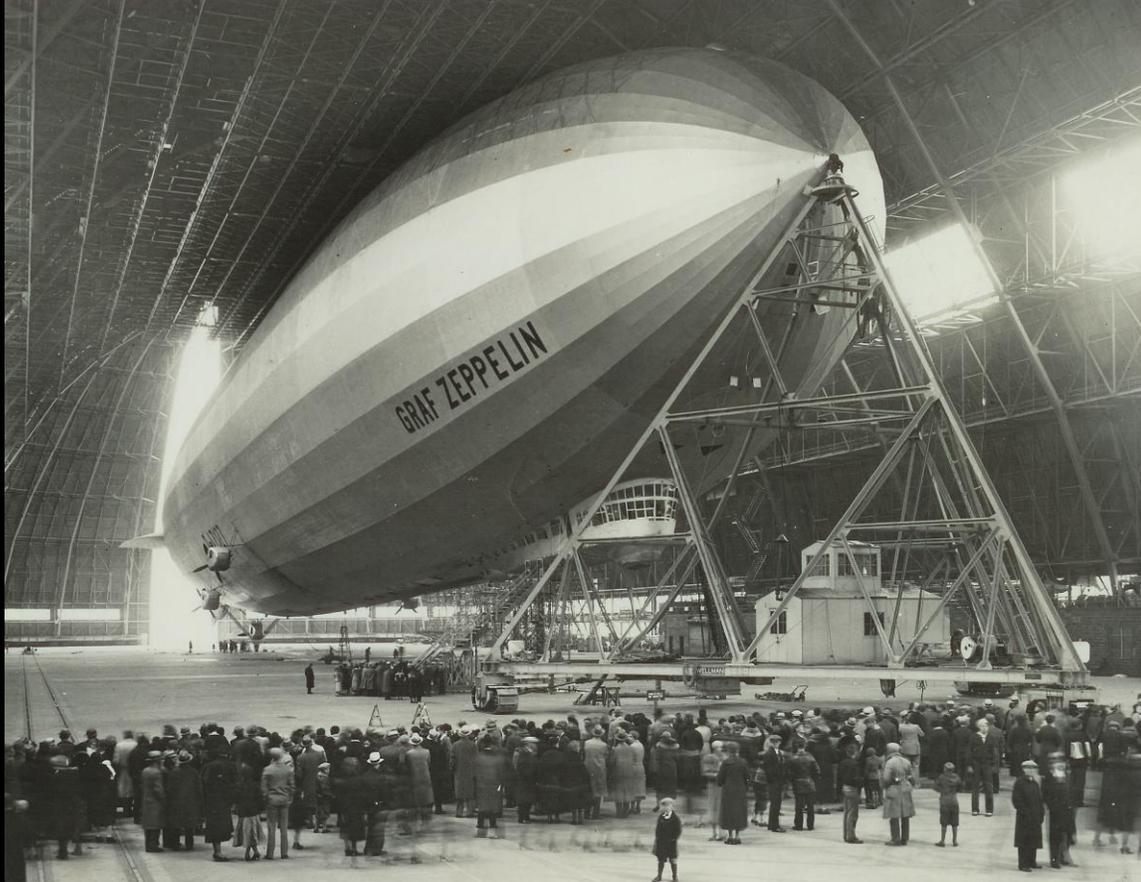
U.S. Mails

An Introduction

Cheryl Ganz

September 24, 2025

Lancaster County Philatelic Society



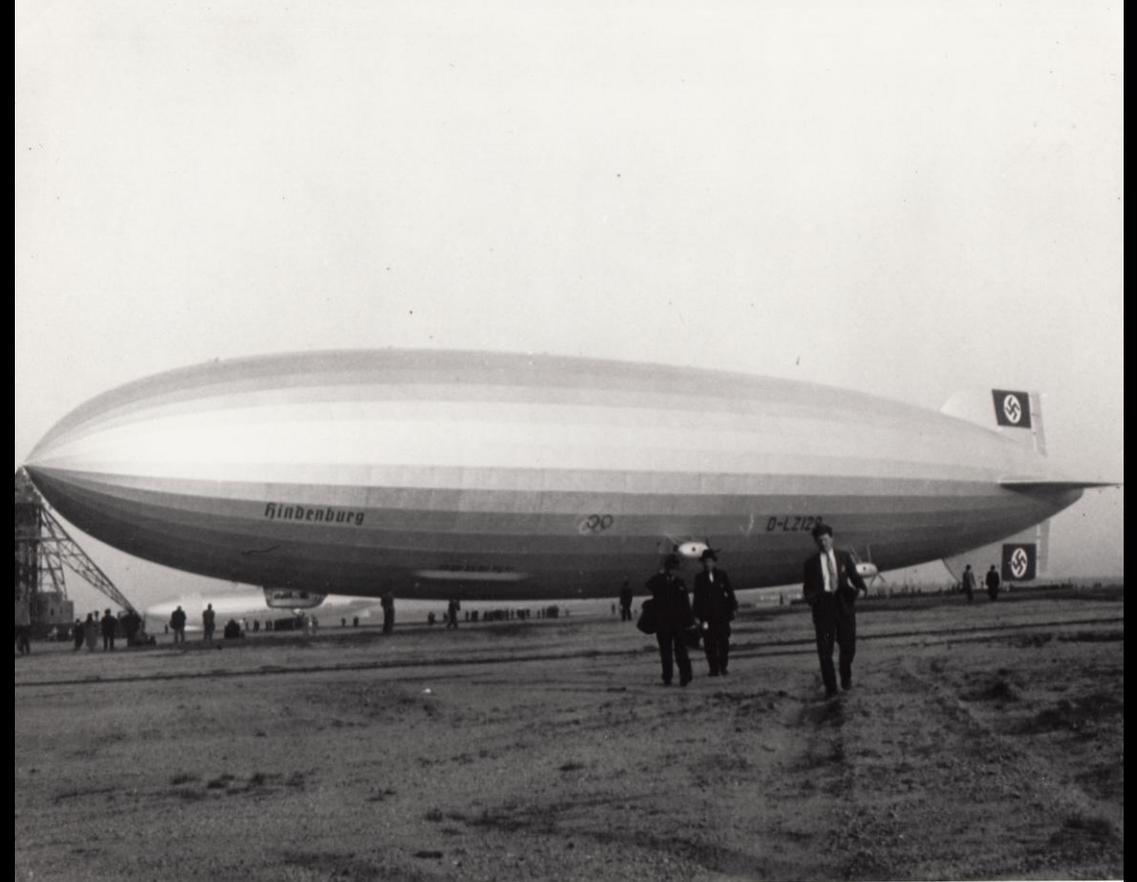
Graf Zeppelin -- Demonstration Flights

1928 – 1 roundtrip flight to Lakehurst NJ

1929 – World flight to Germany, Japan, Los Angeles, and Lakehurst with return to Germany

1930 – 1 flight to Lakehurst via Brazil and return to Germany

1933 – 1 flight to Miami, Akron, and Chicago via Brazil and return to Germany



Hindenburg -- First regularly scheduled, entirely by air, postal service between Europe and North America

1936 – 10 roundtrips to Lakehurst

1937 – 1 flight to Lakehurst

First, some zeppelin mail with
a Lancaster connection.

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R. L. Singley

Lancaster, Pa.

RETURN TO SENDER
SEE POSTAL BULLETIN

15284

Intended for Graf Zeppelin 1930 Pan American flight roundtrip.



From *Postal Bulletin* 15284:

"GRAF ZEPPELIN" EUROPE-PAN AMERICA ROUND FLIGHT FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, Washington, Apr. 26, 1930.

It has been brought to the attention of the department that some letters intended for dispatch by the Graf Zeppelin have been postmarked with other than black canceling ink. Section 524, Postal Laws and Regulations, requires that stamps on all mail matter be canceled with black canceling ink. Mail intended to go forward via Graf Zeppelin on which the stamps are not canceled with black canceling ink will not be dispatched. The attention of postmasters is further invited to the fact that section 526, Postal Laws and Regulations, prohibits the use of any special post-marking stamp, and letters bearing the impressions of any special post-marking stamp will not be dispatched on the Graf Zeppelin.

LOREL N. MORGAN, Acting First Assistant Postmaster General.

Intended for *Graf Zeppelin* 1930 Pan American flight roundtrip.

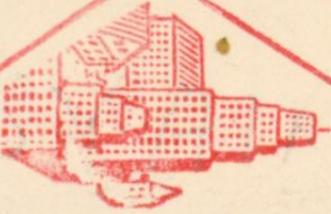
For special transmission by Airship "Graf Zeppelin".

BERLIN - FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

DEUTSCHE LUFTPOST

Amchlussflug zur
Amerikafahrt des Luft-
schiffs GRAF ZEPPELIN
OKTOBER 1933



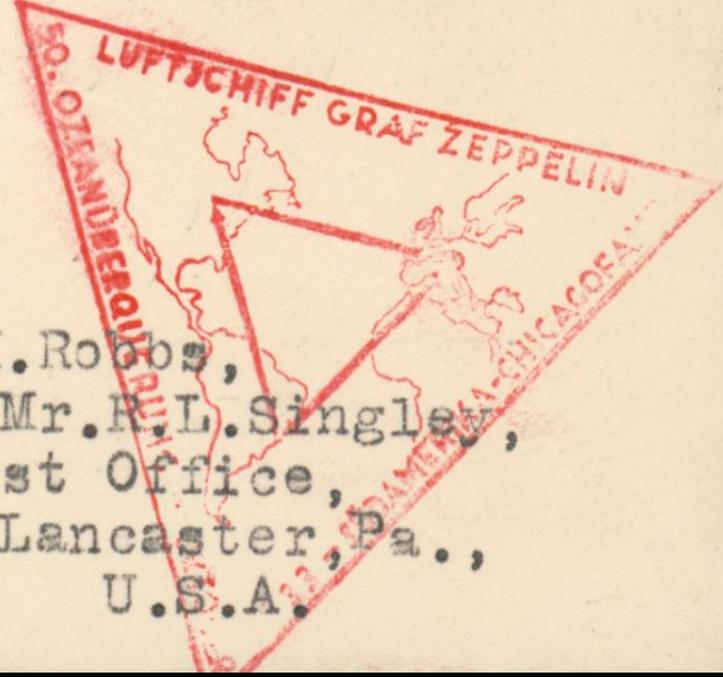


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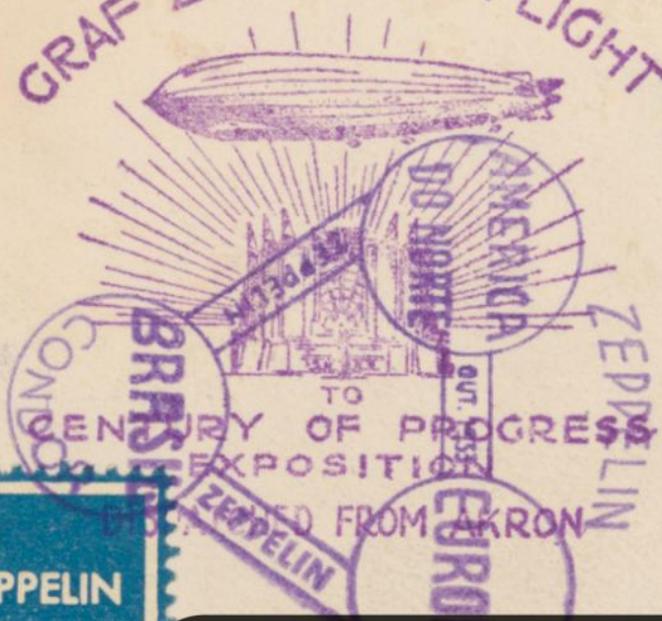
Mr. P. H. Robbs,
c/o Mr. R. L. Singley,
Post Office,
Lancaster, Pa.,
U.S.A.

Via Berlin.

UK airplane to Berlin, plane or rail to Friedrichshafen, Graf Zeppelin to USA.



GRAF ZEPPELIN FLIGHT



31 9396

RICHARD L. SINGLEY
LANCASTER, PA., U.S.A.



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Rio to Miami by *Graf Zeppelin*, delivered, reposted Akron to Friedrichshafen by zepelin.

Officers of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster, Pennsylvania

<i>Term</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Sales Manager</i>	<i>A. P. S. Representative</i>
May 20, 1938-						
Nov. 27, 1939...	Robert Ruppin.....	V. W. Voris*.....	Rollin L. Charles..	James L. Knipe.....	Robert H. Goodell..	J. Andrew Frantz
Nov. 27, 1939-						
Oct. 20, 1940...	Rollin L. Charles...	James L. Knipe.....	Edgar W. Worrest..	Richard L. Singley..	Robert H. Goodell..	Owen Hershey
Oct. 20, 1940-						
Oct. 23, 1941...	J. Andrew Frantz...	Robert H. Goodell..	Edgar W. Worrest..	Richard L. Singley..	Donald B. Witmer*	Robert Ruppin
Oct. 23, 1941-						
Dec. 31, 1942...	Robert H. Goodell..	Richard L. Singley..	Mabel Ruppin....	Robert Ruppin.....	Albert F. Witmer..	James L. Knipe

*Resigned

Richard L. Singley Named Winner of Walter J.

Honor Committee Unanimously Selects Past-President, Airpost Journal
Writer and Catalogue Finance Chairman

Richard L. Singley, Past President of THE AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY and constant worker for the hobby throughout the years has been named winner of the WALTER J. CONRATH MEMORIAL AWARD for the year 1945. Announcement of this choice has been made by President George D. Kingdom who serves as Chairman of the selection committee. The Walter J. Conrath Memorial Award was established in 1943 to perpetuate the memory of and to render appropriate honor to Walt Conrath, whose work for Aero-Philately was un-

HONORED



● Richard L. Singley

paralleled and whose unselfish interest in the promotion of all that was right and best for the hobby has become the inspiration of all of his associates and fellow collectors. Most readers are aware that tragedy in the form of an automobile accident took his life in May, 1942. The award has become Aero-Philately's highest recognition and most coveted honor. It has been bestowed twice before, in 1943 to GEORGE W. ANGERS and in 1944 to L. B. GATCHELL.

Dick Singley, the present winner, is the immediate Past President of the Society having completed his second term in 1944. Following custom and as provided in the By-Laws he has become a member of the Advisory Board of the Society. He is probably best known, however, for his many articles in the AIRPOST JOURNAL throughout the years, mostly on the subject of F.A.M. and related flights. He is also chairman of the Editorial Board for the F.A.M. Section of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE and in addition serves in several other Sections. When it was decided to publish a new edition of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE Dick shouldered the thankless task of securing the funds for such publication. The confidence he commands in Aero-philately is best attested by the fine response he has received in connection with this project.

Dick is a prolific correspondent and is probably best loved for his willingness to serve and assist any collector in their problems, no matter how juvenile or puerile the problems may be. During his administration as President the Society made continued progress. Many a member located throughout the world has

As 1945 Conrath Award

had the privilege of corresponding with him.

Dick was a very close friend of Walt Conrath, and as such his designation as the recipient of the award established to honor Walt will take on added meaning.

The Committee which made the selection was composed of George D. Kingdom, Chairman, George Angers, Grace Conrath, L. B. Catchell, Charles P. Craddick and H. H. Griffin. President Kingdom has also announced that the award itself will take the form of a handsome hand engrossed parchment certificate and that these certificates will be first presented at the Newark, N. J., meeting of the Society this month not only to the present recipient, but to George W. Angers, the first winner, and to L. B. Catchell, the second winner. These handsome certificates were designed by W. W. Rems and executed by A. W. Rust. They are beautifully embellished in five colors, black, red, blue, silver and gold. A reproduction of this certificate is shown on our front cover this month but, of course, it was impossible to reproduce the true beauty of same in a single color plate which cannot reflect the tones of the various colors used.

WALTER J. CONRATH MEMORIAL AWARD

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

To perpetuate the memory of WALTER J. CONRATH who contributed unselfishly to the growth and welfare of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY, who possessed a fearless conviction and was an unceasing advocate of every principle of right, who was an ardent and true aero-philatelist, and who made many valuable contributions to the betterment of the hobby.

It is hoped and desired that the establishment of this award will inspire others to make contributions to our Society and hobby which in time will make them eligible for this high honor.



● The Late Walter J. Conrath

BASIS OF AWARD

The WALTER J. CONRATH MEMORIAL AWARD shall be given annually to the member of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY who in the opinion and judgment of the Award Committee has rendered an outstanding service to the Society or who has made an outstanding contribution to the hobby of Aero-philately.

AWARD COMMITTEE

The Committee of Award to determine the recipients of the WALTER J. CONRATH MEMORIAL AWARD shall consist of these persons who have been honored by the award and the President of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be the President of the Society whose duty it shall be to consult the Committee and determine the recipient of the award.

Until the Committee shall be composed of five persons who have received said award, the President of the Society has appointed a committee to serve.

Graf Zeppelin Flights with U.S. Dispatches



overpaid 10 ¢

Graf Zeppelin
1928 America Flight return
 Lakehurst to Friedrichshafen
 Oct 29-Nov 1
 Letters \$1.05
 Cards 53¢

Cotton merchants

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
NEW YORK STAMP CO.
135 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

AIRMAIL Via GRAF ZEPPELIN



Dr. Edwin Oertel
Berlin W.50. (Germany)
Ansbacher Str. 4

Handwritten signatures and names:
Hans Miller
L. J. Perry
Ernest A. Lehmann
W. Sigler
Albert Schmidt
Hans Ludwig
Max Bruns
H. K. ...
Hans ...
H. ...

St. Lincoln

Harold ...

Lakehurst—Friedrichshafen North America Flight 8, October 29-November 1, 1928
Signed on front and reverse by 38 crew members, including 14 officers;
\$1 zeppelin rate + 5¢ foreign letter rate.

THE HALL OF FAME FOR GREAT AMERICANS, University Heights, New York City, created by the gift of \$250,000 from Mrs. F. J. Shepard (Helen Gould) to the Council of New York University, in 1900, each panel of 150 in the great colonade is to be inscribed with the name of a famous American; 50 at the beginning, and 5 to be added every 5 years, until the year 2000, when the 150 inscriptions will be completed. Only those dead 25 years or more may be selected for the honor. The public may freely nominate. The 100 electors, selected by the University Senate determine. Sixty-five men and women, great Americans, have already been chosen.



By Airship "GRAF ZEPPELIN"
from Lakehurst to
"Friedrichshafen".

Aug. 6, 1929.

By means of the majestic
queen of the air -
the GRAF ZEPPELIN - we
send cordial greetings
to our valued friends
and clients in Germany

The Brecht Corporation,
MBH,

ALBERTSTRASSE, 26,
HAMBURG, GERMANY.

The Brecht Corporation

PHONE PHOTO-PRINT NEW YORK MADE IN U.S.A.

Graf Zeppelin
1929 Round-the-World flight
Lakehurst - Lakehurst
August 7 to August 29
or
Friedrichshafen - Friedrichshafen
August 15 to September 4

Additional stops in Tokyo and
Los Angeles

Lakehurst – Tokyo
\$2.05 letter rate

Lakehurst – Los Angeles
\$1.78 card rate, overpaid 1¢

Lakehurst – Lakehurst
\$3.55 letter rate, overpaid 10¢

From Lakehurst-to-Tokyo

FIRST FLIGHT
AROUND THE WORLD
BY GERMAN AIRSHIP L. Z. 127
"GRAF ZEPPELIN"



THE BANK OF TAIWAN, Ltd.

Tokyo, Japan



Par avion



LOS ANGELES, CALIF. STA. 11
AUG 25
6 PM
1929



Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.
96 Lenox Ave.
Bronxville
New York.

By
German Airship LZ-127
Los Angeles to Lakehurst

VIA GRAF ZEPPELIN



LOS ANGELES, CALIF. STA. 11
AUG 25
6 PM
1929

W.M. JUNGINGER

53 MULLHEIMER STR.

BASEL, SWITZERLAND

AIR MAIL.

With Graf Zeppelin L.Z. 127
From Lakehurst NJ.U.S.A.
To Friedrichshafen, Germany.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. STA. 11
AUG 27
11 AM
1929



Mister Peter Ernst Weber.
8, Heliosstrasse.
ZUERICH .8.
SWITZERLAND.



LOS ANGELES, CALIF. STA. 11
AUG 27
1929

Los Angeles - Lakehurst
60¢ letter rate

Los Angeles - Friedrichshafen
90¢ card rate

Lakehurst - Friedrichshafen
\$1.20 letter rate



Three countries visited on *Graf Zeppelin's* 1929 World flight.
Japanese cancel is August 19th in the fourth year of the emperor Hirohito's reign.

Elliott & Co.,
Box 144,
Montclair, N. J.

(REGISTER)



VIA AIR MAIL

REGISTERED

994563

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Elliott,
Rt # 3,
NEOSHO, Mo.



Graf Zeppelin 1930 Pan American Flight, Washington DC first day of issue

THIS ARTICLE MADE THE COMPLETE ROUND TRIP
VIA
GRAF
ZEPPELIN



WASHINGTON
APR 19
5 PM
D.C. 1930



VIA Friedrichshafen and Graf Zeppelin
VIA AIR MAIL to Lakehurst.
Via Lakehurst to Friedrichshafen.



Mr. H. S. Chamberlin,
Philatelic Agent,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Friedrichshafen - Friedrichshafen Pan American flight roundtrip, May 18 – June 6
\$3.90 letter rate with Washington DC first day dispatch to New York and by ship to Germany for the flight.

Zeppelin Mail



Fried. via Fried.
to Lake. & ret. to Fried.
Fried. to Lake. & ret. to Fried.

(NY) Friedrichshafen - Friedrichshafen
\$1.95 card rate - overpaid

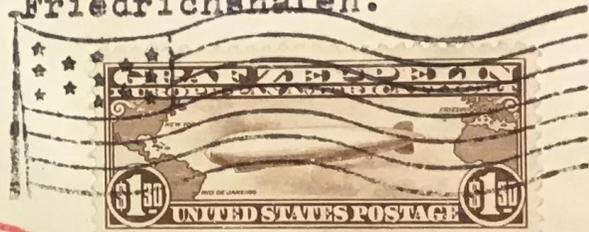
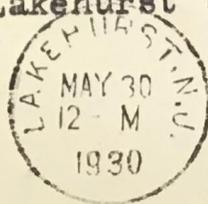
Lakehurst - Friedrichshafen
65¢ card rate - wrong cachets



Panamerikafahrt 1930
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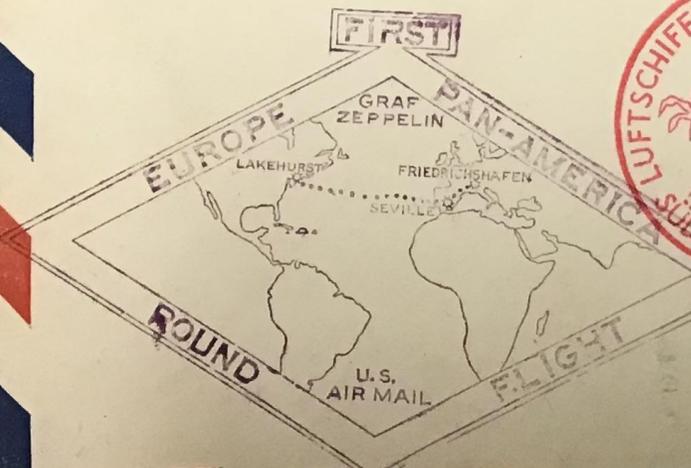
Mrs. Hilbersdorf
Zeppelinstr. 1.
Germany.

Via Graf Zeppelin from Lakehurst to Friedrichshafen.



VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. S. E. Ray,
957 South 19th St.,
Birmingham, Ala.,
U. S. A.



Lakehurst to Friedrichshafen
\$1.30 letter rate

Lakehurst to Seville
65¢ card rate



THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES.

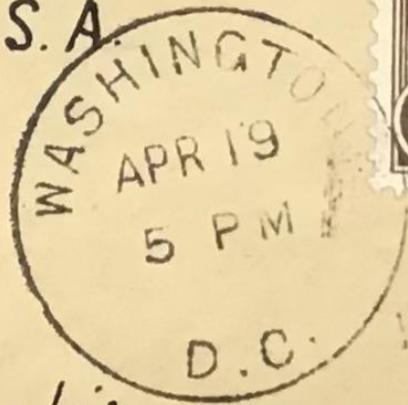
*E. R. Stark
33 Emily St
Springfield
Mass*



*Eugene R Stark
33 Emily St
Springfield
Mass
U. S. A.*

*Via Graf Zeppelin
From Lakehurst
To Seville*

Return at once to
R. Corp,
6637 KINGSBURY Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo U.S.A.



Via Graf zeppelin
Lakehurst to
Friedrichshafen
on last trip.



Lakehurst – Friedrichshafen, \$1.30 letter rate, overpaid 1c
Wrong cachet applied and erasure

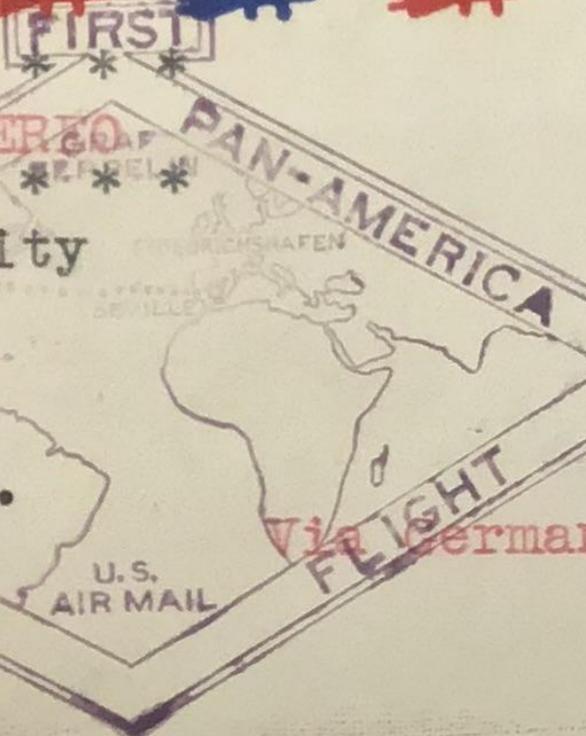
CORREO AEREO

Panama City

To Miami

To New York.

U.S. AIR MAIL



Via German Dirigible "GRAF ZEPPELIN!"



Par Avion
By Air Mail

Bill Schneider Jr.,
c/o Walter Elbel,
Schladen/Harz,
GERMANY.



Lakehurst – Friedrichshafen, \$1.30 letter rate, Panama dispatch for airmail to meet Graf Zeppelin.

Post Office Department
U.S. AIR MAIL



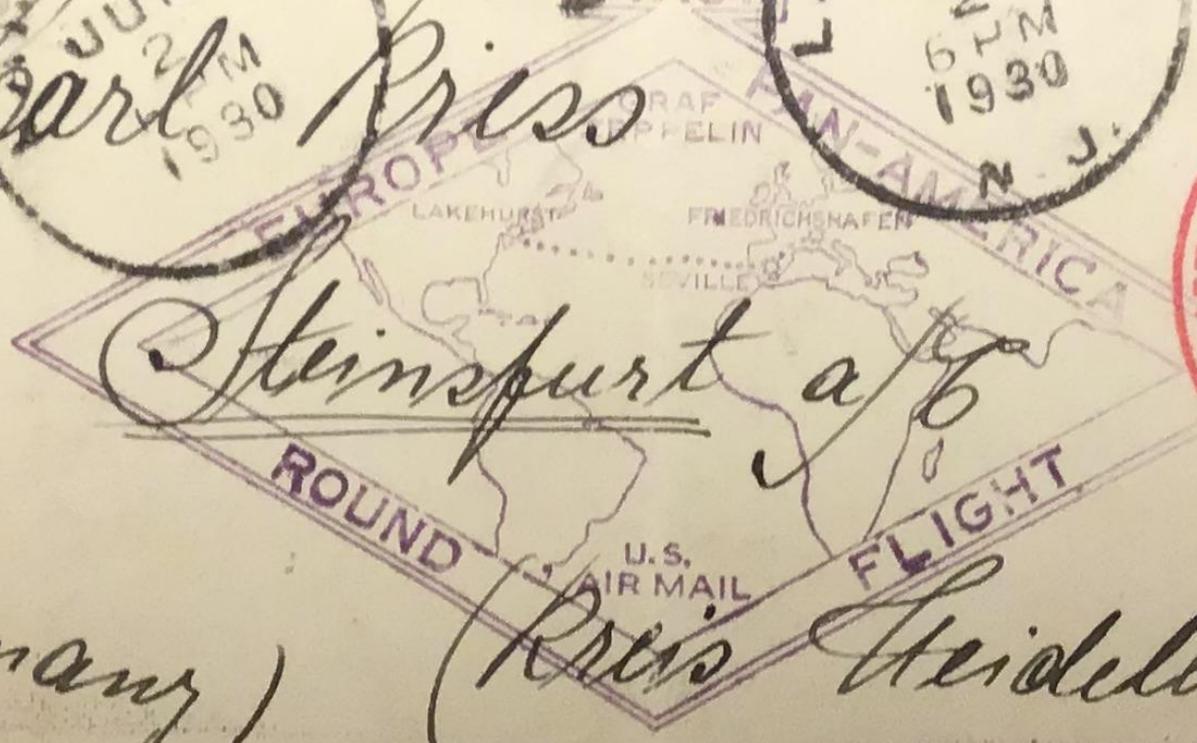
Mr.

LAKEHURST
N.J.
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1930

Carl Bress

Steinsfurt a/b



Rec'd in Bad Order

(Germany)

(Bress Heidelberg)

Lakehurst – Friedrichshafen, \$1.30 letter rate with official seals and manuscript “Rec’d in Bad Order.”



MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION



Handwritten text: Graf Zeppelin

Cancelled in all four countries visited.



The
U. S. A.

Graf Zeppelin 1933 Chicago Flight
Lakehurst—Friedrichshafen,
Chicago flights 354-355,
October 28-November 2, 1933
Letter sent from mid-ocean
with enclosure signed by crew
and passengers to President
Franklin D. Roosevelt —
no address needed;
German stamps with onboard
postmark and USA stamps
canceled with onboard cachet
(no paquebot cancel aboard).
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GRAF ZEPPELIN

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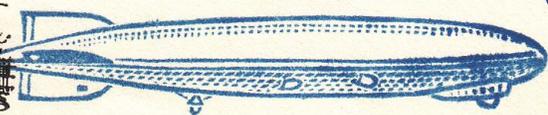
FRIEDRICHSHAFEN
TO
CHICAGO

VIA
BRAZIL S.A.
MIAMI
FLORIDA
AKRON
OHIO.....

OCTOBER
1933



FIRST DAY ISSUE
Special Graf Zeppelin
AIR MAIL STAMP



VIA AIR MAIL

NEW YORK
OCTOBER 2ND, 1933
CACHET SPONSORED BY
AEROPHILATELIC CLUB OF NEW YORK

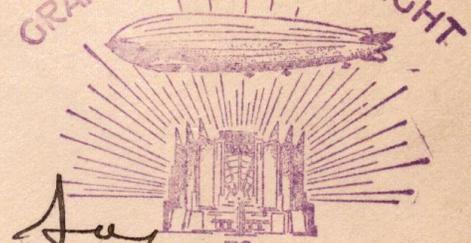
SPECIAL FLIGHT SPECIAL FLIGHT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
OFFICIAL BUSINESS—FREE

AKRON
OCT 4
3 2 PM
1933
OHIO



GRAF ZEPPELIN FLIGHT



TO
CENTURY OF PROGRESS
EXPOSITION
DISPATCHED FROM AKRON,
MINNESOTA.

G. Y. Delwig

317 Houston Ave

Brookston

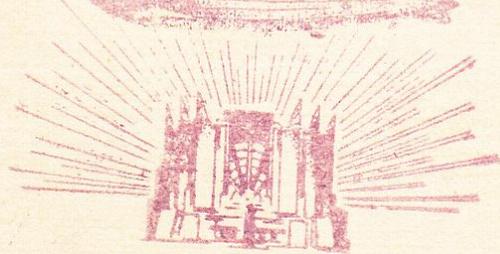
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Zeppelin*

1933 50c zeppelin stamp had 5 first days!

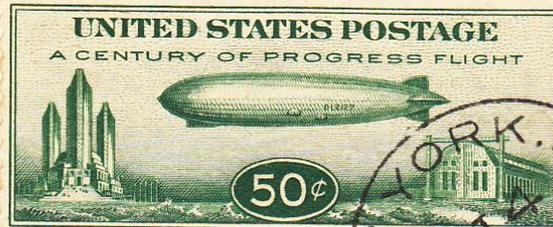
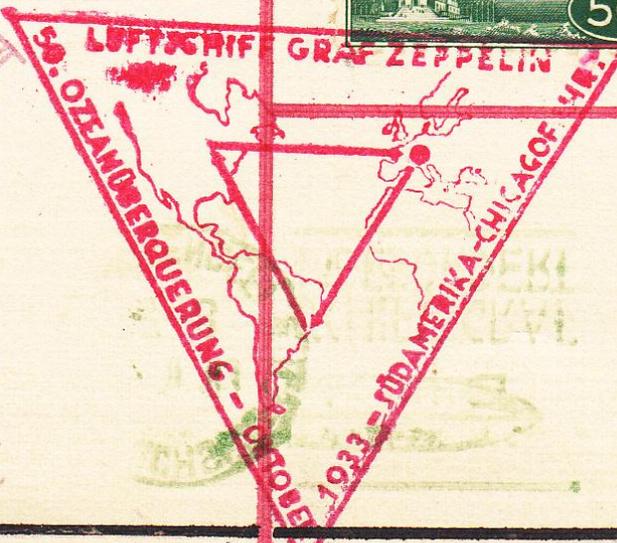
- New York City Oct 2
- Akron Oct 4
- Washington DC Oct 5
- Miami Oct 6
- Chicago Oct 7

VIA "GRAF ZEPPELIN"
FROM FRIEDRICHSHAFEN
VIA BRASILIEN TO U.S.A
AND VIA SEVILLA TO =
FRIEDRICHSHAFEN. ≡≡≡
ROUNDTrip FLIGHT.

GRAF ZEPPELIN FLIGHT



TO
CENTURY OF PROGRESS
EXPOSITION
DISPATCHED FROM FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

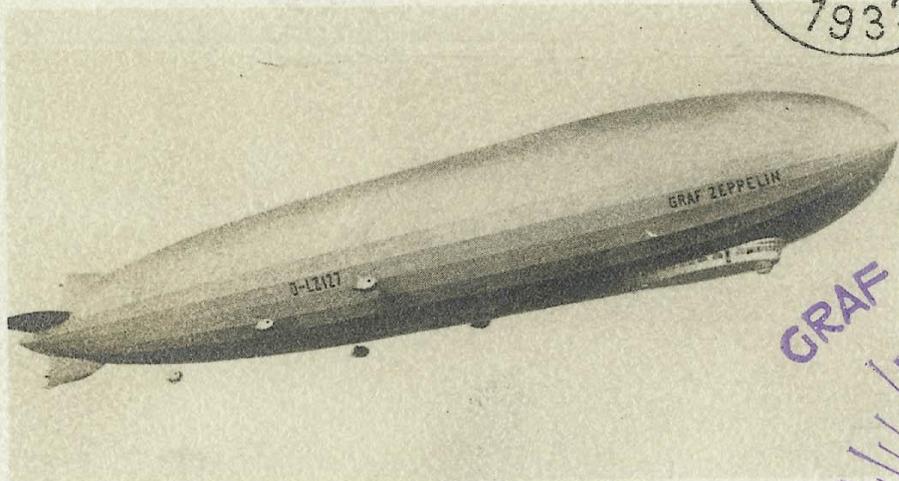


Mr. Ludwig W. Staehle
1690 3rd Avenue Apt 3
NEW YORK CITY
U.S.A. N.Y.

(NY ship to Germany) Friedrichshafen – Friedrichshafen roundtrip, \$2 letter rate; all rates at 50¢ increments. Ludwig Staehle cachet.

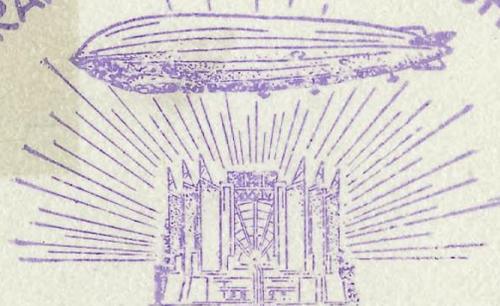
Via Graf Zeppelin
From Miami to Akron.

PAR AVION



Graf Zeppelin
In Flight

GRAF ZEPPELIN FLIGHT



TO
CENTURY OF PROGRESS
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DISPATCHED FROM MIAMI



Jack Bear
432 Kasota,
Cincinnati, O.

Miami – Akron, 50¢ rate; Beazell photo cachet.

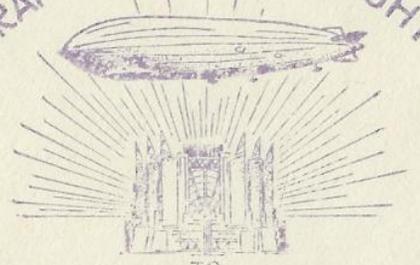
THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

James Farley

MIAMI, FLA.
OCT 23
6-PM
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GRAF ZEPPELIN FLIGHT



TO
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DISPATCHED FROM MIAMI

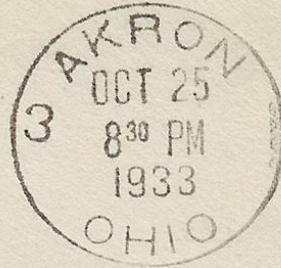
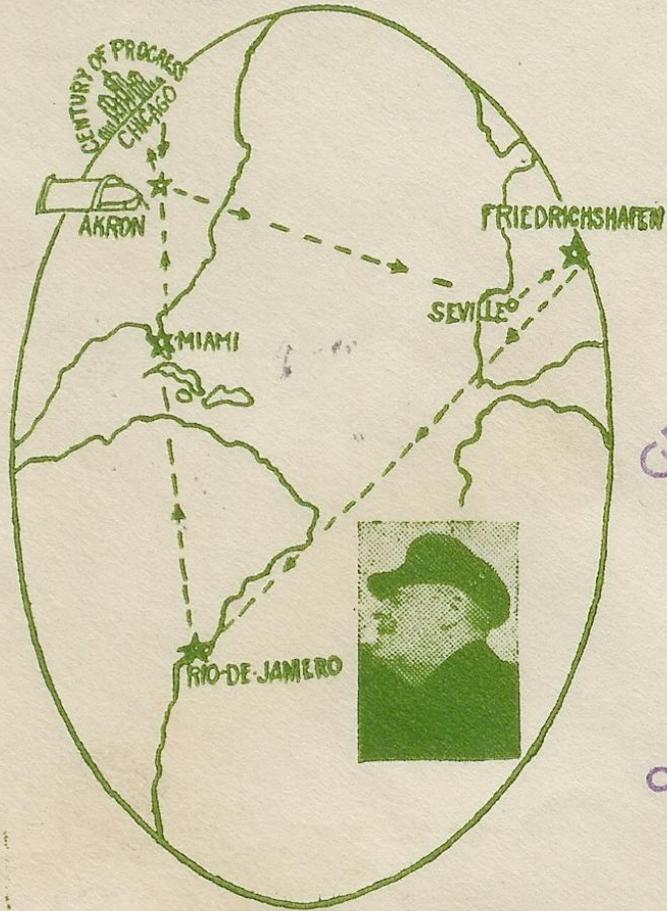
Via Graf Zeppelin -
Miami to Chicago

The President of the United States,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Miami - Chicago, Chicago flights 351-352, October 24-26, 1933

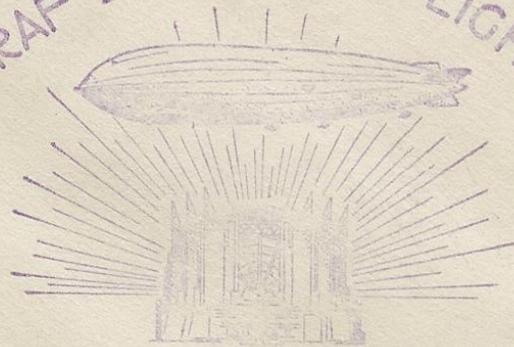
James Farley, U.S. postmaster general, mail to U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt; 50¢ rate. **1 known.**

From 478 S. Maple
Akron, O.



Via Graf Zeppelin
Akron to Chicago to Akron

GRAF ZEPPELIN FLIGHT



TO
CENTURY OF PROGRESS
EXPOSITION
DISPATCHED FROM AKRON

Walter Poppenger
26 S. High
Akron, O.

Akron - Akron roundtrip with brief landing near Chicago, 50¢ rate; Poppenger cachet.

The German-American Group of the Chicago World's Fair Welcomes **Dr. Eckener** and his Graf Zeppelin



October 1933

Official:

Walter W. L. Meyer

Chairman Cachet Committee

FROM: WALTER W. L. MEYER
Room 1007, 160 No. La Salle St.
Chicago, Illinois



VIA GRAF ZEPPELIN
Chicago to Friedrichshafen

C. S. Johnson
Glenview, Illinois



Chicago - Friedrichshafen, 50¢ rate.

Advertisement from STAMPS magazine.

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readers of STAMPS in that they will use Chicago imperfs. in mailing orders for Scott's Catalog to any who mention that they saw their advertisement in this magazine.



Mexico Airpost Off., 20c, 1 val. .10
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OFFICIAL ZEPPELIN WELCOMING CACHET

THE German-American Group of the Chicago Century of Progress is the official group which is to welcome Dr. Von Eckener and his Graf Zeppelin to Chicago on or about October 26, 1933. This group, through its official cachet committee which is composed of three distinguished Chicagoans, is sponsoring a beautiful three-color cachet in honor of this triumphal and celebrated event. The design of the cachet consists of the Graf; likenesses of Zeppelin, the designer; Durr, the builder; and Von Eckener, the navigator of the Graf. Each cover will be authenticated by the facsimile signature of the chairman of the cachet committee. A good quality of envelope will be used and the charge is ten cents for each cover plus postage desired. The net proceeds of this cachet are to be donated to the charities of the German-Americans in Chicago. Century of Progress stamps will be used (not imperfs.) in any desired combination that will fit the 3 1/2" space (allowing for address space) of the 6 3/4" envelope. Any 8c or over combination will be sent airmail (not via the Graf) but no special delivery or registered MAIL WILL BE HANDLED. NO OUTSIDE COVERS, PLEASE. Those wishing covers franked with the new 50c airmail stamp to be sent VIA THE GRAF will clearly indicate the part of the flight from Chicago desired and remit accordingly. Covers FROM CHICAGO ONLY will be handled.

Via the Graf Zeppelin using the New 50c Airmail
Chicago to Akron, 50c postage plus 10c cover charge 60c
Chicago to Sevilla, Spain, 50c postage plus 10c cover charge 60c
Chicago to Germany, 50c postage plus 10c cover charge 60c
Covers from Chicago direct to subscriber via ordinary mail NOT the Graf, are ten cents each plus postage.

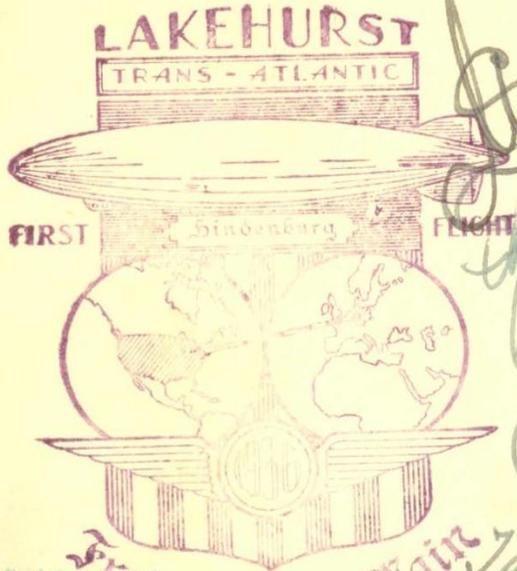
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Syndicato Condor Ltda.
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 Hindenburg arrived too late for the 4th S.A. flight of Graf Zeppelin so held for 5th S.A. flight by Hindenburg departing Frankfurt on May 25 direct to Rio de Janeiro (May 29), letter 25 pf + 1.25 RM zeppelin rate = .25 pf overpaid.

Por CORREO AEREO
Nicaragua .. U.S.A.
Via "VON HINDENBURG"
Lakehurst to Germany.



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Mr. G. W. Bartlett
C/O H. E. Sieger
Lorch, Wurttg.
Germany

Lakehurst—Frankfurt, First North America flight 13, May 11-14, 1936
Nicaragua dispatch with mixed franking, FAM 5; 18 centavos air to New York + 40¢ zeppelin fee.

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From: LAKEHURST, N. J., U. S. A.

To: FRANKFURT/MAIN, GERMANY

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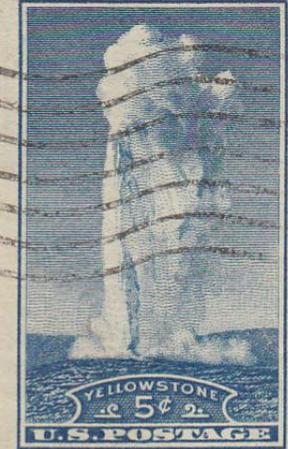
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To **Australia** via *Hindenburg*, air from Frankfurt to Darwin and then Melbourne;
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By Airship "Hindenburg"
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Mr Josef Dinnebier,
Betriebsleiter,
Niemes, Boehmen
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Lakehurst - Frankfurt, Fourth North America flight 25, July 4-6, 1936
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air mail
via Hindenburg



NOT IN SPECIAL DELIVERY MAIL

MAIL VIA AIRSHIP HINDENBURG

Mr. Ben Nelson

Stockholm

Linneegatan 67-9/10 Nisser

Sweden

Lakehurst - Frankfurt, Eighth North America flight 42, September 21-24, 1936

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Lakehurst - Frankfurt, Tenth North America flight 47, October 10-12, 1936
Pitney Bowes "Flying Eagle" meter strip to pay 40¢ rate. 5 known.



May 6, 1937
Lakehurst NJ

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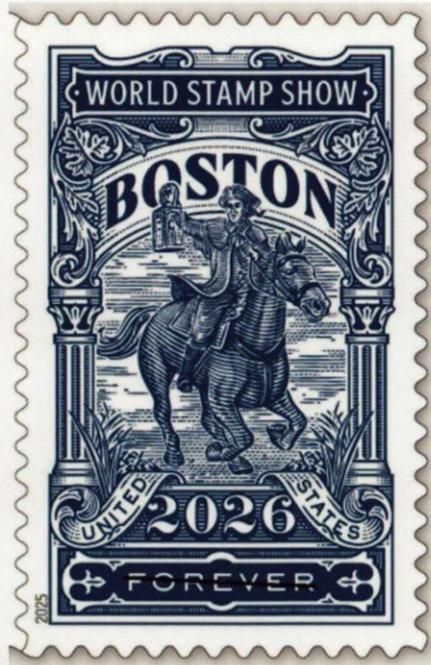
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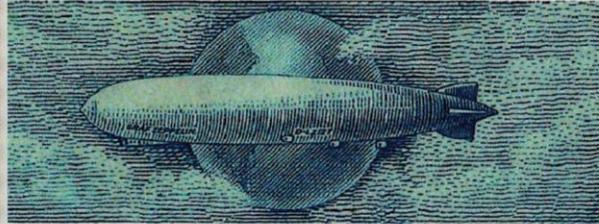
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Intended for Lakehurst - Frankfurt, First North America flight 64, May, 1937



*One, if by land, two, if by sea;
And at the zeppelin meetings we will be.*



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