

Land-Rover Stamps: The Rest of the Series Ones, Part 3

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Continuing on from last month's article, where we outlined all of the postage stamps with an 80 inch printed on them, it seems obvious that completing the Series One is the next step. It would be fair to say that the very first postage stamp with a Land-Rover on it, akin to the famed Penny Black, would have a Series One on it. And, from last month, coming out in 1957, there is one. There have been seven postage stamps with Series One Land-Rovers that are not an 80 inch.

French West Africa, issued 1957. 86/88

Ironically, the very first stamp that I have been able to find with a Land-Rover, is French. Granted, not France French, but French West Africa, which is a market that helped build much of the Land-Rover mystique. The stamp, issued on March 11th, 1957, celebrates the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and their good works in medicine (1), particularly a mobile leprosy clinic. The image depicts a small convoy of three vehicles, the first an unmistakable short wheelbase Series One, followed by a pair of vehicles that could be anything, but



look like J20 Toyota Land Cruisers in front of some traditional homes. French West Africa was a federation of eight French colonial territories in Africa: Mauritania, Senegal, French Sudan (now Mali), French Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso), Dahomey (now Benin) and Niger. The capital of the federation was Dakar. The federation existed from 1895 until 1960. Designed by Charles Mazelin. Stanley Gibbons no. 94, Scott no. 74, and Michel no. 83. Perforation 13. Colours - Lilac-brown, red, & violet.

Jordan, issued 1965



The fifth Land-Rover stamp ever issued comes from Jordan. A former British Protectorate, after independence Jordan maintained a military that was not only modelled after the British Army, but employed British officers up until 1956. After 1956, they still employed a lot of British military hardware. An example of which is the continued use of British hardware as found with this Army Day stamp series of three stamps issued on November 10th, 1965. There are 5, 10, and 35

filis stamps. It is probably fitting that the most expensive stamp, the carmine-brown 35 filis stamp shows a drawing of a military Land-Rover. By appearance of the flat sides, it is a Series One of some type, and given the position of the spare on the front bumper, looks patterned after the early British pink panthers. The stamp has a perforation of 15x14. Michel no. 515, Stanley Gibbons no. 651.

Anguilla, issued 1980

In 1969, Anguilla was not happy with its situation. Forced into a union with St. Kitts and Nevis in



1967, it desired to be a colony again (Unlike the Turks and Cacos, I've not read that they wished to join Canada instead). This led to two revolutions, in 1968 and 1969. By 1969 the British sent an envoy with a proposed solution. He was sent on his way. A week later, the island was invaded by the Scotland Yard, with the SAS as support. A souvenir sheet was issued on December 18th, 1980 when they were split after 155 years of association with St. Kitts and re-achieved colonial status. While the souvenir sheet has the same five stamps as issued separately, the larger sheet also depicts the British "invasion". Amongst the various scenes is a fanciful airdrop, from a Hercules, of an 80" Land-Rover (1951 from the Grille) and probably an 86 or 88 inch judging from the rectangular door. Both descending with round chutes. However, in reality, the British landed by sea in a very dignified and civilised manner. Anguilla regained colonial status in 1980, where it remains today as a British Overseas Territory. Nevis has also wanted to separate from St. Kitts and return to colonial status, but has been unsuccessful thus far. The population is Anguilla is about 14,000. As comparison, the population of a Westboro in Ottawa is about 22,000. Perforation is 14. The souvenir sheet is 178x92 mm. The sheet is Scott no. 428a, Michel BL35



Barbados, issued 1985

On the seventh of June 1985, Barbados issued a series of stamps celebrating the “The life and times of her majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother”. While the



fours stamps in the series did not have a Land-Rover, the accompanying souvenir sheet shows a scene where the Queen is seen standing in the back of a Series I Land-Rover as it drives down a path in a local park. The Land-Rover in question is a 1954 model. How is this known? Well, Interestingly, this is a local Land-Rover, which was still on the road in 2014, driven by the same owner who drove it in

1985. The stamp was designed by A Theobald (\$2), printed by Questa using lithography and is 14.5 x 14 perforations per inch. Scott no. 664. Michel no. B19

Uruguay, issued 1997 - Land-Rover prototype

This particular stamp is in with the rest of the Series One issues as it is an 80 inch per se, but a unique one. This particular stamp appeared in the series “History of the Automobile”. This set of four stamps, all with a value of \$6 (Uruguay), has one that shows the first Land-Rover. Not a Series One 80”, but the first centre steering prototype with a single centre seat. A three quarters image pictured, which is identical to the photograph



of this vehicle on the Wikipedia page. Interestingly, it does not have an image of Maurice Wilks on the stamp as the other three do, Ford with his first automobile, Bosch

with the magneto and Diesel and an engine. Uruguay got a lot of Series Ones. A number of 107 SW and Tickfords went there. The challenge is not finding them. The challenge is getting them out. Lots of paperwork to export a vehicle, and very expensive. Some details - Michel no. 2314. Yvette & Tellier no. 1686. Issued December 8th, 1997. Perforation 12.5 x 12.75. Printed using offset lithography. 35,000 made. logo Indepex 1997. Printed by Imprimex S.A. Designed by Eduardo Salgado.

Spanish Andorra, issued 1998. 86/88

This single stamp; issued by the Spanish portion of Andorra, as opposed to the French celebrating the Europa National Festivals (CEPT). There are stamps for each. This particular 70 Spanish peseta stamp is ten (10)

Harlequins in a 1958 Street Scene from Canillo. The vehicle in the artistically modified image is of a Series One with an awful lot of people piled upon it, all in some

festive clothing, which make further identification just about impossible. Jose Luis Saurez designed it, from a photo by Joan Burgues Martisella. 650,000 of them were printed. Overall, the stamp is reminiscent of some of Canada Posts surreal issues from the 1970s, though this doesn't look like some children designed it. Stanley Gibbons no. 260, Michel no. 259, Yvette & Tellier no. 249, Scott no. 250. Perforations 13.75x14. Printed photogravure



Namibia. Issued 2018

Nam Post, the postal service of Namibia, issued 3 stamps on 12 March 2018 on the subject ‘Ox cart to Airplane’ which illustrates domestic transport in Namibia through the

ages. The first stamp, for Zone A postage rate shows a traditional ox cart being pulled along. The second, with the Inland Registered Mail postage rate (N\$36.60) shows a 107

inch station wagon in the Namib Dunes. The third in the series is a Cessna flying over the desert. The issue was designed by Elke Le Roux and is interesting but not very colourful. The size is 40 x 30mm 25,000 stamps were printed of each of the three types, Plus 800 FDCs. As a rather new stamp, and for internal registered mail, this stamp may never get a catalogue number. Especially with the crackdown on some countries issues that will never get used within the borders that country.



Notes:

1. For more on the Sovereign Military Order, look at the entry on their 2010 issue in a later part this series on Defenders. They issue passports too.