

**POSTMARKS
OF**



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Postmark Designs of 2008
Olathe, Colorado
Mailer's Postmark Permit No. 001



Desert Bighorn Ram Pictorial CDS

First Day of Use: February 12, 2008

A Rocky Mountain Desert Bighorn is the focal point of this pictorially enhanced CDS (circular date stamp) postmark. The wildlife design was created primarily to enhance first day issues of our philatelic alternative stamps. With the first one cancelling a recreation of a painting by Colorado artist, Martin Rathburn, titled "The Vantage Point."

MPP Design No. 037



Leap Year
First Day of Use: February 29, 2008

Only to be used once every four years, Leap Year was celebrated in 2008 pictorially on a company mailing consisting of 712 postcards mailed domestically and, nine mailed to friends and customers outside the United States.

MPP Design No. 038



Vintage Locomotive CDS
First Day of Use: March 10, 2008

For thematic stamp releases, this design incorporates a vintage locomotive steam engine. Used as a first day of issue cancel on "Chama-to-Antonito" FDCs.

MPP Design No. 039



Soaring Eagle CDS
First Day of Use: April 14, 2008

Another topical postmark on the theme of wildlife, the soaring American Bald Eagle initially was used this date to cancel FDCs inaugurating Martin Rathburn's "Spirit of the Haida" artistamp.

MPP Design No. 040



Pre-Inked USPS Style CDS
First Day of Use: April 22, 2008

First of two similar double-ring CDS postmarks put into use by The Olathe Poste this year and similar to those in use by the USPS, but bearing the Mailer's Postmark Permit nomenclature. This first of these two cancelling devices will be found on covers and packages using red ink.

MPP Design No. 041



Kit Carson Commemorative
First Day of Use: May 23, 2008

Commemorating the 140th anniversary date of Kit Carson's passing. Carson, a great explorer and patriot of the early American western frontier, spent a great amount of time exploring Colorado, hunting and trapping, and made several trips that took him right along the Uncompahgre River where Olathe, CO is located today.

MPP Design No. 042



Diesel Locomotive CDS

First Day of Use: June 4, 2008

Designed to compliment our topical theme of transportation, this diesel locomotive CDS was first used on FDCs bearing a philatelic alternative artistamp released the same date. The stamp, featured a scene in watercolor of the Grand Canyon Railroad by Colorado artist Dale Russell Smith.

Slight variations of this cancel may be found as years pass, as replacement cancels are made, replacing the year (in reverse) that appears to be a part of the locomotive's front end.

MPP Design No. 043



Automotive Pictorial CDS
First Day of Use: July 7, 2008

A 1953 vintage MG sports car is featured on this thematic (transportation) Mailer's postmark. First day of use cancelled First Day Covers of art on stamps by automotive artist Dave Loper.

MPP Design No. 044



International Local Post CDS **First Day of Use: July 7, 2008**

A slight variation of Olathe, CO permit #001 for use on special occasions and with some of our International Local Post first day covers. Also released on July 7th, 2008 along with MPP design #044.

While The Olathe Poste has published many Cinderella type stamps of one category or another since early 2001. Either for ourselves or for others. It wasn't until 2008 that we decided to initiate a whole new venue of collectible stamps to pique the interests of youngsters that may be interested in the hobby of stamp collecting. As we, The Olathe Poste, firmly believe that philately's future is in the hands (or minds) of today's young people.

Local Posts of today, mainly falling into the "hobbyist" category, are a fun way to introduce children into the hobby of stamp and postmark collecting (philately). Exactly what the International Local Post was designed to do. And, every good stamp needs a nice postmark (in most cases) to go along with it.

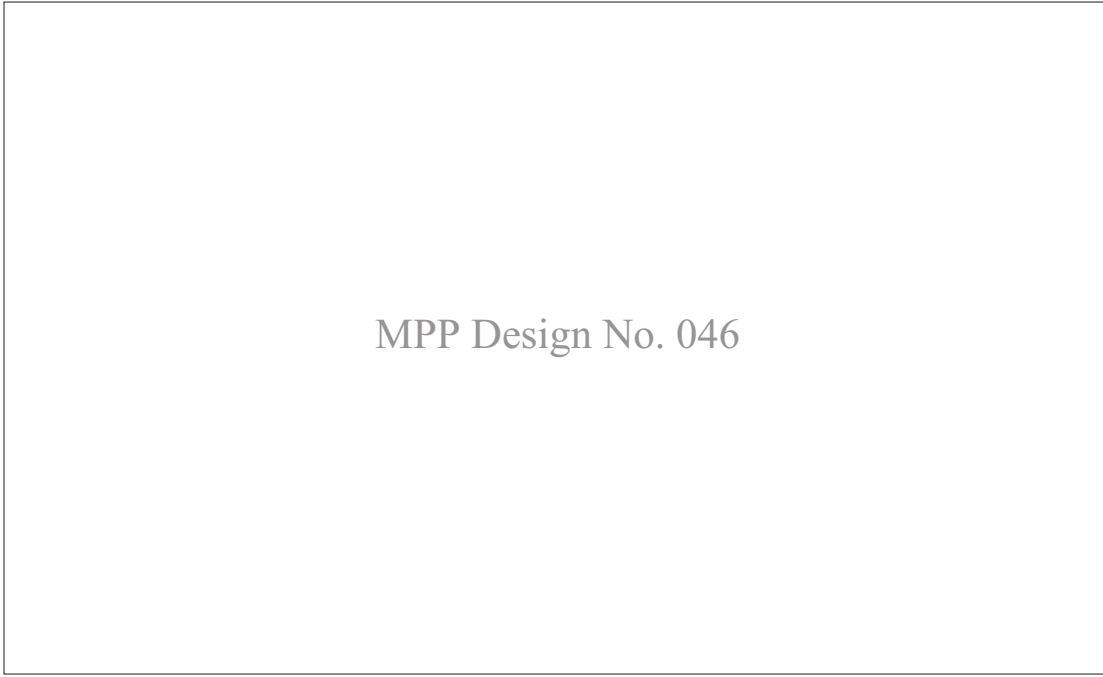
Along with other markings of the International Local Post, also look for this design to be used annually on the last Monday of January – World Local Post Day.

MPP Design No. 045



Family Fun
First Day of Use: July 21, 2008

Another pictorial design, similar to our 2007 “Kids Fun” design (#34) to promote the hobby of stamp collecting and family togetherness. This postmark is used quite frequently and is another high-ranking favorite among collectors and our clerks at the Olathe (USPS) post office.



MPP Design No. 046



Collect Postmarks CDS
First Day of Use: August 8, 2008

Merely for the sake of adding more variety to our mail and to further promote the aspects of the philatelic hobby. Two new CDS-only MPP cancels were put into use this date.

MPP Design No. 047



Collect Stamps CDS
First Day of Use: August 8, 2008

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MPP Design No. 048



Diamond Shaped Killer Bars

First Day of Use: September 3, 2008

Based from a USPS postmark design of the 1964 era, we liked the straight, clean looking killer bars that were uniquely sized to resemble a diamond pattern. A personal favorite, this postmark gets used on mail from our shop quite frequently.

MPP Design No. 049



Buffalo Pictorial CDS
First Day of Use: September 4, 2008

To compliment many of our topical stamps and related covers, this stylized running buffalo MPP design saw double duty on it's first day of use. Serving as the postmark to cancel all first day covers of another Martin Rathburn painting of a young bull buffalo on stamp titled "The Challenger."

This CDS pictorial is slightly larger in size than many of our CDS designs, measuring 1.5" OD.

MPP Design No. 050



Pre-inked (Black ink) CDS - Decorative Rope Border First Day of Use: September 22, 2008

This decorative CDS-only design was employed as part of a test for a new type of ink. Pre-inked stamps are notorious for being incompatible with many of today's aqueous coated postage stamps. The ink does not dry fast enough to be suitable for those making philatelic collectibles in most cases, if at all. One of our suppliers sent us a test sample of their new ink that was to be a good improvement over standard inks designed for use with pre-inked type stamper mechanisms. The ink did prove to be slightly better, thankfully, but it still doesn't match the qualities afforded to mailers using standard rubber stamps and specially formulated inks for non-porous surfaces.

Collectors will also find this Olathe, Colorado postmark used soon after the FDU date on another first day of issue cover/ mailing, dated November 18, 2008, for the release of the artistamp titled "Memories." The stamp features another painting in oil of a weathered, American Indian chief, by Colorado artist, Martin Rathburn.

MPP Design No. 051



Dove of Peace Holiday Pictorial

First Day of Use: November 17, 2008

Brought into use in time for the 2008 holiday season and for a first day mailing of our 2008 International Local Post Christmas stamp. This pictorial postmark with a dove holding an olive branch signifies peace to all and joyfully greets the recipient with a “Happy Holidays” message in red ink.

MPP Design No. 052



Pre-inked (Black ink) USPS Style CDS
First Day of Use: December 3, 2008

Made quite some time previous to it's first day of use, this USPS style CDS MPP is a close match to design number 41, but utilizes black ink to cancel stamps on packages or other mail. The actual first use of this cancelling device was to postmark a special set of covers on the date of manufacture of a commemorative local post stamp for the Croatian Information Service Review (and the Croatian Philatelic Society). The stamp, by-the-way, commemorates Croatia's General Ante Gotovina, considered by most as a hero to the Croatian people.

MPP Design No. 053



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