

Bibliography of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment
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<AF3911a> Actividades Filatélicas

"Editorial: El Cohete Postal" ("Editorial: The Postal Rocket")
AF, Yr.5, No.21, Nov 1939, p.3, Span.

<AF4305d> Actividades Filatélicas

"Dr. Tomás A. Terry, Vocal Propietario del Club"
("Dr. Tomás A. Terry, Standing Voting Member of the Club")
AF, Yr.VIII, No.24, May-Jun 1943, p.20, Span.

A brief biography of Dr. Terry, considered by all Cuban philatelists as the father of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment, the first officially sanctioned postal rocket in the world. Dr. Terry was a very active member of the Philatelic Club of the Republic of Cuba during most if not all of its existence. See also <[ROSE8408a](#)> and <[ROSE8408b](#)> for additional biographical notes and his obituary. I don't know exactly what "Vocal Propietario" meant, but I surmise that it meant he was a standing voting member of the Cuban Philatelic Club.

<AF5511a24> Actividades Filatélicas

"El Cohete Postal" "The Postal Rocket"
AF, "CUPEX" Special Issue, Nov 1955, pp.71-72, ill., Span. & Eng.

<AF6307a> Actividades Filatélicas

"Noticias del Club" ("Club News")
AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.111-112, Jul-Aug 1963, p.9, Span.

Report of various news concerning the Philatelic Club of the Republic of Cuba: 1) Designation of October 15 as the Day of the Cuban Postal Rocket; 2) News of the appointment of a new Director of AF; 3) Report of a change in the Club's Directors; 4) Report of the appointment of a Club's Delegate at the Ministry of Communications; and 5) Warning to collectors about fake "proofs" being offered in the marketplace.

<AF6309a> Actividades Filatélicas

"Experimento del Cohete Postal"
("The Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment")
AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.113-1116, Sep-Dec 1963, inside front cover, p.2, and outside back cover, ill.,Span.
Mention that the U.S. journal Stamps in its issue of August 17, 1963, illustrates the stamp issued by Cuba to commemorate launch of the Cuban Postal Rocket. The commemorative cancellation prepared by the Cuban Postal Service to commemorate the 24th anniversary of the event is shown on p.2. The back cover shows the souvenir sheet issued by the Philatelic Club of the Republic of Cuba to commemorate the anniversary.

<AF6309c> Actividades Filatélicas

"Noticias del Club" ("Club News")
AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.113-1116, Sep-Dec 1963, pp.5-6, Span.
News about the appointment of Dr. Buenaventura Cruz Planas as Director of the second TENEX National Philatelic Exhibition and news of the Club's preparation of a commemorative cover and cancellation for the event. Also mention that the Aero-Philatelic Exhibition Commemorating the 24th Anniversary of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment scheduled for October 15 had to be postponed due to the Declaration of a National Mourning Day for the victims of hurricane Flora on that day. The exhibition was instead held from October 20 to 23 with great success. The article mentions several key collections that participated in the exhibit.

<AF6409a> Actividades Filatélicas

"Noticias del Club" ("Club News")
AF, Yr.XXVI, Nos.125-126, Sep-Oct 1964, p.6, Span.
One page dedicated to club news concerning the Club's participation in two upcoming philatelic events: 1) The first is the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Cuban Postal Rocket and the organization and hosting of an aero-philately exhibition to commemorate the event; and 2) Preparations and organization of the Third National Thematic Exhibition, TENEX 1964 to be celebrated 25-29 November 1964. The inside front cover of this issue of

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AF shows a couple of covers commemorating the flight of the first Cuban Postal Rocket and the back cover contains a TENEX 1964 promotional ad.

<AF6409b> Actividades Filatélicas

"Vigésimo Quinto Aniversario del Experimento del Cohete Postal"
("25th Anniversary of the Postal Rocket Experiment")

AF, Yr.XXVI, Nos.125-126, Sep-Oct 1964, pp.21-26 (6), ill., Span.

This is by Dr. Tomás Terry and is also listed under his name as <TERR6409a>.

The article is illustrated with several nice images taken during the original launching of the postal rocket.

<AFLD4003> The Aero Field

"The Chronicle: Cuba"

AFLD, Vol.4 (New Series), No.1, Mar 1940, p.5, ill.

Illustration of two cachets from the rocket experimental firings of 1 Oct and 15 Oct 1939 plus a cachet issued in connection with a Flying Carnival of 12-14 Jan 1940.

<ALME5901> Almeyda, Eduardo R.

"El Cohete Postal en los Sellos de Correos" ("The Postal Rocket in Postage Stamps")

BMI, Yr.3, No.1, Jan 1959, p.8, Span.

<BELL45mm> Bello Hernández, Ernesto

"Robots y Cohetes Postales" ("Robots and Postal Rockets")

Islas, **mm 1945?**, p.12, ill., Span. **[Need publication information]**

Brief article on the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment a short time after its 5th anniversary. The article provides a brief historical overview of the experiment and the official postage stamp and other philatelic memorabilia issued to commemorate the event. The article also summarizes the various other rocket experiments that preceded the one in Cuba that were conducted as early as 1928 in Europe and the United States. The reference to "Robots" in the title of the article is to the German V-1 and V-2 rockets that the Nazis launched against London towards the end of World War I, since these rockets were also called "robot planes".

<BELL5209> Bello Hernández, Ernesto

"Un Aniversario Más del Cohete Postal Cubano" ("Another Anniversary of the Cuban Postal Rocket")

BFC, Sep 1952 (date deduced from bulletin contents), p.3 (unnumbered), Span.

A one page recount of the planning, preparation, and launching of the Cuban postal rocket.

<BILL5500a> Billig, Fritz (editor)

Rocket Mail Catalog and Historical Survey of First Experiments in Rocketry by Stephen H. Smith.

Second Revised Edition, 1955. Posthumous edition authorized by Mrs. S. H. Smith.

Corrections and Additions by Dr. Max Kronstein and J. Dellenbag.

Jamaica, NY: Billig's Specialized Catalogues, Vol.8, 1956, Cuba on p.21. Also listed as <SMITS5500>.

Listing and detailed description of the three Cuban experimental rocket mail trials of October 1, 3, and 8, 1939, and of the fourth official flight of 15 October 1939. Numbers of covers flown are given when known and prices are listed for the 15 October covers, cards, and official stamp issued by the Cuban Government to commemorate the event. The listing notes that this was the first "Official Rocket Postage Stamp of the world".

Two supplements to the listings in this catalog were prepared by Max Kronstein and published as "Supplements" to Billig's Specialized Catalogs. The First Supplement was Volume 8A of Billig's Specialized Catalogs (see <KRON5803>). The Second Supplement was Volume 8B (see <KRON6504>).

<BILL5600> Billig, Fritz (editor)

"Rocket Mail: Cuba"

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Jamaica, NY: Billig's Philatelic Handbook, Vol.23, 1956, p.43. Reprint of the Cuba section of <BILL5500a>.

<BILL5803> Billig, Fritz (editor)

Rocket Mail Catalog, First Supplement to Billig's Specialized Catalogues, Volume 8.

Supplement 8A to <BILL5500a>, dated 17 Mar 1958 at the bottom of the "Introduction" by Dr. Kronstein.

Jamaica, NY: Billig's Specialized Catalogues, Vol.8A, 1958. Cuba on pp.5-6

Reprinted in Billig's Philatelic Handbook, Vol.27, 1959, pp.80-81. See <BILL5900>.

This first supplement was written by Dr. Max Kronstein "to further clarify the listings for the Cuban rocketpost experiments", together with the addition of a section covering commemorative covers, labels, and vignettes produced to commemorate various anniversaries of the initial rocket mail experiment..

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II. 3rd October 1939: Second Trial Start

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IV. 15th October 1939: The Official Start of the World's First Postal Rocket

V. Commemorative Covers: 15 Oct 1940 (1st anniversary), 15 Oct 1944 (5th anniversary), 15 Oct 1954 (15th anniversary), 18 Jan 1957 (issue of an airletter commemorating the rocket flight).

There is also a second supplement with additions to Section V (see <BILL6504>).

<BILL5900> Billig, Fritz (editor)

"Rocket Mail: Cuba"

Jamaica, NY: Billig's Philatelic Handbook, Vol.27, 1959, pp.80-81. Reprint of <BILL5803>.

For additions to Section V, Commemorative Covers, see <BILL6504>

<BILL6504> Billig, Fritz (editor)

Rocket Mail Catalog, Second Supplement to Billig's Specialized Catalogues, Volume 8.

Supplement 8B to <BILL5500a>, dated April 1965 at the bottom of the "Introduction" by Dr. Kronstein.

Jamaica, NY: Billig's Specialized Catalogues, Vol.8B, 1965. Cuba on p.8.

This supplement provides additional information to Section V, Commemorative Covers, introduced in the First Supplement (see <BILL5803>).

<CABR1701a> Cabrera, Octavio

"An Interesting Use of an Error Aerogram"

"Un uso interesante de un aerograma con error"

JCP, Vol.8, No.1, Issue 27, Jan-Mar 2017, pp.20-22 (3), ill., Eng. & Span.

Report of finding a Cuban 1974 rocket aerogram used to Bulgaria that is missing the rocket indicia. The article indicates that in spite of the missing indicia indicating the postage paid by the aerogram, the post office clerk where it was posted in Santiago de Cuba, credited the sender with the 11 cents paid for the aerogram and only charged the additional postage required for its conveyance to Bulgaria.

<CARRO5204> Carroll, Armand E.

"Rocket Posts"

JKAL, Apr-May-Jun 1952, pp.23-24, ill.

Overview of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment. Also see <GARC5810>, a letter from Rafael R. García to Mr. Carroll offering him various Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment items.

<CHAI1604> Chaij, Daniel

"The Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment of 1939–Experimento del Cohete Postal Cubano de 1939"

JCP, Vol.7, No.2, Issue No.24, Apr-Jun 2016, pp.12-19 (8), ill., Eng. & Span.

<CHIOyymma> Chiong, Miguel Angel

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"Background to the Rocket Mail Experiment in Cuba"

Kingston, Ontario, Canada: The author, unpublished, undated. One page account of the rocket mail experiment of 15 October 1939 in Cuba, including the trials. Possibly the introduction to an exhibit by the author.

<[CP7210](#)> **The Cuban Philatelist (CPC)**

"El Cohete Postal" "The Postal Rocket"

CP, Vol.II, No.2, October 1972, pp.12-13, ill., Span. & Eng.

<[CUES-Rocket](#)> **Cuesta, Ernesto**

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Bethesda, Maryland: Continuously updated section within the <CUES-Biblio> and <CUES-LBiblio> Internet Websites. This is a sub-bibliography listing only items dealing with the 1939 Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment extracted from the main bibliography.

<[DOBA4002b](#)> **Dobarganes, Ernesto L.**

"Cohete Postal" ("Postal Rocket")

UFPI, Yr.I, Nos.8-9, 15 February 1940, p.7, Span.

<[ECHE0400](#)> **Echenagusía García, Carlos**

Catálogo de Emisiones y Cancelaciones dedicadas al Cohete Postal Cubano

(Catalog of the Issue and Cancellations Commemorating the Cuban Postal Rocket)

Madrid, Spain: 2004. Published by the author, 17 pp., ill. in color, Span.

The catalog is divided in three sections: the first section covers the trial launches, the second section covers officially issued stamps and FDCs commemorating the actual launch of 15 October 1939, the third section includes covers and labels issued in subsequent years to commemorate anniversaries of the 15 October 1939 launch. The catalog is profusely illustrated in color. Items are priced in Euros both unused and used as applicable. The catalog is all in Spanish. Errata: Catalog numbering is incorrect starting with the 1963 issue which should have been TE25. All subsequent numbers should be adjusted accordingly. This error was subsequently corrected in <ECHE0410> which is basically a reprint of this item.

<[ECHE0409](#)> **Echenagusía García, Carlos**

"A 65 años de su lanzamiento, el Cohete Postal Cubano pide su jubilación"

("After 65 of Its Launching, the Cuban Postal Rocket Asks for Its Retirement")

RF, Yr.XXXVIII, No.408, Sep 2004, pp.488-490 (3), ill., Span.

<[ECHE0410](#)> **Echenagusía García, Carlos**

"Catálogo Especial del Experimento del Cohete Postal Cubano 1939-2000"

("Specialized Catalog of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment 1939-2000")

RF, Yr.XXXVIII, No.409, Oct 2004, pp.565-566, and 599-600 (4), ill., Span. **[Need better copy of this issue]**

RF, Yr.XXXVIII, No.410, Nov 2004, pp.641-642 and 675-676 (4), ill., Span.

RF, Yr.XXXVIII, No.411, Dec 2004, pp.717-718 and 7511-752 (4), ill., Span.

RF, Yr.XXXIX, No.412, Jan 2005, pp.21-22 and 55 (3), ill., Span.

This is a reprint of <ECHE0400> with the catalog numbering problem in the latter corrected, except for item TE35A which should have just been TE35 on p.12. Total number of pages in this reprint is 15; two less than in the original which had a title page as p.1 and a blank page as p.2.

<[ECHE0500a](#)> **Echenagusía García, Carlos**

Catálogo de Hojitas de Recuerdo, 1939-1977

(Catalog of Souvenir Sheets, 1939-1977)

Madrid, Spain: Published by the author, 2005, 11 pp., ill., Span.

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The catalog contains unofficial souvenir sheets issued by the Philatelic Club of the Republic of Cuba, the Philatelic Club of La Habana, and the Philatelic Circle *Plaza de la Revolución*. Many of the souvenir sheets commemorated the famous 1939 Postal Rocket Experiment on various of its anniversaries.

<[ECHE0502](#)> Echenagusía García, Carlos

“40.º Aniversario del Museo Postal Cubano”
 (“40th Anniversary of the Cuban Postal Museum”)
 RF, Yr.XXXIX, No.413, Feb 2005, p.96, ill., Span.

<[ELLI6700](#)> Ellington, Jesse T. (editor)

Ellington-Zwisler Rocket Mail Catalog
 Co-editor: Perry F. Zwisler (see entry <[ZWIS6700](#)>).
 New York: The editors. First edition, 1967, 245 pp. Cuba on pp.36-39.

<[FELD1312](#)> Feldman Galleries

David Feldman's 17th Rarities of the World Auction
 Geneva, Switzerland: Feldman Galleries, "17th Rarities of the World Auction" held 13 December 2013, featuring the Cuba collection of Patrick Mangan, including his purchase of Lot #4 of the Ignacio Prats collection, "Republic of Cuba", sold by Greg Manning Auctions at Public Auction 186 on 24 Jun 2006 (see <[PRAT0606](#)>).
 This collection was offered as a single lot (lot #20021) with an estimated value of between 300,000 and 400,000 Euros and did not sell during the auction. The Feldman Galleries Website featured 56 Adobe PDF files illustrating various aspects of the collection. These files have been grouped into categories as follows:

[Stamps--US-Admin-&-Republic--Part-1](#)
[Stamps--US-Admin-&-Republic--Part-3](#)
[Republic-Specimens-Proofs-Errors-Varieties--Part-1](#)
[Stamp-Booklets](#)
[Revenue-Stamps](#)
[Stamps-for-Oficially-Sealing-Mail](#)
[Castro-Specimens-Proofs-Errors-Varieties--Part-1](#)
[Castro-Specimens-Proofs-Errors-Varieties--Part-3](#)
[Covers-US-Admin-&-Republic--Part-1](#)
[Postal-Stationery](#)
[First-Flight-Covers](#)
[Zeppelin-Mail](#)

[Stamps--US-Admin-&-Republic--Part-2](#)
[Stamps--US-Admin-&-Republic--Part-4](#)
[Republic-Specimens-Proofs-Errors-Varieties--Part-2](#)
[Inverts](#)
[Telegraph-Stamps](#)
[Selected-Outstanding-Items](#)
[Castro-Specimens-Proofs-Errors-Varieties--Part-2](#)
[Castro-Specimens-Proofs-Errors-Varieties--Part-4](#)
[Covers-US-Admin-&-Republic--Part-2](#)
[Rairoad-Post-Office-Covers](#)
[1939-Postal-Rocket-Experiment](#)
[Back-of-the-Book](#)

<[GARC5810](#)> García, Rafael R.

Letter to Armand E. Carroll dated Oct. 6th, 1958
 Copy in my personal library, two typewritten pages, in English.
 Letter to a client offering for sale a list of Cuban rocket mail material with items individually priced. Highlights are covers of the three trial flights of Oct. 1, 3, and 8 at \$1.50, \$2.00, and \$2.50 (on p.1) or \$2.00 (on p.2).

<[GARCF7910a](#)> García-Frutos, Silvia

"Sobres de Primer Dia--Experimento del Cohete Postal" "First Day Cover--Postal Rocket Experiment"
 BM, No.1, October 1979, p.2, ill., Span. & Eng.
 On the existence of FDCs of the Postal Rocket Experiment postmarked 14 October 1939, one day ahead of the official date of issuance.

<[GARCF7910c](#)> García-Frutos, Silvia

"Cohete Postal Cubano--15 de octubre de 1939" "Cuban Rocket Mail--October 15, 1939"
 BM, No.1, October 1979, p.5, ill., Span. & Eng.
 Short note on the Cuban rocket mail experiment on its 40th anniversary. Photos of Scott C31 and its overprint.

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<[GARCF7911c](#)> García-Frutos, Silvia

"Hojitas del Cohete--Souvenir Sheet" "Cuban Rocket Mail Souvenir Sheet"

BM, No.2, November 1979, p.6, ill., Span. & Eng.

Announcement of the issuance by the Cuban Philatelic Society of America, Inc. of a souvenir sheet to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the "Rocket Mail Experiment". The sheet is illustrated.

<[GARCF0301b](#)> García-Frutos, Silvia

"October 15, 1939: The First Postal Rocket Experiment."

"15 de octubre de 1939: El primer Experimento del Cohete Postal."

CPa, Vol.15, No.43, First Third 2003, pp.18-19, ill., Eng & Span.

<[GOME3911](#)> Gómez III, Máximo

"Nuevas Emisiones Cubanas" ("New Cuban Issues")

AF, Yr.5, No.21, November 1939, p.9, not ill., Span.

Notes on some of the current stamp issues: the tobacco stamps (Scott 356358), **the postal rocket stamp (Scott C31)**, and the Calixto García stamps (Scott 359-360). **The postal rocket issue is addressed in more detail than the others, but not in great depth.** The article ends with news that the 1940 Scott catalog finally lists the Matanzas imperforate issue (Scott 324-331 etal) and also refers briefly to the "Artists and Writers" issue (Scott 340-354 etal) which to the author brings hope that they might finally be listed in the 1941 edition of the catalog.

<[HAAG3506](#)> Haag, John J.

"Rocket Airmail Stamps--A Review"

S, 1 Jun 1935, p.321.

Book review of F.W. Kessler's Rocket Airmail Stamps, Specialized Catalog, 1935 (see <[KESS3500](#)>)

<[HARM1508](#)> Harmer-Schau Auction Galleries, Inc.

"Sale 106, APS Stampshow Auction, August 20-22, 2015"

Petaluma, California: Harmer-Schau Auction Galleries, Inc., 20-22 Aug 2015, Auction Catalog for Sale 106, including the Alvaro García Cuba collections in lots 260-302, 2345-2353, 2534-2535, and 2845-2860 (a total of 70 lots, some of which were sets of albums with entire specialized collections). See <[HARM1508-PR](#)> for prices realized (including 15% commission) and <[CUES1507c](#)> for a report of the sale.

Mr. García was an exiled Cuban who formed high caliber collections of multiple areas of Cuban philately of the colonial, U.S. Administration, and Republic before Castro. Included in the collection were outstanding holdings of pre-philatelic covers, colonial stamps and covers, colonial stamped paper, U.S. Military Stations markings, U.S. Administration stamps and covers, Republic stamps and covers, postal stationery of the three periods mentioned, first flight covers, and various other specialized collections such as "correo insurrecto" (Cuban independence insurrection mail), colonial Spanish military mail from Cuba, mail to and from colonial British and French post offices in Cuba, telegraph stamps, tuberculosis labels, postal tax stamps, etc. All of these were included in the Harmer-Schau sale, although we have reason to believe that key items from the collections had been removed and sold separately.

The following are links to detailed contents of lots of multiple content:

[Lot 268: 1855 Issue](#)

[Lot 270: Y 1/4 Surcharged Issues](#)

[Lot 274: 1856 Issue](#)

[Lot 276: 1857 Issue](#)

[Lot 277: 1858 Official Mail Stamps](#)

[Lot 278: 1858 Official Mail Covers](#)

[Lot 280: 1862, 1864 Issues](#)

[Lot 281: 1866 Issues](#)

[Lot 282: 1866 Surcharged Issue](#)

[Lot 283: 1867, 1868 Issues](#)

[Lot 284: 1868, 1869 HPLN Overprints](#)

[Lot 285: 1869 Issue](#)

[Lot 286: 1870 "España" Issue](#)

[Lot 288: 1871 "Alegoría" Issue](#)

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[Lot 291: 1875-1898 Issues](#)

[Lot 294: 1898 Alfonso XIII Issue](#)

[Lot 296: 1902 Surcharged Issue](#)

[Lot 298: 1910 Cuban Patriots Issue](#)

[Lot 2351: 1899 U.S. Cuba Pictorials Issue](#)

[Lot 2535: U.S. Military Stations in Cuba, Part 2](#)

[Lot 2846: Cuban Stampless Collection](#)

[Lot 2848: British and French Post Offices in Cuba](#)

[Lot 2851: Colonial Telegraph Stamps Collection](#)

[Lot 2853: 19th Century Postal Stationery](#)

[Lot 2855: Republic Telegraph Stamps Collection](#)

[Lot 2857: Rocket Mail Collection](#)

[Lot 2859: Colonial Stamped Revenue Paper Col.](#)

[Lot 290: 1874 "Alegoría" Issue](#)

[Lot 292: 1883 Surcharged Issue](#)

[Lot 295: 1898-1899 Puerto Príncipe Surcharges](#)

[Lot 297: 1905 Issue](#)

[Lot 2345: 1899 U.S. Administration Issues](#)

[Lot 2534: U.S. Military Stations in Cuba, Part 1](#)

[Lot 2845: 1927-1958 Issues](#)

[Lot 2847: 1907-1927 Issues](#)

[Lot 2849: Havana to Spain Stampless Covers](#)

[Lot 2852: 1866-1898 Bisects](#)

[Lot 2854: 1898-1902 Spanish Army Correspondence](#)

[Lot 2856: First Flight Covers](#)

[Lot 2858: Republic Postal Tax Collection](#)

[Lot 2860: 1874, 1896 "Correo Insurrecto" Issues](#)

<[HOPF1604](#)> Hopferwieser, Walter Michael

Pionieraketenpost und kosmische Post: Handbuch und Spezialkatalog

(Pioneer Rocket and Cosmic Mail: Handbook and Specialized Catalog)

Publisher: Christine Steyrer, 14 Apr 2016, 516 pp., ill., in German. The handbook replaces the Ellington Zwisler Rocket Mail Catalog which was issued in 1967 (see <[ZWIS6700](#)>) and 1973.

The handbook describes in detail the individual rocket launches including technical, historical, biographical, and philatelic backgrounds and gives detailed prices for flown documents and rocket vignettes.

The handbook covers: 1) All Pioneer Rocket Mail till the end of World War II; 2) All covers and letters flown into space; 3) 556 signatures of all astronauts of the world reaching space plus Roger Chaffee and the STS 51-L crew.

<[HORO6507](#)> Horowics, Kay

"Cuban Postal Rocket Experiments"

The Stamp Magazine, July 1965, starting on p.445, ill. See <[HORO6606](#)> for a Spanish translation.

<[HORO6606](#)> Horowics, Kay

"Experimentos del Cohete Postal Aéreo" ("Postal Rocket Experiments")

FCb, Yr.2, No.2, Apr-Jun 1966, pp.5-7 (3), ill., Span. Translation into Spanish of <[HORO6507](#)>.

<[KESS3500](#)> Kessler, F. W.

Rocket Airmail Stamps, Specialized Catalog, 1935

Edited and published by F. W. Kessler. See <[HAAG3506](#)> for a review.

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<[KK8509](#)> Kover King, Inc.

Historia Postal de Cuba, Puerto Rico, Philippines. Mail Sale #131.

(Cuban, Puerto Rico, and Philippines Postal History, Mail Sale #131)

New York: Kover King, Inc.; 5 Sep 1985, 15 pp., ill., catalog listings in English. Also listed as <[SIEGA8509](#)>.

Catalog of a mail sale containing 306 lots of mostly Cuban material with some Puerto Rico and Philippines (29 lots). The Cuban lots were grouped under the following category headings: Stampless--British Packet Agency, Stampless--Cuban Forwarders, Stampless--Domestic Use, Stampless--Foreign Use, Stampless--Forwarders Cuba to France via New York, Stampless--Forwarders Cuba to France via Boston, Stampless--Forwarders Cuba to France via NY and Great Britain, Stampless--French Packet Agency, Spanish Administration, Spanish American War, American Administration, The Republic, Official Mail, **Rocket Mail**, and U.S.A. Franking (including some covers from the town of Cuba in New York state, some U.S. ship mail from Guantánamo Bay, and some FFCs from Miami to Cuba).

<[KRON5510](#)> Kronstein, Max

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APJ, Vol.27, No.1, Issue 306, October 1955, pp.30-32.

<KRON5803> Kronstein, Max

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<KRON6504> Kronstein, Max

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Supplement 8B to <SMITS5500>, dated April 1965 at the bottom of the "Introduction" by Dr. Kronstein.

Jamaica, NY: Billig's Specialized Catalogues, Vol.8B, 1965. Cuba on p.8.

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<KRON8600> Kronstein, Max

Rocket Mail Flights of the World to 1986

Edited by Joseph L. Eisendrath.

Cinnaminson, NJ: Publication of the American Air Mail Society, 1986. Cuba on pp 97-98.

<LINN7503> Linn's Stamp News

"Firm Offers Air Stationery Information"

LINN, Vol.38, No.13, WNo.2421, 31 March 1975, p.47.

Report of new issue of 1974, 11c rose red **rocket aerogram**, watermarked "D E CR" reversed as well as inverted, with horizontal colorless overlay on front, but not inside.

<LITT-PstaCat3> Littrell, Robert

Cuban Aerograms, 1957 to date

Aerogramas de Cuba, 1957 hasta la fecha

Continuously updated pages in the website of the International Cuban Philatelic Society (ICPS) within the "Members' Pages" section. A direct link to the Website pages is:

<http://www.cubafil.org/MemberPages/RobertLittrell/Aerograms/1957Rocket.html>.

This catalog shows unused and used copies of most Cuban aerograms to date, including major varieties and errors. All items are illustrated with full size color images and closeup images of the printing varieties and flaws.

Descriptions are currently provided only in English. No catalog numbers are referenced.

<MATT1406> Matthews, William A.

"Experimental Rocket Mail - to Haiti"

Haiti Philately, Vol,XXXX:2, WNo.158, June 2014, pp.21,26, ill.

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Reference to the **Cuban postal rocket experiment** and the official surcharged stamp issued to commemorate the event (Scott C31). The article is illustrated with a cover bearing the stamp and commemorative handstamp mailed from Habana to Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

<ORIO6401a> Oriol Castells, Rafael

"Inicio y desarrollo en Cubs del Experimento del Cohete Postal. Año de 1939."
("Start and Development of the Cuban Postal Rocket in 1939")
RCFCa, Yr.3, No.15, Jan-Feb-1964, pp.62-65 (4), ill., Span.

<ORTIB7110> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

"Primer Experimento del Torpedo Aéreo en la América Latina—Habana-Cuba, Octubre 15-1939"
("First Postal Rocket Experiment in Latin America—Habana-Cuba, October 15-1939")
Miami, Florida: Magazine La Fabulosa, Oct 1971, p.15?, ill., Span.

Brief account on the 32nd anniversary of the first official postal rocket experiment conducted in Cuba on 15 October 1939 under the sponsorship of the Cuban Philatelic Club that was successful in getting the Cuban Government to issue a special stamp at the time to commemorate the event. Also notification that the Cuban Philatelic Circle of Miami will hold a special meeting and program on October 13 to commemorate the event.

<ORTIB86mm> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

"El Cohete Postal" ("The Postal Rocket")
Revista CE.FI.PU.DE., Centro Filatélico Puerto Deseado, Santa Cruz, Argentina, 1986, 1 unnumbered page, ill., Span. Brief historical overview of the rocket mail experiment.

<PALE1100d> Palencia Norcisa, Leonardo

"La historia del Cohete Postal Cubano. I, 1939-1959"
("History of the Cuban Postal Rocket. I, 1939-1959")
FF, No.2, 2011, 72 pp., ill., Span. The "I" in the title indicates that this is part I of an intended two volume set with Vol. II covering the period 1959 to date.

This work is a comprehensive historical account of the Cuban postal rocket experiment profusely illustrated with photos, news items, and correspondence of the period, followed by various subsequent commemorative covers, labels, and cancellations up to 1959, including the 1957 issue of Cuba's first aerogram with an image of a rocket superimposed on the aerogram's indicia (printed stamp).

<PALE1104a> Palencia Norcisa, Leonardo

"La historia del Cohete Postal Cubano. 1939-1959"
("History of the Cuban Postal Rocket. 1939-1959")
RF, Yr.XLV, No.481, Apr 2011, front cover and pp.235-266 (33), ill., Span.
RF, Yr.XLV, No.482, May 2011, pp.311-342 (32), ill., Span.
RF, Yr.XLV, No.483, Jun 2011, pp.387-418 (32), ill., Span.

Reprint of <PALE1100d> in three monthly separatas inserted in the middle of the Spanish philatelic journal *Revista de Filatelia* from April to June 2011.

<PALE1104b> Palencia Norcisa, Leonardo

"La historia del Cohete Postal Cubano. 1939-1959"
("History of the Cuban Postal Rocket. 1939-1959")
Madrid, Spain: Edifil, April 2011, 96 pp., ill, in Span. Hardcover book gathering together the three installments of <PALE1104a>. No month of publication is given, so we are assigning it the same month as the first installment of <PALE1104a>.

<PBSCyymm> Penny Black Stamp Company

"Cuba Rocket Mail Collection"

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New York: Penny Black Stamp Company, undated, one page listing of the collection without illustrations. Listing offering for sale a collection of Cuban postal rocket covers, stamps, souvenir sheets, and labels. The collection included some of the original pre-trial and trial covers and subsequent commemorative covers. The owner of the collection is not listed. Offering price was USD \$640, a princely price in the late 1950s when the collection must have been offered for sale, since one of the commemorative covers listed is dated in 1956.

<[PINO3909](#)> Pino y Méndez, Dolores del

"El Experimento del Cohete Postal en Cuba. Exito Filatélico."

"The Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment. A Philatelic Triumph."

BC, Vol. XXXVIII, No.18, 30 Sep 1939, pp.609-618 (10), ill., Span.

Detailed history of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment from the point of view of the postal service, explaining the importance of the experiment in the context of other foreign attempts of the time and detailing the role of the different players that brought about the experiment to fruition with the full cooperation of the Cuban Postal Service, including the commemorative airmail stamp and cancellations that were produced for the occasion.

<[S4004](#)> Stamps

"First Official Rocket Flight in Cuba"

S, Vol.31, No.4, WNo.398, 27 Apr 1940, p.113, ill.

Report of the October 15, 1939, first official rocket flight in Cuba preceded by three preliminary flights on October 1, 3, and 8. The piece includes cartoons of Dr. Tomás A. Terry of Havana and Fred Kessler of New York provided by Cuban stamp dealer Rafael García that first appeared on p.12 of [AF, Yr.IV, No.21, Nov 1939](#). Both Dr. Terry and Mr. Kessler were key promoters of rocket mail experiments in their respective countries. Reference within the text to "Casino de Portivo" should be "Casino Deportivo".

<[S&LL1402](#)> Soler & Llach subastas internacionales, s.a.

Stamps and Covers of the World. Selection. Mail Auction. Tuesday February 4th 2014

Barcelona, Spain: Soler & Llach subastas internacionales, s.a. Catalog of the international mail auction with closing date of February 4, 2014. Available at the Soler & Llach Website in Spanish, Catalan, English, German, and French. The posting is from the Spanish version. . All lots described and displayed with high definition color images with their starting price. Cuba offerings in lots 874 to 993 (120), The sale included the following sections: Spanish colonial period including prephilately, American occupation, Republic, and **specialized collections of the 1939 Cuban postal rocket** and Capablanca. The Spanish colonial period included a specialized collection of the 1/4 real plata fuerte stamp of 1857 and a specialized collection of 1855 to 1898 stamps used fiscally on documents, both of which were formed by Silvia García Frutos and were fully illustrated in the website. Many of the other items offered were probably from the same source.

<[SANAN4000](#)> Sanabria, Nicolas

Sanabria's Air Post Catalogue, 1940 Edition

New York, N.Y.: Nicolas Sanabria Co., Inc.; Nicolas Sanabria, Editor; 1940 edition, 715 pp., ill., priced catalog. Cuba on pp.167-173 (7), ill. Also see subsequent editions of the catalog listed in the main bibliography.

The catalog covers from the 1 November 1927 stamp issued for the Havana-Key West route opened on 28 October 1927, to the 15 October 1939 stamp issued to commemorate the **first experimental postal rocket flight**. The catalog illustrates one stamp of all stamp issues and provides a brief description of each issue, including numbers printed of each value. Pricing is provided for unused and used stamps, and unused blocks of 4.

<[SMITS5500](#)> Smith, Stephen H.

Rocket Mail Catalog and Historical Survey of First Experiments in Rocketry

2nd Revised Edition, 1955. Posthumous edition authorized by Mrs. S. H. Smith. Corrections and Additions by Dr. Max Kronstein and J. Dellenbag. Includes a 1958 Supplement by Dr. Max Kronstein, plus an addition to the supplement.

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<SIEGA8509> Siegel, Abraham

Historia Postal de Cuba, Puerto Rico, Philippines. Mail Sale #131.

(Cuban, Puerto Rico, and Philippines Postal History, Mail Sale #131)

New York: Kover King, Inc.; 5 Sep 1985, 16 pp., ill., catalog listings in English. Also listed as <KK8509>.

Catalog of a mail sale containing 307 lots of mostly Cuban material with some Puerto Rico and Philippines (28 lots). The Cuban lots were grouped under the following category headings: Stampless--British Packet Agency, Stampless--Cuban Forwarders, Stampless--Domestic Use, Stampless--Foreign Use, Stampless--Forwarders Cuba to France via New York, Stampless--Forwarders Cuba to France via Boston, Stampless--Forwarders Cuba to France via NY and Great Britain, Stampless--French Packet Agency, Spanish Administration, Spanish American War, American Administration, The Republic, Official Mail, **Rocket Mail**, and U.S.A. Franking (including some covers from the town of Cuba in New York state, some U.S. ship mail from Guantánamo Bay, and some FFCs from Miami to Cuba).

<SMITS5500> Smith, Stephen H.

Rocket Mail Catalog and Historical Survey of First Experiments in Rocketry

Second Revised Edition, 1955. Posthumous edition authorized by Mrs. S. H. Smith.

Corrections and Additions by Dr. Max Kronstein and J. Dellenbag.

Jamaica, NY: Billig's Specialized Catalogues, Vol.8, 1955, Cuba on p.21. Also listed as <BILL5500>.

Listing and detailed description of the three Cuban experimental rocket mail trials of October 1, 3, and 8, 1939, and of the fourth official flight of 15 October 1939. Numbers of covers flown are given when known and prices are listed for the 15 October covers, cards, and official stamp issued by the Cuban Government to commemorate the event. The article notes that this was the first "Official Rocket Postage Stamp of the world".

Two supplements to the listings in this catalog were prepared by Max Kronstein and published as "Supplements" to Billig's Specialized Catalogs. The First Supplement was Volume 8A of Billig's Specialized Catalogs (see <KRON5803>). The Second Supplement was Volume 8B (see <KRON6504>).

<SMITS5600> Billig, Fritz (editor)

"Rocket Mail: Cuba"

Jamaica, NY: Billig's Philatelic Handbook, Vol.23, 1956, p.43. Reprint of the Cuba section of <SMITS5500>.

<SPOO8811> Spooner, Robert B.

"Covers from Cuba's 1939 Rocket Trials"

APJ, Vol.16, Nov 1988, p.50, ill.

Historical account of the three experimental launches that preceded the official October 1939 Cuban rocket trial and report of the commemorative covers flown on those experimental launches.

<SPOO9309> Spooner, Robert B.

Cuban Air Mail Service 1914-35, '39

Ambler, Pa.: Photocopy courtesy of Mr. Spooner of the philatelic exhibit he presented at the BALPEX 93 Philatelic Exhibition held September 4-6, 1993 in Hunt Valley, Maryland. The exhibit consisted of 128 unnumbered pages (8 frames of 16 pages each). The 8 frames that were exhibited were awarded a silver medal at the exhibition.

Quoting from the introductory page of the exhibit: "The collection uses mostly flown covers to portray developments during 1914-1935, when pioneers, international airlines, and Cuba's national airline attempted and then inaugurated air mail service to most of Cuba. It also focuses on two special projects, supported by the Cuban post office in 1935 and 1939, to fly mail by gliders and postal rockets." The exhibit consisted of six frames covering the National air mail service within Cuba, one frame covering the International air mail service to and from Cuba, and one frame on the glider and **rocket service** special projects. A copy of a preliminary version of this exhibit also exists where where the last two sections referenced in the previous sentence had not been fully

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developed yet. There is also a copy of this exhibit that included additional pages from Mr. Spooner's collection that were not included in the BALPEX 93 Philatelic Exhibition because of the limit of 8 frames.

<SPOO9904> Spooner, Robert B.

"Official Flight of the Cuban Postal Rocket"

APJ, Vol.70, No.4, April 1999, front cover plus pp.157-162 (7) [missing pp.158-159], ill.

<TERR3911> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Informe que rinde a la Junta Directiva del Club Filatélico de la República de Cuba el Dr. Tomás A. Terry, Presidente de la Comisión ProTorpedo Postal Aéreo"

("Report by Dr. Terry, President of the Postal Rocket Committee, to the Directors of the Cuban Philatelic Club")

AF, Yr.IV, No.21, Nov 1939, pp.21-23 (3).

This is a detailed account of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment by the man who is considered to be the "father" of the experiment for his concerted efforts to carry it through completion. It describes how the project was conceived and embraced by the Philatelic Club of the Republic of Cuba, how financial support was obtained, how support from the Cuban Postal Administration was arranged to include the issuing of a special commemorative stamp for the occasion (Scott C39), and describes the three trial launches, and the final launch of the postal rocket carrying a small amount of mail.

<TERR4011> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Ha Pasado un Año. Primer Aniversario del Experimento del Cohete Postal, 1939"

("A Year Has Passed. First Anniversary of the Postal Rocket, 1939")

AF, Yr.V, No.22, Nov 1940, pp.19-20 (2).

<TERR5910> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"El Experimento del Cohete Postal en su Vigésimo Aniversario"

("20th Anniversary of the Postal Rocket Experiment")

BMI, Yr.III, No.10, October 1959, pp.2-14 (13), ill., Span.

<TERR6008a> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Los cohetes y aparatos de exploración cósmica en los sellos postales. Contribución para un catálogo de colección temática."

("Rockets and cosmic exploration equipment in postal stamps. Contribution to a catalog of topical collections. ")

AF, Yr. XXXII, Nos. 76-78, Aug-Oct 1960, pp.7-11 (5), Span.

The only reference to Cuban items is found in a paragraph at the bottom of page 10 discussing the designs of some official Cuban handstamps used on covers carried by the 1939 Cuban postal rocket experiment, on the FDC of the 18 January 1957 aerogram, and in the Sputnik III handstamp applied to covers in Havana on the first day of the Soviet Exhibition held on February 1960.

<TERR6301> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Intermedio cómico durante el Experimento del Cohete Postal"

("Funny Interlude During the Postal Rocket Experiment")

AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.105-106, Jan-Feb 1963, pp.5-8 (4), ill., Span.

<TERR6307> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"La Revancha de un Cohete" ("The Revenge of a Rocket")

AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.111-112, Jul-Aug 1963, pp.10-17 (8), Part I;

AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.113-116, Sep-Dec 1963, pp.19-29 (11), Part II;

AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.117-118, Jan-Feb 1964, pp.13-20 (8), Part III;

AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.119-120, Mar-Apr 1964, pp.15-27 (13), Part IV; all in Spanish.

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Analysis of catalog price changes of the rocket stamp issue of 1939; including covers and other memorabilia.

<[TERR6307a](#)> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Fred W. Kessler, 1904-1963"

AF, Yr.XXV, Nos.111-112, Jul-Aug 1963, pp.2-4 (3), ill.

Obituary of the prominent collector/dealer Fred W. Kessler, who contributed his significant expertise in the area to the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment and was an honorary member of the Cuban Philatelic Society.

<[TERR6401](#)> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Inicio y desarrollo en Cuba del experimento del cohete postal - Año de 1939"

("Start and Development of the Cuban Experimental Rocket - 1939")

RCFCa, Yr.3, No.15, Jan-Feb 1964, pp.62-65 (4), ill., Span.

<[TERR6405](#)> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Uso y Abuso de las Emisiones Cosmonáuticas"

("Use and Abuse of Cosmonautic Stamp Issues")

AF, Yr.XXVI, Nos.121-124, May-Aug 1964, pp.22-31 (10), Span.

<[TERR6409a](#)> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Vigésimo Quinto Aniversario del Experimento del Cohete Postal"

("Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the Postal Rocket Experiment")

AF, Yr.XXVI, Nos.125-126, Sep-Oct 1964, pp.21-26 (6), ill., Span.

Article commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment. The article is illustrated with several nice images taken during the original launching of the postal rocket.

<[TERR6409c](#)> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"La Revancha de un Cohete" ("The Revenge of a Rocket")

RCFCa, Yr.4, No.18, Sep-Oct 1964, pp.17-20 (4), Part I;

RCFCa, Yr.4, No.19, Nov-Dec 1964, pp.9-13 (5), ill., Part II;

RCFCa, Yr.4, No.20, Jan-Feb 1965, pp.19-25 (7), ill., Part III;

RCFCa, Yr.4, No.22, May-Jun 1965, pp.26-30 (5), Part IV;

RCFCa, Yr.4, No.23, Jul-Aug 1965, pp.17-20 (4), Part V; all content in Spanish.

Reprint of <[TERR6307](#)> from Actividades Filatélicas.

<[TERR6411](#)> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Un Día Como Hoy, Hace Veinticinco Años"

("A Day Like Today, Twenty Five Years Ago")

AF, Yr.XXVI, Nos.127-128, Nov-Dec 1964, pp.16-25 (10), ill., Span.

<[TERR6509](#)> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Exhibición Filatélica *Conquista del Espacio*" ("Philatelic Exhibition *Conquest of Space*")

RCFCa, Yr.5, No.24, Sep-Oct 1965, pp.23-25 (3), ill., Span.

<[TERR6612](#)># Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Background and Development of the Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment of October 1939"

LINN, Vol.39, No.42, WNo.1988, December 1966, pp.18,49 (2). Translation into English of <[TERR6401](#)>.

<[TERR6911](#)> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

Letters of Nov 15 and Dec 4 to Héctor Juárez Figueredo

Unpublished, in my library, courtesy of Mark Piper, 2 pp., Span.

Two one-page letters from Terry to Juárez Figueredo on the subject of four unofficial commemorative overprints.

The first one is only identified as "los sellos del Cardenal" (the Cardinal's stamps) and was applied on Cuban

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stamps identified as Guerra catalog #548-549. The second overprint mentioned commemorated the withdrawal of the Russian missiles during the October 1963 missile crisis. The third overprints mentioned are some 1956 unofficial overprints from an expedition by some university students trying to reclaim Cayo Sal for Cuba. Finally, the letters refer to an **overprint on Guerra catalog stamp #776 commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Cuban postal rocket experiment of 1939**. [Note that the letters refer to these overprints as “sobrecargas” or surcharges since the term is frequently indistinctively applied to both overprints and surcharges in Spanish.]

<TERR7102> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

El Correo Aéreo en Cuba--Contribución a la Historia de la Aeronáutica y el Correo Aéreo en Cuba

(The Airmail Service in Cuba--Contribution to the History of Aeronautics and the Airmail Service in Cuba)

La Habana, Cuba: Ministerio de Comunicaciones (Department of Communications), Museo Postal Cubano (Cuban Postal Museum), Feb 1971, 292 pp., sparsely illustrated, in Spanish.

The most complete history available of the development of aeronautics and the airmail service in Cuba by the foremost student and researcher of the subject. The book starts with a general history of the development of world aeronautics and the history of Cuban interest and participation in these developments, initially consisting of balloon flights and later the initial steps of aviation with experimental or test flights and later the establishment of regular national and international air routes, many prompted by the interest of postal authorities to make use of airplanes for the transportation mail. The sections on Cuban aerophilately start with the use of pigeon mail during the wars of independence, continue with accounts of Cuban experimental flights, and finish with the history of the establishment and expansion of national and international airmail.

The sections of the book with aerophilatelic content are the following:

Un correo aéreo en la manigua libertadora (An air mail service in the countryside during the independence wars)

Tres precursores de la aviación cubana (Three pioneers of Cuban aviation)

Primeros vuelos y correos aéreos nacionales (First flights and national air posts)

Primer correo aéreo Cienfuegos—Habana (First air mail service: Cienfuegos—Habana)

Primeros vuelos y correos transoceánicos (First transoceanic flights and air mail services)

Primeros años de la aviación cubana (First years of Cuban aviation)

Primera demostración de aviación de alta escuela (First demonstration of high-level aviation training)

Primeras compañías de transporte aéreo (First air transport companies)

Compañías aéreas extranjeras (Foreign air mail companies)

El correo aéreo (The air mail service)

En camino del primer servicio aéreo postal oficial (On the road to the first official air mail service)

Primer correo aéreo oficial, 28 de octubre de 1927 (First official air mail service, 28 October 1927)

El correo aéreo nacional (The national air mail service)

Primeros sellos aéreos de Cuba (The first Cuban air mail stamps)

Vuelos y correos transatlánticos (Transatlantic flights and air mail services)

Correos aéreos por vuelos especiales (Air mail services via special flights)

Los Dirigibles (The zeppelins)

Otros medios de transporte aéreo (Other means of air transport)

Las exposiciones aeronáuticas (The aeronautical exhibitions)

El correo por aviones a retropropulsión (The air mail service via jet airplanes)

El cohete postal cubano (The Cuban postal rocket)

<TERR7501> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Los Cohetes Postales como Precursores de la Temática Cosmonáutica"

("The Postal Rockets as Precursors of Cosmonautic Themes")

FCb, Yr.10, No.1, Jan-Apr 1975, pp.10-14 (5), ill, Span.

<TERR7609> Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.

"Los Correos Desconocidos en los Preensayos del Cohete Postal Cubano"

("Unknown Covers of the Test Runs of the Cuban Postal Rocket")

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FCb, Yr.11, No.3, Sep-Dec 1976, pp.40-45 (6), ill, Span. See <TERR8811> for reprint and English translation.

<[TERR7610](#)> **Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.**

"Breves Notas con Relación al Cohete Postal Cubano" ("Brief Notes on the Cuban Postal Rocket")
IFN, Yr.XI, No.69, Oct 1976, two unnumbered pages, ill., Span.

Reprinted from Gaceta Aerofilatélica, published by the "Sociedad Aerofilatélica Española" (Spanish Aerial Philatelic Society); publication date unknown.

<[TERR7801b](#)> **Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.**

"El Cohete Postal Cubano Fue el Primero"
("The Cuban Postal Rocket Was the First One")

FCb, Yr.13, No.1, Jan-Apr 1978, pp.46-53 (8), ill, Span.

Article provides factual proof that the Cuban Postal Rocket experiment was the first in the world.

<[TERR7907](#)># **Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.**

"Cuban collector disputes United States claim to first official rocket mail flight"

LINN, 16 Jul 1979, pp.66-67, ill.

<[TERR8811](#)> **Terry y García Montes, Tomás A.**

"The Unknown Preliminary Experiment With the Cuban Postal Rocket"

"Los correos desconocidos en los preensayos del cohete postal cubano"

BM, Vol.IX, No.33, Nov-Dec 1988, pp.82-87 (6), ill., Span. & Eng.

Reprint of <TERR7610> and English translation by William McP. Jones. However, a better translation of the title would have been "Unknown Covers of the Test Runs of the Cuban Postal Rocket".

<[VARO8408](#)> **Varona, Bernabé de**

"Mi Primo Tomasito" ("My Cousin Tomasito")

BNJ, No.11, Aug 1984, pp.10-12 (3), ill., Span. with English summary on p.23 (paraphrased below).

Article of a biographical nature in which the author tells us of the influence that his recently deceased cousin, Dr. Tomás Terry, had in his philatelic interests. **The article provides some information on the 1939 Cuban rocket mail experiment for which the author was requested by Dr. Terry to be the official photographer.**

<[WINI6309](#)># **Winick, Les E.**

"Writer supports Cuban postal rocket story"

LINN, **Vol.xx, No.yyyy, WNo.zzz**, 19 Sep 1963, p.92, ill.

<[WINI6706](#)> **Winick, Les E.**

"The Cuban Postal Rocket Experiment"

The Space Craft Explorer, Vol.6, No.3, 15 Jun 1967, pp.13-17 (5).

<[WINI8307](#)> **Winick, Les E.**

"Cuban rocket fiasco fizzles sale of stamp"

LINN, 11 Jul 1983, p.31, ill.

Account of the Cuban postal rocket experiment, its promotion with the official issue of an overprinted airmail stamp to mark the occasion of its launch, the failure of the experiment, and the ensuing difficulty to sell the 200,000 overprinted stamps with their eventual use by the government in mass mailings of tobacco to Spain during the Spanish civil war.

<[WINI9309](#)> **Winick, Les E.**

"Taking Up Space"

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AP, Vol.107, No.9, WNo.1112, Sep 1993, pp.846-849, ill.; Cuba on p.847 with picture of a trial flight cover of Oct. 8, 1939.

Brief mention of the first official postal recognition of rocket mail on October 15, 1939, when the Cuban postal administration issued **the world's first rocket mail stamp**. Reference is made to three trial flights that took place on October 1, 3, and 8, and a picture of an Oct. 8 cover is shown. The article states that some covers were flown and others are simply commemorative covers, but provides no clues on how to differentiate them, and does not indicate whether the cover shown was flown. Additionally, the caption on the picture of the cover shown reads "Cuba was the first nation to issue a postage stamp for rocket mail"; however, the stamp on the illustrated cover is not the officially issued stamp but a privately printed label used on the trial flight covers--the official stamp was not issued until October 15. See <KRON5510> and <KRON5803> for more details on the illustrated cover.

<[ZWIS6700](#)> **Perry F. Zwisler (editor)**

Ellington-Zwisler Rocket Mail Catalog

Co-editor: Ellington, Jesse T. (also listed as <ELLI6700>).

New York: The editors. First edition, 1967, 245 pp. Cuba listed on pages 36-39.

A second edition was published in 1973 **(need publication information)**.