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<[ORTIB5611](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“La volanta filatélica”

Jaruco, Cuba: Weekly column in the newspaper Debate, 11 Nov 1956, Span.

Brief article on the pre-cursors of Cuban aviation. The article mentions Matías Pérez and his disappearance in a balloon flight, Parlá and his Key-West to Havana round trip flight, Rosillo and his national and international flights, and then focuses on more detailed information about the Cienfuegos-Habana first flight of Jaime González Grocier on 20 May 1914, commemorated with two Cuban stamps issued on 4 July 1955 on the 35th anniversary of his death (Scott C117-C118).

<[ORTIB5612](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“La volanta filatélica”

Jaruco, Cuba: Weekly column in the newspaper Debate, Dec 1956, Span.

Announcement of the creation of a Philatelic Office within the Ministry of Communications of the Republic of Cuba dedicated to the service and promotion of philately. A second column in the article is dedicated to the description of forthcoming stamp issues.

<[ORTIB5701](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Exposición Filatélica Nacional CUBEX 1957” (“National Philatelic Exhibition CUBEX 1957”)

Jaruco, Cuba: “La Volanta Filatélica”, weekly column in the newspaper Debate, 8 Jan 1957, Span.

Brief note announcing the forthcoming Cuban national philatelic exhibition “CUBEX 1957” to be held 24-30 April 1957 in La Habana and indicating that interested parties can request informational brochures from the organizers. The article concludes with a brief Spanish dictionary of philatelic terms.

<[ORTIB5705](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“La Exposición Filatélica Nacional” (“The National Philatelic Exhibition”)

Jaruco, Cuba: “La Volanta Filatélica”, weekly column in the newspaper Debate, May 1957, Span.

Report of the celebration of the National Philatelic Exhibition CUBEX 1957 and of the issue of two stamps to commemorate both the event and “Stamp Day”—set to coincide with the start of the exhibition on April 24.

<[ORTIB5709](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“La volanta filatélica”

Jaruco, Cuba: Weekly column in the newspaper Debate, Sep 1957, Span.

Report of the receipt of information about the various philatelic products with relevance to Cuban philatelists available from “Publicaciones Guerra-Aguiar” (“Guerra-Aguiar Publications”), namely his catalog of Cuban stamps (see <[GUER5600](#)>), several albums for stamps of Cuba, and his monthly philatelic bulletin Boletín Mensual Informativo (see listings under <[BMI](#)>). The article ends with a list of forthcoming Cuban stamp issues and a list of philatelists seeking exchanges.

<[ORTIB58mm](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Exposición Filatélica Nacional CUBEX 1958” (“National Philatelic Exhibition CUBEX 1958”)

Jaruco, Cuba: “La volanta filatélica”, weekly column in the newspaper Debate, mm 1958 (probably January—see <[ORTIB5701](#)>), Span.

Brief note announcing the forthcoming Cuban national philatelic exhibition “CUBEX 1958” to be held 24-30 April 1958 in La Habana and indicating that interested parties can request informational brochures from the organizers. The article ends indicating that a set of stamps is being prepared to commemorate the event and the “Day of the Stamp”, celebrated on April 24, the day the exhibition starts,.

<[ORTIB70mm](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Filatélicas” (“Philatelics”)

Miami, Florida: Magazine La Fabulosa, mm? 1970, p.6, ill., Span.

Comparison between the number of stamps issued for use in Cuba from 1855 to the end of 1958 (985) and the number of stamps issued by the Castro revolutionary government from January 1959 to December 1968 (654)

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based on the 1969 issue of the Guerra Aguiar catalog and prediction that in the long-term future, Cuban stamps of the Castro era won't appreciate much, given the large numbers issued and some of the policies of the government, such as the sale of cancelled-to-order stamps, whereas pre-Castro stamps should enjoy much greater interest among philatelists and much higher appreciation.

<[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.

<[ORTIB7400](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Cuba—Sellos Usados—Used Stamps

Miami, Florida: Published by the author under the name Orbe Internacional, 1974, 12 pp., Eng & Span.

This is a price list for used stamps by Scott Catalog number from the U.S. Administration and Republic periods into the beginnings of the Castro era.

<[ORTIB7402a](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Cuba—Sellos Nuevos—Mint Stamps

Miami, Florida: Published by the author under the name Orbe Internacional, Feb 1974, 4 pp., Eng & Span.

This seems to be a companion to <ORTIB7400> that lists sale prices for mint stamps from the Republic into the beginnings of the Castro era. Both of these lists were merged into one price list in 1976 (see <ORTIB7600>); we presume there was a 1975 price list, but we don't have a copy or know its format.

<[ORTIB7402b](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“CUPEX”

CI, Yr.I, No.2, Feb 1974, p.4, ill., Span.

Brief report of the philatelic exhibition CUPEX 1955, held 13 Nov 1955 at the “Palacio de Bellas Artes” (“Palace of Fine Arts”) in Habana, Cuba, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first Cuban stamp and where the American Air Mail Society held its XXXII Convention.

<[ORTIB7404a](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“La Portada” (“The Front Cover”)

CI, Yr.1, No.4, April 1974, front cover plus p.4, ill., Span.

The article is on p.4 and the title refers to the illustration on the front cover. The subject of the article is the unissued 1935 set of stamps in honor of Columbus that was promoted by the Pan-American Columbus Society and was approved by Law Decree No. 344 of October 1935 but was never placed in circulation.

<[ORTIB7404b](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Untitled article

CI, Yr.1, No.4, April 1974, p.9, ill., Span.

One page article that talks about the stamp showing the “Alma Mater” statue of the University of La Habana (**Scott xxx**), the 5c. airmail stamp of the set issued on 27 November 1952 to commemorate the 81st Anniversary of the death of 8 students of the University unjustly executed by the Spanish authorities after being accused of plotting in favor of Cuban independence. The article points out several varieties in the size of the letters “A” in the caption “Universidad de La Habana” above the statue.

<[ORTIB7500](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Catálogo de Sellos Cubanos (Catalog of Cuban Stamps)

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Miami, Fl.: Published under the name Orbe Internacional. Undated but fits right in between <ORTIB7400>, <ORTIB7402> and <ORTIB7600>, so we surmise this was the 1975 edition of the Ortiz-Bello catalogs, basically his price lists. 6 unnumbered pages plus an order sheet plus covers (size 4.25 x 7 in), ill, Span.

<ORTIB7503> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Editorial”

CI, Yr.2, No.2, Mar-Apr 1975, p.3, Span.

Editorial protesting the general low pricing of Cuban stamps in the Scott Catalog, citing as evidence of increasing interest in Cuban stamps an article in the 31 March 1975 issue of Linn’s on the market of Cuban stamps and several ads offering to buy Cuban stamps appearing regularly in Miami area local newspapers.

<ORTIB7511> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A. (Joint Editor)

El Coleccionista Cubano (The Cuban Collector)

Miami, Florida: Boletín Mensual del Club Cubano de Coleccionistas (Monthly Bulletin of the Cuban Collectors’ Club), edited by Juan J. Rúa and Ignacio Ortiz-Bello, in Spanish.

Only have knowledge of two issues:

[Yr.1, No.1, Nov 1975, 4 pp. \(including front and back covers\)](#)

[Yr.2, No.1, Jan-Mar 1976, 8 pp. \(including front and back covers\)](#)

Front cover of this issue shows a photo of 23 members of the club.

<ORTIB7600> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Catálogo de Sellos de Cuba—Intervención y República

Catalog of Cuban Stamps—U.S. Administration and Republic

Miami, Fl.: 1976, 16 unnumbered pages plus covers (size 4.25 x 7 in), ill, Span. & Eng.

The catalog is a sale price list for mint and used stamps by Scott Catalog number from the U.S. Administration and Republic periods into the beginnings of the Castro era before the U.S. embargo on the importation of Cuban stamps. The catalog is a continuation of his previous price list(s)—see <ORTIB7402>.

This catalog continued to be printed yearly in the same format. Known issues are as follows:

[1976, 16 unnumbered pages](#)

[1977, 20 unnumbered pages](#)

[1978, 20 unnumbered pages](#)

[1979, 24 numbered pages](#)

[1980, 24 numbered pages](#)

[1981, 24 numbered pages](#)

Don’t know if there were versions of this catalog published for 1982 and 1983; the next price list we received from Ortiz-Bello was his 1984 price list (see <ORTIB8400>).

<ORTIB7807># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Filatelia: Cada sello una historia” (“Philately: Every stamp has a history”)

Mecánica Popular, Jul 1978, p.??, ill., Span.

General article on stories behind stamps that includes a brief mention of a couple of design errors in the 8c. stamp that is part of the set issued by Cuba to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Cuba. The stamp illustrates a gathering of Cuban independence war heroes in which General Máximo Gómez is shown with a black face and General Antonio Maceo with a white face instead of the opposite in both cases.

<ORTIB7901># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Ajedrez y Filatelia” (“Chess and Philately”)

Mecánica Popular, Jan 1979, p.??, ill., Span.

General article on the topic of chess on stamps that includes some biographical notes on Cuban chess master and World champion, José Raúl Capablanca, and mentions and illustrates some of the stamps in the set issued by Cuba to commemorate the 30th anniversary of his winning the World Chess Championship in 1921.

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<[ORTIB79mm](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Filatélicas” (“Philatelics”)

Miami, Florida: Magazine La Fabulosa, mm? 1979, p.??, ill., Span.

First paragraph is factoid about the engraver of the first Cuban stamp of 1855, Don José Pérez Varela. The second paragraph is the announcement of a Philatelic Festival being organized by the Cuban Philatelic Circle of Miami for 2-3 December 1979 that will feature and exhibition and philatelic bourse. The third paragraph is an invitation to join the Circle with contact information. The right hand column is a reprint of [<ORTIB7402b>](#).

<[ORTIB8012](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Filatelia: La Serie de los Artistas” (“Philately: The Artists Issue”)

Mecánica Popular, Dec 1980, pp.20-??, ill. (illustrated with a set of proofs of the stamps), Span.

[Missing the second page of the article].

Overview of the set of 23 stamps issued by Cuba to collect funds in support of the Society of American Writers and Artists (Scott 340-354, C24-C29, E10-E11) that depict distinguished men of the various American Republics, or their coat of arms, or some appropriate allegorical motif.

<[ORTIB8201](#)># Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Ajedrez y Filatelia” (“Chess and Philately”)

Argentina: Magazine de la Confraternidad, Revista Club de Amistad Entre los Pueblos del Mundo (Journal of the Club for Friendship Between Peoples of the World), Yr.IX, No.42, Jan-Feb-Mar 1982, pp.4, 11 (2), ill., Span.

Reprint of [<ORTIB7901>](#). **[Missing bottom of p.11]**

<[ORTIB8301](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Martí en la Filatelia” (“Martí in Philately”)

Miami, Florida: Diario de las Américas, 28 Jan 1983, p.15-B, ill., Span.

One page article noting that the Cuban national hero, José Martí, was not honored in a Cuban stamp of the Republic until the patriots’ issue of 1917, 15 years into the Republic, and lists ten other people that were honored with Cuban stamps before him. The article goes on to list other Cuban stamps with which Martí has been honored after his first aparition, including as the first stamp of every Cuban definitive series thereafter, and the set of stamps issued in 1953 to commemorate the centennary of his birth. The article also mentions that Cuba asked other friendly nations to join in the celebration of the centennary of his birth, but that few nations followed suit; those that did are listed in the article.

<[ORTIB8300](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Album para Sellos de Cuba, 1902-1958” (“Album for Cuban Stamps, 1902-1958”)

Miami, Florida: Published by the author, 1983, xx pp., ill., Span.

This album covers all Cuban stamps issued by the “democratic” Republic of Cuba from its inception on 20 May 1902 when Cuba was born as an independent nation to 31 December 1958 when the Castro revolution took over the government of Cuba. The album includes spaces for all postage, airmail, special delivery, postage due, newspaper stamps, and postal tax stamps issued by Cuba within the time frame specified, listed in chronological order. The album is profusely illustrated with images of the stamps. Its format is loose-leaf pages within a three ring binder. When it was put on sale initially, the album was offered for the modest price of \$10 with the intent to promote Cuban philately among Cuban youths in exile.

<[ORTIB8400](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Cuba—Sellos para coleccionistas—Stamps for Collectors

Miami, Fl.: Undated, but postmarked in 1984, 8 unnumbered pages plus covers (pages are halves of 8.5 x 11 inch pages folded in two), Span. & Eng.

This is a sale price list for mint and used stamps by Scott Catalog number from the U.S. Administration and Republic periods into the beginnings of the Castro era before the U.S. embargo on the importation of Cuban stamps. This is a continuation of his previous yearly price lists—see [<ORTIB7600>](#); there were subsequent price lists dated [1987](#) and [1991](#) (don’t know if there were any intervening or following issues).

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<[ORTIB8504](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Cuba—Los sellos de Colón”

Mecánica Popular, Apr 1985, pp.95-96, ill., Span. This is another version of [<ORTIB7404a>](#).

<[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.

<[ORTIB9010](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

"Desde Miami" ("From Miami")

Miami, Florida: Crónica, Oct 1990, p.82, Span.

Report of philatelic activities from Miami. Mention is made of the philatelic stores in Miami run by Cubans at the time, namely Ricardo del Campo, Manuel Alvarez, Hialeah Stamps, and Filatelia Ortiz-Bello. Mention is also made of the Cuban Philatelic Society that meets weekly in the city, of two annual shows that take place in the city with philatelic bourses, and of the many journals with philatelic columns that are published in the city.

<[ORTIB9110](#)>* Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

"Colón en los sellos de América" ("Columbus in the Stamps of the Americas")

CronE, No. 82, Oct 1991, pp.79-81 (3), ill., Span.

Brief biography of Christopher Columbus pointing to those events or places of relevance that have been commemorated by issues of postage stamps by various countries in the Americas. Mentions those stamps issued by Cuba and also a planned issue that was printed but never circulated (shown).

<[ORTIB0803a](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Fotos en una *Vieja Pared*” (“Pictures in an *Old Wall*”)

Foro Internacional de Filatelia Ignacio A.Ortiz-Bello at

<http://filatelia.mimecanicapopular.com/viewtopic.php?f=19&t=61>

This is a collection of photos that were posted in the walls of the philatelic store maintained by Ignacio A. Ortiz-Bello in la “Calle 8” (8th St. S.W.) of Little Havana, Miami, Florida, for many years. The linked PDF file was downloaded from the Website on March 20, 2008, and consists of 7 pages containing 11 photos. The photos are of friends that visited his store, many of them Cuban philatelists. As a prolific philatelic writer, philatelic dealer, and expert philatelist specializing in Cuban philately throughout a long career spanning more than five decades from his days in Cuba to his present residence in Miami, Florida, Mr. Ortiz-Bello has been actively involved in Cuban philatelic circles unselfishly sharing his wide philatelic knowledge with everyone. Many of us who visited him at his store in Little Havana fondly recall the many hours spent there engaged in pleasant and always interesting conversation while looking at some of his philatelic offerings and at pictures of some of his visitors displayed on the store’s walls. In these pages, Mr. Ortiz-Bello is offering some of those pictures for our continued enjoyment and recollection of many pleasant moments spent in his company.

<[ORTIB0803b](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Más Fotos en Madrid, la Plaza Mayor, etc.” (“More Pictures in Madrid, the Plaza Mayor, etc.”)

Foro Internacional de Filatelia Ignacio A.Ortiz-Bello at

<http://filatelia.mimecanicapopular.com/viewtopic.php?f=19&t=63>

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<[ORTIB-Foro](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Foro Internacional de Filatelia Ignacio A.Ortiz-Bello (The Ignacio A. Ortiz-Bello International Philatelic Forum)

Website at <http://filatelia.mimecanicapopular.com/index.php> maintained by Mr. Ortiz-Bello as a forum dedicated to international philately. Among the items of interest to the Cuban philatelist in this Philatelic Forum is a copy of

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the entries of all the works by Mr. Ortiz-Bello pertaining to Cuban philately extracted from this bibliography in which all of the citation keys are tied to the source documents. The Forum also contains entries <[ORTIB0803a](#)> and <[ORTIB0803a](#)> from this bibliography.

<[ORTIB-a](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Catálogo del Estacionario, Telégrafo y Devolución de la República de Cuba (Catalog of the Postal Stationery, Telegraph Stamps, and Stamps for Officially Sealed Mail of the Republic of Cuba)

Miami, Florida: No publication information available, 8 pp., Span.

<[ORTIB-b](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

Cuba—Era Colonial (Cuba—Colonial Era)

Miami, Florida: No publication information available, 4 pp., Span.

This is basically a sale price list of Cuban colonial stamps.

<[ORTIB-c](#)> Ortiz-Bello, Ignacio A.

“Cada sello una historia” (“Every stamp has a history”)

ME, undated, p.256, Span. Reprint of <[ORTIB7807](#)>.