The U.S. Postal TRANSPORTATION ISSUE of 1981-1995

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This issue was released over a span of 15-years.

They were all coil stamps.

On them were images of vintage and antique vehicles dating as far back as the 1770’s and as new as 1933.

Denominations included full and decimal fractions of a cent as well as a full dollar.

Question #1: How many “basic” designs were there?
• In all, there were 51 different vehicles depicted, but there is a total of 60 different Scott Numbers issued to cover the set with all variations.
• Question #2: What was the oldest vehicle depicted?
It was the “Carreta 1770s”, a 2-wheel pull cart.
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• Question #3: What was the newest vehicle depicted?
It was the “Stutz Bearcat 1933”.

![Stamp Image]
• There were 30 basic designs with full cent denominations. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, & 32 cents for a total of 19.]

• There were 21 basic designs with fractional cent denominations. [3.4, 4.9, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.9, 7.1, 7.4, 7.6, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9.3, 10.1, 10.9, 12.5, 13.2, 16.7, 17.5, 20.5, & 24.1 cents for a total of 21.]

• There was 1 with a full dollar denomination.
  – Question #4: What vehicle was depicted on the $1.00 stamp?
• It was the “Seaplane 1914”.

![Image of a stamp](image.png)
• Question #5: What was the “largest” vehicle depicted?
It was the “Ferryboat 1900s”.
• Question #6: How many different “boat” designs were depicted?
A total of 5 boat designs were depicted, but not all rode in the water. Question #7: What was this 5th design?
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• It was the “Iceboat 1880s”.
• Question #8: Which design was the weirdest to be included in this series as it has no wheels on the bottom, no combustion engine to power it, and is not powered directly by man or beast for its motion?
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- It was the “Elevator 1890s”.

[Image of two stamps depicting elevators from the 1900s]
• Question #9: Which 2 designs, besides the Iceboat, were designed to specifically operate in freezing weather?
• They were the “sleigh 1880s” and the “Dog Sled 1920s”.

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• There were 6 denominations that had multiple designs issued with the same cent value.

  – 4 of them had 2-designs.
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• The 3 cent
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- 4 cent
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• 11 cent
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• 17 cent
– 1 of them had 3-designs.

Question #10: Which denomination was this?
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• This was the 20 cent value.
– And 1 denomination had 4 basic designs.

**Question #11:** Which denomination was this?
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• This was the 5 cent value.
• Question #12: Which design experienced a color change by the government?
• It was the 5-cent “Canoe 1800s”.

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• There were 5 wagon designs that dealt with food distribution directly to the public.
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• There were 4 cycle designs, but not all had pedals.
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- There were 7 designs that required a pair of tracks to ride on.
8 vehicles were powered by man for motion.
- 3-cent “Handcar”
- 5-cent “Canoe”
- 5.9-cent “Bicycle”
- 6-cent “Tricycle”
- 7.4-cent “Baby Buggy”
- 8.4-cent “Wheel Chair”
- 12.5-cent “Pushcart”
- 24.1-cent “Tandem Bicycle”
5 issues were re-designed slightly using the same basic design.

- 1-cent “Omnibus 1880s”
- 2-cent “Locomotive 1870s”
- 4-cent “Stagecoach 1890s”
- 5-cent “Circus Wagon 1900s”
- 8.3-cent “Ambulance 1860s”.
4 designs dealt with vehicles associated with disasters of some kind.
Numerous ones had inscriptions that applied to special rate usages such as “Nonprofit”, “Bulk Rate”, “Pre-Sort First Class”, and “Zip 4 Pre-Sort”. Due to the special inscriptions, these are considered to be a form of “Pre-Cancels”.

Then there were the more common type of “Pre-Cancel” with the 2-Bars.

Some came with only the 2-bars, while others had an inscription between the bars.

In all, the Scott Catalog has 15) numbers defined as “Bureau pre-cancels”.
Just to make things interesting, the 10-cent “Tractor Trailer 1930s” was issued using two different printing methods: “engraved” versus “photogravure”.
• Another variation involved the 8.3-cent “Ambulance 1860s” as it came “with” and “without” tagging.
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