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About AMSI

The Air Mail Society India Foundation (AMSI) is dedicated to promoting the study, collection, and appreciation of aerophilately and astrophilately in India and around the world. Through engaging educational initiatives, virtual exhibitions, expert talks, and global collaborations, AMSI offers a dynamic platform for philatelists of all levels to explore the rich history and future of air mail.

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AMSI Monthly Zoom Meetings during July-August 2025

- **25th July 2025 (Friday)**
  - Canadian Airmail by *Chris Hargraves*
  - From India to Space by *Savita Jhingan*
- **22nd August 2025 (Friday)**
  - Air Crash Mail of Imperial Airways Flying Boats *by Ken Sanford*
  - Coogee Flights 1936-39 by Air Vice Marshal P.K. Kuruvilla VSM (Retd.)
- **Recordings of these talks have been uploaded to our YouTube Channel – @HawaSaeByAir**

New Members who joined the AMSI in July-August 2025

- **General Members**
  - Bart van Oppens – Belgium
- **IDM Members**
  - Chris Hargreaves – Canada
  - McGinty Terry – Canada

Book published by our Member, Mr. Markand Dave FRPSL

- Book Title:
  - *The Rocket Mails of India – Part 1 (A visionary work of Stephen Smith)*
- *Released during the Great American Stamp Show (GASS)*

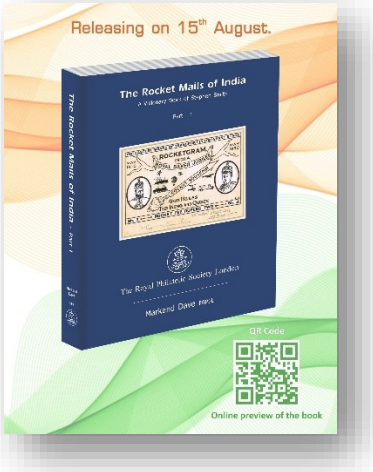

Photo of the release of the book (from left to right)
Our members, David S. Ball, President of the American Air Mail Society, Markand Dave FRPSL, Cheryl Ganz RDP FRPSL, President of the American Philatelic Society, and Peter Cockburn FRPSL, Past President of the Royal Philatelic Society London

AMSI Forthcoming Zoom Meetings - Block your calendar.

(Use the same link, meeting ID, and password for all these meetings)

- **Zoom Meeting Link: https://tinyurl.com/AMSIzoommeeting**
- **Meeting ID: 921 3527 4549**
- **Passcode: 125235**

Speakers & Topics

Friday, 26th September 2025 – Approx duration: 1:30 hours

🕐 **Start Time - India – 7:00 PM, Paris – 3:30 PM, London – 02:30 PM & New York – 9:30 AM**

- Speaker: Mr. Jean Voruz FRPSL
- Topic: The 1950 Crash of Air India International's Malabar Princess

- Speaker: Mr. Markand Dave FRPSL
- Topic: The 1929 Air Mail Stamps of India

Friday, 24th October 2025 – Approx duration: 1:30 hours

🕐 **Start Time - India – 7:00 PM, Paris – 3:30 PM, London – 02:30 PM & New York – 9:30 AM**

- Speaker: Dr. Steven Berlin
- Topic: The Devil's Mail In The Skies

- Speaker: Mr. Ravi Vora
- Topic: India International Airmail - Combination frankings

Friday, 28th November 2025 – Approx duration: 1:30 hours

🕐 **Start Time - India – 7:00 PM, Paris – 2:30 PM, London – 01:30 PM & New York – 8:30 AM**

- Speaker: Mr. David S. Ball
- Topic: Preparing effective Synopsis guidelines

- Speaker: Mr. Ravindra Ratnapala
- Topic: Indo–Ceylon Special Christmas Flight – December 1936

Call for speakers

- We also welcome speaker registrations for future sessions on topics related to Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Philatelic Research, Exhibiting Techniques, Youth Engagement, etc.
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AMSIPEX-26:

2nd International Virtual Aero- & Astrophilatelic Exhibition 14-22 February 2026

Updated information available on www.AMSIPEX.com

- AMSIPEX-26 Individual Regulations (IREX) is now live.
- Please visit the website www.amspiex.com or scan the QR Code.

AMSIPEX-26 Highlights

- All eligible exhibits were awarded medals (including single-frame).
- Novice Class for first-time and otherwise ineligible exhibitors.
- Broad Spectrum exhibition - Exhibits under all FIP classes welcome, focused on Aero- and Astrophilately.
- World Team Championship (single frame): Aggregate score of 3-person National/Club teams. (More than one team from any Nation/Club is welcome)
- Experimental multi-language format: English, French, German, and Spanish language exhibits are accepted and can be viewed in the original language and English.
- Youth Class 1st Entry is free, and additional entries are discounted at 50%.

AMSIPEX-26 Joint Organisers

- American Air Mail Society
- Auxiliary Markings Club
- British Air Mail Society
- Cercle Aerophilatelique Francais
- Royal Belgian Philatelic Society, COSMOS
- Wreck & Crash Mail Society

AMSIPEX-26 Sponsor

- Argyll Etkin Limited – Silver Sponsor

AMSI Members in the recent philatelic exhibition

- **Thailand 2025 FIAP Asian International – August 2025**

Sr.No	Exhibitors Name	Class	Exhibit Title	Medal
1	Aditya Asthana	Picture Postcard	Alice in Wonderland (Previous title: Traditional Trades of India)	LV
2	Dharmdev Maurya	Picture Postcard	Echoes of a Colonial Metropolis	LV
3	Gauresh Mehra	Modern Philately (Postal History)	Google Doodles are the New Commemoratives	S

- **Great American Stamp Show (GASS) National Level Stamp Exhibition – August 2025**

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1	Brian Callan	Multi-Frame Competition	Cork Postal History to 1696 to 1875	LG
2	Capt. Vijay Wadhwa	Literature - Electronic Material	Celestial Chronicles-Stellar Impressions	LS
3	Capt. Vijay Wadhwa	Literature - Electronic Material	Pennywise - All About Money	S
4	Capt. Vijay Wadhwa	Literature - Electronic Material	Concepts to Cosmos	SB

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