

JOURNÉES DE L'AÉROPHILATÉLIE

Aerophilatelic Event

ForuMeyrin

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Presentation file



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Introduction

Every year an Aero philatelic event is organised in different towns in Switzerland, sponsored by the *Schweizerischer Aerophilatelisten Verein (SAV)*, the Swiss Aerophilatelic Society. The *Club Philatélique de Meyrin (CPM)* offered to organise the 2009 edition, and its proposal was accepted by the SAV.

The Club Philatélique de Meyrin

The CPM, created in 1970 and a member of the Union of Swiss Philatelic Societies has never refused challenges.

During its existence the Club has participated in several regional and national philatelic exhibitions. Above all, in December 2005 it organised the **Degree III exhibition PhilaMeyrin '05**, which was an enormous success both at home and inter-

Why 2009?

This is easily explained by the fact that 2009 is the 100th Anniversary of the Aero-Club of Geneva (the Geneva Regional Association of the Swiss Aero-Club) whose headquarters are located in Meyrin.

nationally. In commemoration of this event a stamp was issued, which is reproduced opposite.



The 100th anniversary of the Aero-Club of Geneva



The year 2009 will be the centenary of the *Aéro-Club de Genève (AéCGe)*. This Club was the very first in Switzerland to be interested in aviation, at a time when other clubs were concentrating on balloons.

This Society has grown enormously since then. Today one of the primary objectives is the training of pilots and specially the young ones. This is the theme that the AéCGe has chosen for this special jubilee.

Events during the Aerophilatelic Event

Several interesting activities and events will take place on these days. The following are currently being planned:

➤ Exhibition

The “**PhilAero '09**” exhibition, with international participation, will be the week-end’s main event. Approximately 300 display frames will be at the disposal of Swiss and foreign aerophilatelic collectors. No official competition has been organised, but a commemorative medal will be given to each participant.

➤ Stamp and postcard fair

A stamp and postcard fair will take place. The principal specialised dealers will be present with about thirty tables.

➤ Postal flight

A special flight from Geneva to another Swiss city will carry mail with a dedicated stamp and postmark.

➤ Centenary stamp

If possible a postage stamp will be issued. A request has already been made.

➤ Post office

During this event, the Swiss Post Office will be present with a booth.

➤ Special postmark

A special postmark will be available with the following text: “*Journées de l’Aérophilatélie 24-26 avril 2009 – 1217 Meyrin*”.

➤ Special envelope

A commemorative envelope will be printed with a logo and a special design.

➤ Postcard

A postcard will be on sale for both the public and for postcard and maximum card collectors.

➤ Catalogue

A catalogue will be printed in A4 format, on the model of the *PhilaMeyrin '05* catalogue (see the sample available). Besides official information, there will be articles written by philatelists, postcard and aviation specialists.

➤ Other planned attractions

- Exhibition of a pioneer helicopter, designed and assembled in Meyrin, or a glider (in collaboration with the AécGe).
- Exhibition of suspended scale model airplanes (in collaboration with the AécGe).
- Presentation on the theme of “*Aviation*” (by Mr. Jean-Claude Cailliez).
- Annual meeting of SAV (Swiss Aerophilatelic Society).
- FISA’s Congress and General Assembly (International Federation of Aerophilatelic Societies).
- Competition/exhibition of aeroplane drawings (open to cartoon and comic book artists).
- Competition/exhibition on the theme of “*The aeroplane*” (open to Meyrin schools).
- Flight simulator at visitors’ disposal.
- Captive balloon with the possibility to make a flight.



The dream of a few Genevans in 1909 : to fly an aeroplane over the inner harbour.



One hundred years later.

The postage stamp

The CPM and the AÉCGe consider that the training of young pilots deserves a postage stamp, because it is a subject of national and even international importance.

Nowadays training in and out of school is essential to guide and encourage young people to improve and choose the right career. Piloting can be such a

career and should be promoted, particularly through a postage stamp.

We have sent an official request to the Swiss Post in Berne and are waiting for the outcome of their decision.

This stamp could be used especially for the planned postal flight being organised by the Aero-Club.

Date and plane of the event

The Aero philatelic Event will be held on **Friday 24th till Sunday 26th April 2009** in the “*ForuMeyrin*” building, located in the middle of the town of Meyrin.

This building is a cultural center which is composed of a theatre seating 700, two sections for exhibitions, eleven classrooms, a library with more than 40'000 books, a restaurant and a youth club.

ForuMeyrin is also rather special because of its volume (about 5'000 m³) and its modern architecture, which combine to make a friendly and airy place.

Entry is possible from any side of the building, constructed around a central patio topped by a high glass pyramid. The building is symbolic of life in a city: its four exits give on to four sites of communal life, the school, the church, the town hall and the shopping centre.

Outside, seven long, thin metal sculptures welcome visitors, while inside, two enormous iron

sculptures give an impression of grandeur. The range and the diversity of the events held here attract many spectators from all over the canton and make it popular beyond Geneva's borders.



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Conclusion

For this philatelic event, even more than for previous successful events, the CPM intends to develop the public aspect more than ever before. This is possible mostly because of the synergy of the partners involved:

- The “Club Philatélique de Meyrin”, supported by the City Council of Meyrin,
- The Aero-Club of Geneva.

At this stage of the organisation of this public event, the first and most important need of the Organising Committee is your confirmation of holding the next FISA Congress in Meyrin.

Meyrin, 26th September 2007

For the Organising Committee :

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