

## **The Barry P. Fletcher Collection**

The early Colombian Air Post stamps and the flight covers on which they were used are among the most “classic” and beautiful of any worldwide air post issues.

Assembled over the course of many years, Mr. Fletcher’s collection of Colombian Air Post stamps and covers is one of the most comprehensive ever formed. It is replete with rare or unique items, many of which formed the cornerstones of famous collections previously assembled by individuals such as Rendon, Boonschaft, Gebauer, Goeggel and Johnson. Mr. Fletcher’s name will surely be added to the provenance of important items as they pass to future generations of collectors.

Mr. Fletcher authored the definitive book on the subject, *A Collectors Notes and Comments on the Rare and Mysterious Colombian Airmails, 1919-1923*, which accurately and exhaustively details the stamps and covers from this remarkable period of South American aviation history. To encourage and assist others, Mr. Fletcher has made his book available online at [www.barry-fletcher.com](http://www.barry-fletcher.com).

### **About Barry P. Fletcher**

Barry P. Fletcher is a graduate of the University of Cape Town. Now retired, he is a specialist in international taxation and economics, having been a member of the International Tax Planning Association (London) for more than 30 years. He has also been featured as a speaker at the University of Oxford, as well as numerous other conferences in various jurisdictions around the world. In addition to pursuing his philatelic interests, Mr. Fletcher is also a keen international rock climber and amateur (ham) radio operator, having traveled to more than 30 countries and islands to follow his passions and work.

Colombian Air Post stamps were not Mr. Fletcher’s first collection, nor will they likely be his last. He has collected and sold world-class collections of Basutoland Officials, French Occupation of Togo and Seychelles.



### **In Memoriam Brian Moorhouse (1949-2017)**

On July 15, 2017, the world lost a remarkable man and one of philately’s most dedicated professionals. Brian Moorhouse, one of the foremost experts in Latin American philately, spent 45 years working tirelessly assisting collectors in building important collections. Brian generously shared his knowledge of philately with many collectors and dealers, and his expert certificates of opinion are considered to be the gold standard for Latin American items. Brian’s willingness to share his encyclopedic knowledge was characteristic of his spirit and helped encourage many collectors. Mr. Fletcher met Brian soon after he began to collect Colombian Air Posts, and through the years Brian was his mentor and helped him to acquire some of the key pieces in the collection. Mr. Fletcher has dedicated this catalogue to Brian’s memory.