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## COLOMBIA / SCADTA, 1920.

I have examined the Air Mail postage stamp issued by the Sociedad Colombo-Alemana de Transportes Aereos on September 19, 1921, "Hydroplane" 50 centavos grey-green, handstamp surcharged "VALOR 10 CENTAVOS" in grey blue, showing the variety *surcharge inverted*, Scott Catalogue #C17 variety; Sanabria #30 variety; Gebauer #27a, used, with the green oval postmark "SOCIEDAD COLOMBO-ALEMANA CORREOS AEREOS \* GIRARDOT", a colour reproduction of which is below, in true size, and I am of the opinion that:

The air mail stamp is **genuine**, postally used, with good colour. It has a light vertical crease, otherwise it is a sound stamp, free from hidden faults or repairs at the time of examination. The handstamp which revalued the stamp was applied at Neiva's SCADTA office, using a toy rubber stamp set. The stamp was only valid for letters placed on flights between Neiva and Girardot. One hundred examples in total were thus surcharged, and not all have survived. Of these only very few had the handstamp inverted. In spite of the minor fault noted, and given the rarity of this stamp, I have signed it in order to attest to its authenticity.

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