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various purposes, showing the development of these from 1923 to the outbreak of World War II, under such headings as Membership Dues, construction of a civilian Aeronautics school, to the Gordon Bennett flight celebrations (which had to be cancelled because of the War). Perhaps one of the most illuminating sections of this fascinating subject is that giving details of the minor wars and skirmishes with which Poland was afflicted between 1918 and 1921. There is also a listing of books available on the internet relating to Polish Philately which are available in English.

Books Received and Reviewed

American Astrophilately, The first 50 years by David S. Ball, published 2010 by A&A Publishers, LLC, ISBN 9780615342016, soft bound, xi+343p inc. DVD, colour ill, 25cm, price £25, US \$39.95, available from the publisher, 1312 Winchester Drive, Charleston, SC 29407-3335, email: david@AmericanAstrophilately.com, website: www.AmericanAstrophilately.com. ID No 15073. Reviewed by Brian Sole.

This is a book that should be read by all aspiring Astrophilately FIP exhibitors. It begins with the question "What is Astrophilately?" The short answer is, "Astrophilately tells the story of the conquest of space through philatelic media. Postal envelopes cancelled on the day and nearest the place where a significant event occurred become mementos of exploration of the heavens." The author uses the question and answer theme in several places, always slanted towards the FIP Regulations for this class of exhibit. The chapter continues with information on what constitutes a "space cover", the importance of the location of the launch, and the timing recorded on covers, the classification of postmarks and the use of autographs on covers. There follows a series of articles by guest authors on balloon flights of the 1950s through to Joint Cancellations from a joint flight – the background to an item cancelled in Moscow and Cape Canaveral in 1975. In between, material emanating from the Apollo and other Missions is described.

Part 2, "A World of Covers", contains over 90 pages of covers, three to a page, beginning with unmanned flight covers and ending with Post Apollo covers. Part 3, "The All Important Postmark", has over 120 pages of postmarks, with space for up to 12 postmarks on a page. There is also a glossary, an extensive Bibliography and a DVD containing the FIP Regulations for Astrophilately, additional articles, sample exhibits and APS judging regulations.

Flying at Lanark by Ed Archer, published 2010 by Stenlake Publishing Ltd., ISBN 9781840335019, soft bound, 48p, ill, 17cm, price £7.99 + p&p, available from Richard Beith, 7 Corum Place, Blackford,

Auchterarder PH4 1PU. ID No 15431. Reviewed by Richard Beith.

2010 saw the centenary of a most splendid event; The Scottish International Aviation Meeting held on Lanark Racecourse in August 1910. This was the first major aeronautical event in Scotland, and rivalled the Blackpool meeting, also held in August, for importance. Aero-philatelists will be aware of the LANARK GRANDSTAND postmark applied to many souvenir postcards at this event. It has been described as the first British aerodrome postmark, but its original purpose was for use on telegrams posted at Lanark during horse racing meetings.

This present volume is a compilation of photographs, postcards and ephemera from the meeting, and it provides a vivid evocation of the event and the era. The volume also includes brief references to the 1911 Daily Mail Round Britain Competition, and to later events held at Lanark between 1929 and 1935 by Captain Barnard, Alan Cobham and Cathcart Jones.

The 48 pages are well filled, and the inner and outer covers are used to display meeting posters in colour. A fascinating collection of images at a modest price.

Free French Invasion: the St. Pierre and Miquelon Affaire of 1941 by Douglas G. Anglin, published 1999 by Penny Black Publishing, ISBN 9780968422908, soft bound, ix+219p+3 inc 11p index, ill, 23cm, price CAN\$32 + p&p CAN\$14 international rates, money orders to J.R. Taylor or Paypal to miquelon@shaw.ca, available from J. R. Taylor, 2335 Paliswood Road SW, Calgary, Alberta T2V 3P6, Canada, email: miquelon@shaw.ca. ID No 15277. Reviewed by Bill Holland FRPSL.

The book tells, in detail, the story of the bloodless invasion by the Free French navy to overthrow the pro-Vichy governor on 24 December 1941, with all the diplomacy before and after the invasion, together with insights on life in the islands under both regimes. There is little philatelic content beyond a brief reference to the 1942 overprints, 'France Libre F.N.F.L.' and 'Oeuvres Sociales'

Hellships to slavery. A postal history of the prisoners of war and civilian internees in East Asia during the Second World War, Volume 6, Japan, Korea, Manchuria and Borneo 1942-1945 by David Tett, published 2010 by BFA Publishing, ISBN 9780954499648, hard bound, xv+427p, colour ill, maps, 30 cm, price and availability from the publisher, c/o David Tett, PO Box 34, Wheathampstead, Herts., AL4 8JY, website: www.fepowmail.com. ID No 15194. Reviewed by Tom Slemmons FRPSL.

I am not sure who said "All good things must come to an end", or, if that was in fact what was said. In this case, it is true. David Tett has just published