

Small Categories Series

Airplanes

This category is distinct from Airlines because, although it may contain Airline covers that show airplanes (depending on the preferences of the collector), it includes other random covers that happen to have airplane pictures on them.

As you would expect, you might well find qualifying covers in just about any other category—Restaurants, Banks, etc., and, of course, you'll find some great specific photos on some Airlines covers. But, there are two other categories that might not come to your mind right off the bat, but have relatively high yields of airplane pictures: Airports and Military.

When you think about it, Airports is a natural category to search through, since many of the covers will have at least a drawing of an airplane, taking off, landing, etc.

And even richer category is Military. The Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and National Guard have all issued covers you'll be interested in for an Airplanes collection. I especially like the World War II issues. You'll see some great renditions of Hellcats, Flying Fortresses, and so on. Props to jets, you'll find them all in Military.

One thing I was wondering, though, was whether the space shuttle qualifies as an airplane. I would imagine so, since it has wings and lands on a runway. Bill Furling, NV, had 906 as of October 1990.

