

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRIAN AIRMAIL TO 1938

This 2- frame exhibit will show the development of the different ways of carrying airmail in Austria up to 1938 when the Anschluss occurred and Austria came under German control. The use of early Zeppelin type craft, balloons, early airplanes, gliders and rockets are shown. By today's standards these early machines seemed very primitive but each time an inventor made a better wheel for the plane instead of using an old bicycle wheel, or upgraded a washing machine engine to a more efficient airplane engine; it had cumulative effect of getting to where we are at today.

Zeppelins, balloons, gliders and rockets all had to be tried and each one failed leaving only collectable stamps, labels, covers and postcards for today's historians.

OUTLINE

This exhibit is divided into the following parts:

- 1.) The development of Zeppelin type craft.
- 2.) The use of balloons to carry mail.
- 3.) Pre- World War I airplanes and airshows.
- 4.) World War I weather balloon mail.
- 5.) Post War airshows.
- 6.) Robert Kronfeld's 1933 Glider mail.
- 7.) Friedrich Schmiedl's 1930's Rocket mail.
- 8.) Conclusion.

