

Getting Swiss Airmail off the Ground

The development of the Swiss airmail system is a fascinating story. The 1913 Flugspende was a unique chapter. The main thrust started in 1923, and its documentation – in geographical sections – is the objective of most of this exhibit.

The sections of the exhibit are

The Swiss Flugspende of 1913

1919: First Regular Airmail Service

1920-22: an Interim Period

1923-39: Service Inside Switzerland

Stamps to Support Airmail Service

Service to Germany and beyond

Service to France and England

Service to Austria and Eastern Europe

Service to the South and Southeast

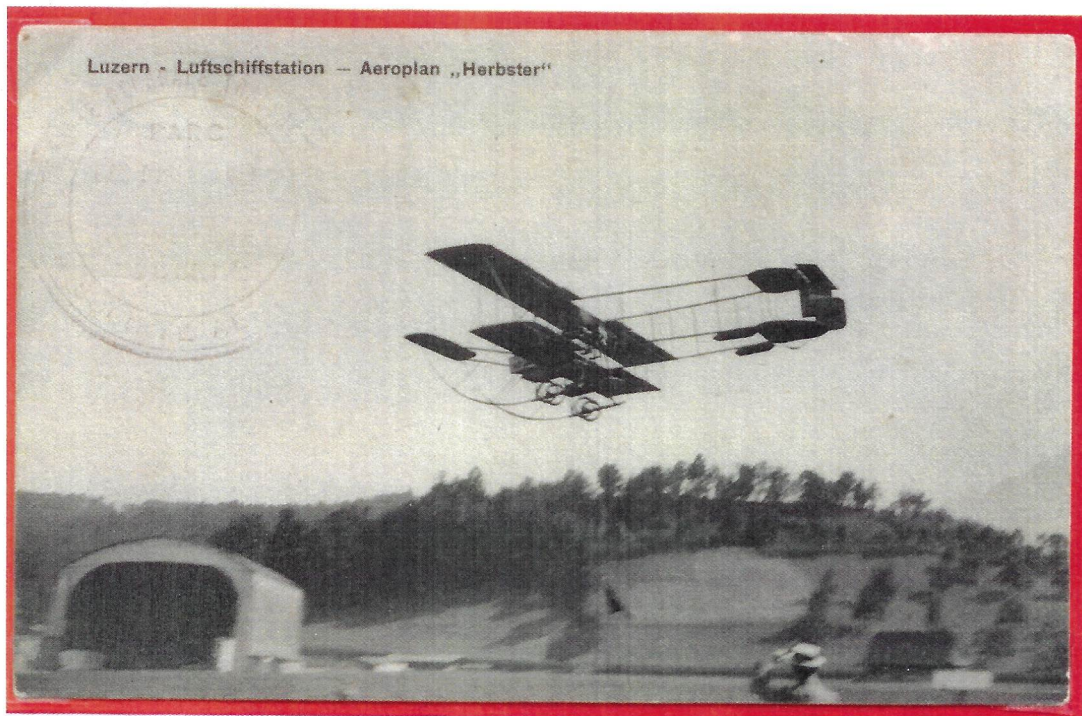
Service to the Americas

1939: End of the Era

Especially significant items are matted in red – a good Swiss color!

Context information is printed in blue, and boxed

Items with certificates are marked with green dots ●



1911: Gathering Momentum

- This card shows how primitive the planes were in 1911.
- Huge advances in airplanes between 1911 and 1913 made possible the idea of a role for military aviation, and the mail-carrying flights of 1913, which are the subject of the next section.