

Philatelic History of Three-Wheeled Racing

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A **sidecar** is a one-wheeled attachment that is usually mounted to the side of a motorcycle. It allows an additional passenger to ride along with the motorcyclist.



The sidecar allows for an extra passenger to ride alongside the motorcyclist. During World wars, the motorcycles with sidecars were mainly used by the army for the transport.

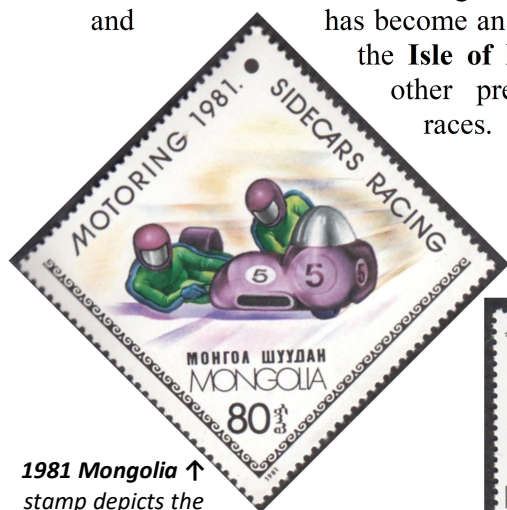
← **Germany stamp:** Military motorcycle with sidecar with mg-34 machine gun.

Some sidecars are designed to carry cargo, either in the form of an open flatbed or an enclosed space, making them useful for delivering goods or carrying heavy items. Mail carriers used the sidecar for carrying letters

and parcels. *Postage due stamp of Hungary (Magyar Posta) - Mailman on a motorcycle with a sidecar.* →



Racing: Sidecar racing is a sport where teams of two (a driver and a "passenger" or "monkey") race on specially built motorcycles with sidecars. The passenger plays a critical role in balancing and maneuvering the sidecar during high-speed races. Motorcycle sidecar racing began in the 1920s and has become an exhilarating part of motorsport, particularly at events like the **Isle of Man TT, World Sidecar Championship**, and other prestigious races.



1981 Mongolia ↑
stamp depicts the Sidecar racing.



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Isle of Man 1991 stamp showing Sidecar race winner Freddie Dixon



← **Isle of Man 1974 stamp** showing the 500cc Sidecar race winner J.H. Nicholson



↑ **1962 Hungary stamp** showing the Sidecar stunts.

Isle of Man 1982 Maximcard showcasing Jack Taylor the Sidecar TT race winner of 1978, 1980 & 1981 →

Through the lens of philately, we can trace the development of sidecars in both everyday life and competitive racing.

Whether commemorating famous races, honouring ground breaking racers, or showcasing technological achievements, these philatelic items capture the thrilling journey of sidecars across the world.

