

MATH, MATH, POSTMATH

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Collecting postmarks featuring numerical symmetry on special dates adds a delightful theme to philately. These unique dates are infrequent, making them highly anticipated by enthusiasts. Some cultures attribute good luck to palindrome dates, which read the same backward and forward. In this exhibit, we commemorate a select few of these exceptional dates through distinctive postmarks.



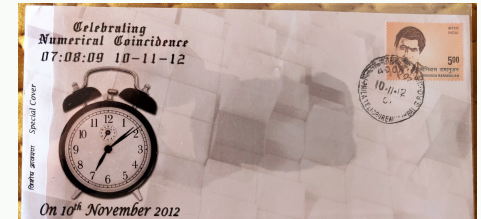
What's in a date? More specifically, what can be a mere number on the calendar other than a pointer to that date? Well philatelically speaking, it can be bit of fun to see unique arrangement of digits on postmarks and special covers.

Here are some postmarks identifying the unique palindromic date of 22 February 2022 (22-2-22), and yes, as the first one says: "It will never be ever again!"



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And next come three fun special covers commemorating 11 Dec 2013 (111213), 10 Nov 2012 (101112), and 12 Dec 2012 (121212)



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Of course when we speak of such special dates, how can we ignore 01-01-2000



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And one cover from DDR commemorating 08-Aug-2008 (08-08-08)

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Before we had such clear markings on cancellations offering us collectibles on special dates, we had a brief experiment in the UK that used a code to signify "Time" as below. Here Time was coded as Hours specified with A through M, excluding J and Five Minute Intervals were with A through L, excluding J. So a postmark of L-I * A meant 11-45 AM. Good for some maths game, isn't it interesting?

