

Worth A Dollar?

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The story is what makes it worth a dollar.

This is a stamp (Scott 909) issued by West Germany in the period 1964-1966 that freaked out some Germans.

They thought they saw a likeness of Adolf Hitler in the tree overhanging the roof of the Ellwangen Castle Gate.

For older Germans, they saw Hitler in a top hat which was his choice of civilian non-threatening clothing when he became Chancellor under President Hindenburg.



A second freak-out came in 1969 with a set of two stamps (Scott 993 & 994) showing the likeness of the Junkers Ju 52 plane that was used extensively during WW II as a bomber, air ambulance, and transport.

This issue celebrated the 50th anniversary of German airmail service. The Ju 52 was initially used in civilian passenger service and did carry mail.



Some Germans incorrectly thought that the number on the fuselage D -2201 was the same as the one used on Hitler's personal Ju 52. They were wrong. Hitler's plane carried number D-2600.

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