Interest in Pneumatic Tube technology began when the author was a child living in Paris, France. She became fascinated with Le Petit Bleu (Parisian pneumatic postal network) and associated other networks: Le Metro, underground water and sewer networks, and more loosely the bus network. Her first academic interest in it came when she explored those earlier fascination to create a geographical realization, for her Ph.D. dissertation, of a geometric explanation of the Steiner network problem along with a new construction for its implementation. Much of the latter work is captured in IMaGe monograph number two, and later work integrates her interests in philately with pneumatic tubes. Further, continuing work on networks and graph theory persist in many directions and are only briefly touched here. This focused project is one of global proportions, that has been unfolding over decades and continues to unfold in various directions. The set of articles below tracks various avenues of exploration into this interesting form of communication.
