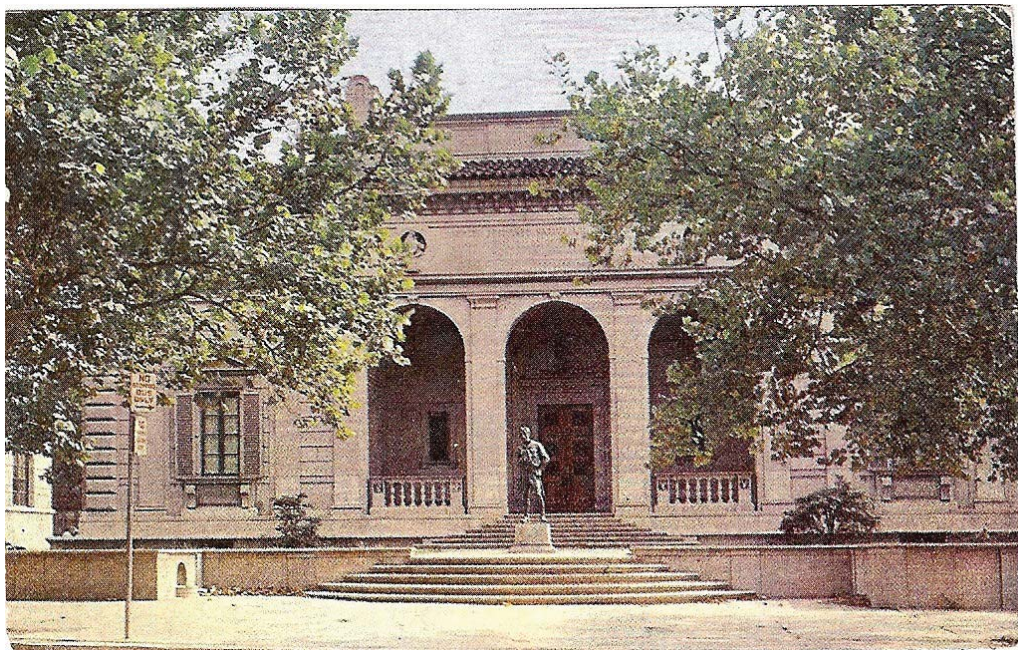


Scout and Guide Stamps Club

BULLETIN

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The offices of the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America - see article in this issue regarding Tait Mackenzie the creator of the famous Boy Scout statue.

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Editorial

Could I start by thanking everyone who has taken the trouble to write to me on the subject of the falling membership numbers. There's so much material that I intend to make the next issue a special on the subject with, of course, a continuation of our two main themes over recent months of Peter's Handstamps article and Colin's Corner.

For those of you who have asked - and some did - my Gang Show went off extremely well. The young people involved had a fantastic week at the Theatre and we had a greater amount of tears after the last performance than we have had for some time. Our audiences were pretty good and we actually sold over 90% of the available seats. The Show is issued to the cast, and others, as a photo CD as well as a two disc DVD and there are a few copies left if anybody is interested - CDs at £5.00 each and DVDs at £15.00 each, plus 50p and £1.00 respectively for postage.

It is hard to think that I was re-elected again as Treasurer at the A.G.M. And also asked to continue editing The Bulletin for a fourth year. Times flies so quickly - well I was always told that it would as I got older - and we are nearly starting to gather for the World Jamboree. It really doesn't seem like four years since we were all meeting up at Hylands Park, with the SGSC epitomising World Scouting with a team of an American, a Canadian, a German and an Englishman. It was a really great time and my memories are still strong, as I hope they are for the remainder of you and will be for those who attend in Sweden.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

July 9th, September 10th and November 12th.

Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

5th November 2011 at Philatex

Committee Meeting: 12.45- 13.15; Open Meeting: 13.15 -14.45

Philatex is held at the Royal Horticultural Society Hall, 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE. This is within easy walking distance of St. James Park Underground Station. Entrance is free and there are all the stands to look at as well.

The Club's recent A.G.M. Saw all the existing Committee re-elected unopposed and the newcomers to the meeting had an enjoyable day. Unfortunately for us there were extensive engineering works being carried out on the rail system making it very difficult to get to our venue. The Committee has therefore decided to hold the 2012 A.G.M. At Philatex, held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, London which we hope will make travel easier for you all.

By now all members will have received our latest Club auction catalogue with plenty of interesting material from the Mafeking Siege to date, as well as printed ephemera such as postcards, please send your bids in early - the closing date being May 21st.

Both our Editor and myself are very pleased with the recent interest and letters generated following recent editions of the Bulletin and we try to publish as many replies as possible (space allowing) and remind all members that any views expressed by individuals may not be shared by the Club or its officers.

My thanks to member Nigel Cole who kindly sent me further details appertaining to the Duke of Connaught and his prizes for Scout marksmanship that are still in use today.

With the centenary of World Guiding and of American Scouting both behind us with the many stamp issue both events brought, we can now draw breath and save up ready for the next issues for the World Scout Jamboree.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All Annual subscriptions were due on 1st April and should be sent to

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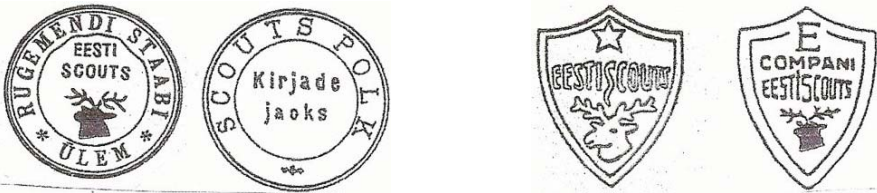
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Subscriptions are unchanged, as follows

| | 1 YEAR | 5 YEARS |
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| United Kingdom individuals and Sections | £10.00 | £50.00 |
| Juniors (under 16) | £5.00 | Not available |
| All World Surface & Europe Airmail | £13.00 | £65.00 |
| All World Surface (Juniors) | £6.50 | Not available |
| All World Airmail (except Europe) | £18.00 | £90.00 |

If for any reason you decide not to renew, please write to advise us of the reason so that we can consider the situation for the future.

Amongst a collection I purchased a couple of years ago, I came across some postcards with Scout cachets from the Estonian War of Independence of 1918-1920. I had known nothing about these items or about the war until I researched these, before adding them into my collection. When the German troops were leaving Estonia in late 1918, Soviet Russia wanted to invade Estonia and establish Bolshevik power. On 28 November 1918 the Red Army started an offensive to the border town Narva and thus began the armed conflict between Soviet Russia and the Republic of Estonia. The Estonian government nevertheless decided to oppose the Bolshevik aggression, hoping for help from the Western countries (i.e. the former Russian allies in World War I) and Finland. They were not let down – in December 1918, the British Royal Navy arrived in Estonia with a cargo of weapons; Finland also sent weapons and in January 1919 about 4000 volunteers came too. The

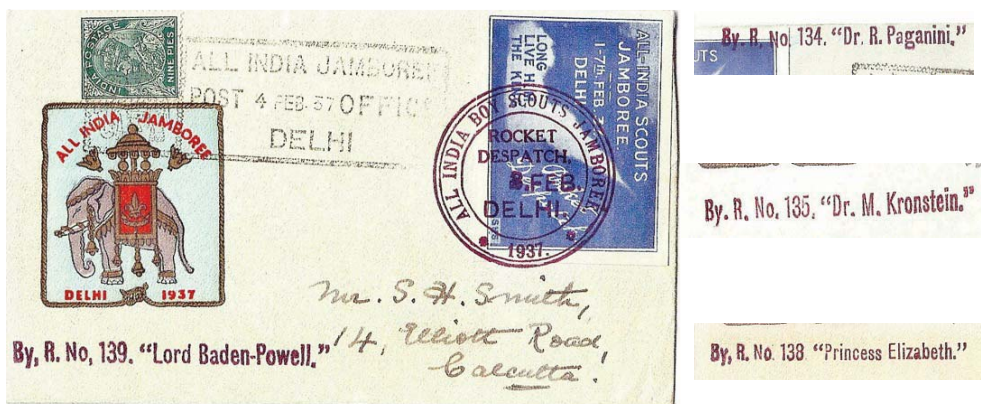


conflict lasted until February 1920, which resulted in a victory for Estonia and was concluded by the Treaty of Tartu. The Estonian Field Post Offices were established on 11 January 1919 and continued until 15 May 1920. Most boys including Scouts over 16 (many even younger) volunteered for the fighting forces and were also responsible for some of these Field Post Offices. There were many hundreds of these cachets, and the book "Estonia Philately & Postal History Handbook" by Vambola Hunt and Elmar Ojaste published in 1986 gives within its 600 pages, details of all known ones and includes details of the 13 Scout cachets.

I received the Felzmann Auction Catalogue No. 132 from Germany which weighed 1793 grams (3.95 lbs) despite only having four Scout lots out of many thousands. Amongst this was a postcard (Lot 7351) sent from Lausanne, Switzerland to Paris on 10 August 1900. Described as showing a Scout camp, the postcard did at least show tents, but as we all know Scouting did not start until 1908!

I note that Profila, the major Hungarian Auction house had a Scout auction last month of Philatelic and Jamboree ephemera. However their prices are not realistic in today's market and only 36 out of 412 lots sold. Over the years since the end of communism, a considerable amount of material has come to the market, as the Hungarians have always been serious stamp collectors. Whenever I go to Budapest I always attend the Mabeosz stamp meeting on a Thursday afternoon, in the building that the Hungarian Stamp Association own in Vörösmarty u. 65. Here over two floors are numerous small dealers who sell their wares, both of post postcards and stamps.

On 1st, 2nd & 3rd February 1937 the famous All India Boy Scouts Rocket Posts took place and the circular handstamp reading ALL INDIA BOY SCOUTS JAMBOREE ROCKET DESPATCH DELHI (plus date) was used. There were also handstamps for the rockets fired: No.134 "Dr.R.Paganini"; 135 "Dr.M.Kronstein"; 136 "Dr.H.Radasch"; 138 "Princess Elizabeth"; and 139 "Lord Baden-Powell". No.137 did not take off as the fuse had been damaged by white ants! To date I have never been able to ascertain who the three doctors honoured by Rocket No's 134, 135 & 136 are.



Three Rocket Post labels had been produced for affixing to covers fired by the rockets, these were coloured green, blue or red. On 2nd March 1937 the labels were reprinted in orange with the text BENGAL GIRL GUIDES RALLY 2.3.37 and a circular handstamp was used GIRL GUIDES RALLY BENGAL. CARRIED BY PROPAGANDA ROCKET 2-3-37. Two rockets were fired, numbered 7 (30 covers flown) and 8 (35 covers flown). All covers bore a mis-spelt handstamp PROPAGANDA. According to official records, Lady Baden-Powell herself fired rocket No.7, but in a letter to our late President Roy Rhodes in 1954, Lady B-P states "I have looked in my diary and find that I was at a Guide Rally there on March 2nd with about 1500 Guides and Blue Birds, but I have no recollection at all of any "rocket", nor I am afraid have I any recollection of Mr.Stepen H.Smith". (Stephen H.Smith was the organiser of the Rocket Posts at both events).

A year earlier, in 1936, Burma was postally controlled by India, and I have a cover posted in Rangoon with Indian stamps and purple handstamp of UNION HALL SCOUTS. The addressee always makes me smile – The Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Nebraska.

A couple of later handstamps from 1957 come from THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES. G.M's OFFICE, MADRAS-3 and THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES PUNJAB "THE HOMESTEAD" TARA DEVI P.O. (SIMLA HILLS) both in purple.



Indonesia held its first National Jamboree in 1955, and a cover posted at the Camp carries the boxed handstamp DJAMBORE NASIONAL 1 DJAKARTA 10-20 AGUSTUS 1955 plus Jamboree emblem. The cover also shows the handstamp of PANDU KATOLIK KWARTIR BESAR + Scout badge (presumably from HQ of Catholic Scouting). A later envelope of 1957 bears two handstamps of Indonesian Scouts HQ IKATAN PANDU INDONESIA KWARTIR BESAR UMUM NASIONAL.



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Iran had a thriving Scout Organisation before the Revolution of 1979 and many stamp were issued over the years. First day cover of the Baden-Powell Centenary stamp in 1957 carry a square purple handstamp with text in Farsi with Scout badge and map of Iran. A blue handstamp onto a first day card of the same stamp shows the head of B-P with date 22.2.57. From the same year I have a card with handstamp from INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IRAN SCOUTS.



As in many European countries, Italian Scouts used Troop and District handstamps on their mail and documents. The earliest I have dates from 1917 on a card from RIPARTO (Troop) ROMA V TERMINI of ASCI Scouts. Others include: ROMA II STUDIO e AZIONE, RIPARTO "DON BOSCO" ALASSIO, TORINO. REPAR

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TO GENOVA XXI QUEZZI, RIPARTO INTRA I, COMMISSARIATO LOCALE ROMANO. The first dated event handstamp comes from PELLEGRINAGGIO INTERNAZIONALE SCOUT (International Scout Pilgrimage to Rome) 3-7 SET-



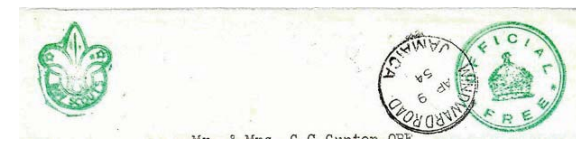
TEMBRE 1925. A camp was held for Genoa Scouts in 1927 which produced a circular handstamp reading CAMPO ESPLORATORI CATTOLICA MILLESIMO A.S.C.I. RIPARTI GENOVA 1-VIII-XIX-XVIII. The final cachet I have is from RIPARTO ROMA XL MONTEVERDE on a card dated 6th August 1929, but Scouting had been banned by Mussolini in 1928.



Scouting is always there under the surface, and when Italy started to be liberated by Allied troops during World War II, the ASCI Scouts Regional Commissioner of Palermo used his handstamp when writing to the Boy Scouts International Bureau in London in March 1944. The stamps used on the envelope were issued for Allied Military Postage in Italy. Also, from just after the War I have an invitation card with handstamp from CNGEI Scouts of Parma. Once again Troop and Local Scout handstamps were used on mail etc. perhaps too many to list. A Rover Scouts Pilgrimage to Rome took place in 1948, and a boxed handstamp was used reading: PELLEGRINAGGIO INTERNAZIONALE ROVERS ASSISI-ROMA 7-15 SETTEMBRE 1948 A.S.C.I. ESPLORATORI D'ITALIA. This was printed six times across stamps on my postcard, but I am sure it was not a proper postmark.



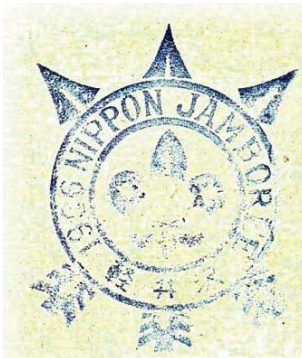
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Japanese script being a mystery to me, I cannot elaborate on the cachets which are in my collection. The earliest is probably from the late 1920's or early 1930's. It appears on a packet containing postcards, one of which shows B-P greeting Japanese Scouts. The handstamp is also printed onto the postcards. 1949 saw the first National Jamboree following World War II and two different handstamps printed in purple appear on a sheet of souvenir notepaper, plus stamp with Jamboree postmark. Three different Scout handstamps were printed onto a Scout postcard all dated 1951. All show the Scout badge of Japan and are in green, purple or blue. The latter is the only one to show any English wording "PHOTO STORE OHARA". Presumably they were used at a Scout event that year. At the 1956 NIPPON JAMBOREE a circular handstamp was used with Scout badge and three arrows. Also a red handstamp showing running Scouts was used on first day covers from this Jamboree.



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Jugoslavia no longer exists as a nation but during its existence, Scouting was a strong Movement. Troop used their own handstamps, each with the date of foundation incorporated. I have four of them on postcards – SAVEZ(1911), SOMBOR(1923), BELGRADE(1923),

ODZAKI (1930). The 3rd National Jamboree took place in 1935 and an oblong handstamp was used in the Camp, it reads (in Cyrillic script) JUGOSLAVIA III TABOR SKAUTA BE-GRAD SEPT.1935.



Unfortunately, my copy is a forgery of this rare item! In 1955, the Yugoslav Scouts in Exile commemorated this event with a reproduction postcard with special handstamp



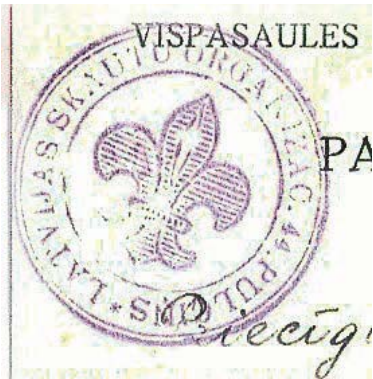
with Scout badge 1911 reading YUGOSLAVIAN SCOUTS ASSOCIATION in English and Serbo-Croat.



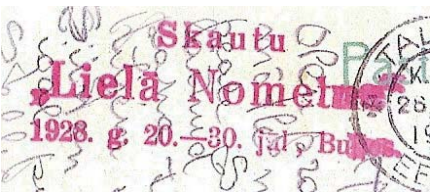
The Scouts of XXV Troop, Wien, Austria held their 1938 Summer Camp on the Island of Rab, Jugoslavia for which they produced their own handstamp printed in black.

The Baltic States of Latvia and Lithuania attained their independence from Russia in 1918 and Scouting was able to flourish there until 1940 when the Soviet Union invaded and the scouts were banned.

From Latvia I have a number of Scout Troop handstamps, most of which contain

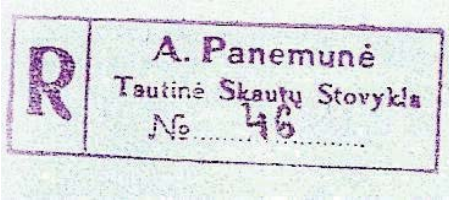
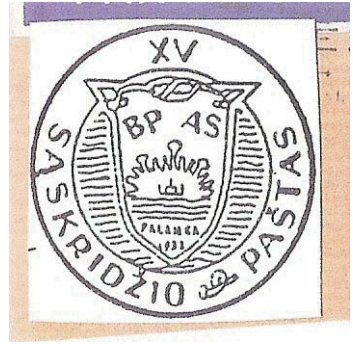


the word "Pulcins" which could be the word for Troop. The earliest is on a postcard mailed in December 1922 – a circular handstamp with Scout badge in centre and text LATVIJAS SKAUTU ORGANIZACIJAS 6.PULCINS. Similar cachets exist from 44.PULCINS, 1.JURAS SKAUTU PULCINS, 103 and 138 VIENIEBA, RIGAS III, and CENTR.ORGANIZACIJA all printed onto various postcards etc.



A very scarce handstamp exists from the National Jamboree – SKAUTU"LIELA NOMETNE" 1923 g.20-30 jul. BULLIS, printed in red.

Lord and Lady Baden-Powell visited both Latvia and Lithuania on the Scout & Guide Cruise aboard "Calgaric" in August 1933. A 15th anniversary Scout & Guide Camp was held at Palanga which the Chiefs both attended. A rubber stamp was used at the Camp with the text XV SASKRIDZIO PASTAS BP AS (Antanas Smetona, President of Lithuania). Handstamped Registration cachets were printed onto appropriate mail from the National Scout and Guide Camps at Panemune and Pazaislis in July 1938. The Scout one reads



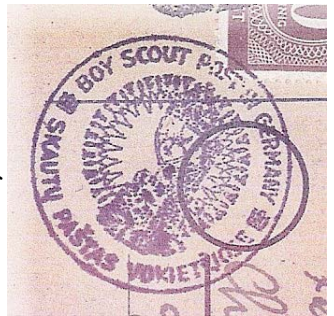
A.PANEMUNE TAUTINE SKAUTU STOVYKLA No....., and the Guide one PAZAISLIS TAUTINE SKAUCIU

STOVYKLA No..... Unfortunately, many of these Registration marks, together with the relevant postmarks have been forged – probably in recent years.

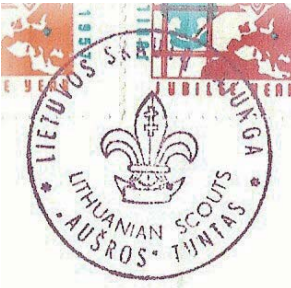
Following World War II the Scouts of both countries, along with many other, found themselves in Displaced Persons Camps, then later as Scouts in Exile scattered around the world, where they produced many philatelic items to raise funds.

The only pre-1957 I possess from Latvia is a wrapper with handstamp of UGUNSKURS, LATVIAN BOY SCOUT MAGAZINE, from Toronto, Canada.

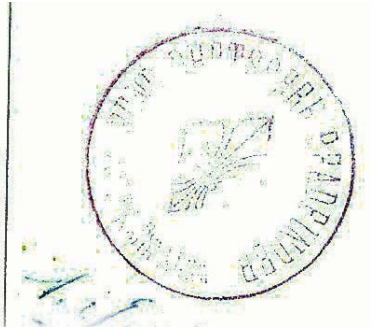
Lithuanian Scouts in Germany used a handstamp reading BOY SCOUTS POST IN GERMANY. SKAUTU PASTAS VOKIET (rest of word illegible). During the 50th



Anniversary of World Scouting Year 1957, Lithuanian Scouts produced two sets of four fund-raising labels plus souvenir sheets. So called "first day covers" of these were stamped with a circular-cachet LIETUVOS SKAUTU SAJUNGA. LITHANIAN SCOUTS. AUSROS TUNTAS with Scout badge in the centre.



The BDP Scouts of Germany established a Troop in Libya, and their handstamp BUND DEUTSCHER PFADFINDER STAMM BENGHAZI LYBIA (NORTH AFRICA) appears on a postcard dated 27.3.55.



An undated New Year postcard from Luxembourg carries a purple oval-shaped handstamp reading BOYS SCOUTS – TRAPPEURS



ROUGES F.N.E.L. DIFFERDANGE. A similar handstamp in red with Scout badge reads LETZEBURGER SCOUTS VON KATHOLISCHE JUGENDVER-

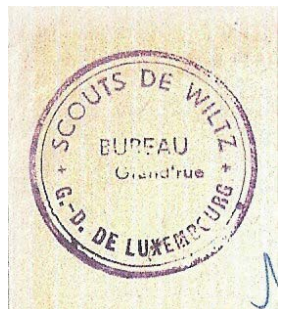
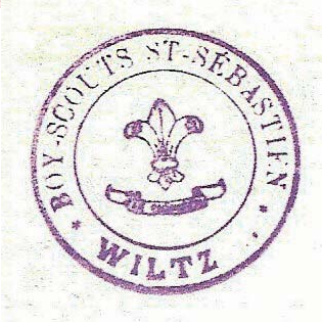
HAUS ECHTERNACHT and was posted in 1936.



In 1948 the National jamboree of Luxembourg Scouting took place at Bonnevoie. An oblong handstamp in purple was printed on mail reading LETZEBURGER SCOUTED NATIONALE JAMBOREE ZU BO'NEWEG 1948 with Jamboree emblem in centre.



The Scouts of Wiltz used three circular handstamps, one for BOY-SCOUTS ST-SEBASTIEN, another for SECTION CAMPISME and a third for BUREAU GRAND'RUE.



Further parts of Peter's article will appear in future issues of the Bulletin.

THE 100 LIST

It has been some time since Peter advertised his "100 List" and perhaps there are some new members of our Club, or even older members who are unaware of its existence.

The "100 List" has been going for a few years, at the time of writing list No.187 has just been dispatched. As new stock is always arriving, there is plenty to offer in the way of stamps (mint & used), covers of all sorts, postcards, labels and ephemera, and occasionally badges.

The lists comprise 100 items, mostly priced at under £1.00, and as one item is sold, another replaces it. Lists are dispatched at approximately two or three month intervals.

If you wish to subscribe, please send a 1st class stamp, or a couple of Scout/Guide postcards or badges from overseas. Further lists are sent free of charge, provided you order something. But after two "no orders" names are deleted.

Perhaps you would like to give it a try?

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| CAY07S CAYMAN ISLANDS 2007 Centenary of Scouting MS | 2.25 | 2.25 |
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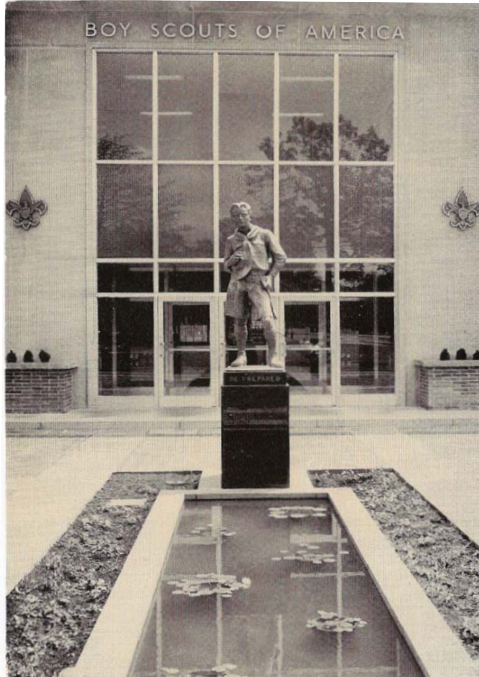
This article is about stamps which rather than commemorate scouting directly, have an indirectly connection.. An example would be a stamp that honors a person who might have been a scout leader, but the honor is for that person's non-scouting activities. The article was prepared for initial publication in the "Bulletin" of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club (of UK). T.P. can be reached at tpwzrmed@hotmail.com

Not Strictly Scout Stamps: R. Tait McKenzie's Statues

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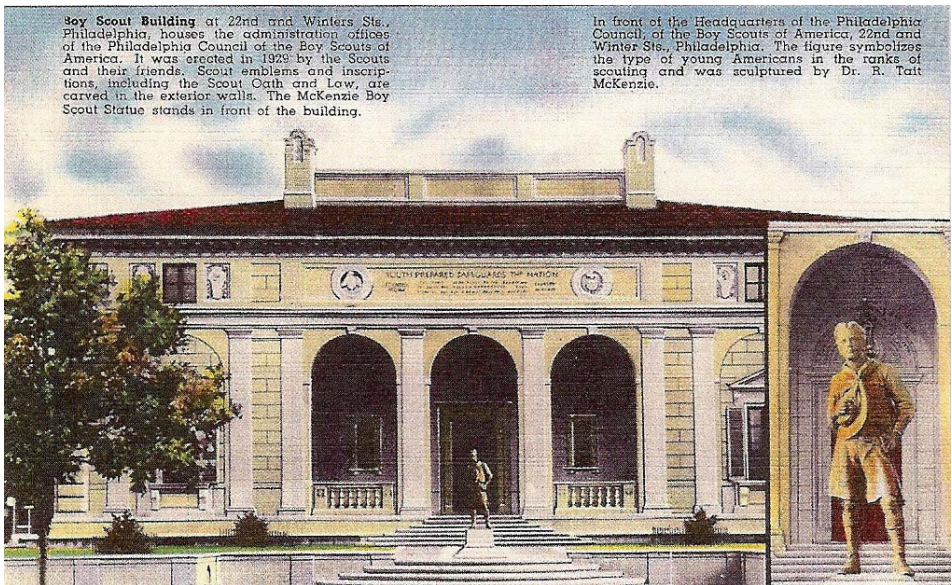
If you are an American scouter, surely you have seen a replica of the scout statue created by R.Tait McKenzie, known as *The Boy Scout*. These four or eight-inch statuettes mounting on various bases were favorite gifts used to honor scouters during special but informal occasions. They were not a recognized award but a sign of affection and appreciation.

The statue's image is of a teenage scout holding his wide brim hat in his right hand over his chest and his left hand covering the head of an ax on his belt. The scout is wearing a long sleeve shirt, shorts and stockings similar to the uniform of the 1930s and early 40s.



Professor McKenzie on March 10, 1911, shortly after becoming a member of the executive board of the local Boy Scout council of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, gave an original bronze model of an 18-inch figure that he titled “The Ideal Scout”. He also transferred its copyright #48,915. Ten 18 inches bronze replicas were produced and distributed to twenty beneficiaries of the Philadelphia council which also including B-P. Later, plaster copies of the statuette were manufactured and sold by the national council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). However, shipping and even sitting on a shelf was not too kind on the plaster statues.

With the building of a new downtown Philadelphia scout headquarters at 22nd and Winter Streets in 1929, Professor McKenzie was called upon to produce a life size statue for its front entrance. It would require some minor remodeling as a few scout uniform changes occurred since the original design was created. This



Boy Scout Building at 22nd and Winter Sts., Philadelphia, houses the administration offices of the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It was erected in 1929 by the Scouts and their friends. Scout emblems and inscriptions, including the Scout Oath and Law, are carved in the exterior walls. The McKenzie Boy Scout Statue stands in front of the building.

In front of the Headquarters of the Philadelphia Council, of the Boy Scouts of America, 22nd and Winter Sts., Philadelphia. The figure symbolizes the type of young Americans in the ranks of scouting and was sculptured by Dr. R. Tait McKenzie.

statue was unveiled on June 12, 1937. This author does not know why it took so long to prepared as McKenzie could have easily produce a statue from scratch within a year and in this case, he already had a good model. Information on the unveiling ceremony of June 12, 1937 and Professor McKenzie’s unveiling speech can be located in McKenzie’s papers in the archives of the University of Pennsylvania. His indexed archives total forty-one boxes.

A heroic-size statue was located in front of the main entrance to the national headquarters of the BSA (1954-1979) in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Later it was moved to the current national headquarters in Irving, Texas. A life-size copy was at the National Training Center at Mortimer L Schiff Scout Reservation in Mendham, New Jersey. It was located on the lawn of the Manor House near the Wood Badge's totem of an ax and log. Another statue decorates the grave of W B Boyce, the man who brought scouting to America. In 1966, the BSA national council presented a life size statue to the British Training Center of Gilwell; while the Philadelphia local council would present another copy to Scouts Canada's headquarters in Toronto to cement an exchange program of the two groups. About twenty-five other local councils would obtain life-size copies for their headquarter properties. This included the Valley Forge council, which upon a merger with the Philadelphia council would become the main headquarters of the resulting The Cradle of Liberty Boy Scout council.

Born a Canadian, Tait, Rob, Robbie and Bob as McKenzie could be called, would often exhibited his Scottish ancestry throughout his life. McKenzie was always a very active and involved person. Tait's boyhood friend, college classmate, and one time employer was James Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball. Tait graduated from McGill University as a medical doctor and specialized in physical training. His avocation of sculpturing began about 1900 with a series of facial expression masks to support his lecturing. After developing an interesting and respectable medical and physical education career in Canada, he accepted the position of professor and director of the Department of Physical Education at the University of Pennsylvania (U of Penn) in 1904. During the Great War (WW I), he was commissioned in the British Royal Army medical corps as a major and inspector of physical training for Lord Kitchener's newly mobilizing army.

He had a particular ability was to show in sculpture men and male youth in action. Many of his statues are quarter or half-life size. During his early period, his statues of athletes were known around the world; as a result, after the war, commissions for statues would come easily. His works can be categorized into four fields: Athletics, Memorials, Olympics, and Portraits / Medals.

From his wartime experience, Tait would create a few large size public war memorials, such as the *Lt-Col George Harold Baker Memorial* in the lobby of the House of Commons in Ottawa, *The Call* or the Scottish-American memorial in Edinburgh, and *The Home-Coming* in Cambridge. Two other important statues include Wolfe [of the Plains of Abraham's battle] Memorial, at Greenwich and The Youthful [Ben] Franklin, at the U of Penn. With his work at the University and his sculpturing commissions, Tait eventually gave up his practice of medicine.

Besides being a professor at University of Pennsylvania, he was also an author, public lecturer, participant and leader in many societies and associations. Most of these activities involved the physical training and improvement of the male youth. This, being one of scouting purposes, McKenzie naturally would become involved with scouting. However little information has been identified in the U of Penn's archives regarding his active participation in scouting, other than the one box on the dedication of the Philadelphia headquarters' scout statue. A list of McKenzie's memberships in McGill's book does not mention any connections with scouting. He had a long relationship with Dr and Mrs Luther Gulick of the YMCA movement. They would become founders of the Campfire Girls, which was a rival organization to the Girl Scouts of USA.

McKenzie died suddenly on April 28, 1938 which was within a year of the unveiling Scout statue. He had a history of heart trouble. He was seventy years old. He never adopted American citizenship.

The fragile plastered models together with the desirability and beauty of the statue would result in the production by the national council of both eight-inch replicas in 1934 and later four-inch ones beginning in 1950. Hundreds of thousands copy would be made, sold, and presented to adult scouters in the USA. Surely, there are more of these statuettes than any other reproductions of Tait McKenzie's works. Anyone could purchase a copy for one's own bookcase. The price for a new eight-inch, silver-plated statuette on a two-inch mounting base currently sells for about two hundred dollars. However, with a greater variety of official scout merchandise, and the current uniform being of a different style, the statuette has lost its popularity as a modern gift.

The related stamps are two values issued by Canada on March 14, 1975 for the Montréal Olympics. The \$1 value is "The Sprinter" which was created by McKenzie in 1902 and the \$2 value is "The Plunger", a diving swimmer, created in 1925. A commercial promoter developed a set of first day covers for this pair of stamps. They included .999 pure silver replicas of the stamps and are considered one of the first precious metal stamp covers.

A Canadian stamp issued on August 15, 1969 honored the 1969 Canada Games. The first day covers by "Cole Cover" has McKenzie's *Shield of Athletes* in its cachet design, .

In the USA, picture postcards have been exhibited and judged under the rules of the American Philatelic Society since 2004. As a result, collectors might include picture postcards from various locations showing the life size Boy Scout statues. Other

related but more distance collectables could include the USA's Naismith stamp of Nov 6, 1961 and physical fitness stamps.

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Hussey, Christopher *Tait McKenzie: A Sculptor of Youth* 1930

Contains about ninety black & white plates of McKenzie's work.

McGill, Jean S *The Joy of Effort: A Biography of R. Tait McKenzie* 1980

Recommended; detailed study but with almost no reference to scouting. 240 pages

Cosentino, Frank *Almonte's Brothers of the Wind* 1996

About McKenzie and James Naismith paperback 206 pages

Monograph - Story of The McKenzie Statue by Moon, Turner 1963 12 pages

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R._Tait_McKenzie Recommended

<http://www.archives.upenn.edu/faids/upt/upt50/mckenziert.html>

Professor McKenzie's records, consists of forty-one boxes are located at the Archives of the University of Pennsylvania.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~scouters/RTaitMcKenzie.html>

<http://www.mvc.on.ca> pick the link for Mill of Kintail

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/postal-archives> choose Canadian Stamps, than 1975

www.scouters.us/homebsa.html look for McKenzie

Major Collections of McKenzie's works are located at:

Lloyd P Jones Gallery, University Of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 19104 90 items

The Mill of Kintail at the Mississippi Mills Conservation Area, Almont, Ontario 50 items

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia 25 items

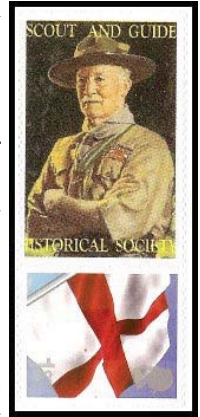
The Joseph B Wolffe Collection, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 74 items

Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven 14 items

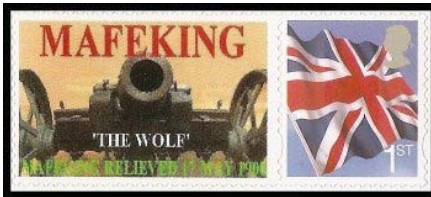
Public Archives of Canada, National Medal Collection 16 items

The Jam Roll Poster Stamps

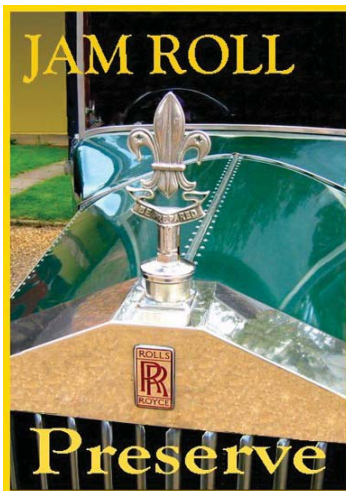
Members will no doubt be aware of a service offered by the Royal Mail under their title of 'Smilers®'. Customers can add a 'stamp' of their own design, separated by perforation, to any of 16 different UK 1st class stamps. The ordering can be done on line, where it is possible to upload a customer's image into a predefined block of space displayed on the screen, which will ultimately become the new poster or 'Smiler' stamp. Obviously before the Smilers® can be printed, somebody has to check that they are 'legal, decent and honest' (my paraphrasing, not the words of the Royal Mail).



The paired stamps are printed out in two blocks of ten on A4 sheets, which have attractive backgrounds. The stamps are 'easy-peel', so one has to exercise some care when removing them from the backing sheet, so as not to separate the 'Smiler' from its partner 1st class stamp. The Smilers® are, in my opinion quite reasonable priced at £14.95 per sheet, about 75 pence per pair. You have to bear in mind however that a first class stamp costs 46 pence, so the 'Smiler' itself is only 29 pence. However, the more sheets ordered the cheaper the stamps become.



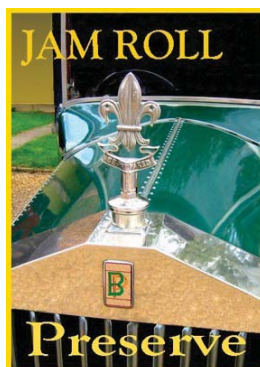
I ordered quite a few sheets with three different designs to promote the Scouting activities and books with which I am associated. I was very pleased indeed with them and used the Jam Roll/Eccles stamp to send out my book, *Jam Roll: B-P The Man and his Motors*, written on behalf of the B-P Jam Roll Ltd Charity, which is preserving the car. It was not that long though before I had used up all my copies of all three Smilers® and so decided to re-order, a process that could be very simple if the Royal Mail Philatelic Bureau who manage the service, stored the information from previous orders - but, unfortunately, I had to start from scratch. I was rather taken aback to receive an email from the Royal Mail that stated that they were unable to proceed with the Jam Roll/Eccles order. No explanation was given. I wrote back and was informed that my design (that remember had previously been produced)



contravened copyright regulations! I explained that the design was taken from the front cover of the my book, and that the car in question was in fact ‘our car’ i.e. owned by Jam Roll B-P Ltd, so in what sense had I infringed any copyright? Royal Mail replied that they were concerned about the RR lettering in red on the Rolls Royce radiator badge which, as you can see from image overleaf with the ‘Smiler’ attached to the Union Flag stamp, the Rolls Royce radiator badge occupies less than 2mm square (The image is greater than life size)

To be honest I felt that we were entering the realms of ‘officialdom gone mad’, but as emails notoriously do not provide for the subtleties of meaning and tone that personal interface can offer, I decided to phone the Edinburgh department of the Royal Mail Philatelic Bureau to speak to the person who had written the emails. I had two conversations with the gentleman who told me that the decision was not his, but a superior in London for whom he was not allowed to provide contact details. I tried explaining, that the RR lettering was in fact changed to black after the death of Henry Royce in 1933 and so red lettering has not been used by the company for nearly 80 years. In any case books, for example, that carry pictures of a privately-owned veteran Rolls Royce cars do not require copyright permission from the current owners of Rolls Royce Ltd. Company logos permeate every part of our culture and so there will, I am sure, have been a whole range personal images used on Smilers® that include a logo. What about pictures of children wearing Nike emblems for example? Again I emphasised that the car was ‘our car’ and asked if other people were to be denied having their car on a ‘Smiler’ because you could see, for example, that it was a Ford? Our conversations, despite my helpful logic, were not at all successful!

I decided to try again. using ‘Photoshop’ (other arts packages are available), at a very high magnification to change the red RR logo to something that clearly had no connection with Rolls Royce – interfering with the historical authenticity of the image I know, but I thought the new B-P logo in Scout colours was both tasteful and appropriate. Now, I thought, there could be no further objection. I was wrong! The design was again disallowed. Once more I asked for clarification, offering to provide further changes to eliminate any objection. I received two



emails, the first which claimed that as I had ‘modified’ the red RR logo, the new 2mm square badge with different letters in different colours was still in violation of copyright rules! I cannot blame you if you are thinking, ‘What altered design in green and yellow?’ At the actual size of the poster stamp you may not see the beauty of my design, but clearly it is not a Rolls Royce registered logo! As is screamingly obvious the focal point of the picture is the Scout Fleur de Lys! Clearly this nonsense was reconsidered, because shortly afterwards I received a second email that stated that the reason my design had not been approved was, that it was thought that I am ‘trading on the back of Rolls Royce’! Well, in the light of such a well-considered put down, and the fact that I have been very busy with Vol. II of *Scouting Collectables* and holidays, I have not returned to the fray until now. I shall though send copies of this article to those in authority at the Royal Mail. Hopefully there might be an outbreak of common sense before I have to go through the lengthy official complaints procedure, which could result in the involvement of an independent ‘Ombudsman’. I will keep you informed.

One thing however is quite clear. Those people who ordered the *Jam Roll* book by post and received it with the appropriate Smilers® on the package now have a rarity. Whatever the outcome of my ongoing dispute, the original Jam Roll/Eccles ‘Smiler’ design will remain on the album pages of the fortunate few and club members will have these pages to serve as a reminder of this whole sorry ‘jobsworth’ saga.

‘B-P’s’ signatures

I have spent a considerable time over the last ten years transcribing B-P’s diaries from both the microfiche copies we have at Scout Headquarters, and the originals in the Boy Scouts of America Archives in Dallas Texas. The *B-P Chronology*, as I call the resulting database, is now around 80% complete covering, on a day-to-day basis, B-P’s diaries from 1899 to 1941, - plus earlier ‘journals’ and an enormous quantity of letters. The database can ‘interrogated’ using single word search to provide accurate confirmation of the people B-P met and places he visited. Such close proximity to B-P’s work has given me some familiarity with his handwriting, such that I am asked by various bodies to transcribe any puzzling passages.

I am corresponding with the Japanese Scout Association who are, as I understand it, publishing a book for their centennial using B-P’s letters etc in the BSA archive as a factual basis. I have had to transcribe some of the more difficult passages from the original drafts and explain that they would have been typed up into a ‘proper’

letter by his Secretary of 27 years standing, Eileen Wade who was authorised to add her own 'facsimile' of B-P's signature to the letters she typed for him, unless of course he wanted to sign them himself. The word 'sig' at the conclusion of the draft letters was an indication that B-P wanted her to sign the letter.

Mrs Wades 'replicas' usually just have the name 'Baden-Powell' rather than a full signature, but they are so good that most people cannot tell the difference. They are in very good company! Our former Chairman John Ineson visited Eileen Wade many years ago and she kindly demonstrated her skill in reproducing 'B-P's' signature, using a ball-point (biro) and felt tipped pens (so they could be never sold as originals, as B-P never used these modern inventions.) Some time later John was able to show these signatures to Betty Clay, Baden-Powell's daughter. She too could not tell the difference and was concerned as to what might happen to them in the distant future. She asked John to destroy them, which, of course, he did. In one respect this is something of a pity, as we no longer have a definitive proven example of an Eileen Wade 'B-P' signature. I am certain however that the example below is one such.

Another perhaps more obvious 'facsimile' of Baden-Powell's signature which, I am sorry to say, is quite often described in eBay auctions etc. as being original, is the rubber stamp version made to relieve the tedium that would have had to be endured had B-P actually signed the thousands of warrants etc authorised at Scout Headquarters. I am sure there were later rubber stamps as such things soon become worn. I know of at least one other which carries the words 'Baden-Powell of Gilwell'.

A future project is to provide a series of dated examples of B-P's signature that I might link to appropriate portraits and photographs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Baden Powell". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final "y".

Eileen Wade signature

A rubber stamp impression of a signature in brown ink. The signature reads "Robert Baden-Powell" in a cursive style. Below the signature, the words "Chief Scout." are stamped in a smaller, red, serif font.

Example of rubber stamp from 1918

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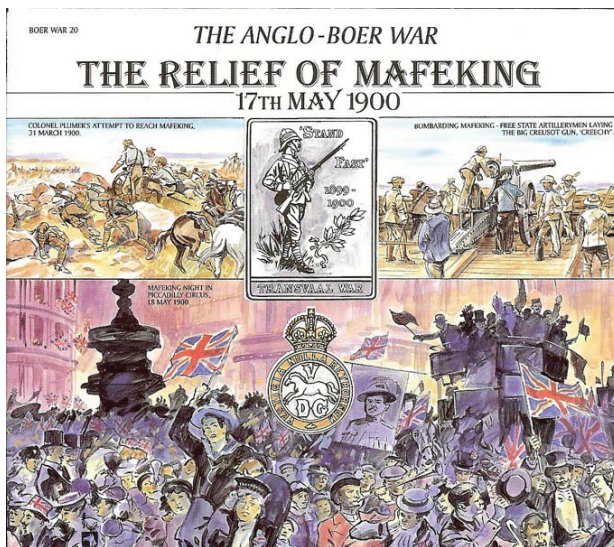
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