

Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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Have a really great time if you are lucky enough to be going.

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Editorial

Welcome to 2011 - a World Jamboree Year - and it really doesn't seem like four years since we were running our base, alongside the International Badgers Club, here in Chelmsford. I wish all those who are attending an enjoyable time and an experience which will last them a lifetime.

I am pleased to inform you that our member Hallvard Slettebø served successfully as Apprentice Juror at the FIP world stamp exhibition Portugal 2010, and has now received accreditation as FIP Juror for Thematic Philately. I am sure that you will all join with me in congratulating him on this success.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see a formal announcement of the Annual General Meeting which is being held earlier this year in the hope that it will encourage and enable more members to attend. As last year the Meeting will be held at the Scout Docklands Project aboard the H.Q. Training Ship, the MV Lord Amory, commencing at 14.00. The site is within easy walking distance of stops on the Docklands Light Railway and there is a local area map on the back page showing directions.

I hope that you all enjoy this issue and the good news is that I still have some articles in hand, including the final part of Peter Duck's Handstamps. However, not to be complacent, I would welcome some more so that the Bulletin can have a balance of subjects and I can have a choice in filling the spaces.

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

March 12th, May 14th and July 9th.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

26th February 2011 at Philatex

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

9th April 2011 Lord Amory, H.Q. Training Ship, Docklands.

12.00 - Committee Meeting.

14.00 - Annual General Meeting.

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.

On new year's day, along with 10,000 others, I took part in London's "New Year's Parade" that included many Scouts, Guides and marching bands - nearly 30 of them from the U.S.A. Scout bands in Britain are seen at many public and Scouting events and have a long history from the earliest days of the Movement. Many early postcards show them leading parades celebrating major national events, to carnivals, funerals and St. George's Day parades. In Scotland kilted pipe bands are seen and also in other lands, such as Palestine.

Before the days of minibuses, when Scouts marched much more, many Groups had their own band or, at least, a small number of drummers and buglers to set the marching pace. Many stamps picture Scout bands, including a band of 1912 reproduced on the 1972, 25c stamp from Barbados. A 1942 Bulgarian stamp from their "work and joy" set shows a Scout band playing by a tent. A 1969 3D Qatar stamp shows a Scout drum band leading a parade and later 1982 stamps from Anguilla, Barbados, St Helena and Uganda all depict Scout bands. Old postcards showing formal groups of Scouts usually include their instruments and these can sometimes be a useful clue to identify them as their name was usually painted on the base drum.

I look forward to seeing members at "Philatex" on February 26th where there will be talks and displays of unusual material and an opportunity to add to your collections too.



THE BIRMINGHAM BOY SCOUTS PIPERS, with their President and Instructor.

Holloway, Photo. Handson

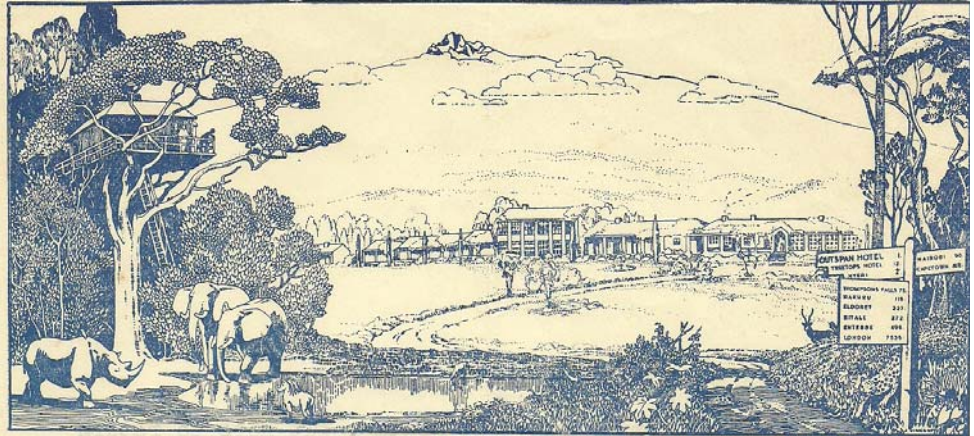
Like the Stock Exchange, stamps can also go up or come down in value, and this applies to a half sheet of six mint Mafeking Cyclist stamps, that were sold in December last year by Spink's of London. In my notes of July/August 2008, I mentioned that this same half sheet was up for sale at the same auction house in London when it made £16,000 (at that time US\$ 31520, Euro €20000) against an estimate of £2-3000. As I wrote at the time, these stamps came from the Royal Collection which personally belongs to the Queen. The decision had been taken that duplicated material should occasionally be sold and the proceeds used to purchase other items for the collection. As there was already a proof sheet of twelve of the 1d cyclist stamps as issued in the collection, it was not considered necessary to keep the half sheet. This time the estimate was £15-18,000 but the final hammer price was £12,000 (US\$ 18962 € 14297), a loss of £4000 in two years!

Much has been written in the philatelic press during the last few years concerning the number of new issues appearing on the market. In the February issue of *Stamp Collecting*, there is an interesting letter written by Nick Salter regarding Royal Mail sales figures. Although they are not happy to release the number of stamps printed, under the Freedom



of Information Act, details are now available. He mentions that over 160 million 2nd class Christmas stamps were issued in 2007, while the shortest print runs that year was for the Scouting Centenary set. A total of 2,500,000 each of the 46p, 54p, 69p and 78p values were issued, while the 1st class stamp in that set amounted to 6,025,000 stamps. Times have changed as in 1957; the 2½ value of the Scout World Jamboree issue sold over 137,000,000 copies. It would appear that Royal Mail adjusts its anticipated needs depending on the likely popularity of the subject matter, as the 1st class Harry Potter stamps issued a few days before the Scout Centenary set, had a print run of 20,832,000 stamps.

There is not much Philatelic news to report this time so I thought readers may be interested in a batch of letters that I have recently purchased in auction. They have all been written by Lady Baden-Powell between 1938 - 40 with some of them on "The Outspan Hotel, Nyeri, Kenya" notepaper where they stayed (except for one last visit to the UK in 1938) until their new bungalow Paxtu was built. Shown on the letter heading is also Tree Tops where our present Queen Elizabeth went up as



Princess and came down as a Queen in 1952. The Baden- Powell’s bungalow Paxtu is shown on the far left of the buildings. Writing to “Jumbo” (I do not know who he was) on 8th January 1938, she reports that “Now that the Chief has got a nasty – a VERY nasty - go of lumbago coming down the last month, and it turned into a chill-cum-couch, cum bronchitis, and now he has rather a ‘tired heart’ as a result of it all”. On 17th March she wrote “We sail for England again next month, but hope to return here again in October. In fact to make sure of coming back, we are arranging to have a bungalow built for us in this delightful place”. By December 18th 1938 Lady Baden-Powell writes "You will be glad to hear that the Chief is VERY well indeed, and we are thrilled to be back in Africa again. He is never idle, and is busy writing and painting. He is fishing a bit too and loves going off to see big game near here”. Nearly a year later on November 27 1939 she writes "We are so happy here and adore Kenya more than ever. The Chief is well and very busy painting some grand water colour pictures of big game (which are now in the Gilwell Park dining room). Another batch of letters were sent to Dr Pierskowski who treated B-P at Paxtu and who prescribed him some ointment so that on September 10th 1939 Lady B-P wrote “I just CANNOT describe to you what a relief it is that you have prescribed this curative stuff for him, and we can NEVER thank you enough for your helpfulness”. Ten days later she wrote “The liniment always soothes it, and so, though he is a little impatient that is not altogether completely cured, he realises the itchiness IS able to be able to be kept in check. In November 1940, Dr Pierskowski was staying at the Outspan Hotel when he was called to inject B-P with a respiratory stimulant, as his health was gradually deteriorating. He agreed to stay on at the Outspan Hotel and secured the services of two nurses from Nyeri military hospital, who stayed with him until B-P died on 8th January 1941.

A FEW COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT PETER DUCK

Another fine Bulletin with interesting articles, thanks to Terry for putting it all together. The Christmas postcards on front and back covers are fun, but I found the verses rather odd!

Firstly, to Melvyn's notes regarding the Duke of Connaught (please note – spelt with an A in the middle, not an O). Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught & Strathearn 1883 – 1938 was a grandson of Queen Victoria. The publication SCOUT PERSONALITIES ON STAMPS (1973) by the late Stanley Hunter reports that he was Chief Scout of Canada 1911-13 and President of the Boy Scouts Association 1913-38. But I believe that the Duke shown on the stamp is the father of Prince Arthur who was Governor-General of Canada 1911-16.

Perhaps a little more research is needed?

With regard to Jean Charcot (1867-1936), he came to prominence as far as Scout philately is concerned when the stamp depicting him was issued on 25 March 1938 with surcharge for “Shipwrecked Mariners' Society”. A souvenir postcard of similar design to the stamp was produced by Les Eclaireurs de France of whom he was President from 1911 to 1921. The “Plein Jeu” event for which a special postmark was issued in Paris on 26 June 1938 produced many souvenir items of which many carried the Charcot stamp.

A similar stamp, uprated from 65+35c to 90+35c was issued on 26 June 1939, but I have never seen this on any Scout-related philatelic item. Also depicted on a stamp issued by France in 1953 was Marechal Hubert Lyautey (1854-1934) President of the Scouts de France from 1928-34.

John Ineson's Jottings mentioned the 1957 Jubilee Jamboree overprinted stamps of Kuwait which were never issued. I believe that the three sets of issued stamps were inter-changeable between the territories as they were all priced in Naye Paise currency (introduced in India in 1957 and the accepted currency in Bahrain, Muscat and Qatar).

I have two covers with Bahrain overprinted stamps used in Kuwait, one cover with Muscat stamps and another with Qatar stamps used in Bahrain. All are on commercially used envelopes and were posted in August, November and December 1957. The price in Harmer's sale quoted by John seems to be quite extortionate at £250 each – I almost feel happy that they did not sell!

When Great Britain changed to decimal currency in 1971, the old £.s.d. stamps were valid for one year, one shilling being equal to five new pence. A special postmark was used at Windsor for the last day of their validity on 29 February 1972. As an experiment, I sent myself three covers using the 1957 Jubilee Jamboree stamps plus the overprinted stamps of Bahrain, Muscat and Qatar. All were

accepted and postmarked accordingly, possibly the postal clerk mistook the NP for Naye Paise as "New Pence"!

In respect of Fred Maarsen's query on the earliest known Scout handstamp used on a philatelic item, I can report one from 1912. This was used in Lund, Sweden and reads: SCOUT-BASAREN I LUND 19 och 20 APRIL 1912, which is presumably for a Scout fund-raising Bazaar.

The earliest postmark used was from Czechoslovakia for the Scout Post in Prague 1918. But this had only local use for deliveries within the city by Scouts. Philippe van Hille in his Catalogue of Scout and Guide Cancellations published in 1982, reports a postmark from India INDIAN SCOUT VILLAGE * S.I.B.S.A. * with Scout badge and date(?) PEH 18 1921. Presumably S.I.B.S.A. means South India Boy Scout Association, but it is unclear whether this is a proper postmark as it shows no Post Town.

Otherwise, I have always regarded the first postmark from a Scout event as being from the 1st National Camp of Swiss Scouts, Berne 1925.

Finally, I must take Colin Walker to task – he must have had a "Senior Moment" on page 21 when he reported B-P and Olave's birthdays as being October 22nd!

OTHER REPLIES TO MELVYN'S "PERSONALITIES" QUESTION

1. FROM GOTTFRIED STEINMANN

I am reading your Chairman's Notes (54/6) with great interest, but can not agree with your point of view.

This stamp of the Duke of Connought does not show any necessary sign of Scouting, which actually should be the criteria for declaring a stamp as a scoutstamp.

Nevertheless this stamp is most suitable to be put into a historical display or collection, in which you intend to tell a story like "History of Scouting" or "English Scouting history", or even "1929 World Jamboree".

Personally I am writing on a series "Galery of wellknown Scouts" for the Arge Magazine "Scoutpost" (in German), within this I intend to use your informations about the Duke of Connought in one of the next issues, if only you can provide me with a good image of this stamp, or even better, if you could send me a spare sample of this stamp. (for payment). Of course, I would mention you as the source of information.

Have a nice New Year,

Yours in Scouting

2. FROM T.P. McDERMOTT

Yes it would be a nice collecting group to study to workup and study. The Canadians had several people that are related, A women for guiding, a mounties, and several Queen's Representatives. One Canadian/American is a scalpher that designed the

statue that BSA used a gifts. His statue was used at the 1930s Headquarters of the Philadelphia Scout Council. The stamps were issued about the time of the Montreal Olympia. (Sorry I don't have any info with me right now nor a dictionary.) One of these days I'll write up the C/A for you. Turkey also has a stamp for a leader per an old SOSSI journal. Sorry for the misspellings!

MELVYN ADDS

I would add the comment that whilst I agree that from many countries there are stamps picturing people with a passing scouting or guiding connection that are worthy of a study within a specialist exhibit they are not generally considered to be scout or guide issues as such.....

..... AND ON HANDSTAMPS - FROM JOHN INESON

A request was made in the last SGSC Bulletin by Fred Maarsen regarding the earliest known Scout Handstamp. My earliest was posted on 11th March 1914 and was applied by the 3rd Altringham B.P. Boy Scouts. Scan below.



..... AND ON B-P'S BIRTHDAY - FROM MIKE HARRINGTON

Just been reading the last bulletin and noticed on page 21 that BP and Olave's birthday is now in October instead of Feb?????

PASSWORD

We will be changing the name and password of part of our website from 1st March. This is to protect names and addresses of our members, and from this date until next year you will need to enter: -

User name **jamboree** and Password **holland** (no capitals)

SALES SERVICE

The following items are available. Orders to Peter J.Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW..Payment with order please: cheques payable to P.J.Duck, USA \$ bills or EURO notes accepted at current rates. Postage extra – Inland 50p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas 90p for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.35.

TAIWAN SCOUT COVERS WITH CACHETS & POSTMARKS:

TWN1 4 th Provincial Jamboree 1961	1.00
TWN2 Northern & Middle Regions Jamboree 1963	1.00
TWN3 Girl Scout Jamboree 1963	1.00
TWN4 Southern Region Provincial Jamboree 1963	1.00
TWN5 Taichung Regional Camporee 1963	1.00
TWN6 Provincial Jamboree 1964	1.00
TWN7 6 th Provincial Jamboree 1967	1.00
TWN8 Girl Scouts 2 nd Provincial Jamboree 1968	1.00
TWN9 4 th National Jamboree 1970 - Boy Scouts postmark	1,00
TWN10 4 th National Jamboree 1970 - Girl Scouts postmark	1.00
TWN11 5 th National Jamboree 2 stamps in presentation folder with postmarks on front	1.25

ROMANIA 1930's ISSUES MOUNTED MINT AT 20% of CATALOGUE VALUE:

ROM31 National Boy Scouts' Exhibition 1931 (5)	5.70
ROM32 National Jamboree Sibiu 1932 (6)	10.95
ROM34 National Jamboree Mamaia 1934 (6)	10.45
ROM35 5 th Anniversary of Accession of King Carol (5)	6.95
ROM36 National Jamboree Brasov 1936 (3)	2.90

BOOKLET KOR91B KOREA 1991 17th World Jamboree booklet of 4 + postmarked stamp on face

STAMPS	MINT	USED
NEV07 NEVIS 2007 21 st World Jamboree 4 in sheetlet	5.70	-
NEV07S NEVIS 2007 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.45	-
BEQ07 BEQUIA St.VINCENT 2007 Centenary of World Scouting 3 in sheetlet	5.70	-
BEQ07S BEQUIA St.VINCENT 2007 Centenary of Scouting MS	2.90	-
LN07 LIECHTENSTEIN 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (1)	1.20	1.20
SWE07 SWEDEN 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa 4 in booklet	2.60	-
GRE07 GREENLAND 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (2)	2.55	-
DOM07S DOMINICA 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.45	-
GRN07 GRENADA 2007 Centenary of Scouting 4 in sheetlet	5.70	5.70
GRN07S GRENADA 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.90	-
MAV07 MALDIVES 2007 Centenary of Scouting 3 in sheetlet	4.55	-
MAV07S MALDIVES 2007 Centenary of Scouting MS	2.55	-
MIC07 MICRONESIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	2.90	2.90
MIC07S MICRONESIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree MS	1.95	-
PAL07 PALAU 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	3.45	-
PAL07S PALAU 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.30	-
SRL07 SIERRA LEONE 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree 4 in sheetlet	5.10	-
SRL07S SIERRA LEONE 207 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.65	-
LIB07 LIBERIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree 4 in sheetlet	6.20	6.20
LIB07S LIBERIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree MS	4.70	-
GUY07 GUYANA 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st world Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	3.40	3.40
GUY07S GUYANA 2007 Centenary of Scouting & 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.85	-
ISR07 ISRAEL 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (1)	0.50	0.50
BOS07 BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (2)	4.90	4.90
BOS07S BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa MS	4.90	-
CYP07 CYPRUS 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (2)	1.35	1.35
FRA07 FRANCE 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (1)	0.65	0.50

Salisbury & South Wiltshire Christmas Post

by John Wyeth

The post has now been running since 1994 and covers much of southeast Wiltshire and incorporates two Districts – Salisbury & South Wiltshire and Salisbury Plain.

Originally the cost of a stamp was 12p but this increased to 15p and last year to 20p.

Most Groups in the Districts support the Post together with some elements of Girlguiding UK. The stamp designs are chosen by competition following submissions when a new printing is required.

Stamps are sold via Groups who get a proportion of the cost of the stamp. Deliveries are also via Groups who get a proportion of the 20p for each card delivered.

Sorting of the cards to delivery areas are done during two evenings and a Saturday morning following the last day of posting which is chosen to give about two weeks for delivery prior to 25th December.

Although not the biggest Scout Post by far over 560,000 items have been delivered which has resulted in an income of over £90,000.



NEW ISSUES

Ifsco Class	Ref	Country and Event	mint			FDC
			set	m/s	sheet	
Previous Items						
A 619	Kosovo	100th Anniversary of Scouting (issued 2007 !!)	-	4.45	-	-
A 739	USA	100th Anniversary of American Scouting	-	-	-	6.55
A 740	Cook Is,	ANZAC Day, 75th Anny of BP Visiting	-	-	-	9.35 (2)
New Items						
A 751	Antigua & Barbuda	100th Anny American Scouting 2 sh x 4 vals	-	-	16.25	-
A 752	St Kitts	100th Anny American Scouting 2 sh x 4 vals	-	-	16.25	-
A 753	Canada	100th Anniversary of Girl Guides (only in booklet form)	5.75	-	-	1.45
A 754	Oman	Scout 75th and 100th Anny of World Scouting 1 val	1.65	-	-	-
A 755	Barbados	100th Anniversary of G.G. set x 4 vals + m/s	2.40	2.00	-	-
A 757	Australia	100th Anniversary of G.G. 3 vals + 3 vals self adhve.	8.80	-	-	5.65 (2)
A 757a	Australia	100th Anniversary of G.G. (COIN COVER)	-	-	-	15.30
A 757b	Australia	100th Anniversary of G.G. (MAXIMUM CARD SET)	-	-	-	6.70
A 757c	Australia	100th Anniversary of G.G. (POSTAL STATIONERY COVER)	-	-	-	0.75
A 757d	Australia	100th Anniversary of G.G. (BOOKLETS X 3)	-	-	10.25	-
A 758	Gibraltar	100th Anniversary of G.G. Set x 4 vals	5.20	-	-	5.25
A 759	Guernsey	70th Anny Wartime Evac. 1 of 6 with Scout helping	0.55	-	-	6.40
A 760	Tuvalu	100th Anny of American Scouting 2 sheets x 4 vals	-	-	17.80	-
A 761	Mexico	Mexican Scouting x 1 val	1.50	-	-	-
Perforated						
C 762	Rep of Togo	100th Anny of American Scouting 1 sh x 4 vals + m/s	-	6.85	6.85	-
C 763	Rep of Guinea	World Youth Day, Pope & Scouts sh X 6 vals + m/s	-	5.20	6.25	-
C 764	Sao Tome	100th Anny of G.G. Juliette Low sh x 4 vals + m/s	-	9.55	10.25	-
Imperforated						
C 762	Rep of Togo	100th Anny of American Scouting 1 sh x 4 vals + m/s	-	18.60	18.60	-
C 763	Rep of Guinea	World Youth Day, Pope & Scouts sh X 6 vals + m/s	-	18.60	18.60	-
C 764	Sao Tome	100th Anny of G.G. Juliette Low sh x 4 vals + m/s	-	21.85	21.85	-

All available from Bob Lee 57 Church Rise, Chessington, Surrey, UK KT9 2HA
 Please add £1.00 postage UK , £1.75 Europe, £2.25 rest of the world.

Was there ever such a thing as just an ordinary postage Stamp?asks Peter Shore

Browsing through my collection of tatty copies of “**The War Illustrated**” – dated Oct 21st 1939, I by chance came across a gem of an article highlighting a stamp.

It briefly explained that at the beginning of World War II many people living in Britain had relatives and friends living in Germany and were naturally worried particularly about their welfare as mail was to say the least, somewhat erratic.

‘A British family were relieved to receive from their beloved daughter a post card with the usual exhortations “ *not to worry, all fine here, no problems, eating well..... lots of love etc*” and signing off with the PS “tell Sidney to remember to carefully save the stamp for his collection”.

The recipients were relieved to get the re-assuring card, but mystified about the message, for their lad Sidney did not collect stamps! So carefully the stamp was steamed off to reveal a terse message “**We are starving**”! and who says stamps don’t tell a story with or without the dreaded overtones of censorship?

Some New Issues Illustrations



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22nd Australian Jamboree was held at Cataract Scout Park, Appin, New South Wales. 4 - 14th January, 2010 with the Post Office open on 15th January, 2010. Attended by 11,000 Scouts from various nations.



Online merchandise Email address

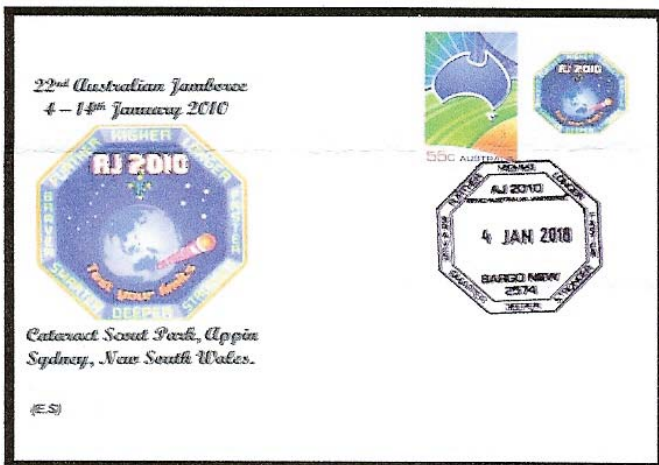


Personalised stamps (120)



Jamboree badge 90 x 90 mm

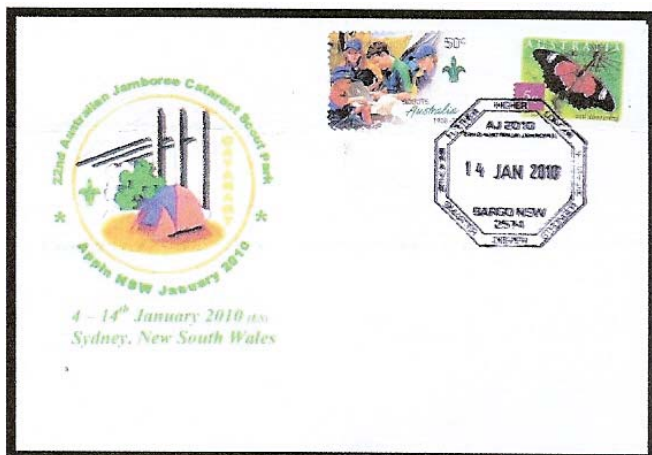
First Day
4th January 2010
(70)



*Cateract Scout Park, Appin
Sydney, New South Wales.*

(E.S.)

Last Day of Camp
14th January 2010
(70)



*4 - 14th January 2010 (NSW)
Sydney, New South Wales*

10 Covers signed by Chief
Camp Director dated 2 JAN
2010, two days before the
Jamboree started.



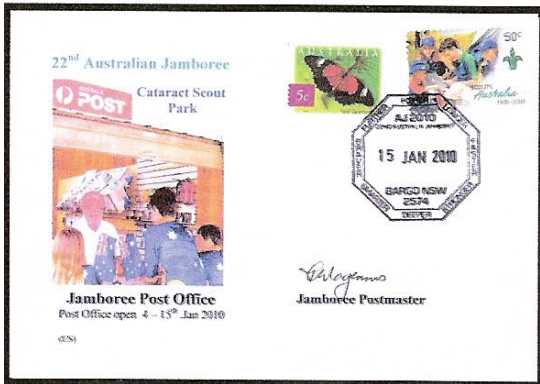
*Cateract Scout Park, Appin
Sydney, New South Wales.*

(E.S.)

*Bob Baker, Chief Director
22nd Australian Jamboree*

It was very difficult to get good
examples of the date stamp
size 39mm.

Jamboree Post Office, with Postmaster. Text added to photograph.



Post Office closed 15th January 2010 (70). 10 only signed by the Jamboree Postmaster.

Pre-Jamboree publicity Decal 40 x 40 mm. Jamboree publicity distributed at the 21st Jamboree to publicise the 22nd Jamboree AJ2010.



Victorian Contingent Decal

The South Australian Contingent had an elongated printed letter card thick the squares type, e.g. “I am having an great time/awesome fun” etc. Size 210 x 100 mm. Sold for 50c - 3,000 produced.



A sample of 5 Prepaid Post Cards of surplus stock overprinted by Australia Post in Gold lettering “Greetings from the 22nd Scouts Jamboree” also included a copy of the hand canceller in gold.

There was an initial first overprint of 3,000 cards, these sold out by the Jamboree Post Office by the close of business on 11th January 2010. A further 1,000 were printed to cover mail orders. Advertised in the Philatelic Bulletin at \$1.50, sold in the camp Post Office and mail orders for \$2.00.



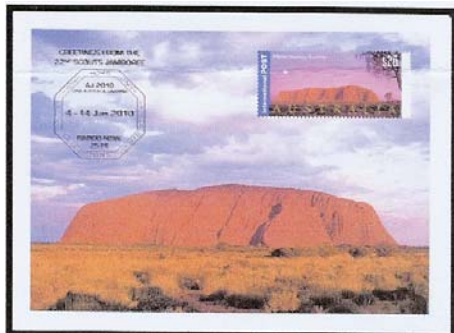
International Greetings 1st September 1999.



Nature & Nation 11th May 2000



Nature & Nation 11th May 2000



International stamps 12th July 2001

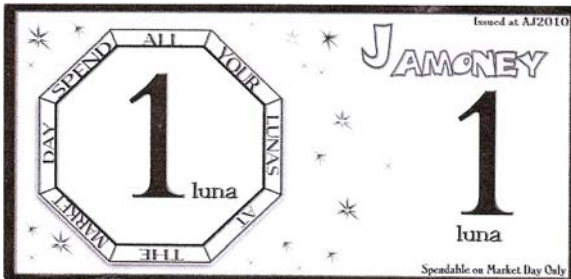


Bush Wildlife 7th June 2005



Bush Wildlife Double overprint

Jamboree Money



“JAMONEY” Suitable on Market day only Issued at AJ2010

On to the next Jamboree AJ2013 Marlborough, Queensland.



AJ2013 website



Decal 90 mm

Mafeking Postal History, - A personal perspective. Part 1.

Mafeking Seige Stamps have always been valuable, so much so that the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue for 1902 warns collectors to be on their guard against the forgeries that were being brought home by soldiers returning from Cape Colony. If the stamps are rare, mail posted in Mafeking, either for 'internal' delivery or to be run though the Boer lines by native runner at night are, of course, even rarer.

My own collection started in the year 2000 when, on retirement from my 'day job', I decided I would like to collect Mafeking and Scout related items. I read the SOSSI (Scouts on Stamps Society International) web pages that warned against forgeries and indicated how hard they are to detect, so I looked through the list of officers of the Society to see whom I might contact for advice. The only English sounding name amongst them was our former Chairman, John Ineson. I contacted him and asked if he knew of an honest and reliable dealer specialising in these issues. This was the start of our long friendship that has taken us to Mafeking and many Scouting philatelic events.

With John's support, as a very late starter, I have been able to form a Mafeking Collection that I use in my talks and writing. The first objective was to collect all 19 Mafeking issues, the 16 overprinted stamps and the 3 'blues' produced by ferro-prussiate process in Mafeking. I doubt that without John's help that I would ever have found SG 15, the 6d purple/red British Bechuanaland surcharged 1s., as was there only one sheet of 240 stamps available to overprint and surcharge in the Mafeking post office.

Advised by John, I decided to concentrate on used stamps, the dated Mafeking postmark being part of the attraction. This of course is all the clearer if the stamp can be obtained 'on piece'. Having all the stamps on piece rather than having some on and some off, helps considerably in their presentation on the album page, so I was doubly fortunate that my SG 15 was also 'on piece'. How many of the 240 issued can there be 'on piece' given that some are mint, some on cover, some 'lost', but most, I suspect, 'off piece'.

Very selective buying extended my collection with a few additional rare items, including a pair of the smaller Baden-Powell blue stamps with selvedge top and side edges, coming from the famed Maxwell Joseph Collection. This was illustrated in the auction catalogue that was produced when that collection was originally sold. Fortunately as I bought them from a local stamp dealer the price was considerably cheaper than the auction purchaser paid.

It was not long before my collecting ambitions led into the exotic and potentially expensive world of Mafeking Siege Mail. Though in my youth I was a member of an adult philatelic society, my approach today is not that of most serious collectors. I collect Mafeking artefacts and am particularly interested in the ‘doings’ of the 1800+ garrison and townfolk, as demonstrated in my book, *‘The Mafeking Seige Register’*. Covers, with their combination of name, address and postmark give a reasonable accurate timed location check for the addressee shown on the envelope. Obviously, for my purposes, it would be even more interesting to find the contents of the envelope, particularly where the sender had made reference to what was happening in the town at the time. Pure philatelists however seem to have little interest in what was once inside their valuable ‘covers’ and perhaps for that reason, covers are rarely now found with their contents intact.

I was fortunate in being able to purchase a letter, unfortunately without its cover, sent by Major Panzera on March 10th 1900, back home to his wife in England. Panzera, who was Baden-Powell’s artillery officer, describes finding the ‘Lord Nelson’, an 18th century old ship’s cannon, in use as a gatepost, on a farm in Mafeking and also the making of the ‘The Wolf’ howitzer, under his direction in the Railway Workshops. These two weapons had a far greater range than the four obsolete seven pound field cannon that was all the British previously had to repel the Boers. (These and all other British Arms used in the siege together with the Boers’ ‘Long Tom’ are fully documented in my book *‘Mafeking’s Artillery’*). For me, the Panzera letter is pure treasure, but in the absence of a cover and therefore a stamp, its price was again ‘affordable’.

From the same auction sale I was able to fulfil one of my collecting ambitions, a cover actually run through the Boer lines. The first of the Mafeking overprints were issued on March 23rd 1900 only a couple of months before the end of the 217-day siege. Clearly however, mail was sent out of Mafeking before then. Col Vyvyan, Base Commandant of Mafeking, for example sent regular letters home from the start of the Siege to his wife in London. She quite naturally kept them together, and in pencil on the front of the cover numbered them in sequence ‘Siege 1’, ‘Siege 2’ etc. One such, illustrated in the definitive twin volumes on the Siege, *‘The Siege of Mafeking’*, published by the Brentnall Press, has a stamp affixed – a normal One Penny Cape of Good Hope issue, postmarked 16th January 1900 (predating the Mafeking Issues), because this was the cost of mail home from any part of the British Empire if sent by members of the armed forces ‘On Her Majesty’s Service’. My own example, numbered 10 by Mrs Vyvyan, would be referred to by philatelists as a ‘Stampless Cover’.

As the cover has no censor mark or Mafeking postmark it will have left the town with official dispatches sent out by Baden-Powell. It travelled via the Northern

route, the large black T strike being applied in Bulawayo. This denoted that tax had still to be paid (as it was without a stamp), however on arrival in England it received the 'FB' strike showing that the mail had arrived via the Foreign Branch' and a red 'Paid' strike warning Post Office officials that no further charges or 'Postage Dues' should be applied. In my limited experience, Mafeking 'Stampless Covers' are far rarer than their normal stamped counterparts, but because philatelists naturally prefer covers to have stamps, this item was also 'affordable'.

The three blue stamps, manufactured in Mafeking were produced to conserve stocks of the overprinted stamps for external mails only. (One of the blue stamps, issued April 7th 1900 depicts Sgt Major Warner Goodyear of the Mafeking Cadet Corps who Baden-Powell in, Camp Fire Yarn No 1 of Scouting for Boys January 1908 described as being one of his 'Mafeking Boy Scouts'. The other two were different size stamps showing B-Ps head and shoulders.)

There was then a short period of time (two weeks) before the 'blues' were issued when overprinted stamps could be used for both internal and external mails. The cover, illustrated, is addressed to Walter Moore who was the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, one of the three hotels in Mafeking. The date of the postmark nicely fits the 'window' after the introduction of the overprinted stamps, but before the blue stamps were issued. However, rules were meant to be broken, and an internal cover in my collection sent to Corporal Gilbert in the BSAP Fort has overprinted stamps to the face value of 2 shillings when one 3 pence stamp would have sufficed. So what was going on? The cover is postmarked April 3rd 1900. At that point the lifting of the siege was widely forecast and the citizens and garrison of Mafeking were well aware that their stamps were creating an international sensation amongst collectors worldwide. This and many other covers (often called 'Philatelic Mail') were then 'manufactured', often bearing a range of unnecessary stamps. They were made to appeal to collectors, a piece of speculative investment sent by individuals to themselves, in the accurately predicted hope of being able to sell the item at a handsome profit after the Relief.

My most recent acquisition is I think a very interesting item, a cover sent out of Mafeking still with its original letter. It was written by Vere Stent, the senior War Correspondent in Mafeking to publisher EE Speight in London, in the hope of placing his book on the siege, which he claimed to have already completed.

The letter was dated April 9th and carries the chocolate and green overprinted stamp surcharged, 1s, which was the correct rate for sending mail up to ½ oz via the Northern Route' i.e. via Crocodile Pools and Bulawayo. (The Southern Route was only half that price.) Stent wrote that his book would contain, *racy stories of my own adventures, character sketches of different officers commanding*



the defence, candid criticism, and other interesting matter. Stent did not succeed in selling his book to Speight (or to anybody else for that matter), perhaps because the letter, sent from Mafeking on April 9th 1900, did not arrive in England until May 25th, a week after the Relief. By that time other accounts of the Siege were in production and the publishers probably thought Stent's book had missed the crest of the wave as far as 'Maffickania' was concerned.

I have seen internal mail addressed to Baden-Powell and external mail sent home by him. (Some of the world's leading Mafeking collectors exhibit at 'Euroscout' held every two years – and the Royal Mafeking collection is also publicly displayed in various locations from time to time, there are also items in the B-P's Mafeking 'scrapbooks' held in the UK Scout Archives). I never supposed that I would ever acquire items of such stature. To be truthful, I still do not have any covers exactly matching the above description. What I do have however is a B-P Mafeking postal history item of even greater interest! The item is a typed letter dated 27th January 1900 hand signed RSS Baden Powell Colonel, Commanding Office to the Boer Commandant, General Snyman, "near Mafeking".

The letter starts, *Sir, with reference to the deliberate shelling of the Women's Laager yesterday, I get to inform you that I now had the Dutch Prisoners and Informers lodged in a temporary prison there, so that any further shelling in that direction will probably kill your friends and you may hold yourself responsible for their deaths.*

Baden-Powell then informs Snyman that he has enclosed a list of women and children of Dutch extraction that his shells have so far killed or wounded. Amazingly the list, compiled and signed by Lord Edward Cecil, Baden-Powell's Chief Staff Officer and fourth son of the then Prime Minister Lord Palmerston, is still with the letter. It list makes chilling reading, of the eight named children, four described as being 'infant' are listed as 'killed' with the dates of their deaths. A Mrs Graham, aged 20, of Boer Extraction, is also listed as having died in hospital of wounds received in November. Mrs Sophie Graham was in hospital, recovering from a bullet wound when the hospital was shelled, she was a widow and left three children.

Philatelists may argue as to whether this and some of the other items I have described are in fact Postal History. To me that is almost irrelevant – they are simply part of an enthralling history, that ensured the fame of the man who became the Founder of the World Scout Movement.

Letter from Member, John Roberts

I always enjoy reading the SGSC magazine and thought readers may be interested in the following item about the price of a scout card!

On reading the excellent December issue of *Picture Postcard Monthly* I was interested to read on page 42 (Auctions) about the price paid (£206 on EBAY) for the Boy Scout 'The Bear' in the Tuck Animal series.

I could not believe the price paid for this card. To put the price into perspective a similar card in the same series 'The Owl' went for £77 in early December.

The postcards are hard to obtain as they do not appear very often. I believe there are six cards in the set and they were issued by Raphael Tuck in about 1909 -- only two years after the Boy Scouts started.

Are there similar cards in other scout or guide categories which have vast differences in the prices? (I suppose the obvious example would be cards with a 'Titanic theme'.)

Editor's Comments - I was well aware of this particular auction as "The Bear" is the only one of the postcards that I actually need - and I was the under bidder!

I would welcome comments from other members on John's questions and if anybody has any samples of specific cards or series that they can supply as electronic copies then perhaps we could run a small series on this particular subject.

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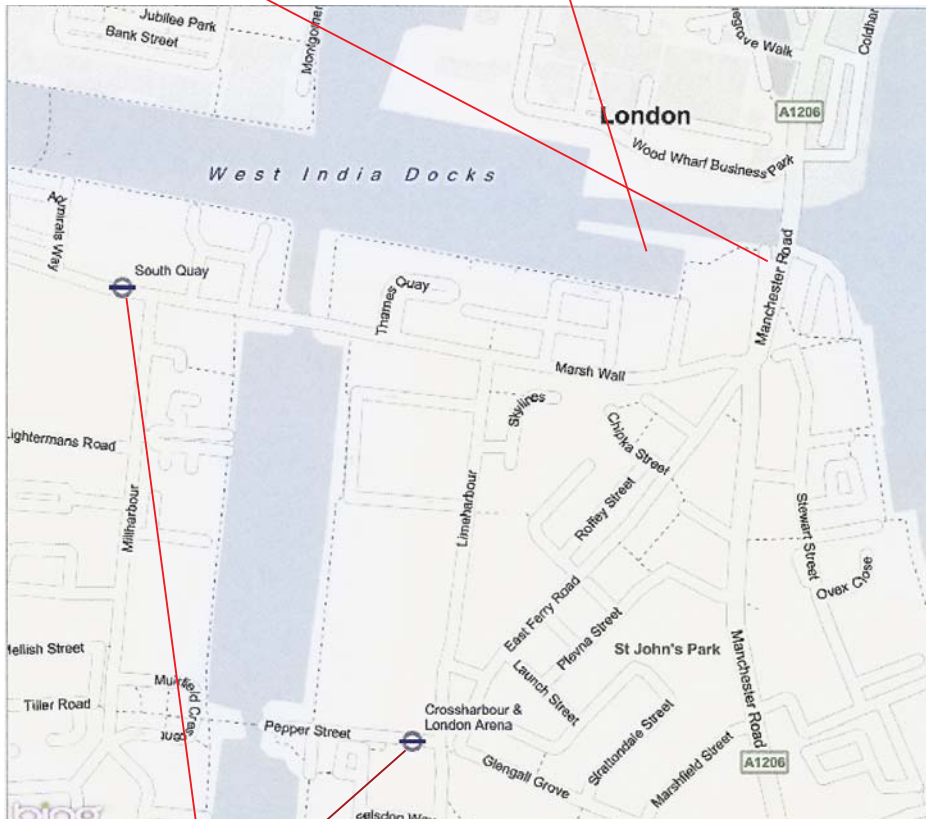
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**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club will be held on 9th April, 2011 at:
The Headquarters Training Ship, Lord Amory, Dockland Scout Project,
631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London E14 3NU commencing at 14.00.**

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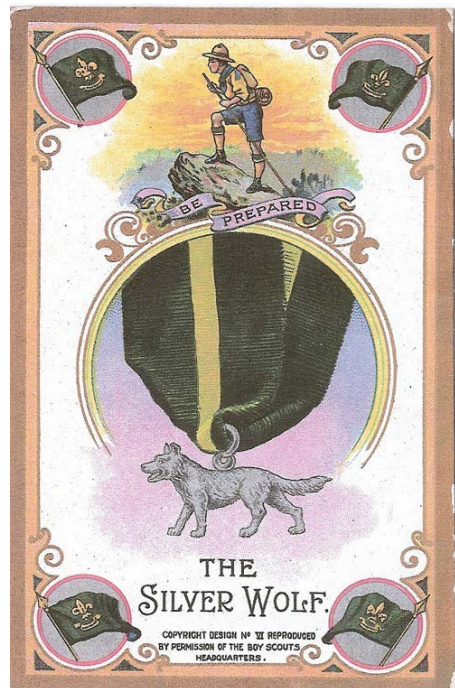
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See Chairman's Notes on Page 3 regarding these cards

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Editorial

Welcome to what I hope you find to be another interesting issue. Hopefully this will be with you a bit early this time as I have brought most of my word forward at this time because I am heavily involved, as Producer, of the local Gang Show. For those who are not aware of Gang Shows they are a “Vaudeville” style entertainment performed in a District if County by members of the Scout Movement and often with the Guide Movement alongside.

Gang Show started, as you will have read from Colin Walker’s excellent feature, in 1932 so next year we will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary. My own Show, here in Chelmsford, has been running every year since 1958 - so this is our 54th performance. We have a cast of 93 for the Show, assisted by around about 80 other people, back stage and front of house.

If an of you are going to be in the Chelmsford area between 6th and 9th April you would be very welcome to join our audience.

There is a reminder on the back page of this issue regarding the forthcoming AGM and it would be nice to see some additional faces at this fascinating venue. The Accounts for the year are on page 22, unsigned because of timing difficulties, but the fully audited copy will be available at the Meeting.

Could I finish by sending all of our Best Wishes to our members in New Zealand and Japan with the hope of recovery from their disasters.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

May 14th, 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:-

9th April 2011 Lord Amory, H.Q. Training Ship, Docklands.

12.00 - Committee Meeting.

14.00 - Annual General Meeting.

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.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

I am pleased to see that my article concerning H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught has generated so much interest!

Peter Duck is quite correct regarding the spelling (typo error) and that the Duke was Governor General of Canada, it would seem however that the late Stanley Hunter may have muddied the waters. As stated in my previous article the Duke pictured on the Newfoundland stamp and the picture with B-P at the 1929 World Jamboree are the same man who was a friend and admirer of B-P and held several senior scouting positions. He was the third son of Queen Victoria, born in 1850 and dying in 1942. He had a son (this is where the confusions comes) also named Prince Arthur Duke of Connaught born in 1883 and predeceasing his father, dying in 1938, The biography of the elder Duke in Wikipedia includes mentions of his scouting interests, including opening the 1929 World Jamboree.

With reference to John Charcot, there is another more recent issue, a \$2 New Zealand commemorative from a miniature sheet of four issued in 1990, also to commemorate the World Stamp Exhibition.

I was also interested to read Colin Walker's article in the last Bulletin concerning a letter written by Vere Stent. I possess a cover written to him within Mafeking. He was the war correspondent for Reuters, a news agency still going strong and proving that "embedded reporters" are nothing new!

For the benefit of those members who have mentioned the bear postcard published by Tuck there is an illustration on the front cover, but it is not for sale. The question of rarity and value of specific postcards within sets is a good one and I too would like to hear members' views of any others that are elusive. A prime example would be the set of scouting awards published by Johnson & Sons of Manchester that I feel are the finest set of scouting postcards ever printed - again there is a copy on the front cover. Are any of these "rarer" than others?

Data Protection Act

Just a reminder that your membership details are retained on a computer data base for record purposes. This data base will only be made available to Members of the Committee for communication purposes, such as Bulletin distribution and contact regarding auctions and similar information. If you would prefer not to have your details available in these circumstances please advise us.





Dear Scout collector friends!

We are happy to invite you to the

30th World Scout & Guide Collectors Meeting – 2011 Helsingborg, Sweden.

Wednesday **August 10, 2011**, 09:00 - 16:00.

We hope a lot of you will participate as the meeting is in connection with
the **22nd World Scout Jamboree** held at Rinkaby, Sweden.

The meeting will be held at **Raus Parish hall** in the south part of Helsingborg.
At the same place you'll find **Nordvästra Skånes Scoutmuseiförening**, one of four Scout museums in Sweden.

The street address: Kielergatan 25, S - 252 70 Råå, Sweden (no mail-address).

Example of accommodations: Hostel: www.miatorp.nu

Campsite: www.camping.se

Hiring tables:

100 sw.cr. per table including 1 memory badge.

40 sw.cr. For visitors including 1 memory badge.

Reservations:

Please, let us know if you'd like to reserve a table or just is turning up **before the 1st of June**.

E-mail your reservation to: nvsscoutmuseum@live.se

Find your way to the Museum/collectors meeting: www.nvsscoutmuseum.se

Looking forward to see you there!

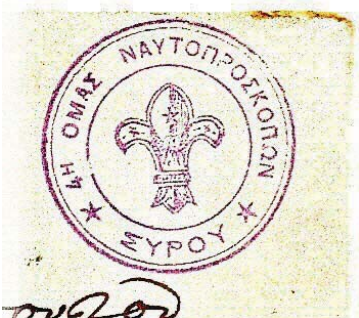
Yours in scouting and guiding
The **Scoutmuseums** in Skåne, Sweden

SCOUT HANDSTAMPS UP TO 1957 **Part 6** **by Peter Duck**

As mentioned in my article on the Scout Postal Franchise in Greece which was published in SGSC Bulletin for November/December 2008, Greek Scouting enjoyed the facility of free postage by Royal Decree in 1950. But I have an envelope posted in December 1920 from



3rd Syra Scout Group with scout handstamps on front and back, plus delivery and arrival postmarks, but no stamps.



Later envelopes also carry Scout handstamps and in some cases the stamps are affixed to the reverse side. I believe this method was used to seal the letter. Another envelope from 1920 has a blue handstamp showing a Scout with flag and SOMA



ELLINIDON PROSKOPON 1915 (Greek Boy Scouts 1915). Other covers or cards with handstamps comes from Greek Scouts in Constantinople (1919), Thessaloniki (1922), Syros (1922), Cyclades plus one I can't read!(both from 1929) . The illegible one was still in use in 1954. Also another with different wording from Thessaloniki in 1929.



Thessaloniki (1922), Syros (1922), Cyclades plus one I can't read!(both from 1929) . The illegible one was still in use in 1954. Also another with different wording from Thessaloniki in 1929.



After World War II, I have another envelope with unreadable (to me) handstamped Thessaloniki 1947, also others from 16th Scout Group, Athens 1946 and Piraeus 1949.

There is quite a selection of handstamps which were used in the 1950's – from Syros, Aghios Artemiou, Cyclades, Karpathia and Naxos. All the envelopes from these places bear stamps, but in the 1960's there are many without stamps as listed in the aforementioned article.



In 1956 a “Homecoming Camp” of Greek Scouts from Abroad was held in Athens. A special “supplementary” handstamp, in black applied by the Post Office, was printed onto all mail from the Camp.

The 2nd Central American Camporee was held in Guatemala from 6-16 December 1955, and a special rubber stamp was used to publicise the event.



A circular handstamp was used by BOY SCOUTS DE LA SENTINELLE CLUB, PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI on a card posted in July 1927.

Hungary has been very prolific in the use of handstamps by Scouts and it is understood that every Troop had its own stamp which included the date of foundation. These are too numerous to mention, but the earliest one I have is from 4th Troop in Budapest and is dated 1913.



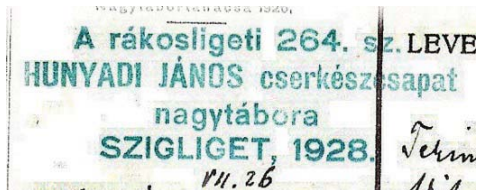
A Boy Scouts' River Expedition “ZASZLONK” took place in July 1913 on the Vah River. A series of nine postcards were issued as well as a circular rubber stamp reading A “ZASZLONK” CSERKESZCSAPATAINAK. The only part of these words which I can understand is CSERKESZ = Scout.



A straight line handstamp was used at the Scout Camp FONYOD BELATELEP in July 1921, and the 10th Anniversary Camp at lake Balaton produced an oval handstamp. Note – many of these handstamps are not printed very clearly, and as my knowledge of Hungarian is more-or-less nil, they are sometimes a little difficult to describe.



The handstamp of No.2 District Headquarters appeared on a postcard from the National Jamboree, Budapest in July 1926. There was also an official photographer at this camp who used two types of handstamps in purple. Another straight



line handstamp in green was used at the Hunyadi Janos Scout Camp at Szigliget in July 1928. An interesting item is a Customs decla-

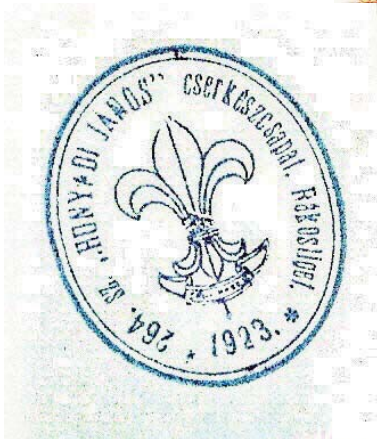
ration form for a packet sent with the rubber stamp print CSERKESZ-SVOVETSEG (Boy Scouts Office) in Budapest to the Swiss Scout magazine "Allzeit Bereit" in 1930.



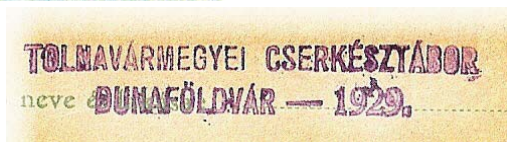
The 10th Congress of the Scouts' Esperanto League took place in Budapest in July 1931. An oval hands-



and the 140th "Pro Patria" onto camp postcards.



tamp was used, as well as a straight line one. Handstamps were used for Scout Camps at Tiszaloil and Fonyod in 1932, Troop printed theirs



Now we come to the big event, the 4th World Jamboree at Godollo in 1933. On the opening day 1st August a special Airmail Service was inaugurated. Mail out of the Camp to Budapest carried a green rubber stamp with aircraft and leaping stag facing right and text CSATLAKOZO LEGIPOSTJARAT GODOLLO-BUDAPEST 1933.VIII.1. Mail into the Jamboree was printed with a similar rubber stamp in yellow but with aircraft and leaping stag facing right and similar wording but BUDAPEST-GODOLLO 1933.VIII.1. These handstamps,



especially the yellow one are always printed very faintly.

Two other handstamps were used daily for the special Airmail flights. The outward flights had a brown handstamp IV.JAMBOREE 1933.VIII.1-16 CSZTLAKOZO LEGIPOSTAJARAT GODOLLO-BUDAPEST with Scout badge. Inward flights carried similar handstamp in blue but without Jamboree dates. On 15 August there were special flights to and from the Jamboree for which the handstamps were printed in red. These usually appear on card signed by the pilots.

A purple oval handstamp for IV VILAGJAMBOREE (World Jamboree) TABORPARANCSSNO SAGA GODOLLO was used on some items, this was in a similar format to many of the Scout Troop stamps. The Scout Engineers' Troop used a special



handstamp at the Jamboree, this reads IV.VILAGJAMBOREE – MUSZAKI TORZCSAPAT-BUDAPEST-GODOLLO. Polish Scouts from Gdansk used a special souvenir handstamp in red – my

copy is extremely faint and hardly legible.



From the final day of the Jamboree I have a large sheet of paper carrying the set of five Jamboree stamps plus three camp labels. Three different rubber stamps were printed onto the sheet, all in purple: straight line JAMBOREE BUDAPEST-GODOLLO 1933 AUGUSZTUS 1-15. Circular IV.VILAGJAMBOREE TABORPARANCSSNOKSAG 1933 BUDAPEST-GODOLLO. Plus a similar worded one in a straight line.

A special handstamp printed in either purple or green was used by the Air Scouts' Post event at Zalaegerszeg on

24 June 1934. The boxed stamp includes the Scout badge and an aeroplane. The

scout Camp at Ezermeister in 1936 used a boxed hands-
tamp in purple.

Hungarian Scouting was able to survive throughout World War II and in 1941 a special handstamp was used at the Scout Chalet in the Carpathian Mountains. My postcard shows a picture of the Chalet, but the hands-
tamp is almost undecipherable. A red handstamp was used at the "Saint Gotthard" Scout camp in 1942. The text reads CISZTERCI



CSERKESZAPATOK III BELA KIRALY NAGYATABORA SZENTGOTTHARD 1942 with Scout and Cross emblems. Also in 1942, a straight line hands-
tamp of 221st "anonymus" Scout Troop for their camp at Kemend.

The final examples of Scout Troop handstamps in my collection are from 1947 and Scouting was banned by the Communists in May 1948.

Part 7 to follow shortly.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All Annual subscriptions are now due on 1st April and should be sent to
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Subscriptions are unchanged, as follows

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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.

THE PROBLEM OF FALLING MEMBERSHIP

For some time now the Committee have watched, with some trepidation, the slow decline in our Membership numbers. This is the inevitable result of an aging membership, coupled with the almost total lack of new young people joining in their places. It was intended to initiate a discussion on this subject later in the year but this has been brought forward as the result of a most interesting letter having been received from our long standing member, John Bromige.

The letter is published here in full in the hope that it will stimulate discussion,

“Following on from our telephone conversation perhaps one aspect of falling membership numbers may be the question of where do I buy my material, other than from Club Auctions, Bob Lee or Healey & Wise. I appreciate that the Internet can help but maybe not many of the older generation (a recent survey said that 60% of over 60’s generation do not have access).

I list a few suggestions to help these members and also others:-

- 1) Could other clubs in Europe who have club auctions forward a catalogue to you [The Editor], (preferably in English). Our club members could then contact you for a photo copy (small fee for club funds). I believe that Bob has had unsold material from the German club auctions in our auctions).
- 2) Advertisements (club funds) from traders (world wide in English?) listing items (rarer) they have for sale. Healey & Wise used to advertise in the Bulletin.
- 3) Club members (like John Ineson) who have surplus material (for sale / exchange) could offer it in the Bulletin, giving club members first refusal before it is offered on E-Bay.
- 4) Auction houses with Scout (Guide) material to send you a catalogue for distribution to our members as in point 1.
- 5) Could John Hoggarth advertise more items he has in our Bulletin before placing them on E-Bay.
- 6) Could club members (Home / abroad) with good collections ask auction houses (if they are selling) or Executors (if they die) to notify the club of upcoming sales so that club members could bid.

I hope these few ideas may be of some help to you.”

Well, that’s an interesting start to the discussion on this subject and I would welcome any general comments on John’s suggestions as well as any suggestions

that any of you may have to help us address this situation, which is not only affecting our own club but seems to be a problem for many other well established organisations.

It seems to me that the first problem to be addressed is the apparent loss of interest in the field of “collecting” amongst the younger generation. There are some patches of interest, such as Trading Cards, but even interest in Scout/Guide badges seems to be at an all time low. How can we stimulate some interest.

It is a measure of the problem that we held EuroScout 2010 last year and, although we didn’t actually count numbers it is certain that less than 400 people attended over the three days and, of these, less than 20 were under the age of 16.

Having spoken to some of these youngsters it seems that, whilst they enjoy being members of the Scout Movement they have not developed a desire to collect anything involved. Subsequent to the Exhibition two of our local boys who attended have spoken to me on the subject of collecting Scout Stamps but they seemed to be daunted by the practicalities of getting and storing the material when compared with bundling some badges in their pocket , swapping them at an event and keeping them in a tin at home.

There are two aspects to this decline in interest:-

1. If we don’t do something to address the situation our own club and other similar organisations will eventually fade away with the final surviving last two members having a goodbye party on what ever funds are left.

2. If there are no new generation members coming forward what becomes of the value of the collection that we have each built up. I know that at heart we all collect because we enjoy the subject and don’t really consider the final value - but there must be a thought somewhere regarding its ultimate disposal and if the value is deemed to be nil because nobody is interested in them then that presents a problem.

Would it help if in future Bulletins we included some type of “report” regarding the stamp situation which you could then pass to your District / County / National officials for publication in any regular Newsletters which are issued? If there was interest then, on request, I could send electronic copies of the “Report” to the appropriate editors to save them the effort of re-typing everything.

Please let me know what, if anything, has been tried in your area and how successful it was, so that we can think carefully about the situation.

If nothing has been tried then put pen to paper or fingers to keys and let me know what you think might work - please!!!!

Terry Simister

SALES SERVICE

The following items are available. Orders to Peter J.Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW..Payment with order please: cheques payable to P.J.Duck, USA \$ bills or EURO notes accepted at current rates. Postage extra – Inland 50p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas 90p for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.35.

STAMPS FROM STOCK (older issues might be mounted mint, but unmounted supplied where possible)

	MINT	USED
HUN07 HUNGARY 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa 4 in miniature sheet	5.65	5.65
EIR07 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (2)	1.50	-
LIT07 LITHUANIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (2)	1.45	1.45
AZO07 PORTUGAL AZORES 2007 Centenary of Scouting (1)	0.70	0.70
AZO07S PORTUGAL AZORES 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa MS	1.50	-
GER07 GERMANY 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (1)	0.70	0.70
GHA07 GHANA 2007 21 st World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	4.85	4.85
GHA07S GHANA 2007 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.75	-
MON07 MONTSERRAT 2007 Centenary of Scouting 6 in sheetlet	4.85	4.85
MON07S MONTSERRAT 2007 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.55	-
NOR07 NORWAY 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (2)	2.65	2.65
ALA07 ALAND 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (1)	-	1.20
MAR07 MARSHALL ISLANDS 2007 Centenary of Scouting (4)	2.25	-
BEL07 BELARUS 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (2)	2.00	-
BEL07B BELARUS 2007 above issue in booklet of 7 stamps + Baden-Powell label	8.00	-
CAG07 CANOUAN St. VINCENT GRENADINES 2007 21 st W. J. sheetlet of 21	9.80	-
ET00 EAST TIMOR 2000 Dogs + Scout & Rotary emblems – block of 6 different	2.00	-
SYR58 SYRIA 1958 3rd Pan Arab Jamboree (2)	2.50	-
PAK58 PAKISTAN 1958 2 nd National Jamboree overprints (2)	0.35	0.20
NZ59 NEW ZEALAND 1959 Pan Pacific Jamboree (1)	0.20	0.10
INA59 INDONESIA 1959 10 th World Jamboree (6)	0.75	-
PHL59 PHILIPPINES 1959 10 th World Jamboree (5) 6c & 25c only used	2.25	0.45
PHL59A PHILIPPINES 1959 10 th World Jamboree 2 x se-tenant	0.60	-
VTN59 VIETNAM 1959 National Jamboree (4)	7.00	-
USA60 U.S.A. 1960 50 th Anniversary Boy Scouts of America (1) (FDC @ £0.60)	0.12	0.10
CAZ60 CANAL ZONE 1960 50 th Anny Boy Scouts of America (1) (FDC @ £0.75)	0.30	-
CAN60 CANADA 1960 50 th Anniversary of Girl Guides (1)	0.15	0.10
GRE60 GREECE 1960 50 Years of Scouting (8)	1.90	1.60
IRN60 IRAN 1960 National Jamboree (2)	0.50	0.30
BRZ60 BRAZIL 1960 50 Years of Scouting (1)	0.10	0.10
AUS60 AUSTRALIA 1960 50 th Anniversary of Girl Guides (1)	0.20	0.12
DK60 DENMARK 1960 Commemorating Queen Ingrid's Girl Guiding Service (1)	0.50	0.35
PAK60 PAKISTAN 1960 3 rd National Jamboree (1)	0.40	0.15
<u>LABELS Etc</u>		
DK92L DENMARK 1992 KFUK Guides Camp "Gron Lejr '92" self adhesive label	0.20	
FRA-B FRANCE Baden-Powell Collectors' Club KIM strip of 3 labels	0.20	
FRA-C FRANCE 1978 8 page leaflet for Scout Philatelic Exbn Douai – label on front	0.30	
IRE77M IRELAND 1977 Jamborora Camp car window sticker	0.15	
LAT72L LATVIA 1972 50 th Anniversary Latvian Girl Guides labels in 2 languages (2)	0.30	
PAK 73L PAKISTAN 1973 Silver Jubilee Jamboree label	0.12	
SWE55L SWEDEN 1955 labels for Dyrsten, Gotland & Ostkust Camps (3)	0.45	
SWZ63L SWITZERLAND 1963 50 th Anniversary of Swiss Scouting label (1)	0.15	

The following is reprinted from a BBC report early in December when the UK was experiencing some of the worst weather ever recorded.

Scouts' post service battles the winter weather

Local Scouts are battling the winter conditions to deliver Christmas cards.

Groups across the region are taking part in the annual Scout Post service.

The service started in the late 1980s and is designed to raise funds for Scout troops.

One of the local schemes is run in the Driffield area. They serve a host of small villages across the Yorkshire Wolds.

The service runs between 25 November and 1 January and a stamp costs 20p. Last year they delivered about 20,000 cards.



The Scout Post has been running since the late 1980s

Local shops act as a drop off point for the mail. It is then collected and delivered to homes in towns and villages across the Yorkshire Wolds.

The Driffield scheme has been running since 1987 and has a network of about 90 volunteers. As well as the teenage scouts many of the volunteers are retired; with some in their eighties.

Chairman of the Driffield and District Scouts Phil Rounce helps run the scheme. He said it is the biggest fundraiser for local scout troops.

Like the Royal Mail, the Scout Post has been struggling with the bad weather. According to Mr Rounce the continuing cold-snap has hampered deliveries:

"We can get the post to our main distributors. We have a network of distributors and deliverers. But, we're not encouraging the deliverers to go out yet until the paths improve. Unless they know their area's safe."

Any other reports of Scout delivery services would be very welcome.

WALTER GROB AWARD

To honour and in memory of the late Walter Grob of Switzerland, a great collector and pioneer of Scout philately, an award has been established.

His family is prepared to make a prize of 500 CHF (Swiss francs) every second year. It will be presented at each EuroScout Exhibition, beginning with EuroScout 2012 at Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Germany.

An IFSCO team comprising former IFSCO Presidents present at the EuroScout Exhibitions will select one of the displays on show at EuroScout and will decide what display will be awarded, the sponsor, if present, will hand over the award, otherwise will be informed accordingly.

The criteria for receiving this award are:

1. Only “first time” displays are eligible, i.e. it should not have taken part in a former competition.
2. Not the value of the items on show, but the development of the theme is the main criteria.
3. The FIP regulations for the “Open Class” shall be applied.
4. This competition is open to all collectors worldwide.

The “Walter Grob Award” is meant to promote Scout Philately and to encourage collectors to create a display.

Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Open Class Exhibits

Article 1: Competitive Exhibitions

In accordance with Article 1.4 of the General Regulations of the FIP for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits (REV), these Special Regulations have been developed to apply to the Open Class exhibits

Article 2: Competitive Exhibits

An Open Class exhibit develops a subject according to the collector, giving him total freedom to arrange it with the only limits of:

- 2.1 the philatelic Material will cover 50% approximately of the extent of the exhibits (display)
- 2.2 The non-philatelic material will be no thicker than 5mm to fit into the standard exhibition frames.

Article 3: Judging of Exhibits

- 3.1 Open Class exhibits will be judged by suitable jurors appointed by the presidium of the Exhibition Jury.

3.2 The following criteria will be considered to reach a more objective evaluation.

Title, Idea and Creativity	20	
Treatment	40	
Plan and Development		20
Research and Knowledge of the Subject		20
Material	25	
Condition and Rarity		15
Intelligent Use and Variety of the Non-Philatelic Material		10
Presentation	15	
Total	100	

Article 4: Awards

The relevant result of the evaluation will be the number of the point reached. The organizers of the exhibition will be free to decide whether they allow: Excellent - Very Good – Good – Fair or Gold – Silver - Bronze

One-Frame-Display (12 – 16 pages)

Possible titles (suggestions):-

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| The Green Scout (environment) | The Scout is physically fit (sport) |
| One God for all Scouts (religion) | Catholic Scouts, Lutheran Scouts.... |
| The political Scout | The flour-de-lie as a sign of peace |
| A (single) World Jamboree, Moot, Conference | Jamboree-on-the Air |
| National camps | Pan-Arabic Jamboree |
| Scout Rallies in Africa Bi.-Pi's marriage | Scout and the art |
| A Scout - ready to help | The Scout philatelist |
| Old Scouts movement | Scout rocket mail |
| Special Scout Mail (balloon. Helicopter, rely) | Sur-charged Scout/Guide stamps |
| Imprinted Scout stamps on cards and covers | International Scout and/or Guide Centers |
| Exile Scouts | |

Or any you can think of.....

Interested?

Please contact the present organizer of the forthcoming EUROSCOUT

International Girl Guide Jamboree, Waurn Ponds.

by E. Stermole ©

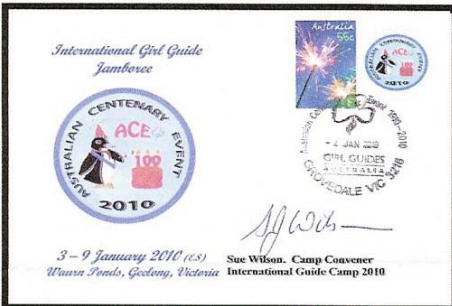
3rd - 9th January, 2010 held at Marcus Oldham College, Waurn Ponds, Victoria. The Post Office is located in the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre, near Geelong, 45km from Melbourne attended by 1,200 Guides.



Personalised Stamp



Canceller 40mm



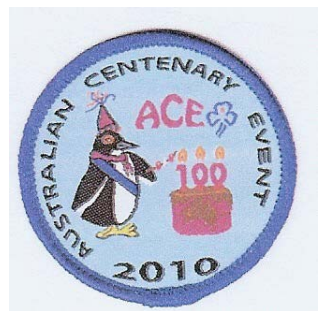
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Produced by (ES) (60)

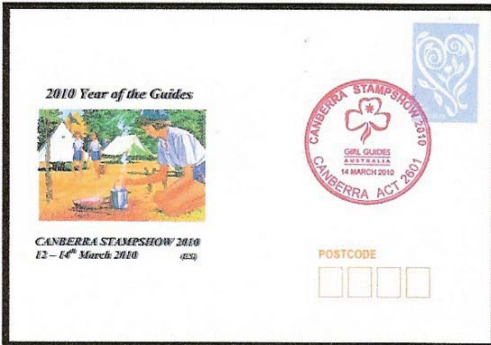


10 only overprinted by (ES)



Jamboree Badge 50mm

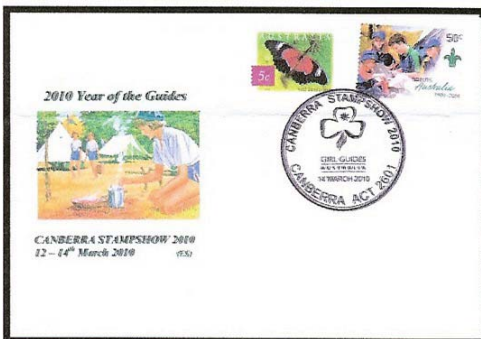
Personalised stamps and Covers produced by E. Stermole.



Canberra Stampshow 2010.
14th March, 2010.
Design from a Post Card:
Camp “Kumanka ‘ 67
Redland Bay” Queensland (ES)
Red ink was used at the
Stampshow (55)



(10) overprinted by (ES)
14th March, 2010.
Envelope number 093
Issued in 1985.



Canberra Stampshow 2010.
14th March, 2010.
Black ink was used at the
Canberra Mail Centre.

There seems to be some confusion with the date of the Girl Guide cancel. The Philatelic Bulletin date is 13th March. I requested a date of 13th March and all were dated 14th March. Exhibition closed on 14th March.

Mafeking Postal History, - A personal perspective. Part 2. Forgeries and Cinderellas.

In Part I of this article I established that as early as 1902 collectors were being warned by Stanley Gibbons, that soldiers returning from the war were bringing back forgeries of Mafeking stamps, particularly the easy to reproduce overprinted surcharges. We also looked at why items of Siege Mail are so rare and therefore costly. 'Siege Mail' covers unsurprisingly have also been forged, in a way that has deceived collectors and auction houses a like, as the deception sometimes has nothing to do with the stamp used, which can be completely authentic.

The larger of the two blue stamps bearing the head of Baden-Powell (also discussed in the Part 1) was, produced to match the exact internal letter rate (3d). Including perforations it is nominally 25mm wide, and 27mm tall



(The exact dimensions vary according to where the perforation 'comb' was applied). The circular Mafeking Siege cancel has a diameter of only 25 mm. As the stamps were bought in the town's Post Office and cancelled 'to order', it is not uncommon to find well-centred examples of the cancellation. The 'ring' of letters spelling out 'Mafeking C.G.H.' (Cape of Good Hope) did not then obscure the features of Baden-Powell. So, after the Siege, it was possible to add a stamp with a well-centred cancel to an

old envelope which, with the addition of a small amount of 'restoration' to replace missing parts of the cancel on the cover and with the provision of a name and the single line address 'Mafeking', the value of the item is improved tenfold!

Early forgeries went undetected into collections and so come on to the collectors' market today, usually via an auction. Previously it would have been difficult, if not impossible, for an individual to check that the person named on a Mafeking cover, really existed and was present in the town during the Siege. The '*Mafeking Siege Register*' published in 2007 lists the names, ranks and occupations and records details the day by day doings of the besieged as ascertained from the Medal Roll, Siege diaries, the Mafeking Siege Slips, letters and information from the families involved. Often however just the names themselves are usually enough to detect a forgery. My researches, using illustrated catalogues from past auction sales and scans of covers sent to me for authentication, has resulted in the discovery of several covers addressed to bogus names without any evidence to prove their residence in the besieged town. **There is a high degree of correlation between these covers and the use of a B-P 'large head' stamp with a well-centred**

postmark! Some of these covers have been sold within the last few years through well-known auction houses. Buyer beware.

I am not quite certain as to the exact definition of term ‘Cinderella’, when applied to philatelic material. I use it here to encompass Mafeking Postal History that would be rejected by most serious collectors as not having the glamour (or the value) of ‘Siege Mail’ i.e. covers used internally or being sent out or arriving in the town whilst the siege was ongoing.

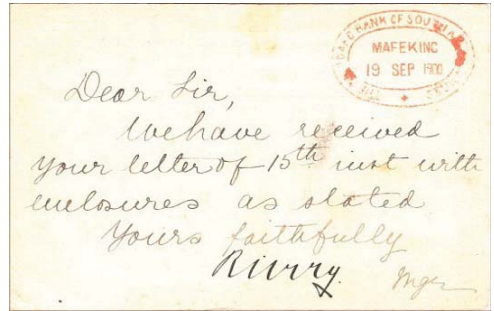
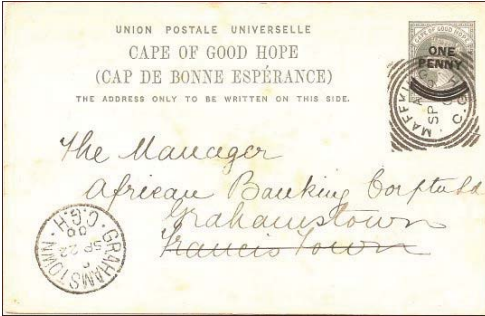
The cover illustrated was sent from Newcastle upon Tyne on May 8th 1900, whilst the Siege was ongoing, to Trooper Armstrong of the Bechuanaland Police. The sender could not have known that Armstrong had died of typhoid in the town just three months earlier. The letter took over four months to arrive, well after the Relief. On arrival the cover had had the word ‘Deceased’ added in red, and was opened – presumably to find the name and address of the sender. It seems likely that it was sent back, with the letter, to the sender. It is interesting to note that it was not only serving soldiers that were allowed the penny rate of postage, as the



two halfpenny stamps on the cover show, mail addressed to HM Forces, from anywhere in the Empire could also be sent for just one penny. Tpr Armstrong, like many soldiers in Mafeking of lowly rank, had obviously volunteered prior to the Siege from a position of some distinction, as the ‘London News’ (South Africa) in their obituary reported, he was ‘a *crack shot*’ and ‘*one of the finest sportsmen in South Africa*’.

The Mafeking Standard Bank was part of a large chain of banks across South Africa. Of British ownership it had a head office in Cape Town and branches in most towns with ‘travelling’ offices’, which visited gold claims etc. The Mafeking branch, with its Manager J Urry, was vital to the economy of the besieged town. Natives and non-British traders were blamed for hoarding silver currency causing a shortage, so in January 1900 the Baden-Powell agreed that his Paymaster, Captain Greener, and the Standard Bank should produce ‘siege notes’ to the value of 1/- 2/- 3/- 10/- and £1 denominations to maintain trade. The photographically produced

£1 note was signed in person by Greener and Urry. The bank also encouraged all citizens and members of the garrison to open accounts to discourage the hoarding



of money. The postcard, with pre-printed stamp, (both sides illustrated) was posted five months after the Siege and shows the Mafeking square cancel that was sometimes used during the siege. The card is signed by Urry.

The cover illustrated, addressed to Mafeking's 'Ober post-meister,' was posted on a train near Strassburg, (then in Germany), as denoted by 'Zug 103', on the



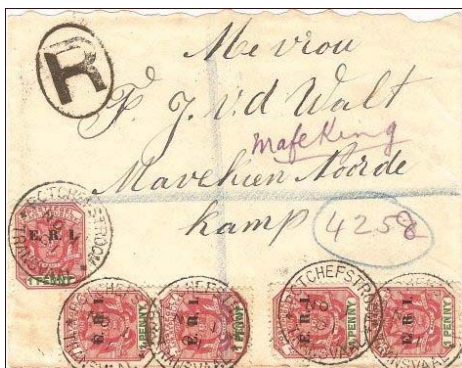
postmark dated 24th April 1900. It too remained undelivered until after the Siege. Whilst its contents are not in my possession, it is almost certain that its sender, Herr Worringer, (his name and address are on the reverse of the cover) was one of many thousands of stamp collectors world-

wide who wanted specimens of the 'Mafeking Siege Stamps' for his collection. His enterprising ruse of writing directly to Mafeking's Post Office was very unlikely to have been successful, as it is known that the entire stock of Mafeking Siege issues were sold out within hours of the Relief columns arriving.

Another cover in my collection evidences a somewhat devious attempt by an English philatelist to gain an interesting piece of Mafeking Postal History. It was sent out from England on March 22nd 1900, addressed to GW Elliot Esq. On its arrival on July 31st the authorities could find no one of that name in the town. (My Seige Register shows no one of that name took part in the Siege.) On its reverse, the cover carries the instruction, '*If undelivered to be opened before returning*'.

Opening the letter of course required an official strike (on the reverse of the cover) to show that it had been officially done. As the sender had ingeniously schemed, the cover was then returned to him with this rare marking.

The Boer War dragged on for a further two years after the Relief of Mafeking. Baden-Powell himself left the town just days later, with members of the Garrison and the Relief Columns, to 'chase up the Boers'. Mafeking though continued to play an interesting role in the War. A Prisoner of War camp was built on the banks of the Limpopo close to the Native Stadt. The registered cover shown, redirected to



the camp, had the Mafeking 'square cancel' applied on arrival on Nov. 7th 1900, but also carries the strike of the NE TPO (North Eastern Travelling Post Office), dated November 5th. As was the practice it also carries a mark to show that it had been opened by the Censor, with his initials in red.

The British Treatment of Boer Prisoners was very controversial as the POW camps, officially described as Concentration Camps, were notorious for their high mortality rates. It was not so much that direct action was taken against the prisoners, but almost equally shockingly, no action at all was taken to provide the prisoners, including women and children, with basic necessities or medical attention, often resulting in terrible epidemics. It was not until the 'interference' of Emily Hobhouse, *'that Bloody woman'* as Lord Kitchener called her, that Parliament was shamed into ordering that prisoners be treated with more humanity. Some Boers soldiers were exiled to St Helena, Bermuda, India and Ceylon (Sri Lanka) but, by comparison, they were well-treated. Though somewhat off the theme of Mafeking Postal History, covers and letters from these POW camps are of great interest.

The joy of collecting the 'cinderellas' described above is that they have all been purchased at a fraction of the cost of 'Siege Mail' as conventionally defined, yet like their more expensive counterparts they have an equally valid authentic contribution to make to the story of the Siege and therefore the history of the Scout Movement.

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

2009	Expenditure	2010	2009	Income	2010
1,813.50	Bulletin Expenditure	2,284.16	620.66	Annual Subscriptions	295.93
340.00	EuroScout 2010	5,655.34	1,539.80	Five Year Subscriptions	102.00
59.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	135.00	587.40	Auction Income	272.04
71.80	Telephone, Post and Travel	14.37	0.00	Advertisements	0.00
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	63.62	Sales Service	207.01
125.00	Stamp Insurance	95.00	1.05	Donations	54.05
51.95	Printing and Stationery	78.70	0.00	Postage	39.20
14.00	British Thematic Association	17.00	0.00	EuroScout 2010	5,177.85
0.00	Auction Catalogue	33.00	3.13	Interest	2.13
120.78	Web Site	149.97			
0.00	Bank Charges	0.00			
2,596.03	Total Expenditure	8,462.54	2,815.66	Total Income	6,150.21
219.63	Excess Income over Expenditure			Excess Expenditure over Income	2,312.33
2,815.66		8,462.54	2,815.66		8,462.54

Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2010

Brought Forward		Carried Forward	
Current Account	988.17	Community (Current) Account	1,334.06
Less Uncleared Cheques		Less Uncleared Cheques	
502	-123.75	520	-30.00
503	-626.70	521	-75.00
504	-58.57	524	-392.60
		525	-61.97
	179.15		774.49
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High Interest Account	4,465.63	Business Money Manager Account	2,467.76
PayPal Account	1,325.51	PayPal Account	415.71
	5,970.29		
Excess Expenditure over Income	- 2,312.33		
	3,657.96		3,657.96

NOTES

1. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is £81.60.
2. Bulletin Postage included with Bulletin cost as part of printing deal.

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T.A. Simister Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the foregoing Statement of Accounts and all vouchers relating thereto, including Bank Balances and other balances, and certify that the Accounts are in order and show the position of the Club as at 31st December, 2010.

Signed

..... B. Forshaw. Hon. Auditor

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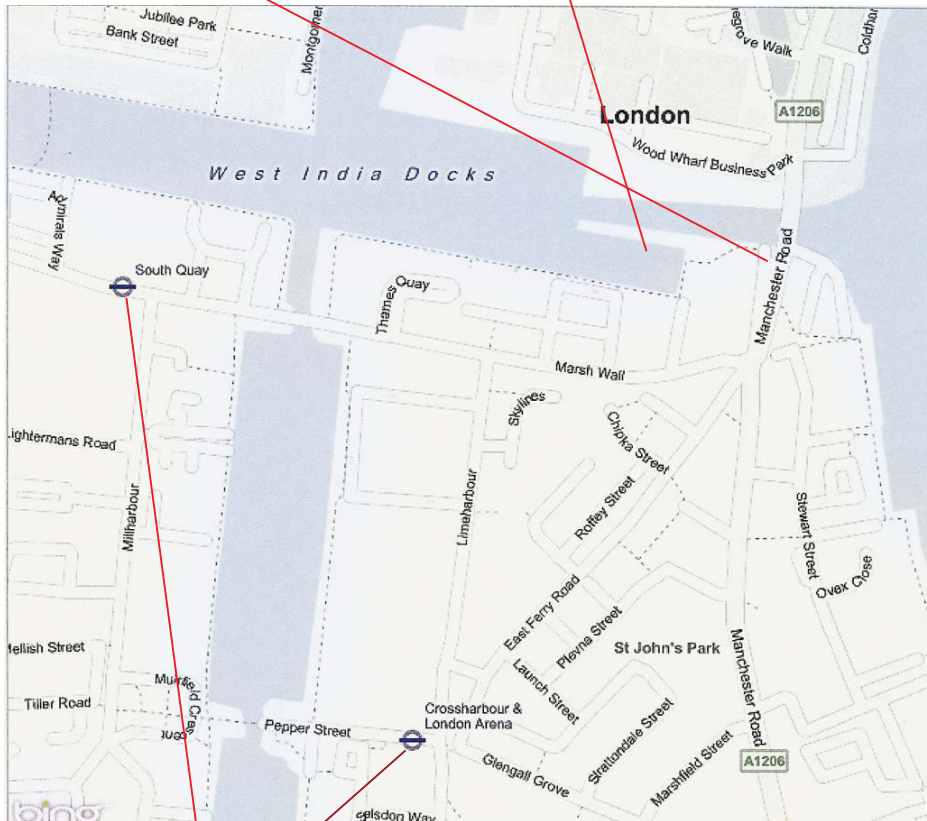
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**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club will be held on 9th April, 2011 at:
The Headquarters Training Ship, Lord Amory, Dockland Scout Project,
631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London E14 3NU commencing at 14.00.**

SITE ENTRANCE



NEAREST DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY STATIONS

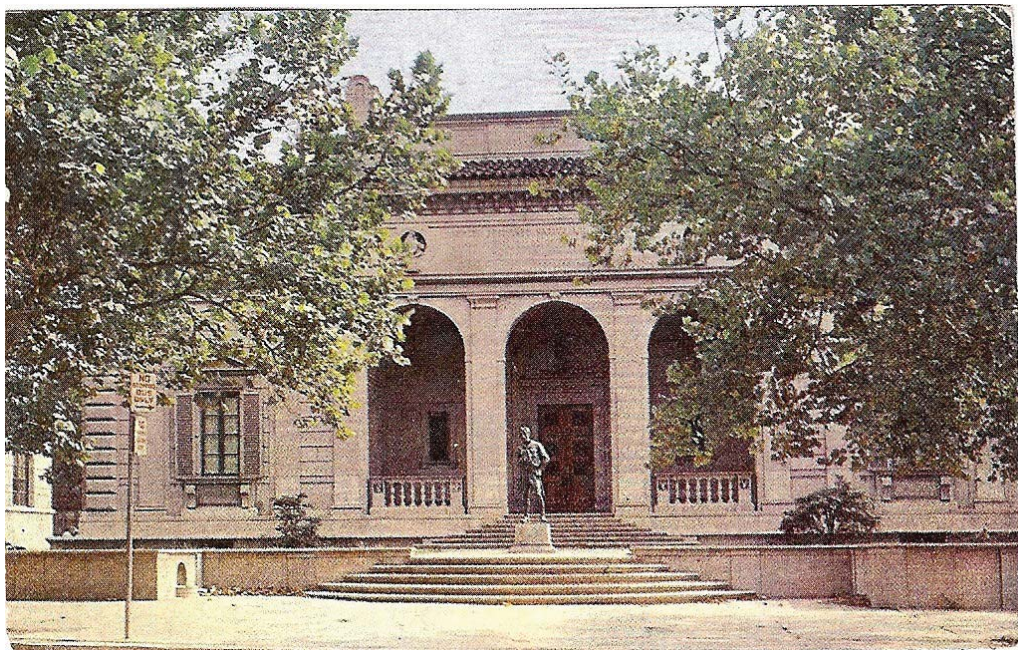
HEADQUARTERS TRAINING SHIP LORD AMORY AT DOCKLAND SCOUT PROJECT



Scout and Guide Stamps Club

BULLETIN

Volume 55 No. 3 (Whole No. 317)



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.

MAY / JUNE 2011



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.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

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

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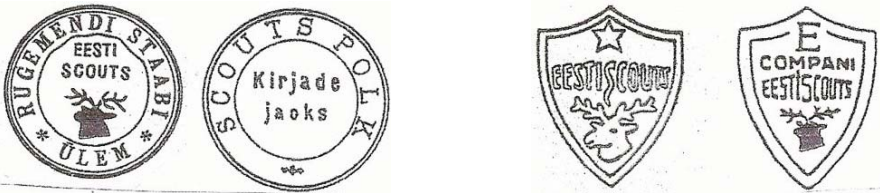
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Amongst a collection I purchased a couple of years ago, I came across some postcards with Scout cachets from the Estonian War of Independence of 1918-1920. I had known nothing about these items or about the war until I researched these, before adding 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

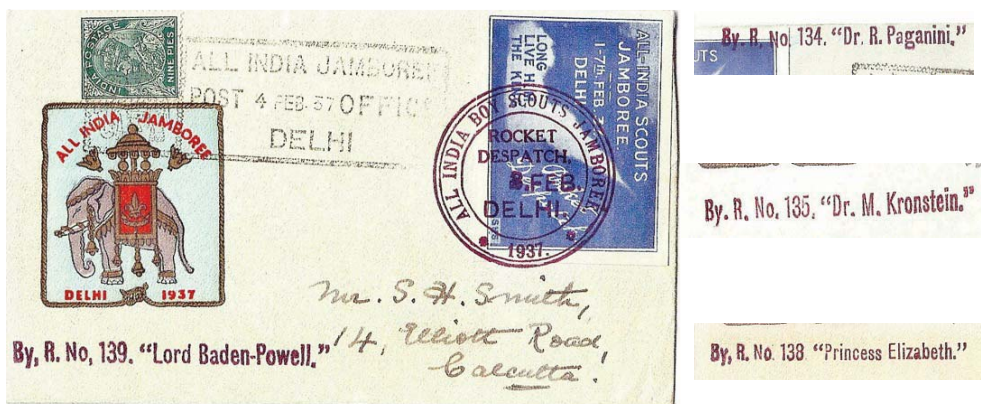


conflict lasted until February 1920, which resulted in a victory for Estonia and was concluded by the Treaty of Tartu. The Estonian Field Post Offices were established on 11 January 1919 and continued until 15 May 1920. Most boys including Scouts over 16 (many even younger) volunteered for the fighting 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



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-

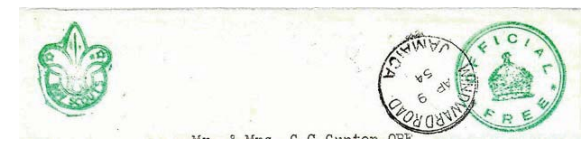


TEMBRE 1925. A camp was held for Genoa Scouts in 1927 which produced a circular handstamp reading CAMPO ESPLORATORI CATTOLICA MILLESIMO A.S.C.I. RIPARTI GENOVA 1-VIII-XIX-XVIII. The final cachet I have is from RIPARTO ROMA XL MONTEVERDE on a card dated 6th August 1929, but Scouting had been banned by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



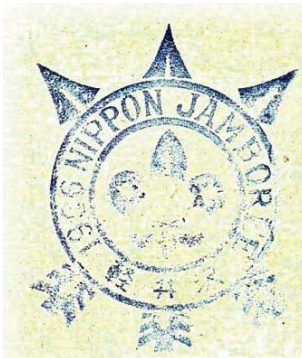
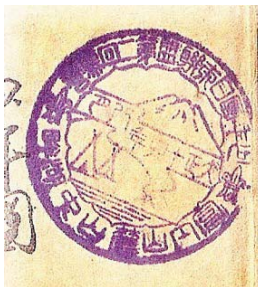
Scouting is always there under the surface, and when Italy started to be liberated by Allied troops during World War II, the ASCI Scouts Regional Commissioner of Palermo used his handstamp when writing to the Boy Scouts International Bureau in London in March 1944. The stamps used on the envelope were 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.



Jamaica enjoyed the privilege of free postage for Scouts within the island, and mail was stamped with "Official Free" circular handstamp with crown. This usually appears in purple or green and some envelopes also carry a Scout badge handstamp printed at the same time.

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.



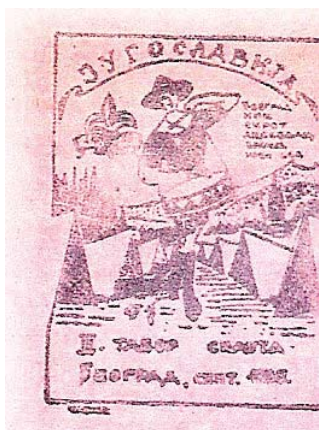
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Jugoslavia no longer exists as a nation but during its existence, Scouting was a strong Movement. Troop used their own handstamps, each with the date of foundation incorporated. I have four of them on postcards – SAVEZ(1911), SOMBOR(1923), BELGRADE(1923),

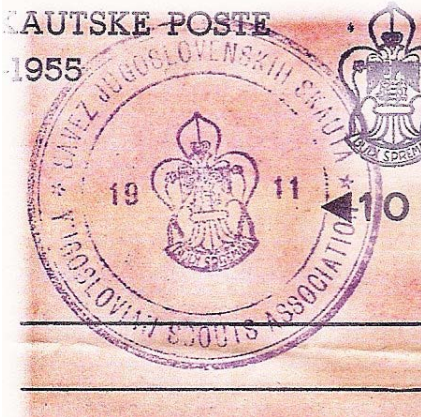
ODZAKI (1930). The 3rd National Jamboree took place in 1935 and an oblong handstamp was used in the Camp, it reads (in Cyrillic script) JUGOSLAVIA III TABOR SKAUTA BE-GRAD SEPT.1935.



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.

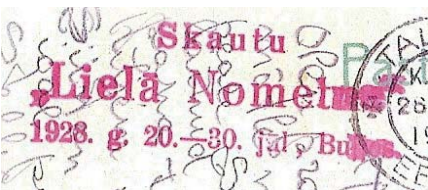
The Baltic States of Latvia and Lithuania attained their independence from Russia in 1918 and Scouting was able to flourish there until 1940 when the Soviet Union invaded and the scouts were banned.

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.

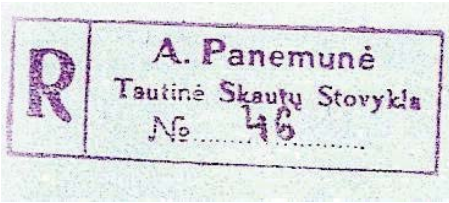
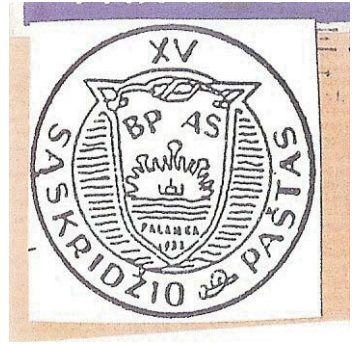
A very scarce handstamp exists from the National Jamboree – SKAUTU"LIELA NOMETNE" 1923 g.20-30 jul.



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 PAS-TAS 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



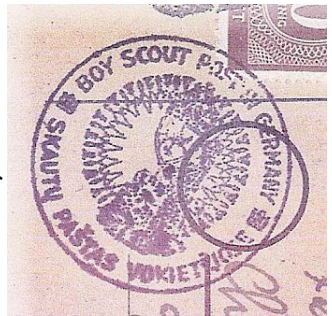
A.PANEMUNE TAUTINE SKAUTU STOVYKLA No....., and the Guide one PA-ZAISLIS TAUTINE SKAUCIU

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

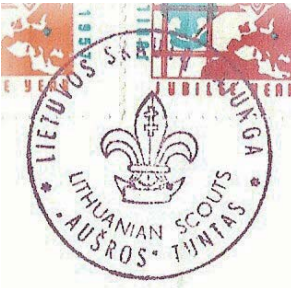
Following World War II the Scouts of both countries, along with many other, found themselves in Displaced Persons Camps, then later as Scouts in Exile scattered around the world, where they produced many philatelic items to raise funds.

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

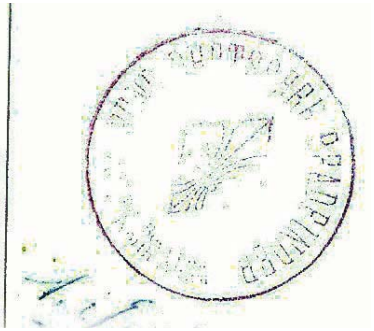
Lithuanian Scouts in Germany used a handstamp reading BOY SCOUTS POST IN GERMANY. SKAUTU PAS-TAS VOKIET(rest of word illegible). During the 50th



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-

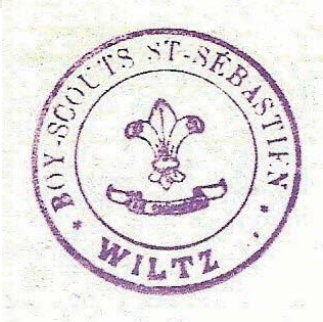
HAUS ECHTERNACHT and was posted in 1936.



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.

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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.

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A	766	Cayman Is.	100th Anniversary of Girl Guides, sh x 4 vals	3.25		3.25	
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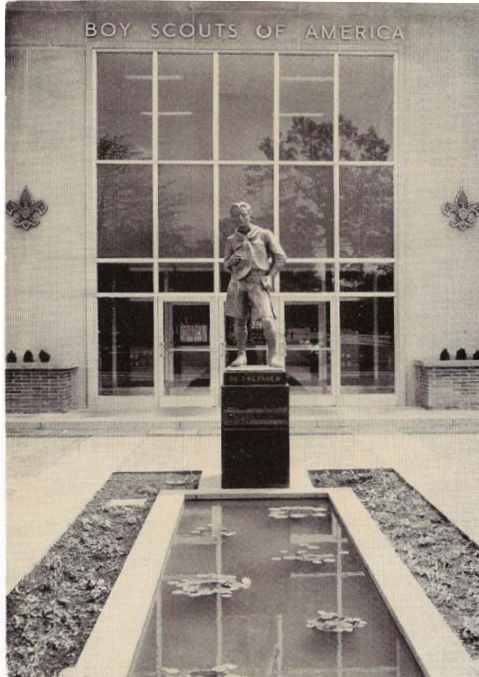
This article is about stamps which rather than commemorate scouting directly, have an indirectly connection.. An example would be a stamp that honors a person who might have been a scout leader, but the honor is for that person's non-scouting activities. The article was prepared for initial publication 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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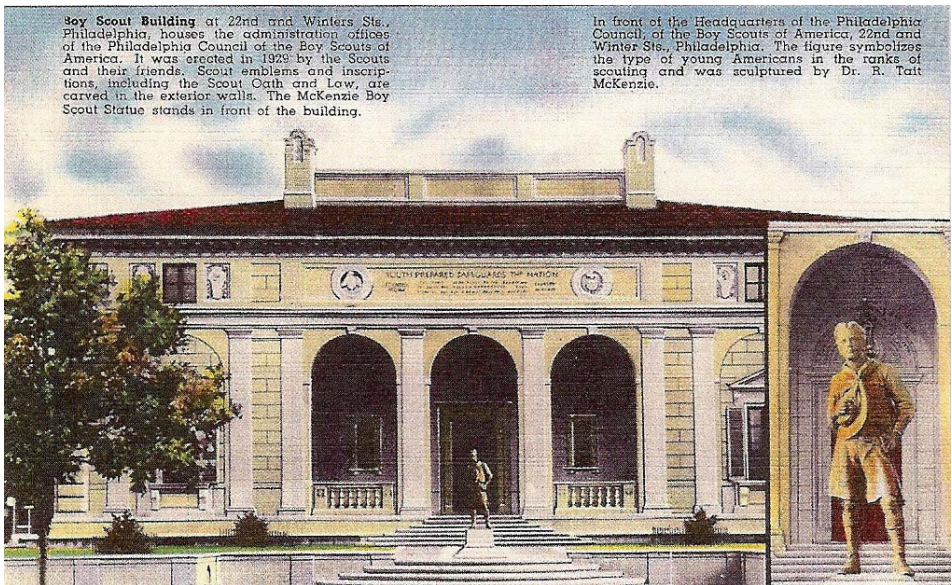
If you are an American scouter, surely you have seen a replica of the scout statue created by R.Tait McKenzie, known as *The Boy Scout*. These four or eight-inch statuettes mounting on various bases were favorite gifts used to honor scouters during special but informal occasions. They were not a recognized 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.

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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>

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<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

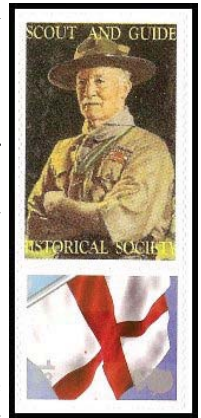
The Joseph B Wolffe Collection, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 74 items

Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven 14 items

Public Archives of Canada, National Medal Collection 16 items

The Jam Roll Poster Stamps

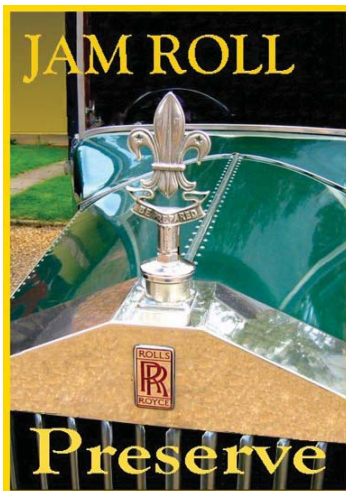
Members will no doubt be aware of a service offered by the Royal Mail under their title of 'Smilers®'. Customers can add a 'stamp' of their own design, separated by perforation, to any of 16 different UK 1st class stamps. The ordering can be done on line, where it is possible to upload a customer's image 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.



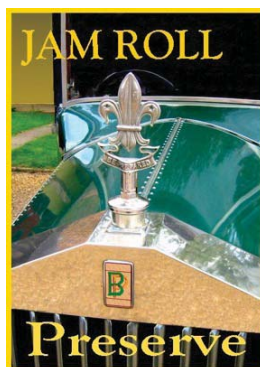
I ordered quite a few sheets with three different designs to promote the Scouting activities and books with which I am associated. I was very pleased indeed with them and used the Jam Roll/Eccles stamp to send out my book, *Jam Roll: B-P The Man and his Motors*, written on behalf of the B-P Jam Roll 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 red, serif font.

Example of rubber stamp from 1918

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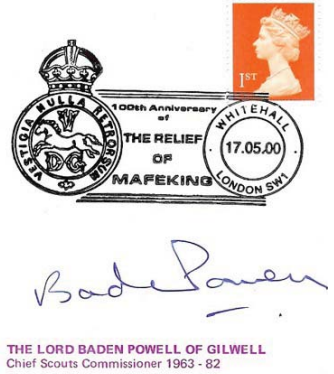
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Cover commemorating the centenary of the Relief of Mafeking, with main picture showing the celebrations in Piccadilly Circus, London and signed by the current Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell.



Cover with Baden Powell House, London handstamps and signed by Ralph Reader the originator of the Gang Shows.

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Editorial

As I sit writing this Editorial the News is dominated by the awful killings in Norway and I'm sure that we all send our condolences to the relatives of all those who died, especially the youngsters who were at the summer camp. It does emphasise the trust that parents put in all of us who are Leaders within Scouting, even if the camp is only on a local campsite, and also the responsibility that we assume in the same role.

At the present time large numbers of our Movement's members are heading towards Sweden to take part in the 22nd World Scout Jamboree. It doesn't seem like four years since everybody was here in Chelmsford for the 21st and even more amazing to think that its 20 years since I was part of the IST Team for the Jamboree in Korea. I hope that all those attending will have a great time and will make lasting friendships that will endure, possibly for the rest of their lives. Once again we seem to find in the UK that the publicity is all given to the forthcoming Olympics and very little to the WJ - even if it is a far bigger event - but I suppose that's real life!

I hope that you all have a good summer (or winter as appropriate) and that something from Sweden finds its way into your collection.

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

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 the stands to look at as well.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

Back in September 2010 I wrote questioning the origins of the U.S.A. "Scouting" stamp issued that year. Randall Frank published an explanation in a later SOSSI Journal and member Frederick Oppliger from the U.S.A. Has written to me regarding this interesting issue. It seems that the U.S. Postal Service no longer recognise organisations on their stamps due to the vast number of requests that they receive. But occasionally they will "do" activities, things like Scouting. Although the the Scouting stamp coincided with the 100th Anniversary of the American Boy Scouts the manager of stamp development for the U.S. Postal Service said "It's not only Boy Scouts, but it's Girl Scouts, it's Camp Fire U.S.A. - it's all organisations that embody the ideals of scouting". The designer, Craig Frazier, was faced with a difficult challenge designing what we call a "fudge", a Scout stamps that is not a scout stamp!

His chosen design shows a "dual read" an image within an image, the figure suggesting a bygone era more romantic that historic.

Like many of you this summer I am taking my Scouts camping and some of you will no doubt be attending the World Jamboree, where I hope you will be able to obtain some philatelic souvenirs and I am sure that we shall see plenty of new issues linked to this event from many lands.

A NOTE FROM KEIICHIRO NOGUCHI OF NARA, JAPAN

A strange entire arrived from Mexico

Obviously made philatelically by the sender (I did not ask anything special from her, from whom I had just bought a block of 4 x 2010 Scout stamps on the internet market) bearing one Scout stamp with red FD cancellation (17 July, 2010) and a green rectangular cancellation (29 December 2010, hardly legible), one each Scout and Guide stamps tied with cancellation and an AR cachet.

On the back (of the envelope) one each Scout and Guide stamps both with green cancellations, a red FD cancellation between them (not tied with stamps), a registration label and an additional postage label.

What do you think of this?

Are any Mexican Post Offices allowed to use FD cancellations for normal mail, or for as much as five months after the proper date?

This was received on 27th January, 2011.



With modern technology in the printing world, we do not find many varieties on today's Scout stamps, and as far as I know, none have been recorded on the UK Scout issue of 2007 or the Guide Centenary stamps of last year. However in early May, the auction company Spink of London offered "Singapore 1974 (June) 9th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference 10c. showing major shift of gold to right, fine unmounted mint". Estimated at £150- £180, it made the top estimate price of £180 (€ 195 US\$ 280).

I read that the Gilwell Reunion is again open to all adult members, when of course it used to be a Wood Badge holders weekend. Things have changed considerably since I first attended in the 1950's when the only organised events were the Camp Fire and Scouts Own. In those days we went to meet old friends and make new ones. Today it is just a money raising event for Gilwell. Collectors such as myself are being squeezed out as in the past the International Badgers Club had an area where you could trade. This has been stopped, and so collectors have nowhere to acquire items for their collection. You can go into the Lid and pay £50 plus extras for a table and electricity for a stand for a few hours only on the Saturday. However all is not lost as Chris Hollingham has his superb Badge and memorabilia weekend at Midhurst on Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 August. This is a great event and is highly recommended. In fact some people no longer attend the Gilwell Reunion but just visit or stay over for this get-together with a Dinner on the Saturday night.

In the sale room, the auction house Cherrystone of New York City, USA sold two classic Mafeking items. The first was a reversed head Baden-Powell dated May 8th 1900, but with some poor perforations. This went very



cheaply at US\$ 12.500 (about £7800, €8580) when in the past they have gone for £25,000 or more. At the same sale was a pair of cyclist stamp with misplaced perforations which went for US\$ 3250 (£5200, €5760).

On a personal note I was very sad to read the last SOSSI magazine that Charlie Baty (a member of the SGSC for many years) from White River, South Africa had died last year from injuries resulting from an attack at his home. He was within a few days before leaving to settle in the USA where some of his family lived. When the Warner Goodyear memorial was unveiled at Randfontein some years ago, we met for the first time, and since then I had visited him at his home. He was a true gentleman and a great Scout.

SCOUT HANDSTAMPS UP TO 1957 Part 7 by Peter Duck

The Netherlands were probably the first to produce philatelically related Scout handstamps, although I believe one might be a woodblock or lino print. Dutch Scouts who visited London in 1913 used a rubber stamp similar to a postmark reading PADVINDER-SKAMP 20-30 MRT.1913 LONDON. This has been seen printed onto the left side of postcards posted in London (I do not possess one!).



The second, also from 1913 reads PADVINDERS KAMP in two lines and was used at Ijmuinden in July of that year.

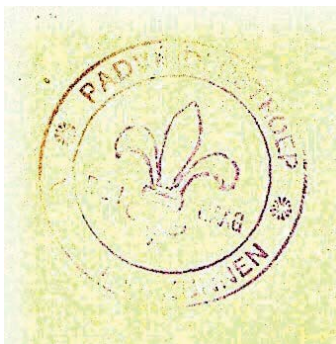


VEREENIGING "DE NEDERLANDSCHE PADVINDERS" Afd. EINDHOVEN & a.g. with Scout badge

purple handstamp in 1917. Various similar handstamps were printed onto official mail, including



COMMISARIS VOOR BUITENLAND EN KOLONIEN N.P.V. (The Commissioner for Overseas & Colonial Scouting) and PADVINDERSTROEP (illegible) DEN HAAG, and DE NEDERL. PADVINDERS. AFD. APELDOORN GROEP. A straight line handstamp from NAT. KAMP 1932 (Wassenaar) is not very exciting!



At the 5th World Jamboree, Vogelenzang 1937, a few overseas contingents used handstamps, those in my collection are from Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Polish scouts from Danzig. Also sub-camp Woestduin and an oval Handstamp JAMBOREE 1937 X COMITE. Some postcards carry the handstamp of PADVINDER ARCHIEF on the reverse, but I believe this was printed later.





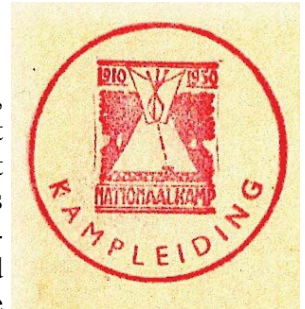
At the end of World War II the Dutch Scouts in many cities handled a certain amount of mail. Various cachets were used, and much has been written about this elsewhere.

An oval rubber stamp was used by ST. STANISLAUS-GROEP, HEEMSTEDEN in 1949 and a couple of National sea Scout Camps produced handstamps with Sea Scout emblems which included an anchor. These are known from

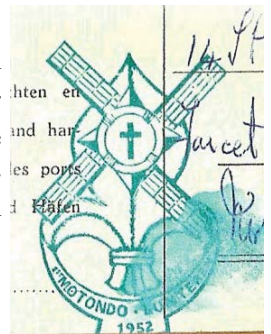
Terhorne (1950) and Nieuwkoop (1954).



Many other camps and events were noted by handstamps, some of which appear to have been produced by the Scout Headquarters. At the National Camp, Ommen 1950, the Post Office used a "supplementary postmark" to cancel mail. This showed a tent and two Scout badges with text NATIONAALKAMP OMMEN 1910-1950 1 t/m 10 Aug. Regular dated postmarks of Ommen were used, but not normally on the stamps. A circular handstamp in red with Camp badge and KAMPLEIDING was also used.



Troop KEIZER-KAPEL used a green handstamp with dates 1911-1951 to commemorate their 40th Anniversary. The Salvation Army Scouts Camp MOTONDO at Lunteren in 1952 produced a green handstamp showing a windmill.



NATIONALE KOEMPOELAN

Camps took place annually, and I have handstamps from those of 1953 & 1954 at Lunteren, plus 1955 & 1956 at Ommen.





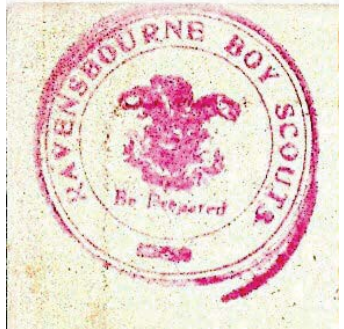
Job Weeks “n`Heitje voor n`Karweitje” appear to have started in 1954 and a handstamp showing a Scout and a Guide sweeping up coins was used to publicise the event. A National Air Scout Camp “De Prop”

took place at Ommen from 30 July to 6 August 1955, and a red oval handstamp was used.



First day covers of the Baden-Powell Centenary stamps from Netherlands Antilles in 1957 carried a circular handstamp with Scout badge reading NED. ANTILLEN 22 FEBR. 1957 EERSTE DAG VAN UITGIFTE.

The earliest handstamp seen from New Zealand was used by RAVENSBOURNE BOY SCOUTS in approximately 1925,

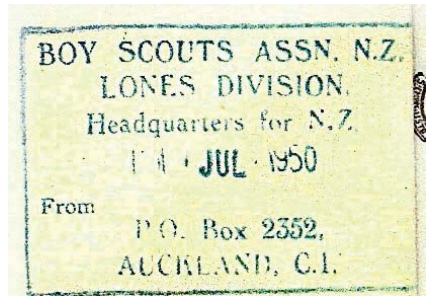


printed in purple it shows a rather dilapidated Scout badge (!). An octagonal cachet in green advertised the N.Z. Centennial Jamboree due to take place in 1940.



This event had to be cancelled due to the outbreak of World War II.

In 1950, the LONE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION N.Z. LONES DIVISION in Auckland were using a dated handstamp on their mail, mine is from July 1950.



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Group No.1, San Jose, Nicaragua used a handstamp on mail posted in 1952. The circular stamp with Scout badge in centre reads: FEDERACION NAC.DE BOY SCOUTS (EXP)DE NICARAGUA – MANAGUA D.N. GRUPO No.1 “San Jose”.

LANDSLEIREN ROMSDALEN 1928 with design of a mountain peak, Scout badge, and MOT TOPPEN N.S.F.

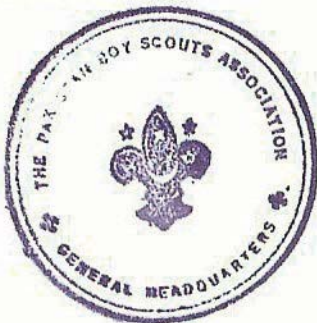
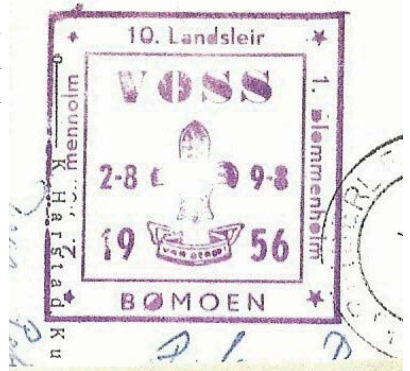


Norway produced a number of postmarks for many Scout and Guide camps from 1928, and at the earliest one, a circular rubber stamp was printed onto mail reading:

VAER BEREDT (Be Prepared) plus initials N.S.F. printed on the reverse. This letter must have been posted shortly before the Nazis invaded Norway and Scouts had to go into hiding.

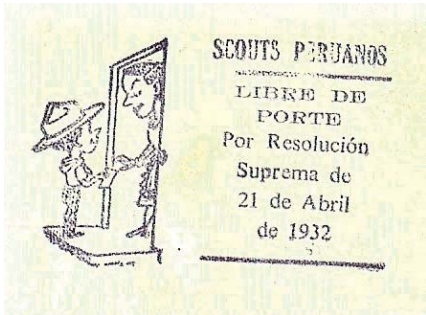


The 10th National Camp at Voss in August 1956 produced a square handstamp in purple, this showed a Scout badge with dates 2.8 – 9.8. 1956.

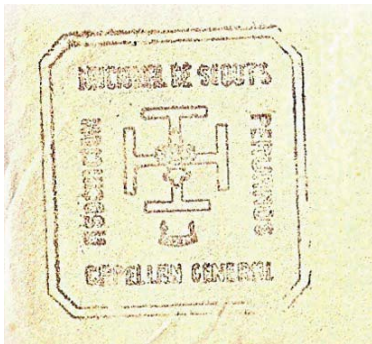


The General Headquarters of the Pakistan Boy Scout Association were using a circular hands-tamp on their mail in 1954. The design also includes the Pakistan Scout badge.

The Boy Scouts of Peru “Scouts Peruanos” were granted the privilege of free post by a law of 21 April 1932. This privilege was apparently a world-wide one, and I have envelopes addressed to Netherlands, Austria and England, as well as to Lima, Peru. In most cases there is no other postmark on the envelopes, so it is not always possible to date them. The handstamp used shows a Scout delivering a letter and text: SCOUTS



PERUANOS. LIBRE DE PORTE POR RESOLUCION SUPREMA DE 21 de ABRIL de 1932. Some of the envelopes also carry official cachets, from International Secretary and Public Relations Dept. One cover



which carries the square handstamp of the “Chaplain General” sent to London in 1957 actually had a postage label on it.

The Philippines issued their first Scout stamps in 1948 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Scouting in the islands. First day covers carry a red SILVER



JUBILEE 1923 1948 SCOUTING IN THE PHILIPPINES cachet which appears on FDCs from all of the many Post Offices which used special postmarks for the stamp issue.

Their First National Jamboree in 1954 was also the subject of a stamp issue and once again all FDCs carry a red cachet FIRST NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS JAMBOREE. QUEZON CITY. APRIL 23-30, 1954. First day covers only appeared from Manila.



Peter’s article will continue in a future Bulletin

Message from Hallvard Slettebø

Dear Peter,

It is interesting to follow your series in the SGSC Bulletin about the Scout hand-tamps up to 1957. In Part 6, the May/June issue, you write about the 1937 India rocket mail. You say here that you don't know who the three doctors are who had mail rockets named after them: Dr. R. Paganini, Dr. M. Kronstein and Dr. H. Radasch.

They were:

Dr. Robert Paganini of Zweisimmen, Switzerland

Dr. Max Kronstein of New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dr. Henry Erdmann Radasch of Philadelphia, P.A., U.S.A.

The three doctors have in common that they were prominent aerophilatelists of the time, that is collectors of air mail. This they also had in common with Stephen H. Smith who was responsible for nearly all rocket mail activities in India in the 1930's. Trust this is of interest.

Best regards,

Hallvard

40th World Scout Conference 2014 in Ljubljana from Tone Simoncic

Just before the closing of the redaction we were notified that the World Scout Conference has on its 39th session in Brazil assigned the organising of the next, 40th conference, to the Slovenian Scout Organisation (Zveza tabornikov Slovenije). The two candidates figuring in the final were Italy and Slovenia.

The conference is also interesting from its philatelic side; according to information from American Philatelic Association a few years ago Scout themes in philately feature in the first lace after national topics. Philatelic developed countries react with rich and varied activities with every Scout occurrence.

The World Conference is accompanied by the Youth World Scout Forum. WOSM comprises over 160 countries, where about 1,500 delegates of national associations and representatives of youth forum meet. The organisation of this intensive meeting is of major importance and needs careful preparation. Working hours start at eight in the morning and are prolonged late into evening according to the preliminary programme supported by formerly adopted materials the revision of which needs to be accomplished in time by all regional (continental) associations all over the world. The exigent organisation is a big acknowledgement for the National Slovenian Scout Organisation.

According to unofficial information the main congress will be held at Gospodarsko razstavišče in Ljubljana (Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre) whilst the Youth Forum will be taking place on the Pohorje mountain group.

The Ljubljana Philatelic Association members will take responsibility for the philatelic part of the meeting. We expect support from the Slovenian G.P.O. with our ideas of what to offer the world Scout Group in three years' time.

THE PROBLEM OF FALLING MEMBERSHIP

After this subject was raised in the March/April issue of the Bulletin there have been some interesting and useful comments sent in by a number of members, some by e-mail and some by the traditional “snail mail”. Most of the shorter ones have been included in full but I’m afraid that the longer ones have had to suffer a bit of editing to allow sufficient space.

Anyway, here goes:-

Hi Terry,

I’ve just read the March/April SGSC magazine.

Has anyone ever asked the Scout Association for help with publicity? Each month I receive an e-mail entitled ScoutingPlus which highlights current news and events. Perhaps details of an auction could be included.

There is also the Scouting magazine (scouts.org.uk/magazine). I think it only goes to leaders and members but an article could be included as it would represent the Collectors badge that Cubs can work for.

Best wishes,

Henry Gowland CSL, 1st Hexham Member number 2932.

Terry,

I revived my interest in stamps when 2007 rolled around and I joined the club. I am now 56. I read your article about the declining membership and we will have to admit that letter writing is a dying medium. The postal service is in decline throughout the developed world as email becomes the medium of communication.

It is just the way it is as our children learn to write emails long before they write letters these days. I doubt that they are actually taught how to lay out a letter at school these days. Though I may be doing the education system a disservice. Our world is changing around us and faster than we think or like. The war in Afghanistan is nothing less than a clash of cultures.

The SGSC is also a SE England based club. I live in the West Midlands so attending a meeting would be an expense not to mention the time taken up travelling.

Now how to drum up members? Well the only way is to advertise more. Also you have to use the new medium of Facebook and Twitter. In other words you and the rest of our club have to enter the world that our current children live in. It is that simple. Collecting things by children has also gone out of fashion somewhat but I find my scouts still collect things. Football magazines is one item still in demand. Also Football club programmes.

So if we don’t want to become a relic then getting noticed is what it is about.

An article in Scouting magazine would help. Plus a Facebook Group. It just needs some imagination. Otherwise the club will become a small footnote in history.

Regards,

Nigel.

Nigel L. Speakman Group Scout Leader 7th Sutton Coldfield (235th Birmingham) Scout Group

Hi Terry

Perhaps I can take this opportunity to say that I do appreciate the Bulletin and the interesting articles in it. I started collecting stamps as a young boy - in the days before TV, let alone computer games - and I spent many happy hours in the winter evenings pouring over stamps from magical places that no longer exist in Africa and the Far East! As I got older, other interests came along and I eventually became a Scout Leader (I still am one!) and as we all know, all the associated work with the '2 hours a week' have taken over my evenings! As retirement is starting to approach, I hope to start my boyhood hobby again, but I will never near the standard that is displayed in the Bulletin! However, we all measure our pleasure in different ways, and we can always look at the stars!

I don't know what the future for stamp collecting is - young people today seem to communicate by mobile, the internet, twitter, blogs and other strange devices - the only mail they seem to get is junk or official! It seems to be rarer and rarer to get an unexpected letter through the letter box with an exciting stamp on it now! How do we change that??

Best wishes, Richard Frank

In reply to your bulletin comments and the comments of John Bromige;

1 Other clubs do have auctions but publishing dates vary from club to club and almost impossible to receive foreign club auction lists, place notification in our bulletin in time for members to request copy of auction list with time left to submit bids

Why should these auction lists be in English? We don't print ours in foreign languages for our overseas membership! As a member of various European clubs, it is my job to understand what I am reading.

2 By the wording used, "rarer" items will always be offered at auction and not in any "sales" listing. By their very nature these tend to be single items so once sold cannot be re-placed and hence sales lists are useless and out of date unless there are multiple items such as the club sales page.

3 Members who have spare material (as opposed to giving up collecting) tend to send their material to me for purchase or auction. Not all members wish to become "dealers" involved in selling to their fellow collectors. I know that the material included in the club sales pages do not produce good sales (currently much of it mine!)

4 same comments as 1 above

5 Why should sellers pay for advertising space in the bulletin when they can place their items on e-bay for free and only pay when an item is sold? It is human nature to want the best returns for one's outlay and if it is possible to obtain better returns from e-bay then they will.

6 Sorry but if I hear of a Scout collection at auction, I want it at the cheapest possible price either for stock or for my own collection and not have to battle with other club members for it. This is my profession as well as a hobby. Anybody can always subscribe to auction search bodies who will, for a fee, inform them of available Scout items at auction, based on geographical location.

If you request members to attend club meetings / events many will always come up with excuses of distance, accommodation, and cost (but this never stopped me travelling from Coventry or Jack Wishart from Darlington who used to catch the "milk train")

If we can come up with a solution to diminishing membership and also to be able to attract interest in young people then we could market it and become rich! As you say it is a common problem at all levels of club membership and perhaps does not have a solution.

Regards Bob Lee.

Terry,

The problem of falling membership is very much a common problem and unfortunately I don't agree with John Bromige's offered solutions. From my observations, there are still youth who collect, usually when encouraged to by a parent or grandparent. The young adult seems very much missing from philatelic circles but then some middle aged adults do come back to collecting . There is a period in adult life where study, getting into good employment positions, and raising a family take sufficient time to not have any for hobbies of their own. Once the children move on and there is spare time what do they then do ? So our targets should still be the Scouts to plant the seeds, and the middle aged to encourage them back. Both these target groups are very computer literate and that is where they will find us. We need to be able to sell our club on the internet, facebook, twitter etc. Working out what we have to offer is an issue. Personally, I have always stuck with the Club because of the quality of its articles (in the english speaking sphere at least) which helped me develop my collection. Tracking down material is part of the fun which doesn't have the same appeal as being handed things on a plate so we look for all sorts of avenues to find material and yes sometimes we have to compete for it in an auction situation. Once you have found material the challenge is what is it all about and that has been where publications like the Bulletin come to the fore. If you come back to the hobby in middle age and you have an album with some stamps and want to know what they are and where to go from here where can you find it ?

We are well placed with having a website and a magazine, we all need to make sure we contribute to keeping the quality of the information available in the articles as our selling point for new members.

In reality I don't have a problem with John's ideas. I just don't think they'll increase membership, but they will certainly help keep the age group he writes about who don't have access to the internet which is not a bad thing.

With kind regards, Paul van Herpt

For Terry

I have heard it said that the prices for collectables today are too expensive for would-be collectors. In fact relatively speaking, most philatelic items are cheaper now than ever before, and the ease with which they can be acquired via the young person's media of the internet make collecting both affordable and items easier to acquire, if that is what young people want to do. Prices for the more rarified items, are not going to put off a single beginner, because it will take them some years before they have both the wisdom and experience to be sufficiently motivated to seek out high-priced 'Holy Grail' items.

My experience as a dealer (in a non Scouting collecting field) for over 40 years is that it is actually the higher prices of the rarer items that motivate a lot of people to collect. Few people will begrudge saving up for an item if they can be guaranteed that they will always be able to sell it for what they gave, or better still make a few bob on the side! These arguments however are just peripheral and if we are not careful can become a smoke screen that obscures the main problem!

There is, in my opinion, just one over-riding reason for the decline. As a body we don't value our heritage sufficiently enough to take the practical steps required to ensure that it is passed on to our young people! **To create enthusiasts, you have to enthuse.** In its 103 year-long history, the Scout Association, as the custodian of our scouting Heritage, has failed to promote a National Scout Museum. There is no requirement of a modern-day Scout to encounter either stories from the life or the Founder, or any aspect of our history. Similarly there is no requirement for Scouts to understand and appreciate what we used to call 'our international dimension'.

My travels have shown that our Scouting Heritage is alive and well in many other countries, New Zealand, Belgium and Finland for example, though considerably smaller than the UK, each have their own excellent museums. America with its four million Scouts has just introduced a Heritage Proficiency Badge where young people are encouraged to take an active part in recording their nation's scouting history and to visit their National Museum!

Can we be surprised then, that if we do not project some enthusiasm for our heritage that our young people are completely 'switched off' by it. We have to find a way of demonstrating that our traditions, as exemplified by the artefacts we collect, are a worthwhile asset in ensuring our future.

It is, I believe, a case of the old adage, it is not the words of the joke that necessarily provide the laugh, it is entirely the way that you tell it. The above home truths, I suspect, will be sagely nodded at as criticising 'the Association', not individuals, however individuals are the Association and it is our hobby we are trying to promote, what are we as individuals going to do about it?

There are I know many in the club who like myself have given talks, manned exhibition stands and written articles, all very necessary but words in themselves will make little difference. We simply have to DO more to encourage, on an individual level, to encourage YOUNG people to see, handle and appreciate our collections and be exposed to some enthusiasm for our Scouting Heritage.

Regards Colin Walker

Dear Terry

I too share your concern about stamp collecting generally and our Scout and Guide Club in particular.

My own Club, Sutton and Cheam P.S. Were down to only 8 or so regulars at meetings and so formed another P.S. Club whose meetings are in the afternoons but not for me.

I believe some publicity in Gibbon's Monthly or Stamp Collecting journals might help but why not approach The Scout Association in London for a mention in their publications, also Guides. In my young days there was a regular publication either monthly or weekly, perhaps still??

I feel publicity must be from within the Scout/Guide Movements but the problem is that youngsters don't collect these days. Too many alternatives and we are probably not going to see any changes.

I was interested in John Bromige's letter, anything is better than nothing

Sincerely, Roger Bowers.

Dear Terry

Like others I have made many suggestions over the years but the problem is now serious (over 650 to 230+) and decreasing. As I see it, it needs to be tackled in three ways:-

- 1) At source (Scouts and Guides).
- 2) Parents, friends (30+ age).
- 3) The general public. (this may not bring in new members but could boost the Movement in general.

From experience I have found results are only obtained by dealing with the people in contro, in the case of 1) perhaps 2) this means H.Q. I know you have said there were problems here so I make these suggestions which may help.

1. Do any Club members (over 50 in London area?), families or friends (Do they want the Club? If so help it to survive) know any senior H.Q. Staff personally. If so contact them - talk to them about the Club.
2. I am not active in Scouting ("retired" over 40 years ago) but I understand many members are. Talk to you fellow Scouters ans D.C. About the Club and its value to the Movement. Press the D.C. To contact C.C. . He in turn to pressure H.Q. To provide facilities for our Club. *I am sure you know what I mean but I can elaborate.*
3. If all else fails try "Its not what you know but who". The Old Boy's Club, Wheels within Wheels, call it what you will, but from personal experience it does work. Also witness our P.M. And N. Clegg and many more in their earlier lives. It may take some time for H.Q. To see the light as at present it seems to be in a state of darkness about our Club and its aims. I feel sure there are London members who could help in this way if necessary. Once you have H.Q. on board my suggestions below may be of use. Part 2 suggestions below. Part 3 - To the general public we don't exist, this has been one of our problems for many years. Scouts / Guides, B.P. , Jamborees, Gang Shows etc - yes but our Club - no. In my own case for example: I collected Scout items for over 30 years but I had never heard of our Club. It was pure luck that I joined. I was trying to buy Scout stamps from a dealer (Not H&W) no luck, but he had heard (friend of a friend) of a person called Bob Lee living in Coventry, who might be able to help. After some difficulty I contacted Bob and heer I am. (Perhaps it is easier today with computers - I just don't know).

Suggestions - Point 1.

1. An article in the Scout, Scouter or whatever the publication is these days. Our Club and what it offers, mention International links, e.g. SOSSI. (Shows its not just a local Club). Illustrate if possible.
2. Follow this up with articles (monthly?) with a series showing links between today's Scouting (read also Guiding / Cubs, etc.) and yesteryear. E.G. Melvyn on postcards, John on Mafeking, Bob on B.P. And South Africa. My interests are general but I am willing to make a contribution.
3. A list of Club members, with their topics, who are willing to give talks (illustrated?) at meetings, exhibitions etc. List to Scout H.Q. For circulation by them to C.C. to pass on to appropriate meetings. (e.g. Rotary).

4. Could active Club members devote part of their meetings (Troop, Guide, Cub, etc.) to tell them about the Club - illustrated if possible. They could follow this up if interest is shown. (Perhaps they do this at present?) Could these members obtain one new member each?

Point 2 - Parents, friends, etc.

1. Illustrated talk at A.G.M. Meetings. Displays - Library, any public place?
2. Grandparents have gone into schools to talk to children about their lives during the war. (Photographs, gas masks, ration books, etc.). From what I have read children, especially younger ones are fascinated. How about something similar for our Club? (Stamps, covers, cards, badges, old Scout uniforms, equipment, etc - to illustrate.).
3. Similar to 2) above. When I was at school amongst many other Clubs was the Collectors Club (Not just stamps). Do such clubs exist in today's schools? If so use parents, with Head's permission, to show their collections.
4. What about Scout Badges - do collectors badges still exist? These seem rather popular in America according to reports in SOSSI. I think they call them Merit Badges - Examiners required?
5. What about the Internet. This group of parents (30+) unlike us older generation use it every day. SOSSI seems to gain most of their new members this way. Going back to my difficulties in joining the Club would the Internet have helped me? Take an imaginary case - 40 to 50+, just found my old Scout collection when clearing the attic. Memories - want to collect again (many do - Dinky Toys, trains, comics, etc.). I try the computer. I understand you have to "search the net". I would try Scouting, Stamp Collecting (Thematics), Stamp Dealers, Collectors Clubs, etc. Would I find our Club? Could something like "Facebook" be used? I understand they have millions of what are called "hits".

THE ABOVE IS JUST 50% OF A LENGTHY LETTER WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM JOHN BROMIGE FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF HIS ORIGINAL LETTER IN THE MARCH / APRIL ISSUE. THE REMAINDER OF HIS IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

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So there you have it the first selection of letters on the fall in membership and suggestions regarding some of the actions that we could consider taking to try to re-address the situation. Please don't let this theme dry up - let me know what you think about the whole issue.

It does seem that amongst the reasons for the decline are:-

Nobody writes letters these days

Nobody, including Gilwell, is interested in our history any more.

Collecting, except in a few limited cases, is no longer an active hobby.

Do you agree with these and, if so, what can we do about it?

One question that I would like to ask is of our overseas members - Is the situation the same in your country or is this a peculiarly British problem. Certainly there still seems to be a lot of interest in the USA - especially in Badge collecting and I suspect that several thousand badges will change hands over the ten days of the World Jamboree. But what happens afterwards - do they just get put away in a drawer or are they the start of something much bigger? COMMENTS PLEASE!!!

**25th anniversary of the founding of Filatèlico de Scouts y Guías
9th National exhibition of thematic Scout philately**



A drawing by Bi.Pi. was used for the special postmark, and also for inviting visitors to their 25th Birthday. Announced as an exhibition with a One-frame-competition. A good reason to go to Madrid was to promote EUROSCOUT next year in Germany, and to distribute information. Loaded with the first-paper-of- information in Spanish, and also Spanish translated brochures of Rothenburg as well as the house brochures of „Wildbad“ venue.

Arriving at Madrid, I managed to come to the exhibition place in good time – but what a place this was?! We have had quite a few interesting sites to host a

EUROSCOUT, but not a place like the palace of Communication at Madrid – possibly the most impressive “Post Office“ in the world. *Palacio de Comunicaciones*

Our Spanish friends had already expected me and soon my One-frame-display: “The Fleur de lie 1947 as a sign of peace” was placed into its frame.



Half an hour later at 18:00 the official opening took place, Luis Martinez de Salinas, the President of the club and also the president of IFSCO, addressed the assembly. I was allowed to give the greetings and congratulations of the Arge-Pfadfinder of Germany and of our collecting friends from Austria. Afterwards the Secretary of state for the Post and Communication spoke – I do not know what he said, but he showed great interest when shown around the exhibition.

Beside the three One-frame-displays (Cucchiani/Italy, Goncalves/Portugal, Steinmann/Germany) there was the “thematic” group and the „Mixed“ one, there were displays showing literature, photography, badges and insignias. Exhibited also were a number of EUROSCOUT- neckerchiefs.

Highlight of the exhibition was the display by Benito Gonzalez Bugallo about the Prague Scout mail 1918 showing surprisingly many items, sent to and from Rössler-Orowsky. Also his display (1 frame) about Scouts in wartime, mostly „Warsaw Uprising“ with a „potato“ postmark (wide fleur-de-lie). Another “potato”- postmark (small fleur-de-lie) was to be admired in Giovanni Cucchiani’s display on the Warsaw uprising. The display by Luis Martinez de Salinas Trillo „El Escultismo“, showed many rare and expensive items, is always worth seeing. „The Scout adventure“ by Estanislao Pan de Alfaro, which has recently reached 85 point at Essen, for thematic, and from its content exceptional. Worth mentioning are the two interesting frames of telephone cards by Juan Carlos Carrasco.

On Saturday afternoon the so called „dinner of friendship“, a lunch (?) lasting from 14:30 till 18:00 took place. No idea how many courses of splendid Spanish specialties, of meat and fish, we had together with all kinds of drinks with the highlight from Malaga’s top wines – what else would you want? But if you are not used to such an abundance you soon come to an end.

What was there to celebrate: the 25th anniversary of the founding of the club, the birthday of their president Luis and the announcement to offer to host the EUROSCOUT 2016 at Malaga – what a feast.



*Luis Martinez de Salinas Trillo
and his wife, the celebrities*



*José Francisco Suárez Onrubia,
inviting to host a EUROSCOUT*

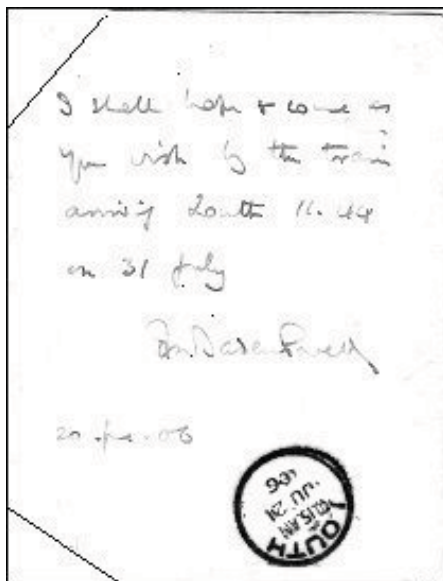
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AF61 AFGHANISTAN 1961 Women`s Day Girl Scout (2)	1.00	-
AF61S AFGHANISTAN 1961 Women`s Day MS	2.00	-
AF61AS AFGHANISTAN 1961 Women`s Day MS imperf.	2.00	-
AF62 AFGHANISTAN 1962 Women`s Day (4 – two Girl Scout)	1.25	-
AF62S AFGHANISTAN 1962 Women`s Day MS	2.50	-
AF62B AFGHANISTAN 1962 Boy Scouts Day (8)	2.00	-
AF62AB AFGHANISTAN 1962 Boy Scouts Day (8) imperf.	4.00	-
AF64 AFGHANISTAN 1964 Women`s Day (Dated 1963) – Boy & Girl Scouts (12)	2.50	-
AF64A AFGHANISTAN 1964 Women`s Day (12) imperf.	5.00	-
AF64S AFGHANISTAN 1964 Women`s Day – Girl Scouts First Aid 2 x MS	2.00	-
AF64AS AFGHANISTAN 1964 Women`s Day 2 x MS imperf	4.00	-
AF64FS AFGHANISTAN 1964 Women`s Day – Girl Scout with Flag 2 x MS	2.00	-
SNM07 SAN MARINO 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (2)	1.95	-
SGP07 SINGAPORE 2007 Honouring Scouts & Guides (2)	0.35	-
STL07 St.LUCIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting (2)	1.60	-
STL07S St.LUCIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting MS	1.55	-
URU07 URUGUAY 2007 Centenary of Scouting (2)	2.10	2.10
URU07S URUGUAY 2007 Centenary of Scouting MS	3.50	3.50
ARG07 ARGENTINA 2007 Centenary of Scouting (4)	2.75	-
EGT07 EGYPT 2007 Centenary of Scouting (1)	0.40	-
KIR07 KIRIBATI 2007 Centenary of Scouting (4)	2.65	-
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MEX07 MEXICO 2007 Centenary of Scouting (2)	2.85	-
NEP07 NEPAL 2007 Centenary of Scouting (1)	0.30	-
NL07 NETHERLANDS 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (2)	1.70	1.30
PAR07 PARAGUAY 2007 Centenary of Scouting (2)	2.65	2.65
POL07 POLAND 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (1)	1.50	-
SGE07 SOUTH GEORGIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting (Scout Marr & Shackleton) (5)	5.25	-
SPN07 SPAIN 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (1)	0.70	-
MUS07 MUSTIQUE(St.Vincent) 2007 Centenary of Scouting 6 in sheetlet	5.00	-
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TUV07 TUVALU 2007 Centenary of Scouting (4)	4.20	-
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ANG07 ANGOLA 2007 Centenary of Scouting 4 in sheetlet	2.25	2.00
ANG07S ANGOLA 2007 centenary of Scouting MS	1.55	1.45
PLN07 PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY 2007 Baden-Powell sheetlet of 4	2.30	-
BEN07S BENIN 2007 Baden-Powell MS	2.30	-
BUL07 BULGARIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (2)	2.75	-
BUL07B BULGARIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa – smaller from booklets (2)	3.55	-
<u>LABELS</u> BP57L Girl Guides B-P Centenary labels – 2 sizes from G.B. & Canada	0.20	
B-A-JL G.B. 1950`s Bob-A-Job Week window labels in sheet of 6 with instructions	0.40	
GLN63 1 st Glasgow Group Boy Scouts Liechtenstein Camp 1963 label	0.20	
BEL-SL BELGIUM Scouts Baden-Powell de Belgique subs. labels 1956-60 (10 varieties)	0.50	
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A 'Punt', or the importance of postcards

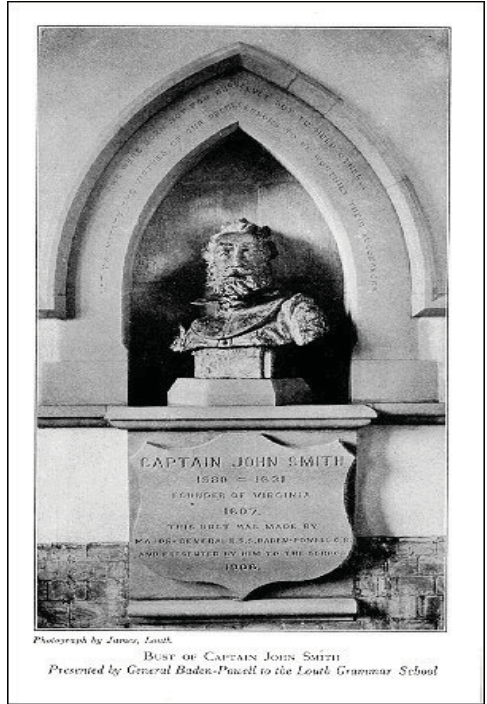
Early last year I was intrigued by a postcard advertised on eBay.



As you can see from the image, the card has no great visual appeal. Its condition is best described as poor, the top edge has been 'protected' by white tape and the bottom corners have been removed, perhaps as a result of it being stuck into an album. The reverse side however shows it was sent by Baden-Powell on July 21st 1906 to the Rev, AH Worrall at the 'The Lodge', Louth, Lincolnshire. The message, also a little uninspiring is, *I shall hope to come as you wish by train, arriving in Louth 11.44 on 31 July. RSS Baden-Powell*. I placed a bid for the item and won the auction for about as much as you might expect to pay for a Baden-Powell signature – (around £60).

I collate all Baden- Powell dated items by adding information about them to my 'B-P Chronology' (have you any in your collection I could add?). This enormous database includes B-P's day-by-day diaries, copied from the microfiche at Scout archives Gilwell Park and from the originals in the BSA archives Dallas, Texas. On adding the details of the postcard, I discovered that Baden-Powell had, on 31st of July, visited the town and presented King Edward VI Grammar School (Headmaster AH Worrall) with a bust of his claimed ancestor Captain John Smith of Pocahontas fame. The rare contemporary sepia postcard shows it in the position it retains in the school to this day (though it is now very beautifully lit!)

Baden-Powell and his Smyth ancestors (B-P's grandfather on his mother's side was Admiral Sir W.H Smyth, giving rise to the 'Smyth' in his full name) liked to believe that they were descended from Captain Smith (1592-95) who had been a pupil at the school. When B-P began to model in clay, one of his earliest works was a bust of Captain Smith, which he then had cast in bronze. This was later exhibited in the Royal Academy allowing B-P to add the coveted 'R.A' initials to his name, though I don't think he proclaimed this honour.



The bronze bust that B-P presented to the school was not unique. Although casting in bronze is ex-pensive, the process allows for several casts to be made from the original clay model so, besides the example still exhibited with pride at the school to this day, an exact casting is also to be found in the UK Scout Archives at Gilwell Park and yet another in the State Library of Richmond of Virginia, the state that John Smith founded, in New England, USA.

Part I of *Scouting for Boys*, published in fortnightly parts from January 1908, (and the later hard copy), included an eleven-page play written by B-P called *Pocahontas*, which of course featured Captain Smith, however no connection was claimed at this time B-P's family and Captain Smith.

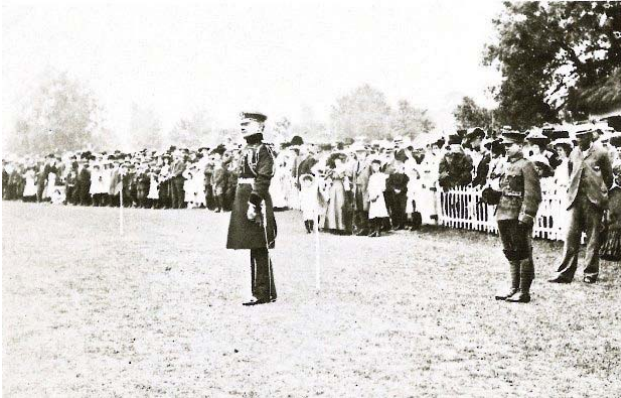
Clearly, when Baden-Powell visited the school on July 31st 1906, the bust was already in place or delivered by B-P in person. As a former Headteacher myself, I cannot envisage a situation where 'the Hero of Mafeking' could visit a school and not be given the opportunity to talk to the boys. I contacted the school's History Department and found that unfortunately they had no knowledge of any records that might detail B-P's visit. Knowing that the School Log Book for the period would almost certainly have the detail I sought and that it was unlikely to have been thrown away, I surmised that it might have been placed in the care of Lincolnshire Public Records Offices and so contacted them. They were very helpful but though they have the school Governors' Minute books, they too were unable to locate the

missing School Log book. They advised that I check with Louth Museum whom they said might be able to help.

At this point my quest had taken on a more serious dimension. B-P's diary confirmed that on May 6th 1906 he sent William Smith, Founder of the Boys' Brigade his paper *The Scouting Scheme* for comment, and on May 20th 1906 B-P dined with the Secretary of State for War, Richard Haldane to discuss his ideas for a new Youth Movement. Checking B-P's diaries for details of engagements at this time where he might have opportunity to talk to young people about his ideas, I discovered the visit to Louth Grammar School was the first recorded opportunity that B-P had to address a group of boys about his new Scouting Scheme. The question to be determined however, was did B-P talk to the boys on 31st July 1906?

Cath Gaunt, the Cultural Services Advisor at Louth Library, was more than equal to the task. She was able to find a local publication that utilised local postcards for illustration and sent me scans of the postcard images below.

Baden-Powell is seen here addressing the people of Louth at the school playing fields on July 31st 1906.



The caption to the image mentions an old publication *A Souvenir of Louth*, which stated that B-P's gift of the bust of Captain Smith, *which he made with his own hands, would be a great treasure to the town.* The *Souvenir* went on to record that while at the school B-P went on to open a new gymnasium and to inspect and

address the school's Cadet Corps. Though there is no record of the words that he used, I believe it more than likely that the Founder will have told the boys of 'his first boy scouts'* , the Mafeking Cadets, before going on to mention his plans for 'Scouting for Boys. (* from Camp Yarn No. 1. January 1908).

We can be sure that B-P's visit bore fruit, as on a return visit to King Edward VI Grammar School, on August 6th 1908, he was able to inspect Boy Scouts. The postcard image on the next page was taken at Hubbard Hills, Louth, and although neither B-P nor the Scouts are much in evidence, the large crowd that turned up to



see them certainly is.

In the *Scout* magazine of September 4th, 1909, Baden-Powell referred to the school's Captain Smith bust and was able to report with some satisfaction;

I went over to see it the other week and was delighted to hear from the Headmaster, Rev. AH Worrall, that a party of Boy Scouts from the 2nd Romford who were camping nearby had asked to come and see Captain Smith's bust.

So, my £60 'punt' on a postcard has revealed aspects of Baden-Powell and Scout History that has never been previously brought together. Baden-Powell's busts of Captain John Smith are on display in Lincolnshire and Virginia, as well as residing in the depths of the Scout Archive, but perhaps more importantly it would seem that a group of Cadets from King Edward VI Grammar School Louth were the first to hear from the Founder's lips of his plans that were destined to have impact on over 400 million young people (and rising) across the world.

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If only life was still this easy!

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Editorial

At the present time the UK is basking in what is know as an “Indian Summer” - which is exceptionally hot weather for us totally out of season. My wife and I have spend several days this week visiting seaside resorts or country estates to just walk or sit in the sunshine. This retirement might just catch on!

I was delighted to read that two Scouting exhibits achieved high awards in the Philanippon 2011, FIP exhibition 28 July – 2 August in Yokohama, Japan. The awards were:

Gita Noviandi, Indonesia “One World One Promise – The Scout Movement” 83p vermeil.

Hallvard Slettebø, Norway “World Scouting” 95p large gold.

This is Hallvard’s second large gold at FIP level. The first one was at China 2009.

I am building up a small stock of articles for future use but this does not mean that I don’t want more. Please read what members have written regarding the falling membership and then let me have your suggestions for what we can do to try to arrest the situation.

Terry Simister

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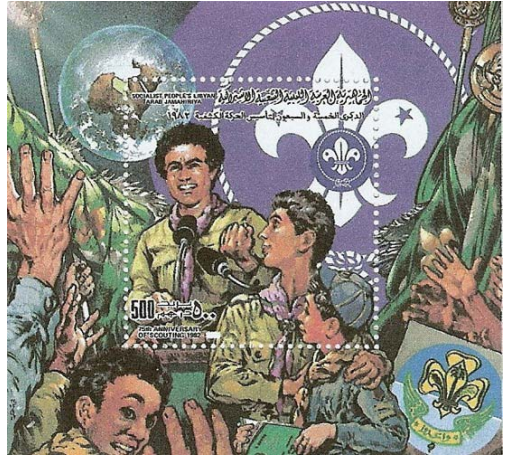
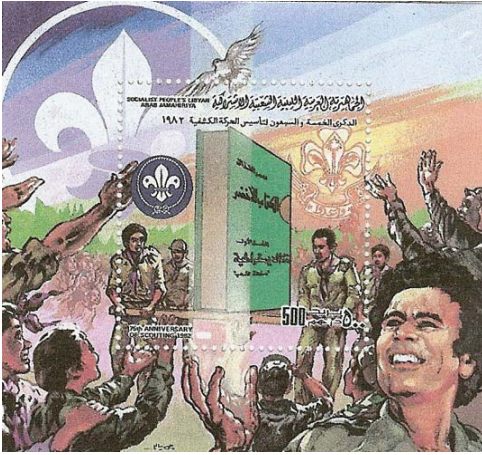
Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

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 the stands to look at as well.

As I write freedom fighters are still trying to oust the former regime from Libya and many are or were until the recent troubles involved in Scouting. Libya has produced a large number of Scout and Guide stamps over the years but sadly many of the most recent are a cynical exploitation of the Movement by their then leader Gadaffi using Scouting as a means for self publicity as seen on these two miniature sheets in 1982 for the 75th Anniversary of Scouting.



The question of falling club membership continues to generate much correspondence to our editor with some constructive ideas that the committee will certainly consider, but others sadly have been already tried without success

Like many clubs and societies these days we have become largely a corresponding club with the membership keen to learn about our hobby from the informative articles in the Bulletin and adding to their collections from the sales and club auctions but are not so keen to attend club meetings wherever held.

Our target is to attract new members of all ages and I urge all of you who are active in Scouting or Guiding to help promote the club through your own Group and also through your District Newsletter by sending their editors our membership form to reproduce. I would remind members that the club offers section membership to Colonies, Packs, Troops, Companies, etc. As well as individual membership.

No doubt some of you attended the recent World Scout Jamboree in Sweden and we look forward to hearing about their philatelic arrangements from you.

Much has appeared on the internet regarding the 22nd World Jamboree held at Rinkaby near Kristianstad, in Southern Sweden from 27 July – 7 August. My thanks go to our recently joined member Siang Tong Tan (known as ST) from the U.S.A., who kindly sent me three postcards from the Jamboree with the special cancellation. No official postage stamps were issued for the event, although printed labels were available in small quantities. Already Registered covers sent from the camp have appeared on eBay and the two I have recorded made £95.43 (US\$ 151.69, €105)

and £109.78 (US\$ 174.50, € 120). Registered covers into the camp from Switzerland and Denmark made £19.19 (\$30.50, €21.00) and £28.00 (\$44.50, €30.80). I understand that fake Jamboree badges are already appearing on the market and this also applies to the 2010 World Moot held in Kenya in 2010

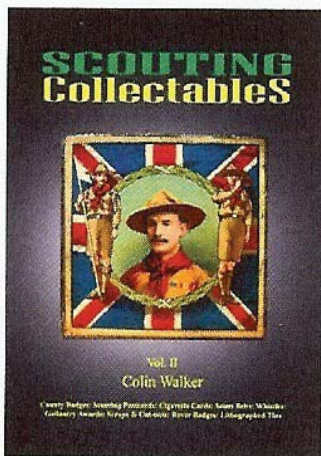


In my notes of Nov/Dec 2007. I wrote about the Victoria Cross Anniversary miniature sheet appearing for sale without the Queens' head or Value, as this included one stamp showing Jack Cornwell V.C. During May, Feldman's Auction of Switzerland offered for sale an imperforate 2006 miniature sheet which they believe to be unique. It was reportedly sent to an overseas subscriber of Royal Mail's new issue service on release, and no other examples have been reported. This lot (No. 31037) was estimated at €5000, but made €7000 (£6365 US\$ 9865).

Recently I visited the British Library in London, and was pleased to view the stamp collection of Poland formed by Mirosław Bojanowicz (1906–1986). He was a former member of the SGSC who settled in England after WWII and became a recognized expert on the stamps of Poland. He frequently served as a judge at international exhibitions and in 1966 was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. The reason for mentioning this is that on display in Frame 2 there is a 1944 Warsaw Uprising Boy Scout Potato cancel in red. This is a very rare item and very few are known as this cancel was only issued for two days.

Colin's Books

If you enjoy 'Colin's Corner', you will very likely enjoy the books he has written.



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SCOUT HANDSTAMPS UP TO 1957 Part 8 by Peter Duck

Poland obtained its independence as a nation in 1918 following over a century of occupation divided between Austria, Prussia and Russia. There were Polish Scouts at the Boy Scouts Exhibition which took place in Birmingham in 1913, and these Scouts were inspected by Baden-Powell. B-P recognised the Polish flag and their Chief Scout Andrzej Malkowski.

The earliest Scout handstamp I have is on a card posted in March 1918 which reads SKAUTOWY KURS INSTRUKTORSKI (OKREGU KRAKOWSKIEGO) NA KORNATCE POD DOBCZYCAM printed in purple. Unfortunately the stamps have been removed, so it is not possible to ascertain if they were Austrian or (new) Polish adhesives.



The Second National Scout Exhibition took place in Poznan in July 1929 and a circular handstamp in blue reads POCZTA OBOZOWA CHORAGWI LODZKIEJ. II NARODOWY ZLOT HARCERZY W. POZNANIA 12-23-VII-1929. My Polish is very limited, but the important words are HARCERZY (Scout) and NARODOWY (National).

A red circular handstamp “POLSKA ORGANIZACKA SKAUTOWA. OKREG ZAGLEBA” was printed onto a postcard of a horse – very attractive, but no message or date! Also it appears that the words HARCERZY and SKAUT are interchangeable. Scout Troops had their own cachets and I have a couple of Membership cards where all the records and reports are authorised with handstamps.

A purple handstamp from 1931 reads (in Polish) “Camp Command for Boy Scout Leaders in Jablonka Orawskiej”. Another from 1933 reads Z.H.P. CHORAGIEW KRAKOWSKA OBOZ V.KRAKOSKIEJ DRUZYNY 1933 printed in red.

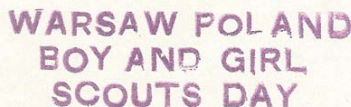
Polish Scouts celebrated their 25th Anniversary in 1935 with a Jubilee Camp in the forest at Spala. (Scouting had started in 1910 whilst the country was still under occupation). One of my postcards bears a red handstamp POCZTA ZLOTOWA CHORAGWI KIELECKIEJ which I believe to be some form of Camp Post. Another card carries the cachet of the Czech Contingent – VELITELSTVI CESKOSLOVENSKE VYPRAVY. POLSKO 1935.



The Scouts of Poznan celebrated their Jubilee with a purple boxed handstamp JUBILEUSZOWY ZLOT HARCERSTWA POZNAŃSKIEGO 15 DO 18 MAJA 1937 r.

From 1936 I have a cover mailed at the Great Lakes Exposition,

Cleveland, Ohio with the purple cachet WARSAW POLAND BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS DAY.



The clouds of World War II were approaching and the Scouts HQ in Warsaw sent a leaflet to their counterpart in Berne, Switzerland using their official address handstamp in red. Poland suffered greatly under Nazi occupation from 1939, and Scouting carried on underground. The handstamped postmarks of the Warsaw Uprising in 1944 are well documented elsewhere – I am fortunate enough to own four types of these.

Following the War, the Scout Movement was banned by the Communists and many Scouts escaped to various countries where they were able to enjoy Scouting in freedom. But I have an Easter greetings postcard from 1947 which carries a Scout Troop handstamp. Unfortunately neither postmark or handstamp are clearly legible. An old German Field Post card with three different Scout handstamps in red carries the address of Polish Scouts in BAOR (British Army of Occupation in the Rhineland) at Celle. The card (unstamped) is addressed to a lady in Middlesex, U.K.

The Polish Scouts based in France issued blocks of four publicity labels in 1949. These labels appeared in various colours and are often found in folders which carry Scout handstamps.

Polish Scouts in Exile in Chicago used a rubber stamp to commemorate B-P's Centenary in 1957. The handstamp in blue reads SENTA ROCZNICA URODZIN – LORD BADEN POWELL "ZNICZ" 1857-1957 72 KRAG STH.



Portugal was neutral during World War II and I have an envelope posted to Boy Scouts International Bureau, 38 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1. (the only time I have noted this address). The envelope bears the circular handstamp of JACINTO DOS REIS MONIZ SILVA plus Scout badge ANGRA DO HEROISMO, ACORES. The cover also carries censorship labels from Lisbon and U.K.



The CNE Scouts of Portugal held their 9th National Jamboree at Coimbra in 1952 and a square boxed handstamp in blue shows the Camp badge. The 10th National National Jamboree at Avintes-Porto produced a similar boxed handstamp.



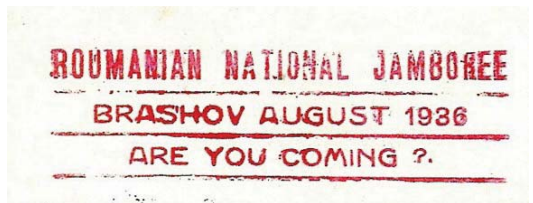
Romania, now back in World Scouting, had a great Scout tradition between the World Wars. As with many other European countries, Troops appear to have had their own handstamps,

and the earliest I have is from a Scout's logbook from the Troop "PASTORUL BUCUR". From the period of the National Jamboree, Sibiu 1932 there is a red oval handstamp showing an eagle with text CERCETASII ROMANIEI (Romanian Scouting).



On the reverse of an envelope from Romanian Scout HQ in Bucharest addressed to Lord Baden-

Powell is the red handstamp in English ROUMANIAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE BRASHOV AUGUST 1936 ARE YOU COMING? The envelope also carries prints of the oval handstamp reported from 1932, but in purple, as well as the circular cachet of their



Chief Scout Commandant. A purple handstamp was also used during the Jamboree reading CERCETASII ROMANIEI 4 JAMBOREE NATIONALA BRASOV 1936 (Note different spelling from BRASHOV above).

In 1937, Romanian Scouting was absorbed into the National youth Movement STRAJA TARIJ and no further separate Scout activities were permitted. But in 1939, an organisation ASOCIATIA CERCETASILOR DIU RASBUIN (The Association of the Romanian Scouts from the War 1916-1919) was in existence, and I have a handstamped letter plus the envelope with



address cachet posted 18 August 1939.

Scouting began in Russia in 1909, following a visit by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. The Movement was disbanded following the Communist Revolution, and Scout escaped to many countries. The earliest item I have is from Russian Scouts in France with a handstamp in purple printed onto a Membership card in the 1930`s.



Following World War II, many Russians found themselves in Displaced Persons Camps, and not

wanting to return to their (Communist) homeland. In some D.P.Camps, the Russian Scouts organised camp posts and produced their own “stamps” from 1946. These are occasionally found with handstamp “postmarks” and one reads in Russian LAGERNAYA POSHTA, FELDMOCHING (Camp Post, Feldmoching Camp)6.6.50. Another was used at a Philatelic Exhibition in the same Camp on 8.7.50.



↑
FELDMOCHING

By the following year a “Scout Post” had been organised in New York, U.S.A. for fund-raising purposes. A similar handstamp was used reading (in Russian) CAMP POST, NEW YORK. This postal system certainly continued beyond 1957. At the 7th World

Jamboree in Bad Ischl, Austria 1951, the Russian Scouts organised their own postal system using a rubber stamped postmark RUSSIAN BOY SCOUTS MAIL



↑
NEW YORK

3-13.8.1951 VII JAMBOREE. The only cover I have is addressed to the D.P.Camp at Munchen-Feldmoching.



A circular purple handstamp reading RUSSIAN BOY SCOUT(sic) IN GERMANY in English and Russian was used to cancel some of their D.P.Camp “stamps”. Another handstamp in purple was used for CAMP POST, FURSTENWALD (in Russian) with space for a date to be inserted.



FURSTENWALD

JAMBORALLY TVL is the simple straight line rubber stamp used on mail from the Transvaal Jamborally, Pretoria, South Africa in 1948.



A circular rubber stamp in purple from Mafeking commemorated fifty years of Scouting. Covers posted at Mafeking carried an incorrect cachet which was dated 22.XI.57. But similar covers posted in Bechuanaland (now Botswana) had the date removed. An envelope from Port Elizabeth carries a green address handstamp of Boy Scouts Association, Cape Midlands Division.

The only Spanish cachet I have is from 1930 before Scouting was banned during the Franco regime – the Movement was resurrected in 1974. The oval handstamp in purple reads LOS EXPLORADORES DE ESPANA CAMPAMENTO DE CASTILLE with Scout badge in the centre.

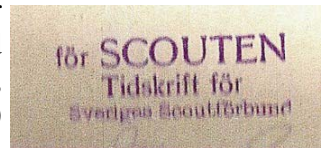


The Scout Council of Sweden comprises five different Organisations, all of which retain their own separate identities within the Movement. The

earliest handstamp is from Lund and reads SCOUT-BASAREN I LUND 19 och 20 April 1912, this is presumably for a fund-raising bazaar.



KFUM(YMCA) Scouts held their Midsummer Camp in 1915, and their purple circular handstamp reads: K.F.U.M. SCOUTERNAS MIDSOMMERCAMP. MELLAN FUREN OCH F.A. but no indication where it took place. Another 1915 cachet in purple reads: For SCOUTEN Tidskrift for Sveriges Scoutforbund (Subscription for SCOUTEN, Swedish Scouting's Magazine)



This also appears on a card from 1927.



KFUM Scouts held their Camp at Siljan in 1926 and the rubber stamp cachet shows the KFUM emblem, crossed arrows plus SILJAN 1926. Danish Scouts celebrated their Jubilee in 1927, and their Camp was held in Stockholm. A red handstamp was printed: DET DANSKE SPEJDERKORPS



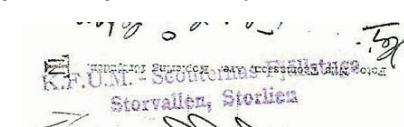
JUBILAEUMSLEJREN STOCKHOLM 1927. KFUM Scouts held their National Camp in 1930, and a purple handstamp showing Camp badge recorded the event.

An envelope from 1931 carries a circular cachet from SODRA VI KYRKLIGA SCOUTKAR with badge in centre (A local Troop, I believe). A circular handstamp from IOGT Scouts Stockholm was printed onto a postcard showing a Scout camp, but it is incomplete and hidden by the postmark.



1933 saw the IOGT Scouts National Camp at which a purple circular handstamp was used, reading: I.O.G.T.SCOUTERNAS RIKSLAGER OSTERSUND 9.16-7-1933.

In 1936 a Camp was held at Timraro and the blue handstamp shows two Scouts shaking hands (right-handed!) and dates 27 juni – 5 juli. My envelope was posted in Stockholm 1.7.36 which gives me the year. A similar handstamp used in 1938 gives the dates of 28 juni – 5 juli of that year. Also in 1938 a purple straight



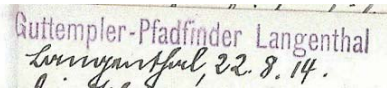
line handstamp was used: K.F.U.M. – SCOUTERNAS FJALLSTUGA STORVALLEN, STORLIEN. This was also used in 1941, so presumably was a permanent item. A similar handstamp from K.F.U.M.s OSTRAS SCOUTDISTRICT, BORGHOLMSLAGRET was used in 1942.

Following World War II there were a great number of Scout Camps in Sweden, and although many of them had special postmarks, I cannot record any handstamps. An envelope from Scout HQ in Stockholm in 1954 carries a circular cachet in purple: SVENSKA SCOUTRADET plus Scout badge.



Switzerland has been a great producer of Scout handstamps, and the earliest ones depict their first Scout badges which showed a crossbow superimposed on the Swiss Cross with motto ALLZEIT BEREIT or TOUJOURS PRET. The earliest dated I have is from August 1914 with purple

handstamp GUTTEMPLET-PFADFINDER LANGENTHAL on a postcard of a camp scene. A card posted in Geneva in 1917 shows the handstamp ECLAIREURS SUISSES COMITE



CENTRAL.

From 1918 there are handstamps from ECLAIREURS SUISSES TROUPE d'YVERDON (in green) and FERIEFLAGER PFADFINDERHUTTE GULDENTHAL. Many similar handstamps were used by Troops and Districts, so I will only list those I have from special events.

Eclaircurs Suisses
Troupe d'Yverdon

FERIEFLAGER
Pfadfinderhutte GULDENTHAL

ZUR ERINNERUNG AN DIE EROFFNUNG UNSERES PFADFINDERHEIMES IN OKTOBER 1924 (in red) reports the opening of the Scout House at St.Gallen. And in the same year – JAMBOREE CANTONAL NEUCHATELOIS, LE LOCLE 1924.

Zur ERINNERUNG
an die Eröffnung unseres
PFADFINDERHEIMES
im Oktober 1924

JAMBOREE CANTONAL
NEUCHATELOIS, LE LOCLE 1924

Then International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg was opened in 1925 and from that year a boxed handstamp was used reading “Scouts International Chalet” in German, French, English and Italian. Later, separate handstamps in either English, French or German were used.

JAMBOREE CANTONAL
NEUCHATELOIS, LE LOCLE 1924

Internationales Pfadfinderheim
Home International d'Eclaireur
Scouts International Chalet
Stabile int. de Giovani. Eploratori
KANDERSTEG/SCHWEIZ

Registered mail from the 1st National Camp, Berne carried specially handstamped Registration labels

Berne, Schweiz. Pfadfinderlager
№ 16

reading BERN, SCHWEIZ.PFADFINDERLAGER.

The Scouts of Zurich used a red cachet – ZURCHERISCH – KANTONALE PFADFINDER-LANDESGEMEINE 1929 IN WINTERTHUR at their Cantonal Camp.

The 2nd National Camp took place in Geneva in 1932, and once again handstamped labels were used on Registered mail. These read: GENEVE 2e CAMP NATIONAL DES ECLAIREURS SUISSES.

GENEVE
2e CAMP NATIONAL
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A purple handstamp SOMMERLAGER 1935 S T . A N T O N I N , Grb.PFADFINDERABT.ADLER, AARAU commemorated the Adler Scout Troop's Summer Camp.

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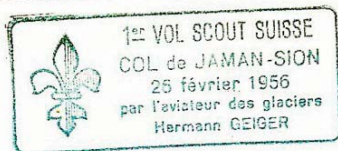
The 25th Anniversary of Swiss Scouting was celebrated in June 1937. Unfortunately, the rubber stamp produced is printed onto a celebratory label and is almost illegible.

The 3rd National Camp of Swiss Scouting was held in Zurich in 1938. A Mobile Post Office handled the mail and all correspondence was stamped in red ZURICH 3.SCHWEIZ.PFADFINDER BUNDESLAGER 1938.

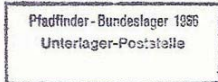


Lugano was the site of the 4th National Camp and once again the Swiss Post Office used a “supplementary postmark” in red, reading CAMPO NAZIONALE ESPLORATORI SVIZZERI LUGANO-TREVANO 1948.

In 1956 the First Swiss Scout Glacier Flight occurred as publicity for their forthcoming 5th National Camp. A green boxed handstamp was used reading: “1er VOL SCOUT SUISSE. COL DE JAMAN-SION 26 fevrier 1956 par l’aviateur des glaciers HERMANN GEIGER”



At the 5th National Camp, a regular postmark was used, but there were sub-camp cachets from SOUS-CAMP



M E C A N I Q U E ,
 UNTERLAGER 367,
 UNTERLAGER 366
 SPIEL UND SPORT
 and UNTERLAGER-

POSTSTELLE.

Baden-Powell’s Centenary was commemorated with a green or purple boxed handstamp: 1857 1957 100e ANNIVERSAIRE BP 22 FEVRIER RASSEMBLEMENT REGIONAL PLACE DU CHATEAU LAUSANNE 22.2.57.



On the reverse of an envelope from Syrian Scout HQ posted in 1950 is the print of their badge with text in Arabic.

Peter’s article will continue in a future Bulletin

THE PROBLEM OF FALLING MEMBERSHIP

This subject is still attracting a lot of correspondence which would indicate that members are interested in it as a subject for the future of the Club. I am starting by finishing John Bromige's letter and then moving on to some of the others which have now arrived. As before, most of the shorter ones have been included in full but I'm afraid that the longer ones have had to suffer a bit of editing to allow sufficient space.

Anyway, here we go again:-

Point 3 - General Public

1. Do any London members (families, friends) have media connections? I believe the present (?) Chief Scout worked in the media (T.V.). Does anyone know him personally - contact him, tell him about our Club. T.V., Radio have more programmes with Scouting connections, so they are not anti-Movement. (B.P.'s life, Jamborees, Gang Shows (London), Camping, etc.) Contacting the right people how about a T.V. Series on collecting. Dan Snow for example has done a series on famous battles (limited interest) so audience numbers are not the be all and end all.

Possible themes - (1) Art Collecting for the Amateur; (2) Coin Collecting; (3) The story of the Postcard; (4) Scouting Memorabilia; (5) Brass Rubbings; etc. Again take an imaginary scenario. Husband / Wife. "Mary, remember that collectors' programme on the TV the other night? The one that showed that postcard posted from the Titanic - worth a fortune. I was thinking what about those old Scout postcards in the attic, the ones Granddad left me. Said he had them from his brother (in Scouting 1910-1935). They might be worth a bob or two? (Potential new collector - seller - either way our club benefits.) In our modern society the prospect of free money has a wonderful effect, witness reactions on the Antiques Roadshow. The important thing however is that interest is revived in a long forgotten hobby.

NB What about a production of "Great Oaks" (R. Reader) - The Story of a Scouter, like Mr. Chips - The Story of a Public Schoolmaster. Several films and shown on TV more than once. It (Great Oaks) like Mr. Chips and even Gang Shows may be a little dated but does it matter - we love the past. A production may not benefit the club directly but would stir memories (older parents / grandparents - perhaps more Leaders - I understand there is a shortage. The play was / is fully licensed but does / did require permission from H.Q. For non-Scouting performances. As I have said publicity - I don't think Scouting gets enough these days (H.Q. To blame?) I have an Evening Standard (London paper - still exists?) from 1957 - front / back page and more inside on the Jamboree with many pictures (Queen's visit). Did it do the same for Prince William and his visit? I don't know - don't get the Standard up here. There was a small item on the TV. There are thousands (perhaps millions) out there, many ex-Scouts, Guides; some in the highest places in the land (The Queen - ex Guide) who have feelings of goodwill towards the Scouting Movement (Guide) and all some of them need is a little push to become more active. (PUBLICITY again.)

Regarding the press - many national newspapers publish a weekend magazine covering various topics and interests. What about an article on the Club, collecting, etc. In one of these? Anyone know an Editor? There must be thousands who have / had Movement connections and could be interested.

2. There used to be a B.P.'s room at Buckingham Palace Road, I assume (I hope correctly) that this is now at Gilwell? (New H.Q.) Would H.Q. (International Section) be interested in a Scout / Guide Exhibition (Living Scouting - our story told by our former members (still alive not history) - (Could be permanent / Summer only). Perhaps our Web Master and Club Members with world class collections (not just stamps / covers) could help

here. Display could show stamps, covers, badges, postcards, photographs, cigarette cards, china, uniforms, in fact any items members could provide on loan. (Exhibition could change ever so often so that members do not have to lend their precious material for too long - change of display also attracts more visitors). To my mind such an exhibition (especially supported / advertised by Gilwell) would attract campers / parents in addition to thousands of others who must visit each year. What an advert for Scouting and Gilwell. There could perhaps even be a small charge, say 50p, for Scout funds. I could, for example, provide old Scout and proficiency badges (long out of use), London Gang Show items, a Gilwell book signed by three Camp Chiefs (Belge Wilson, John Thurman, John XXXXXXXX and Chief Scout - Charles Maclean).

There could be a poster at the entrance along the lines "You may not be B.P. Nor may you be able to have as you have just seen, such a varied and priceless collection as his is but as you will see from today's exhibition you can still form a fascinating collection to remind you of your days long gone that you spent in the Scouts / Guides. Contact details are available on request to get you started".

NB It might be worth reminding H.Q. That via "The Scout" they once sold Scout covers - I have some in my collection.

I could of course continue but I hope I have given you some ideas to work on? If I were to sum up in one word it would be PUBLICITY (repeated over and over again - apologies to Tony Blair) Think about it, what do the general public remember - things drummed into them or always in front of them. E.g. Mention 1066 - answer Hastings / Conquest; Nelson - Trafalgar / Victory; Lady Thatcher - Falklands / Poll Tax; Baked Beans - "Heinz means beans"; Lucy Owen - Lucy who you say, but she is a TV presenter well known in Wales - point made?

Yours sincerely, John (Bromige)

Dear Terry,

The problem of falling membership,

Maybe history may help, I remember as a boy in the east end of London, when money was not plentiful after the war, All boys collected something be it match box covers, cigarette packets, bus & trolley bus tickets, all costing nothing, all from the street.

How I started to collect stamps I do not remember, but there was a school stamp club and plenty of friends to swap with, I achieved the wolf Cub collectors badge, then the Scout & senior Scout collectors badges. I was collecting Scout stamps long before I even heard of the S.G.S.C., I was buying material from Bob Lee's advert in the Scouting magazine, and by chance hear of the club & joined some 30 years ago.

Since moving to Northern Ireland 19yrs ago, where philately is near none existence compared to London, I had contacted the club secretary many years ago for advertising material, I thought that I could place posters advertising the club at regional event, but I had no reply.

Since 2007 21st world jamboree at Hylands Park at which I was on the I.S.T, the clubs presence was very small. I also attended – Punchers Town 2008, Chemboree 2010, Camjam 2011, all international Jamborees and not a sign of the club, I know a pitch may be expensive but there could have been advertising material.

I feel the club over the years has been sitting back on high numbers and not been promoting itself, and now numbers are falling, the committee do a good job, but as most committees, too much falls on too few. The committee needs to get fresh blood whose purpose would be to promote the club – not to those in philatelic circles, but to Scouts & Scouters in general. Posters at district, county, region meetings and Jamborees would be a start, to build up the membership will cost the club money.

I must say the Royal Mail do not help, with at times ten stamps to a set and ten set a year, pre – franked post & labels on parcels, and ever increasing costs.

Maybe like our milk rounds that have gone, times are changing and philately a thing of the past unless you are rich that buys for investments.

Wilf Lewis C.S.L. 1st Whitehead Co. Antrim.

Hello Terry,

Adding to the debate, my experiences could be useful in focusing on the problem areas rather than blaming global influences (as with the country's debt!).

I recently re-joined the SGSC, having helped my son with his collector's badge many years ago, ably assisted by Peter Duck, Bob Lee and Melvyn Gallagher (all still going strong).

My first requirement was an up to date listing of S&G stamps, as mine was SSCC dated 1979. I was told that to obtain this I had to join the club, which I duly did, only to be told that a current listing was no longer available! How do beginners start collecting under these circumstances.

Then the bulletin arrives, which could be in a foreign language, for it is totally devoted to the most obscure and specialised aspects of collecting, double Dutch to beginners.

I have experienced the same problem with local philatelic societies. Kenley PS joined with Purley, then Caterham and now Croydon. All of the meetings are of the same specialised subjects and attended by the few specialist collectors, and all bemoan the lack of new members and blame outside influences.

How many members have duplicates stored away that could be bagged up and passed to a local BP group to foster someone's interest, even if only for a collector's badge. Have members approached their local leaders to introduce the subject at a winter meeting.

Then there are the basics. I have some loose leaf album sheets headed "Scout & Guide Stamps". Are these still available? I tried to obtain some stamp hinges and the nearest stockist was 10 miles away. Discussion subjects could include the best way to remove stamps from covers, especially in these days of self adhesives, or which hinges are considered the best and alternative methods of affixing. I am sure members have different ideas for discussion and of use to others.

Trusting that this is constructive.

Eric Clarke.

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There you are, all the letters received so far on the membership subject - although I welcome more if you have the time to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboards. Please don't let this theme dry up - let me know what you think about the whole issue. No real change in the reasons for the decline but everybody so far seems to agree that the main way forward is publicity. John Bromige has put forward a lot of ideas but I do feel that we have tried many of them already and without success. It is difficult to get the Scout Association interested in collecting anything historical when they have already lost interest in the Movement's own history and can't even find the time, space or money to produce a Scouting Museum of some magnitude here in the UK. So how do we generate publicity - let me have your suggestions please.

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NIC75X NICARAGUA 1975 (5 low values only)	0.15	-
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ANT75 ANTIGUA 1975 (4) (25c value only USED)	1.30	0.20
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GHA75S GHANA 1975 MS	1.20	-
GHA75A GHANA 1975 (4 imperforate)	3.00	-
GHA76 GHANA 1976 INTERPEX overprint (4)	1.00	-
GHA76A GHANA 1976 INTERPEX overprint (4 imperforate)	3.00	-
STF76 STAFFA(Scottish Local Post) sheetlet of 8 (with B-P & Chess)	-	0.25

LABELS

RO-L1 ROMANIAN SCOUTS 1 st World War Homage labels (English text) sheetlet of 8	1.25	
RO-L2 ROMANIAN SCOUTS as above with Romanian text	1.25	
RO-L3 ROMANIAN SCOUTS memorial to 2 nd Nat Jamboree Sibiu 1932 block of 4 labels	0.75	
RO-L4 ROMANIAN SCOUTS memorial to 3 rd Nat Jamb Mamaia 1934 block of 8 labels	1.25	

2007 Issues

ELS07 EL SALVADOR 2007 Centenary of Scouting (2)	0.55	-
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AUS08A AUSTRALIA 2008 Centenary of Scouting (as above - 3 x self adhesive stamps)	2.90	-
AUS08S AUSTRALIA 2008 Canberra Stamp Show MS with 2 x Baden-Powell stamps	3.05	-
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KOS07 KOSOVO (United Nations Admin) 2007 Centy of Scouting/Europa (2 in MS)	4.45	-
PHL07 PHILIPPINES 2007 Centenary of Scouting (2 pairs in MS format)	1.95	-
GUA07 GUATEMALA 2007 Centenary of Scouting (1)	0.25	-
ARM07 ARMENIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting/Europa (1)	2.60	-
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PNG07S PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2007 Centenary of Scouting MS (stamps as above)	1.65	1.65
PNG07M PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2007 Centenary of Scouting MS with B-P	4.40	4.40

I should like to thank Hallvard Slettebo and John Ineson for supplying details of the three Doctors whose names appear on the All India Boy Scouts Jamboree Rocket Despatch cover of 1937 (see Bulletin No.317, page 5). They were:

Dr. Robert Paganini of Zweisimmen, Switzerland.

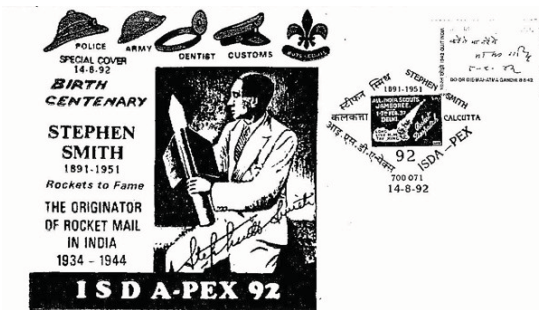
Dr. Max Kronstein of New York, U.S.A.

Dr. Henry Erdmann Radasch of Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A.

The three Doctors were prominent aerophilatelists of the time, that is collectors of airmails. This they also had in common with Stephen H. Smith (organiser of the Rocket Posts) who was responsible for nearly all rocket mail activities in India in the 1930's.

A postmark to honour Stephen H. Smith was issued on 14th August 1992 (1891-1951) which shows shows a Rocket Despatch label in the design.

In my collection I have a letter from the Boy Scouts Association (India) to Smith asking him to “very kindly give a demonstration of Rocket Mails and propaganda by Rocket, at the All India Boy Scouts Jamboree to be held at Delhi in the first week of February” The Association agreed to pay for his passage to and from Calcutta, and to see to his food and stay at the Camp. A hand written addition to the letter states “in any event such cost will not exceed Rs.20/- (twenty Rupees) only.”



CHINA 1912.

One of the earliest postcards in my collection originates in China. It shows a photographic picture of Boy Scouts in camp, plus their bicycles. The text on the reverse reads SCOUT SERIES No.9 CYCLIST CAMP SCENE. The card was posted at the British Post Office in Shanghai using a King Edward VII 4c stamp of Hong Kong. The card also bears two Chinese postmarks of Shanghai, one with date in Chinese, the other in western style 21 APR 12.

The card which was posted to a Dr. A. Todd-White of Leytonstone, Essex has the message “Just had a visit from General B-P. Great doings. I am writing a copious description of it when time permits” The signature is undecipherable.

Although I have many early Scout postcards, there are none from the “Scout Series” and there is no indication of the printer.

William Hillcourt in his book “Two Lives of a Hero” records: “He (B-P in April 1912) came closer to the real China at Shanghai. After the usual reception and review of British Scouts, he expressed a desire to see the Chinese part of the city. He was told that such a visit was not altogether safe in the present unsettled state of affairs (following the revolution of 1911). Nevertheless he was provided with two guides – a European and a Chinese detective – with whom he walked through the narrow alleys of the old city, stopping from time to time to do a bit of sketching.”

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From Charles Taylor

Terry,

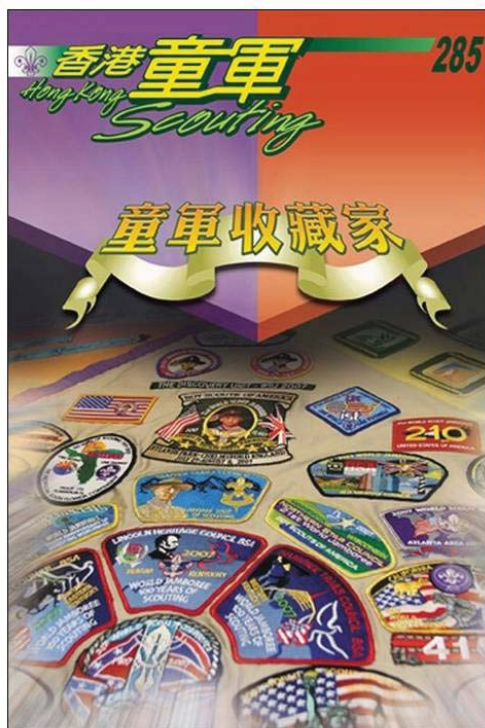
This caught my eye and wallet in the local art centre. Unfortunately it has proved popular and was the last one. Something different to make a talking point.

Regards...Charlie



A good idea of what Scout entertainment was all about before the advent of Ralph Reader and the London Gang Shows.

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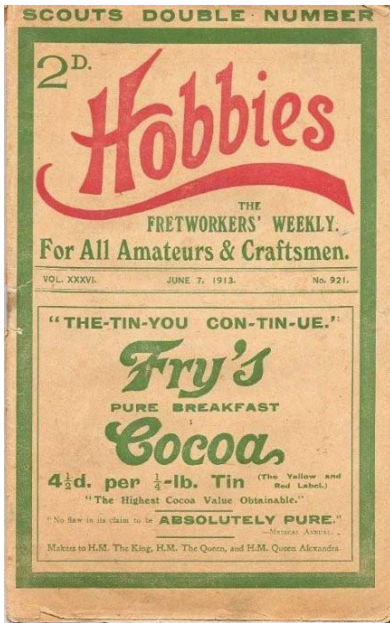
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A hobby for Scouts?



The recent publication of my book Vol. II of *Scouting Collectables*, brought forth a response to some fretwork items included in the *Scraps and Cut-Out's* Chapter. I was very kindly given a copy of the *Hobbies* magazine of June 7th 1913, which was billed as a *Scouts Double Number*, and contained two Scouting designs. As well as the patterns the magazine advertised many other items that could be purchased from the company, such as treadle fret-saw machines on which the elaborate shapes could be cut out.

On reading the publication, it became apparent that here was a piece of ephemera that was well worth collecting, and writing about here as the purpose of this series of articles is to examine the wide range of paper ephemera available to the Scouting

Collector. It links directly with a very neglected area of collecting, Scouting Fretwork. The magazine itself and certainly its paper patterns falls easily into our remit. However there is perhaps a more serious sociological reason for its preservation which perversely is caused in the fact that the Magazine is NOT an official Scouting publication. The publication gives a considerable insight into the way Scouting had permeated youth culture by June 1913, to the extent that manufacturers and publishers were only too happy to latch onto its 'coat-tails', in the confident hope that linking with Scouting's 'keen young men', their sales could only prosper.

Fretwork, a pastime for boys and adults, was popularized by *Hobbies Weekly*, which ran from 1895 to 1968, though the company still exists to this day. The 1914 'Scouts Double Number' contained 29 pages and, in addition, had plans for three fretwork designs, two of which were directly linked to Scouting. Of the 29 pages, nine were devoted to Scouting, as were many of the advertisements. One of the articles concerned itself with the requirements for the Fireman's Badge, with instruction at quite a high level. Of course these Scouting articles were not just to the advantage of the publisher. *Hobbies Weekly* was read by a very wide readership, mainly by boys and adults with

active minds who liked to make things. It seems highly predictable that this 'endorsement' of Scouting will have brought recruits into the movement who previously had had no previous contact with it.

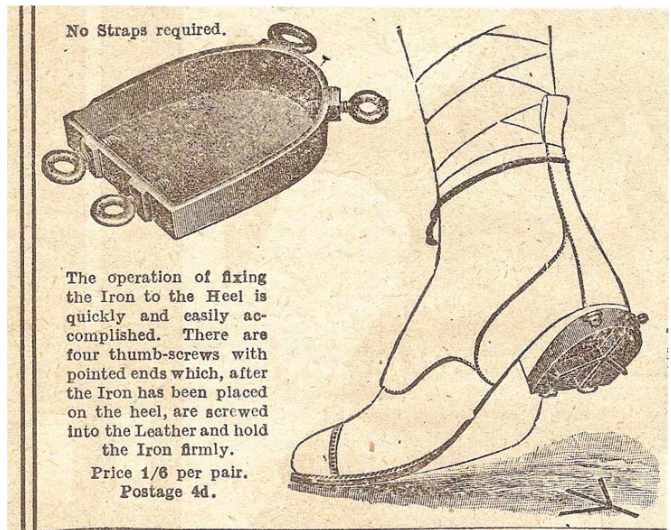
Among the adverts for trek carts, axes, knives, Morse keys etc were some relating to highly innovative products produced by the Hobbies Company. One of which advertised tracking 'irons', Tracking, using 'irons', was a Scouting activity from its earliest days, figuring in the first editions of *Scouting for Boys*. Indeed the use of such 'irons' formed part of the activities on

Brownsea Island at B-P's experimental camp in 1907. B-P had borrowed the idea, as he did much else, from Ernest Thompson Seton (See Scouting Milestones website index). Seton had developed his own 'irons, that strapped onto the boot in much the same way as a period pair or roller or ice skates.

Seton's 'unique selling feature' was that the metal bar or 'slug' with the raised markings of say a deer track, could be substituted with the tracks of a different beast. The 'Hobbies' tracking iron was unique in that no straps were required. The 'iron' could be directly fixed to the heel of the boot by four 'thumb-screws.

Other innovative 'Scouting' products included a very professional looking Heliograph costing £1 5 shillings, *which brings the art of signalling within the reach of every Scout Group.*

For sheer inventiveness however there was nothing to beat the 'Scout's combined Pole and Saw'. This 'essential part of a Scout's equipment' combined a specially adapted Scout staff with a light chainsaw. Normally the 'blade' was contained within a recess cut out along the length of the 'pole', but in use it could be flexed by an extension which braced the chain saw away from the pole. The device could then be used as a saw and was, I imagine, particularly effective in sawing dead boughs from trees above the



normal reach of Scouts on the ground. Its usefulness and safe usage was guaranteed because it had been devised, 'in consultation with experts at Headquarters'.

The main purpose of this edition of the Hobbies Magazine however was to launch two new Scout fretwork designs. Unfortunately I have seen neither piece, and so would be very pleased to receive an image of either the Scout *Be Prepared* Photograph Frame, (illustrated below, is as depicted in the



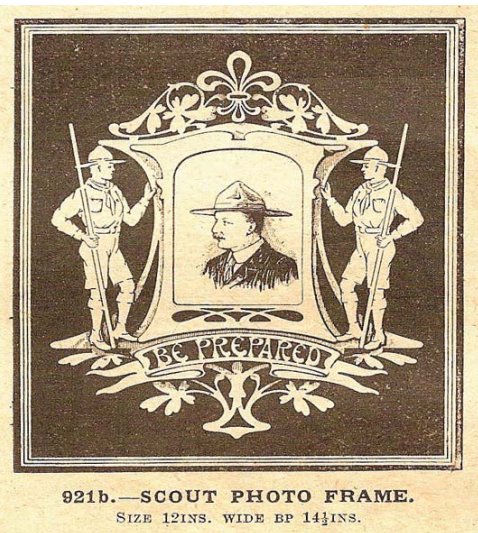
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unappreciated in recent years. Doubtless many examples will have been thrown away, perhaps on the death of the maker. The few I have seen sold have been for £20 or less, the exception however being the elaborate design 'Our Chief' (see next page), which made £160 in a recent (2011) eBay auction.

magazine), or the Scout thermometer holder. Illustrated are similar designs from later issues.

Fretwork generally has become very





I conclude with a 'cut out' of a different kind that was an official souvenir at the 1920 World Jamboree held at Olympia, London. The design followed the 'Red Indian' theme used on the cover images of the Official Jamboree Programme, the Handbook, and one of its poster stamps.

My motivation is entirely selfish. I have only this slightly out of focus image and so would be extremely grateful if any of our members know of an original, from which it might be possible to have a better quality scan.

There is more to say on *Cut Outs*, particularly on the theme of 'Epinals', which will form the



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Response to query from Kelichiro Noguchi in July / August Bulletin

It's a very nice cover! BUT are you asking about the use (OR REUSE) of old first day cover?

Way back in February 1984 while in Bangkok, Thailand's (my collecting country) main post office, I found out that they were **initialing** or starting EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE (EMS) to the USA that day. Not having any blank envelopes, I brought a first day cover from post office's philatelic service. (Of course, I brought a few years old Boy Scout Anniversary cover which is my topical collection). I addressed it and paid the premium postal fee to send it to my home address.

At that time, the Thai Post Office had two types of FD covers: the cancellation tying the stamp to the envelope OR the cancellation NOT touching the stamp. The later could be used to pay and mail the envelope at any later time. (However for my EMS case, they did not honor postage stamps and insisted on cash and their EMS labeling system for the cover.)

Maybe that is what your correspondent in Mexico did when mailing your purchase. I presume that the stamp on the upper right front is the tied stamp for the original FDC.

T.P. McDermott

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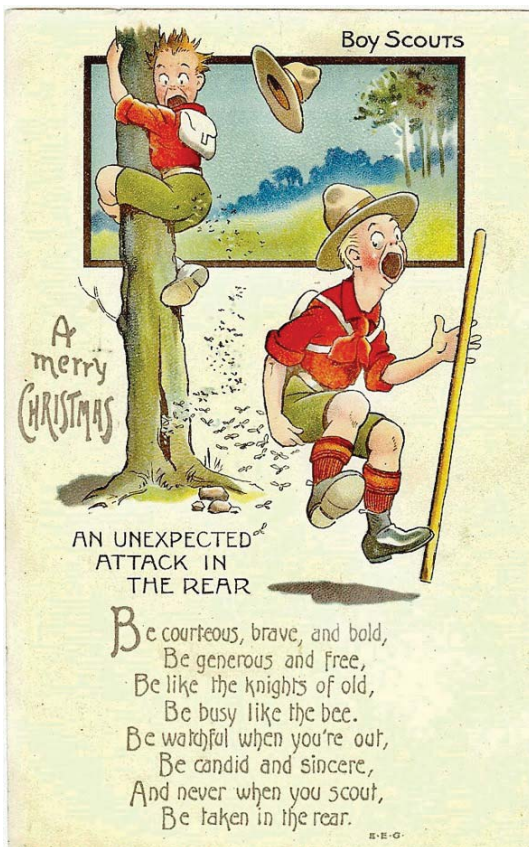
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Editorial

So here we are the end of another year and the completion of four years since I took over from Peter as Bulletin Editor. Hopefully you've all enjoyed what I have managed to produce but please remember the biggest thanks go to the kind folk who write the articles and send them in to me.

For the third issue running there is a selection of correspondence on the membership situation which does show that there is a lot of interest in this subject and the corresponding benefit of keeping the Club going.

The Committee have discussed all the suggestions and our first responses are contained in an article in this issue along with our first notice for use in your Districts.

Please let me know your thoughts and your Group/District response.

All that remains at this point is for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a particularly Happy and Peaceful New Year for 2012. Hopefully many of use will get the opportunity to meet up in Germany at EuroScout 2012.

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

January 14th, March 10th and May 13th.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

21st April 2012 at Philatex Annual General Meeting:12.45- 14.45

3rd November 2012 at Philatex Committee 12.45 to 13.15
then open meeting 13.15 to 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 the stands to look at as well.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

November 11th was Remembrance Day when the fallen and wounded from all our wars are remembered. Originally started after the 1914-1918 war, from which nobody who fought is now alive. It was when the Boy Scouts first proved their worth both on the home front and in the fighting too, with Scout hero Jack Cornwell gaining the Victoria Cross aged only 16. In those days boys of that age could fight at sea and many lied about their age when enlisting.

B-P had foreseen the coming of war and it has been suggested that the paramilitary training of his early Boy Scouts was to provide "cannon fodder" when the time came.

In B-P's military training book of 1914 "Quick Training for War" he states 'The whole raison d'être of the Boy Scouts Movement is to develop character by direct and practical steps and if these should be of any use as suggested to a military instructor he has only to refer to the handbook "Scouting for Boys" to see that the games and practices by which they may be inculcated'.

When war did come in 1914 the Boy Scouts gained respect from the authorities and public alike, giving air-raid warnings, helping in hospitals, raising funds for charities, guarding the infrastructure and running the Coastguard Service as can be seen on the many postcards of the period.



By the time you receive this Bulletin another year will have nearly passed by so on behalf of all the Committee we wish all members a Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2012.

Please see the back cover for further postcards and illustrations in respect of this subject

Australian Die Proofs continue to sell well in Auction. Recently Grosvenor Auctions in London sold the 1960 Girl Guide 5d die proof in deep ultramarine mounted in sunken board for £780 (approx. €865 US\$ 1170). It was in May 2009 that the same auction house sold the 1948 Scout Jamboree 2½d die proof for £1750 (€1925 US\$ 2625) and the 1952 Jamboree 3½d for £1150 (€1265 US\$ 1725).



The *Philatelic Exporter* reported a few months ago that the Royal Mail destroys 25 million undeliverable items a year. This information came out in response to a Freedom of Information request when they reluctantly disclosed that it shredded 152 millions of undeliverable mail – letters, packets and parcels in the last six years. The *Daily Mail* reported earlier this year that 70,000 items were sent to the National Returns Centre in Belfast every day. These bore incorrect or incomplete addresses and no return address. If the contents also did not help to deliver or return the item, anything valuable is extracted and sold at auction with the profits going towards the running of the centre. Therefore if sending stamps make sure you address the envelope correctly!

In another article written in *The Daily Telegraph* it reported that Royal Mail was forced to pay £5.1 million in compensation for lost items in the last year – equivalent of almost £100,000 per week. This article mentioned that 160 full-time staff are employed at the National Returns Centre to reunite lost letters and parcel with their rightful owners. They manage to redirect one in five items they receive.



During November Argyll-Etkin offered for auction “1936 (Aug 10) Cover franked with a ½d and 1d each cancelled by fine "MOUNT EDGCUMBE CAMP / PLYMOUTH, DEVON" double ring datestamp with a third strike alongside, used at

the West Country Scout Jamboree. Fine and scarce, the datestamp usually applied alongside the stamps, which were cancelled at Plymouth. Estimate £600-700” It sold for £600 (€660, US\$900).

AUSTRALIAN BRONZE AWARD FOR SLOVENIAN SCOUTING AND GUIDING - TONE SIMONCIC

My colleague collector Erhard Stermole from Australia was born in Kocevje where he emigrated from together with his family before the second world war. He has lived in Australia ever since. We first met at the world 1988/89 jamboree in Australia. We have remained in constant correspondence, exchanging scouting philatelic material as well as information about the WOSM or WAGGS movement. He has been publishing articles about Slovenian scouting philately and scouting in general, bringing out Slovenian scout signs, stamps, etc. in Australian magazines on a regular basis.

I placed an order at the Slovenian G.P.O. For two of his personalised stamps - the first one with his portrait from 1988, the second one from 2009, when he got an international award for his publicist philatelic activities, i.d. Numerous publications about Australian scout philately that earned a number of philatelic postmarks, a few stamps and parallel products as well as his regular correspondence with other world philatelic publications.

Erhard sent me a copy of the bronze medal he had been awarded at the very exigent Australian competitive exposition in Adelaide where he presented Slovenian scouting activities that cannot be as rich as the Australian ones. The latter are “swarming” with philatelic artefacts due to the number of its adherents. Last year the Australian scout organisation celebrated the centenary of girl guides preceded by the centenary of boy scouts a few years before. Both celebrations abounded in scout philatelic issues that delighted the collectors.

The centenary of Australian boy scouts was favoured by a number of philatelic items - perforated and imperforated adhesive stamps, first day covers (one with girl guides trimming stuck on, another with the officially made indentation filled in with the one-Australian-(scout)-coin dollar and a numismatic letter !). This is a maximal philatelic scout feat and the first of its genre. Scouting in Australia has obviously a strong support which enables it to accompany it on the philatelic field. There are few countries that have issued scout coins.

It is worth mentioning that Australian post has also issued a series of postcards with characteristic Australian motives; on the picture side there is a golden print - the 22nd Australian jamboree seal - the other side bears an inscription confirming that the postage has been paid. Namely a sort of picture postcard with the postal continent status.

SCOUT HANDSTAMPS UP TO 1957 Part 9 by Peter Duck

Chinese Scouting was abandoned on the mainland following the Communist take-over in early 1950's, but the Movement was able to continue on the island of Taiwan, and from 1956 handstamps appeared from Scout Camps and other events.

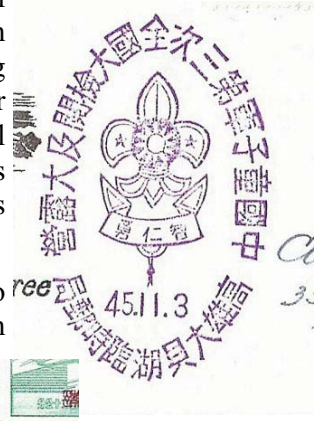
I do not know the exact wording of these prints, but all are very attractive. A Jamboree was held at Sun Moon Lake in August for which a circular handstamp was produced, and printed in either red or purple.



Later, in October 1956 the 3rd National Jamboree took place, for which a circular handstamp showing Scout salute (also in red or purple) was issued.



A large oval handstamp was also used at this event which has a changeable date and is sometimes printed onto stamps.



The Winter Jamboree at Chang Hoa produced two handstamps (red or purple again). One was triangular with

Scout badge, the other circular with hands hake superimposed on Scout badge.



Scout badge, the other circular with hands hake superimposed on Scout badge.

Baden-Powell's Centenary was celebrated in 1957 with an issue of three stamps. First day covers from the City of Puli carry a cachet showing the badge of the Jubilee Jamboree held in United Kingdom.

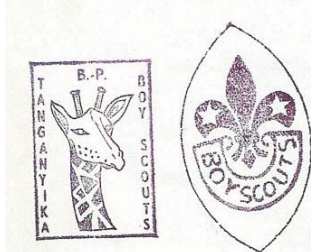


There was also a First Zone Summer Camp cachet showing a Scout and tents used at Taipei. In November 1957 a Scout Stamps



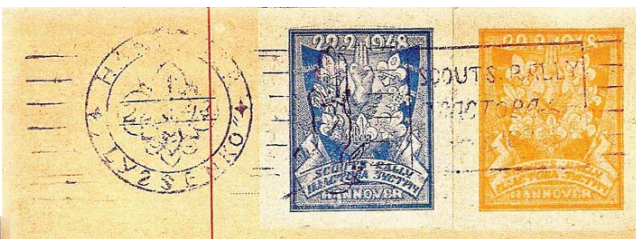
Exhibition was held and the red boxed cachet shows a Scout with magnifying glass.

An envelope from Tanganyika in 1957 addressed to the Organising Commissioner of the Jubilee Jamboree carries a boxed handstamp in black showing a giraffe with text B-P TANGANYIKA BOY SCOUTS.



Ukraine, which eventually became an independent nation in 1992 following the break-up of the soviet Union, had Scouts in Exile since the 1920's. After World War II, many Ukrainian Scouts found themselves in Displaced Persons Camps where Troops were formed. Some Ukrainians were able to attend the 6th World Jamboree at Moisson in France in 1947, and fund-raising postcards and labels were produced. Some of these cards were printed with a green circular handstamp for what I believe is Troop No.1. One of my cards also carries the handstamp of Mittenwald D.P.Camp 6.7.1947.

A Ukrainian Scouts Rally was held in Hannover on 22 February 1948 for which a postmark-type handstamp was used. In 1950, Scout Posts were operating in D.P.Camps Sedan and



Ludendorf for which two different "postmarks" were used to cancel their "stamps".

By 1952, many Ukrainian Exiled Scouts were established in Canada and U.S.A. and Ukrainian "PLAST"

Headquarters was instituted in Toronto. Ukrainian Cyrillic script is different from Russian, and I have not been able to decipher many of the cachets. There have been many handstamps used on covers and labels for commemorative and fund-raising purposes. Toronto 1952, Winnipeg 1953, Montreal 1954 also 40th Anniversary in



Canada 1914-1954 are events where handstamps were used. Also the Scout Museum (where?) used their own handstamp, mine is dated 1952.

One handstamp for which I have a translation is for ""Stamps Exhibition Post 26.4.1953 Scout Troop Junior Philatelist 3 Group Ukrainian Scouts – Hetman Mazepa New York.



Blessing of the Flag.” This design also includes the Scout badge. Also in New York State a green handstamp for SPRING FESTIVAL CAMP, EAST CHATHAM, N.Y.

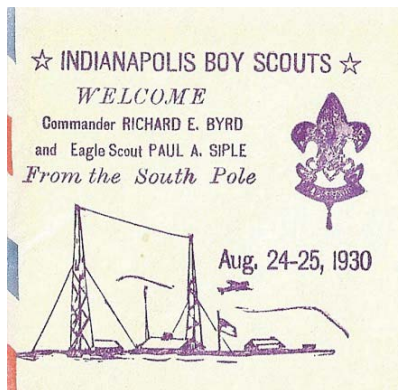
A Ukrainian Scout Rally took place in Winnipeg for which a large oval cachet was used, either in green or purple. This shows the Cathedral of Kiev plus a Scout badge. Also a circular green handstamp was used – WINNIPEG 30.7 – 1.8. –55. Another red circular handstamp used in Winnipeg 12-19.XI.1955 showing a Scout badge superimposed with a winged warrior. 1956 saw the 45th Anniversary of Ukrainian Scouting and a special handstamp was produced, this was usually printed in blue and was used on many items even into 1957 when a further red circular handstamp appeared. The only word I can comprehend in these is PLAST (Scout).

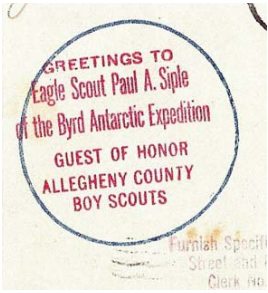


In December 1957, Ukrainian Scouts held a camp at Lilydale, Australia for which an oblong boxed handstamp was used.

Our friends in SOSSI (U.S.A.) use the term “corner card” for official mail with Boy Scout Council or Headquarters addresses on top left of envelopes. Many of these are printed, but occasionally they are found as rubber stamps.

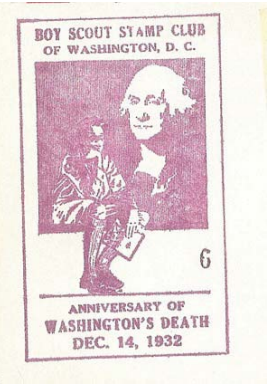
The first commemorative handstamps I can record are from a series of Home Coming Receptions for Eagle Scout Paul A.Siple who had accompanied Commander Richard E.Byrd on his Antarctic Expedition in 1930. These cachets appear from: Erie, PA, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh (Allegheny





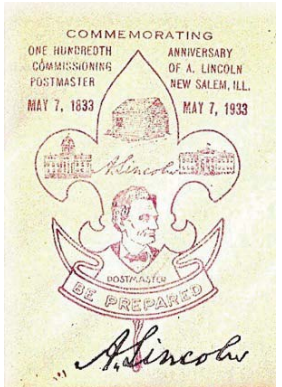
Council), Kingston, N.Y. and Bartlesville, Oklahoma. There were also printed cachets from other cities.

The Boy Scout Stamp Club of Washington, D.C. commemorated the Anniversary of Washington's Death with a handstamp printed in either purple or red dated Dec.14,1932. The design shows a pensive Scout and portrait of George Washington. A similar design was also used for 201st Anniversary of Washington's Birth, February 22, 1933. (Note – also coincides with Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's joint birthdays).

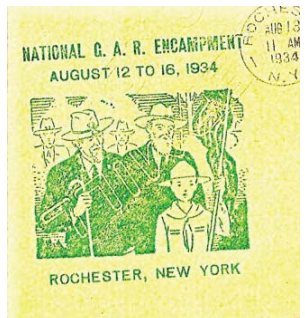


A purple rubber stamp reading '23rd Anniversary 1910 Boy Scouts of America 1933' was stamped onto mail usually in combination with a blue boxed handstamp showing Uncle Sam and BOY SCOUTS TEN YEAR PROGRAM. THIS STAMP IS THE NATION'S MARK OF APPROVAL. Also in 1933 the Boy Scouts of America commemorated "One

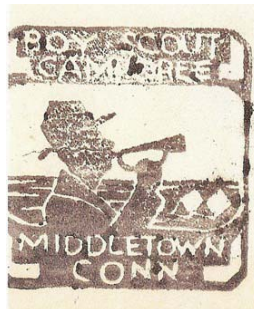
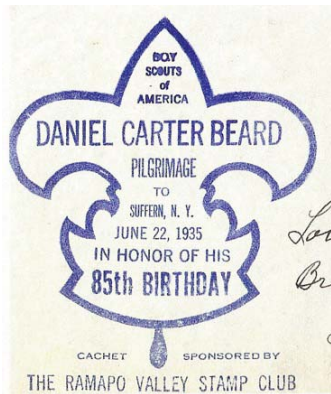
Hundredth Anniversary Commissioning A.Lincoln Postmaster New Salem, Ill May 7 1833 May 7 1933" with portrait of Abraham Lincoln and signature. BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA CHICAGO COUNCIL BOY SCOUT DAY A CENTURY OF PROGRESS AUGUST 25, 1933 appeared as a boxed cachet in black on covers.



THE NATIONAL G.A.R.(Grand Army of the Republic) ENCAMPMENT AUGUST 12 TO 16, 1934 ROCHESTER, NEW YORK produced a rubber-stamp cachet showing a Boy Scout carrying the flag. This appears in purple or green.



1935 was the 25th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and various cachets appeared. BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE MIDDLETOWN CONN used a crude handstamp (or possibly a linocut print) in black showing a Scout bugler. The Ramapo Valley Stamp Club sponsored a cachet "Boy Scouts of America. Daniel Carter Beard Pilgrimage to Suffern N.Y. June 22, 1935 in Honor of His 85th Birthday". Another cachet includes a Scout badge and Scout silhouette with text "Boy Scouts of America Incorporated February 8 1935 New York City". PAINESVILLE'S FIRST BOY SCOUTS MERIT BADGE EXHIBITION APRIL 26-27 1935 PAINESVILLE, OHIO used a purple rubber stamp on covers. My cover is also signed by the Local Commissioner.



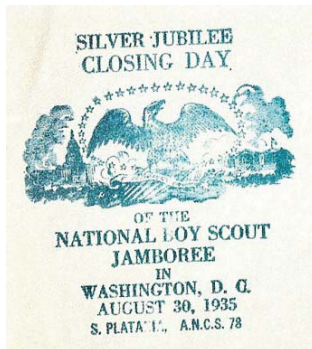
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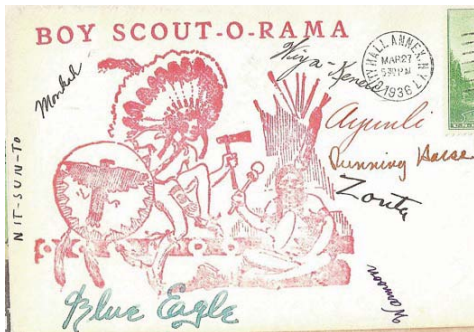
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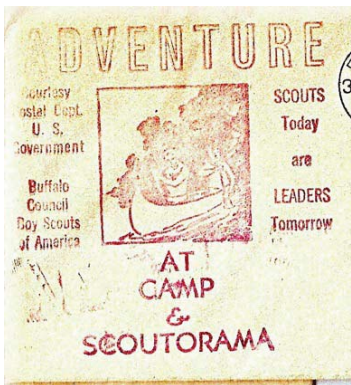
A National Jamboree was planned for 1935 to be held in Washington, D.C. for which a "25th Anniversary Founding Boy Scouts of America" with camp scene cachet was issued. This was supplemented with extra texts such a GRAND JAMBOREE WASHINGTON D.C. AUG.21-30. Other handstamps were prepared "Silver Jubilee Closing Day of the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Washington, D. C. August 30, 1935. S. Platania A.N.C.S.78". Unfortunately, due to an outbreak of Polio, this Jamboree had to be postponed until 1937.



BOY SCOUT-O-RAMA took place in New York on March 27, 1936 and a rubber stamp cachet showing Red Indians was used.



From Buffalo, N.Y. on April 22, 1939 a purple handstamp was used ADVENTURE AT CAMP & SCOUTORAMA. SCOUTS



TODAY ARE LEADERS TOMORROW plus Scouts in a canoe.

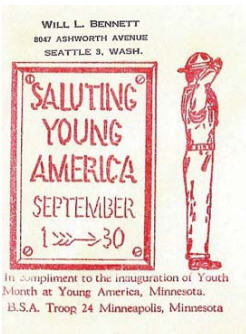
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was a handstamp used in Georgia on Feb.8,1945. The "Boy Scout Exposition May 9 and 10, 1947 Minneapolis Auditorium" produced a green rubber stamp with Scout badge and the Auditorium. Covers were also stamped "Mailed at U.S. Post Office in Operation at Boy Scout Exposition for Postmark on their Canceling Machine" in either green or purple.

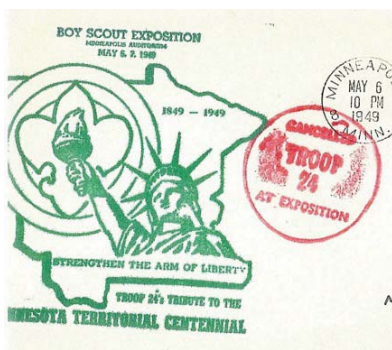


THE MERIT BADGE SHOW, TUCSON used a rubber stamp in the shape of Arizona on Feb.7, 1948. B.S.A.Troop 24 Minneapolis, Minnesota used a rubber stamp "Saluting Young America September 1-30" (1948). The postmark reads YOUNG AMERICA MINN.



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More Boy Scout Expositions in 1949 produced cachets from Tall Corn Council, Des Moines, Iowa and Minnesota Territorial Centennial, Minneapolis.

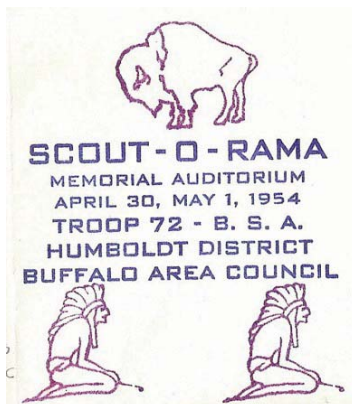
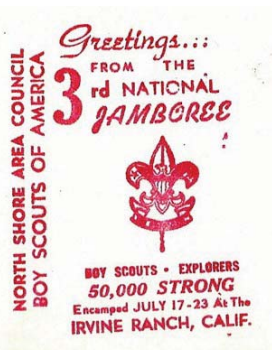


SCOUT-O-RAMA ALLEGHENY COUNCIL 1951 MAY 11-12 HUNT ARMORY PITTSBURGH,PA used an oval green handstamp showing an Indian brave.



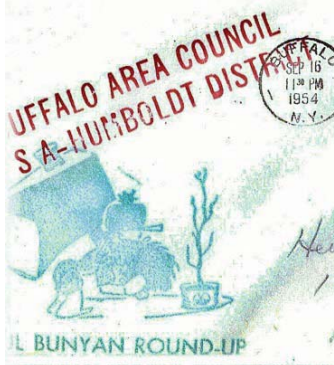
The 3rd National Jamboree took place in 1953 where a cachet in red was used: "Greetings from the 3rd National

Jamboree, Boy Scouts, Explorers 50,000 Strong Encamped July 17-23 at the Irvine Ranch, Calif. North Shore Council Boy Scouts of America". Printed in red or purple, it also depicts a covered wagon. During this event, the 1st NATIONAL CONVENTION SCOUTS ON STAMPS SOCIETY SUNDAY JULY 19, 1953 produced a boxed handstamp in red.

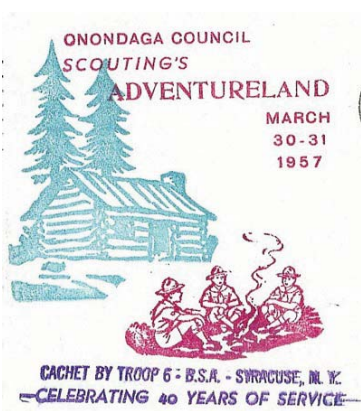


SCOUT-O-RAMA MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM APRIL 30, MAY 1, 1954 TROOP 72 – B.S.A HUMBOLDT DISTRICT BUFFALO AREA COUNCIL used a handstamp in either blue or green which was supplemented with the print of a bison and an Indian Chief. Buffalo Area Council B.S.A. -

Humboldt District commemorated their PAUL BUNYAN ROUNDUP with green and red rubber stamps on Sept. 16, 1954. A handstamp for COASTAL CAROLINA COUNCIL B.S.A. MERIT BADGE SHOW – COUNTY HALL – April 14th and 15th 1955 was used in Charleston, S.C.



Handstamps in three colours were printed together for ONONDAGA COUNCIL'S SCOUTING'S ADVENTURELAND APRIL 7 & 8, 1956. Another reads CACHET BY TROOP 6 – B.S.A. – SYRACUSE, N.Y. CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE – with Scouts, tent and campfire printed in the centre. Another 40 years event from 1956 BOY SCOUT EXPOSITION COW PALACE APRIL 20-21 CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SAN FRANCISCO SCOUTING 1916 1956 showing Scouts with old and new style hats – "Prepared by Pack 16 and Troop 15 and mailed from the Exposition San Francisco Council Boy Scouts of America".

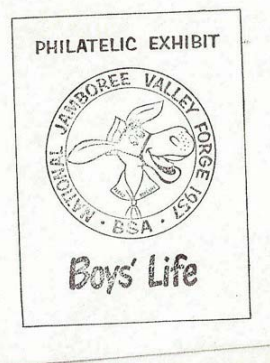


Another from Onondaga Council for SCOUTING'S ADVENTURELAND MARCH 30-31, 1957 of similar style to their 1956 cachet. A boxed handstamp in blue was produced for GENESEE COUNCIL BSA CITIZENSHIP-IN-ACTION ARMED FORCES DAY BATAVIA N.Y. MAY 18, 1957 with George Washington in centre "Onward for God and my Country" – cachet by Troop 7 BSA Batavia, New York.

The 4th National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America took place in 1957 and Genesee Council used a hand-made cachet in blue "1957 JAMBOREE VALLEY FORGE" with the same George Washington print as used at their 1956 event. Another hand-made cachet was used by Troop No.63 Fort Payne, Ala., also in blue, and supplemented by text in red "Leaving for Jamboree Today" plus Stars & Stripes flag.

BOYS' LIFE magazine held a PHILATELIC EXHIBIT with boxed handstamp showing their mascot "Pedro" (Mule or Donkey) and text BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE VALLEY FORGE 1957. The "Second Convention Scouts on Stamps Society International" was held on Sunday July 14, 1957 with an appropriate cachet in red.

Charter Oak Council, Hartford, Connecticut "The Constitution State" Troop 7 Section 19 used a cachet in the shape of the State of Connecticut.



Finally to Venezuela, and one of my favourite covers. An envelope posted in 1937 with circular handstamp in purple from BOY SCOUTS DE VENEZUELA TROPA APURE 1a DE SAN FERNANDO. This Registered airmail envelope which is also printed with Venezuela Scouts badge was posted on 4 August 1937 to Belgian Congo where it arrived on 16 September. One wonders which route it took?

A cover from 1947 carries the handstamp in purple UNION DE EXPLORADORES VENEZOLANOS SECCION 11 – CARACAS COMANDO DE BRIGADA plus Scout badge. An official envelope to Colonel J.S.Wilson of Boy Scouts International Bureau in London bears the handstamp of the Chief Scout of Scouts de Venezuela.

This completes Peter's article on Scout Handstamps

THE PROBLEM OF FALLING MEMBERSHIP

This subject is still attracting some correspondence which would indicate that members are still interested in trying to solve some of our membership problems.

Anyway, here we go again:-

Hello Terry

Just a few lines in response to the members who sent in suggestions about increasing the membership of the Club.

I realise that many attempts have been made to increase membership -- but without a great deal of success.

My suggestion would be to start to include items about scout and guide postcards. There are a good number of collectors in the Club who collect postcards -- after all Scout and Guide postcards have been around for a long time! I know that in the International Badgers Club there are a number of the members who also collect postcards etc as well as badges.

Maybe a survey/questionnaire could be sent to all members to see if there is any interest in broadening the club's appeal. After all, many postcards which were sent often include scout/guide stamps.

At present I have stopped collecting new issues of scout stamps as it was getting too expensive.

I hope you get some more letters about continuing the interest in the club -- as members have said we need to broaden the remit of the Club.

Yours John Roberts

I suppose the logical reply is to say that we did in fact extend the remit of the Club some two years ago to read "For collectors of Scout and Guide Stamps and other related Paper Ephemera". The intention was to open up the club to collectors of postcards, cigarette cards and paper documents (not books) which had any relevance to Scouting or Guiding. Generally this went by unnoticed except that Colin Walker has covered some of the suitable areas in his regular column.

The problems are really two fold - firstly how do you get to the "new" interested potential members and secondly how do you persuade them to produce the articles that we need to expand coverage of their particular discipline.

We have produced some ideas from amongst the Committee and these are elsewhere in this issue. Please let us know what you think.

THE ASSOCIATION OF ROMANIAN SCOUTS OF THE 1916-1919 WAR.

Romania entered the Great War (1914-1918) in 1916 on the side of the Allies. The country was occupied by the Austro-Hungarian forces, but the Allied Victory in November 1918 brought peace to Romania in 1919, plus the acquisition of the territories of Transylvania from Hungary, Bucovina from Austria and Bessarabia from Russia. Peace and founding of a Greater Romania was concluded at the Treaty of Trianon in 1920.

The Scouts were able to render vital assistance during the War and there is a record of a British resident in Romania presenting medals to Scouts for their service and bravery. It has been well documented that Scouting in Romania was incorporated into the STRAJA TARIÍ National Youth Movement in 1937 and consequently withdrew from the Boy Scouts International Conference. An envelope from Straja Tarii in Bucharest addressed to the Boy Scouts International Bureau, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1. is known (but its contents are not).

Under the Patronage of King Carol II, the Association of Romanian Scouts of the 1916-1919 War (Asociatia Cercestasi Romaniei din Rasboiul 1916/19) was organised. It is not known exactly when the Association was set up, but letters are known from 18 August & 4 November 1939 and 19 January 1940.

A circular letter dated 14 August 1939 in the first envelope reads as follows:

“Dear Comrade, We would like to inform you that the following are available to you at the Central Office: Commemorative Cross Certificate, Victory Medal Certificate, War Insignia Certificate. (Ferdinand with Spade Certificate & Medical Merits Certificate are crossed out). And (we) invite you to our Office on any working day between 18-20 hours to collect them personally or by power of attorney; or by recorded mail, by sending 20 lei. At the same time, we kindly ask you to remember to pay the membership fee up-to-date and the tax for the building of our home.

Good Health! Secretary General I.Lazaroneanu, Lawyer.

General Treasurer Captain Florescu St.Dumitru.”

The envelope of 4 November contains a leaflet reading:

“Dear Comrade, After a lot of toil and few years of waiting, we have managed to purchase a house for the Association, at 5 Orlando Street, a very central location. This sound achievement was made possible by the support of our good fellows, who gave their contribution to complete the amount necessary for the purchase. But, the amount that was gathered was only sufficient to buy 5/6 parts of the building. We still to buy 1/6 and to furnish the inside, which must be up to the standard of our beautiful home.

Dear Comrade, You know as well as us if you have made your contribution to our home. If you haven't yet, do it now; and if you are among the kind ones which have already

contributed but could give more, please do not hesitate, as any small contribution will be welcome, as our home will be closer to completion by the moment, the home where we will meet in brotherly love and will share the memories of our adolescence, of the war for the reunion of the nation.

Confident that you hastily answer this appeal, we warmly thank you.

Good Health! President Dr. Constatin Chirila.

Secretary General Lawyer Ionel Lazaroneanu
General Treasurer Captain Florescu St. Dumitru.”

Also two sets of Fund-Raising “stamps” were issued. One design depicts a Scout assisting a wounded soldier, with “stamps” valued at 1 (brown), 2 (green) and 5 Lei (brown). The other set shows the emblem of the Association with values of 50 Lei (orange), 100 Lei (grey) plus a third (purple) with no value. The latter set was printed by FABRICA DE TIMBRE (National Stamp Printers).

In 2000, by which time Romanian Scouting was flourishing following years of Communist rule, a sheetlet of 8 labels was issued reproducing the designs of the earlier “stamps”. Surcharges across the “stamps” commemorated PEACE TREATY TRIANON 1920, ROMANIAN SCOUTS FROM THE 1ST WORLD WAR, ROMANIAN SCOUTS AT THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE LONDON 1920 and ROMANIAN SCOUTS AT CAMPDOWNE ENGLAND 2000. The border of the sheetlet mentions “A Homage to the First World War’s Romanian Scouts. Trianon Peace Treaty 1920-2000.” This border printing appears in both English and Romanian. Also the sheetlets were issued perforate or imperforate, as well as on two different papers – shiny or matt. AND some have no overprint on the labels, so there is a possibility of 16 variations! (See Picture on Page 24)



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YAR80S YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1980 MS imperforate	6.00	-
YAR88S YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1988 17 th Arab Scout Conference MS	2.50	-
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YK67A YEMEN KINGDOM 1967 12 th World Jamboree (7) imperforate	2.40	-
YK67S YEMEN KINGDOM 1967 12 th World Jamboree MS	2.50	-
ZAI81 ZAIRE 1981 Norman Rockwell commemorative (8 – one Scout)	2.00	-
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ZAI85S ZAIRE 1985 Internat Youth Year surcharge on 1982 Year of the Scout MS	-	1.00
ZAM82 ZAMBIA 1982 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (40)	1.35	2.00
ZAM82S ZAMBIA 1982 75 th Anniversary of Scouting MS	1.35	2.00
ZIM82 ZIMBABWE 1982 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (4)	0.45	0.60
MAV99 MALDIVES 1999 19 th World Jamboree - 3 in sheetlet	-	2.00
VEZ95 VENEZUELA 1995 50 th Anniversary La Salle Academy 2 x Scout values paired with Science and Football stamps (4)	1.20	-
BRZ07 BRAZIL 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (1)	2.25	-
BLR07 BELARUS 2007 Centenary of World Scouting/Europa (2)	2.00	2.00
TKC07 TURKS & CAICOS IS. 2007 Centenary of World Scouting – 6 in sheetlet	7.55	-
TKC07S TURKS & CAICOS IS. 2007 Centenary of world Scouting MS	9.40	-
TRN07 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (4)	2.05	2.05
TRN07S TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2007 Centenary of World Scouting MS	2.60	2.60
TRN07A TRINIDAD & T. 2007 150 th Anniv. of St.Mary's Children's Home(4 – 1 shows Cub Scouts)	2.20	2.20
DMR07 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (1)	4.85	-
SRL07 SRI LANKA 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (1)	0.30	-
PAR08 PARAGUAY 2008 70 th Anniversary of Scouting (2)	4.65	-
MAY07 MALAYSIA 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (3)	1.85	-
RSO07 SOUTH OSSETIA(Russian Local) Centy World Scouting/Europa sheetlet 12	5.35	-
ABK07 ABKHAZIA(Georgia Local) Centy of World Scouting/Europa sheetlet of 12	5.35	-
EST07 ESTONIA 2007 Centenary of World Scouting/Europa (1)	2.45	-
SHE07 SHETLAND(Scottish Local) Centenary of World Scouting/Europa (2)	1.00	-
ORK07 ORKNEY(Scottish Local) Centenary of World Scouting /Europa (2)	1.00	-
GBS07 GUINEA-BISSAU 2007 Commemorating World Jamborees – 5 in sheetlet	9.40	-
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SRB07 SERBIA 2007 Centenary of World Scouting/Europa (2)	3.75	-
NZ11 NEW ZEALAND 2011 80 th Anniversary of Health stamps (1)shows 1944 Princesses stamp	0.45	-
NZ11S NEW ZEALAND 2011 as above MS – shows 1953 Scout & Guide stamps in background	1.65	-

Eur *Scout 2012*

28. - 30. September
Rothenburg ob der Tauber



Foto: G. Steinmann

Ever since 1996, every second year, the EUROSCOUT Exhibition takes place, always in a different country, a meeting of Scout philatelist and persons who are interested in Scouting.

Grafing near Munich, Austria, Italy, Prague and Ghent /Belgium, Spain, Switzerland and England, all have already hosted the EUROSCOUT. Now in 2012 the turn comes to the touristic town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Bavaria, which will become the target for participants from all over the world. Collectors from eighteen countries have shown their intention to book.

Extraordinary collections, containing evidence of Scout history and from the life of Scouts and Guides will be on show. Documentation about the engagement of Scouts / Exile-Scouts after WW.2 in the DP-Camps in Germany will be a major theme.

A literature-saloon and presentations of Scout-Museums will enrich the event.

A „One-frame-competition“(12 pages) containing not only philatelic items (stamps, letters, postmarks), but also postcards, badges....will illustrate an idea, an aim of Scouting or a Scout event, will be on show.

The best display will receive the WALTER GROB-AWARD, which is given for the first time.



Foto: ex prospect of the house

The impressive, great hall of Wildbad, where the exhibition is housed, will give a splendid situation. The theatre there, right below, will be the stage for a speech about „DP-Scouts and Camps in Germany“and of a concert of the well known MTA – Scout Chorus and will be an ideal surrounding for a gala dinner and a „merry together“with tombola.

On the agenda also is the IFSCO-conference

and the Arge-AGM

- Special postmark
- A guided tour through the medieval Rothenburg (in different languages)
- A bus tour to Greglingen (world famous wood carved altar by Riemenschneider) and visit of the garden of Weikersheim castle.
- On Sunday, bus tour to the world heritage „Residence“ of Würzburg

Informationen: www.arge-pfadfinder.org, email: kontakt@arge-pfadfinder.org

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On the subject of getting Young People interested in Collecting especially Scouting material

The following was received from T.P. McDermott in the U.S.A. towards the beginning of 2011

A New Merit Badge

A new merit badge titled *Scouting Heritage* and its pamphlet was introduced in 2010. I found it related to my hobbies and collecting interests and believe it would be of interest to other members. A very abbreviated version of the eight requirements follows:

- 1-a discussion on B-P and the introduction of scouting,
- 2-two biographical sketches and two discussions of events,
- 3-discuss Scouting's different age groups,
- 4- attend a jamboree/high-adventure base or the National Scouting Museum (I think this is a hard part),
- 5-learn the history of your local scouting,
- 6-make a collection of patches or memorabilia,
- 7-play an old scout game,
- 8-interview three people about impact of scouting on their life.

I personally think that a collection of scout first day or event covers would be a great item for requirement six. Be sure to obtain a copy of this MB pamphlet and, while you are at it, a copy of Stamp Collecting (dated 2007). You will not be sorry! Many of our members would make great counsellors and indirectly help perpetuate our hobby. Are you going to volunteer?

Does the above make you think, especially if your own Scout Association doesn't have anything like this Merit Badge? Well, it did as far as the Committee are concerned here in the UK. So we'd like to suggest the following:-

1. All UK members of the club to write to Headquarters suggesting that the UK introduces a "Scouting Heritage" Badge basically on the same lines as the above.

2. Follow ups to all District and County Commissioners asking them to support the application wherever possible.

3. The SGSC will write formally to The Scout Association with the same request but also offering to put together a complete syllabus for the badge, perhaps even agreeing to sponsor it providing the cost is reasonable.

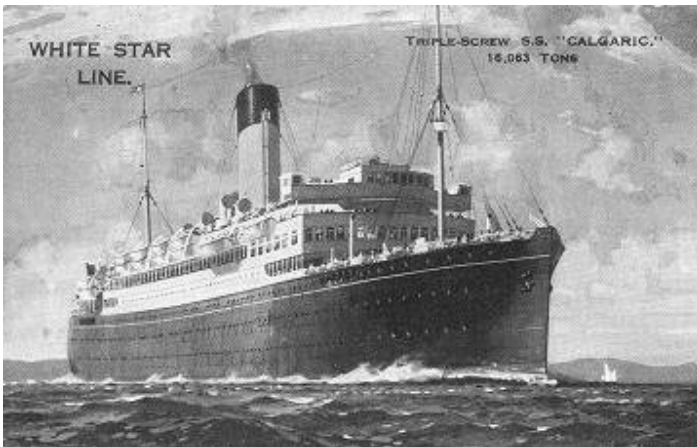
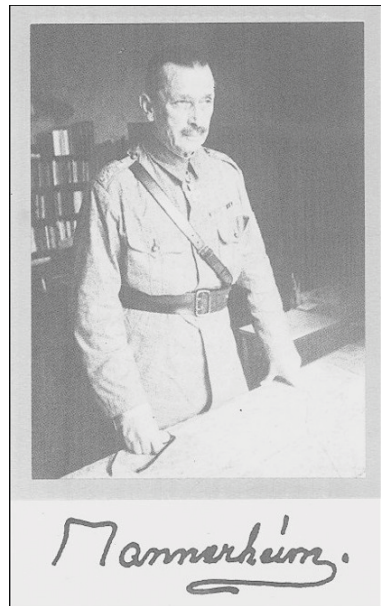
4. The SGSC have developed an A4 sized notice about the club and the learning benefits which can be gained from membership. A copy of this is included along with this issue of the Bulletin and all you need to do is arrange for a copy to be on show in your local Group Headquarters or, at least, shown to the members. Further copies are available on request from the Editor.

Ramblings!

I regret that serious illness in the Walker Camp has taken my eye off the ball more than somewhat, but I am pleased to say that my wife Fran is now making an excellent recovery. Thankfully I can again allow my mind to wander on to things Scouting, though for the moment without much form or plan, so, I will use as prompts some of the happenings of the last few months.

Fran and I were very pleased to play host to at Group of Finnish 'Rovers' just prior to the Gilwell Reunion this year. Under the leadership of Joppe Ranta they visit the UK every year to seek out places of historical Scouting significance.

It was particularly important to Fran and me to look after our visitors well, as they entertained us magnificently when we visited Helsinki and Turku to give talks in connection with the Finnish Scouting Centennial last year. Marshal Mannerheim, a well-loved former President, is seen as the 'father' of Finnish Scouting, he took the country out of Russian domination leading the 'White Army' in 1918. He met Baden-Powell on several occasions but notably when the first 'Peace Cruise' on SS Calgarc called at Helsinki in 1933. Not surprisingly the highest Finnish



Scout award is named in Mannerheim's honour. The City of Helsinki has preserved his wooden home but because of my speaking engagements we were disappointed to find that it was closed at the only time we had

available to visit. Joppe and his 'Rovers' however arranged a very special private viewing and so we were able to see the balcony where the Chief dutifully drank the Gin and Tonic that Marshall Mannerheim thought was the favourite 'tipple' of all Englishmen.

We were also entertained to a meal in the Kappeli Restaurant, near the harbour front, much as B-P was all those years ago! I am fortunate to have two original log books of Calgaric cruises and a copy of a third written by Heather Baden-Powell, as well as official 'Cruise of the Calgaric' book written by Rose Kerr and so was able to trace B-P's path through Helsinki. Close to the landing stage an impromptu 'woodcraft' dais was produced to enable the 2000 Scouts and Guides that matched past to have a good view of their Chiefs.



So, what on earth could I do in return for such hospitality? Fortunately we do have in our country a Scout Museum of which we can be proud, though it entails a visit to Waddecar in Lancashire. It is Britain's only purpose built Scout Museum, and its quality artefacts are displayed with a care and pride showing just what can be achieved. This feat is all the more remarkable because the Museum, funded by Michael Loomes and a bequest from Dr John 'Wilkie' Wilkinson, a 'graduate' of the first ever Wood Badge course held at Gilwell Park in 1919 (and the first person to organise a Wood Badge course outside Gilwell), is entirely staffed by volunteers.

The museum is managed by a trust which is independent of any Scout Association, National or County, but is excellently located in Lancashire's excellent Waddecar Scout Activity Centre, set in the Pennines near Garstang. The Trust's Curator Michael Loomes, who with his brother Ron, has done so much to ensure its success.

You can imagine then how pleased I was that Michael was able to respond to my request for a tour of the museum, and how thrilled the Finnish Scouts were that he

had taken the trouble to set out artefacts and uniforms relating to Finland and B-P's visit to Helsinki. Circumstances permitting, Michael would be pleased to arrange party visits and can be contacted the Museum's WebPages at <http://www.storyofscouting.org.uk/>

The Museum has been extended in recent years to include a wing depicting 'The Story of Guiding' and as I write an extension to the archives is being built.

While with the Finnish Scouts, Michael pointed out something I had missed on previous visits (though maybe not, as all but except key displays are changed on a regular basis). The museum had been given a set of posters depicting the 2007 Royal Mail Scout Centennial Issue set of stamps which had been official 'launched' by Royal Mail North at Waddecar. (The Girl Guide Centennial Issue of 2011 was also launched at the Museum) I have always been drawn to the 1st Class stamp in the set of six, which has I feel has a very apt combination of design, words and image that make it truly memorable.



The set holds an unusual philatelic record. British stamps normally exhibit a unique distinction. They do not require any words on them whatsoever. The advent of the first postage stamp, the 'Penny Black' in 1840, meant any mail bearing a stamp must have been posted in Great Britain, so the country's name was not required and this practice is maintained to the present day. The 2007 Scouting Centennial Set however has more words than any other issue!

In 2010 I also visited America, this time as a guest of the Heart of America's Centennial Jamboree at Naish Scout Reservation near Kansas. It was America's largest centennial event other than the National Jamboree. I was accorded the great honour of being made a Honorary Member of Troop 201 of Overland Park, Kansas. This year I was asked to send a special message to be read out at a campfire to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the troop. When searching around for a theme, my mind went back to the 2007 Scouting Centennial 1st Class stamp, perhaps because of its American connotation, 'Eleven of the twelve astronauts who walked on the moon were once Scouts' but, as I looked into the campfire and stars depicted on the stamp the following thoughts came to mind, which were read out at Group 201's

Anniversary Campfire in Texas.

To fellow members of Troop 201 Overland Park USA

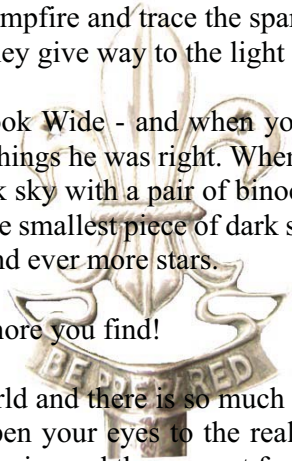
Congratulations on our Anniversary!

Did you ever sit round a campfire and trace the sparks floating up into the night sky, eventually fading as they give way to the light from a million stars.

Our Founder told us to Look Wide - and when you have done that, well look wider! And as in so many things he was right. When you look into what appears to be a vacant piece of dark sky with a pair of binoculars, you find that it is full of stars – but should find the smallest piece of dark sky within it, look again with a telescope and you will find ever more stars.

The deeper you look, the more you find!

We live in a wonderful world and there is so much going on than just meets the eye. Your Scouting will open your eyes to the reality of just what needs to be done. Armed with your promise and the support from such a brilliant troop, you can't go wrong. The future is yours!



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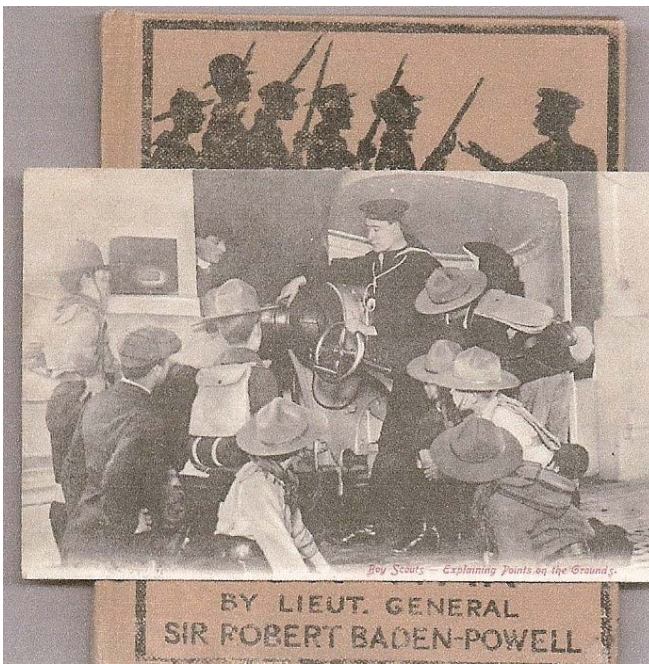
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Postcard of 1910 showing Boy Scouts learning to fire a naval gun above the front cover of “Quick Training For War”. Note the Boy Scout at top left

