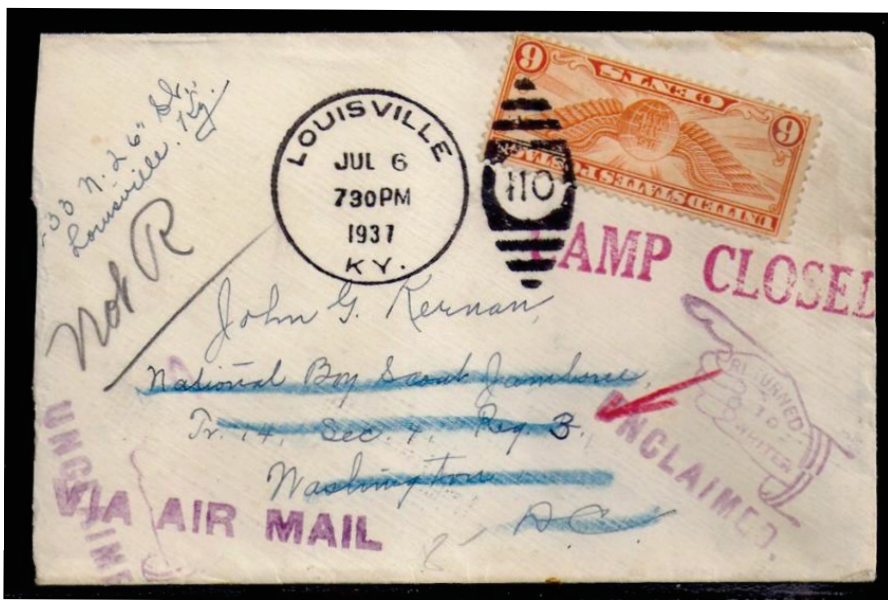


Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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First American National Jamboree

Dates June 30th to July 9th 1937

Marked with return hand and CAMP CLOSED

(Courtesy eBay)

(See article starting on Page 14)

SPRING 2015



Editorial

Here we are in 2015 and there are times when I feel like saying - "Well I made it". I did see my cardiologist at the end of January and the good news is that the MRI scan which I had last August did not show any signs of a previous incident and, in fact, didn't show any damage to my heart at all - other than the fact that it is enlarged, which has brought about all the problems. These findings have changed the position slightly in that the Cardiologist now thinks that my problems have probably been caused by a virus, as he originally anticipated, but could also be generic and, as such, lain dormant since I was born. Anyway he is happy with my current treatment and has told me to continue unchanged for now.

It has been a rather strange time since last October because I would usually be heavily involved in Gang Show, especially on Sunday afternoons. However this is not to be and from the messages that I am receiving it would seem that the whole Show is rather problematic, especially in respect of cast numbers which seem to be down to about 60 in the main gang and 19 in the mini gang. It will be very interesting to see how it turns out and Betty and I will purchase our tickets to give it our support.

I hope you like the variety in this issue, even if I have had to rely on my regular contributors. Please think about whether you are able to put pen to paper - or fingers to keyboards and let me have something as I don't have any reserve stock at the present time. I would particularly welcome some follow up from members as to why they started collecting - particularly Scout or Guide stamps.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

May 15th. Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

FUTURE MEETINGS UPDATE

As mentioned before we are still intending to hold meetings in the UK during the major philatelic Exhibitions each year, providing that the hire costs are reasonable. Known dates are:

London 2015 Europhilex - 13th to 16th May, 2015.

We will not be meeting at this event as the cost to hire a room for two hours is around £200, plus VAT, making £240.00 in total.

The Exhibition will be in The Business Design Centre, Islington, London.

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Please also note that the Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club will be held on board the Lord Amory, Scout Training Vessel at Docklands. Address: 631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London, E14 3NU commencing at 14.00 on Saturday 13th June, 2015.

Agendas will be available to those attending or can be e-mailed in advance if you know that you are going to join us.

In countries with modern infrastructures and communications networks most people, especially the young, keep in touch via mobile devices that are almost glued to their hands! Computers, social media, texts, Facebook, twitter etc. have taken over their lives replacing the sending of letters to pen-pals and holiday postcards. (Ed: except for the Club Chairman who still sends his "Notes" typewritten in an envelope!) Commemorative postage stamps from Britain are nowadays marketed towards collectors rather than for postal use and their often high values reflect this. The Royal Mail no longer has the monopoly to deliver parcels and the ones they do usually use a printed label rather than stamps so again their use is reduced even further. There was a time when stamps on private or commercial mail from third world countries were at a premium, but soon the same will apply to such mail from most other countries.

As collectors, the study and collection of historical Scouting and Guiding material is now our main interest and the ever increasing value of the better items reflects this. Modern Scouting and Guiding philately largely concentrates on commemorative stamps, miniature sheets, covers and postmarks for special events, especially World Jamborees when many speculative issues appear - some with dubious validity, with similar designs that can almost be described as omnibus issues. Sadly many Jamborees no longer have a post office on site or, at best, a commemorative handstamp posted off site.

As a Club we must accept this progress and that philately no longer attracts younger members; but luckily there is still plenty of interesting material available out there for us to collect, research and display. Members with our specialist knowledge often find bargains even at the largest stamp shows.

**UPDATE TO EARLIER ARTICLE ON POSTCARD TO FIRST NATIONAL
BSA JAMBOREE** **by T.P. McDermott**

A book, *The National and World JAMBOREES in PICTURES* produced by the BS of A (1937) has a few references to the subject of our article in S&GSC Vol 58 #5 of Sept/Oct 2014. Pictured on page 40, is a three story replica of FDR's Hyde Park three story home. It measures 15 X 60 feet. It was not a gateway into a troop's site but more of a Regional exhibit; all doors are roped off. It was a creation of the Central Hudson Electric Company, the electrical power company of Dutchess County, New York. The book says that the replica was visited by the President who was escorted by James E West and Commissioner Daniel Carter Beard during FDR visit/ auto tour to the jamboree. Using the book and magnifying glasses, I believe the structure was in a far out corner of the region's section. The region itself was on the outer western edge of the jamboree site; way out of the beaten path for the majority of other scouts! This book is useful for research into both the 1937 national and world jamborees. I used it to check the address of the Louisville KY cover.



I very often write about the scarce and unusual items that have come up for sale, either on eBay or in auction. In this issue, I report about a Mafeking small head Baden-Powell 3d stamp sold recently on eBay and referred to as a "Space Filler". This stamp, with the 19 April 1900 postmark was offered by a collector in South Africa and received 15 bids from five different people. Can you guess was this sold for? See the price below at the end of the next paragraph. I do not think that I have ever seen a Mafeking blue stamp in such a worse condition, with a large part missing at the top and a bad crease across the stamp.

We have an expression in the U.K., " It never rains, but it pours". It was only in the July- August 2014 Bulletin that I reported a second recorded cover from the 1936



Northern Counties Jamboree held at Raby Castle, Darlington had been sold by auction. Now a few months later I was offered the cover shown here. It is a little "Philatelic" but still a cover posted from the camp on Thursday 6th August and signed by the Chief Scout, the day he, and Lady Baden-Powell visited the camp. The postmarks are very clear, but the red "Northern Counties Jamboree 1936, Raby Castle" label, is not a label, but appears to have been cut out from somewhere

else, and fixed to the cover with a stamp hinge. Having obtained the cover, I needed something else to fill the page, and a fellow collector and a member of the SGSC kindly agreed to sell me the postcard shown. It would appear that the Scouter is blowing a Kudu horn to summon Scouts to the Jamboree. Have you seen any other postcard from this camp, other than the one of Raby Castle which is rather black in places? The Chief Scout often said that when he visited camps, he could guarantee that it would rain and it certainly looked as if it did on his visit to this camp, which you can see can if you go into www.youtube.com/watch?v=ag71iHqLKZA This is only a short clip without sound.

The B-P stamp made £27 on eBay.



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Duck

In recent months there appears to have been a relaxation in the tensions between U.S.A. and Cuba. This situation made me wonder whether Cuban Scouting would be able to flourish again. Scouting was recognised in Cuba from 1927 and was disbanded in 1961. 15 Scouts from Cuba attended the Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in 1957. And probably Cuban Scouts attended other World Jamborees during their existence, but I have no record of them.

The Boy Scouts of Cuba were granted the privilege of free postage within the Caribbean area. This privilege appears to have started in 1927 as some envelopes from Scout offices bear the message “Declarada Institucion Oficial por Decreto Num.871 de 22 Junio de 1927. Asunto Oficial Multa de \$300 por Uso Particlar.”

The earliest cover I have was posted from Havana to Jamaica in July 1945. At this time,

Boy Scouts of Cuba came under the auspices of the Ministry of Defence & Education. But later covers in my possession, the earliest being from 1949, show their title as SCOUTS DE CUBA controlled by the Ministry of National Defence.



Many handstamps were used on posted covers – OFICINA

N A C I O N A L ,
C O M M I S I O N A D O
I N T E R N A C I O N A L and
C O N S E J O N A C I O N A L .

These were mostly printed in blue or green. I do not have any covers posted within Cuba, but to addresses in Jamaica, U.S.A. and Mexico. Also one envelope addressed to Copenhagen, Denmark, and various official Scout covers sent to the United Kingdom, all of which bear stamps.



The Second National Jamboree took place at Cienfuegos in 1942 for which a label was issued. The label is a direct copy of one of Norman Rockwell's designs “The Scouting



Trail” produced for his Boy Scouts of America calendar of 1939. This design can also be seen on the Liberia 1979 Rockwell issue 15c stamp.

The 3rd InterAmerican Scout Conference took place in Havana in 1953, and the emblem appears on a large cover, which I have posted to Jamaica.

Cuba’s first Scout stamp appeared on 27 December 1954 for the Third National Patrol Camp. Priced at 4c it was designed by Enrique Caravia, and depicts saluting portraits of Cub Scout

Eduardo R.Almeyda and Boy Scout Jose Antonio Mola. Two million stamps were printed for use on regular mail. Announcement leaflets were produced in both Spanish and English, and cut-outs from these leaflets can be found as “imperforate” stamps on first day covers. A rubber stamp postmark showing a Scout bugler, reading CAMPAMENTO NACIONAL.

REPUBLICA DE CUBA
MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA NACIONAL
SCOUTS DE CUBA



OFICINA NACIONAL
CALLE 27 NUMERO 158
VEDADO - LA HABANA

Mr. Deshayes French
P. O. Box 135
Winnipeg



POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUE

TO COMMEMORATE THE "THIRD NATIONAL
PATROL CAMP".

EMISION DE LOS BOY SCOUTS. PRIMER DIA DIC.27 – 1954 was used. This appears in black, red or green and some FDCs also bear a handstamp of the Scouts de Cuba badge, plus PRIMER DIA DIC.27, 1954.

The design of the stamp was reproduced in Italy in February 1955 as a cachet for the 10th Philatelic Convention in Rome. This was



produced by the ASCI Scouts Philatelic Section.

The strangest item which I possess is a large envelope with a sheetlet of 15 labels for the 5th Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition, de Gracia, Cuba 1954 with the first day postmark





with Scout bugler printed onto the 1948 Scout stamp of NICARAGUA (!). The only Cuban stamp on the item is an Obligatory Tax stamp for Anti-T.B. issued in 1953. During the 1990's some proof stamps were released (legally?) from the printer's archives, and I possess an imperforate pair of the stamps on cream paper.



On 22 February 1957, Cuba issued two stamps to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell. The stamps were produced in the following quantities: 2 million 4 cents for regular inland postage and 500,000 12 cents for airmail. As with the 1954 issue, announcement leaflets were produced in either Spanish (blue cover) or English

(red cover). Once again cut-outs from the leaflets can be found as "imperforate" stamps on FDCs. A regular first day slogan postmark was used on covers plus an additional handstamp cachet of Cuban Scout emblem with text: CENTENARIO LORD BADEN-POWELL 1857 – 1957 PRIMER DIA. Printed in red or



green, it is usually not printed onto the stamps. One cover I have shows a glaring date error: 22 FEB 1927.

Proof items also exist from the same source as the 1954 issue mentioned earlier, and I have pairs of each stamp imperforate on either white or cream paper. The 4c on white paper does not have the red printing of CUBA and 4c. Although it is believed that only proof items were printed on cream paper, I do have one of the 12c B-P stamps perforated on cream paper – and it was in my possession long before the 1990's.

In 1959 there was a Patrol Camp in Havana when a handstamp in blue was used with the text: PATROLLAS JUVENILES CAMPING LIBERTAD 24 DIC. 1959 HABANA CUBA. With a Scout bugler as in the 1954 postmarks.

The final cover in my collection was sent to Camp Chief John Thurman at Gilwell Park (unfortunately the date on the postmark is illegible) and it bears a label stating “Our Revolution is NOT COMMUNIST. Our Revolution is HUMANIST. The Cubans only want the right to an education, the right to work, the right to eat without fear, the

right to PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM.”

As a postscript, in 1967 I received a letter from the Director of the Committee of Cuban Scouts in Exile, in Florida, stating: “since all of us had to flee Communism in Cuba after the Russian occupation, and our association was assaulted and destroyed (we) were not able

to bring with us many of the things which we would have wanted to carry along with us.”

AJMAN 1971

The following article appeared in the philatelic press in May 2014, from a correspondent in Finland. It intrigued me, so I checked my stock of this issue and found that every stamp was as the original. Why would anybody want to forge such an issue, as there were millions produced at the time? And with such a cheap issue, as cancelled to order, why not produce a mint stamp, which were more expensive.

Incidentally, the name of the Scottish Scout in the picture is Robert W. McPhee of the 2nd Inverness-shire Group. As, conveniently, this stamp was at the bottom of the sheet with selvedge attached, Robert was able to autograph “his” stamp! (*See over*)



Do you have to beware of forgeries when buying used stamps in bulk?

It is amazing how many common, low-value stamps have been forged, and often from unfashionable countries such as the so-called 'sand dune' states. But I love them, because they add spice to any collection.

A good example I have is a block of the Ajman 1971 Scouts issue. The genuine stamps were perforated 14½, and their images have sharp details, whereas these forgeries are perforated 10 and have a blurred appearance, like a poor photocopy.



Although I stated in the Bulletin for May/June 2014 that I would not produce any more Sales Service lists, there is one in this Bulletin. Having obtained some older stock recently which contained a few “difficult” issues – certainly, I haven’t handled some of them for a long time – perhaps there might be some gaps to be filled in members’ collections. I hope to receive some orders – also “Wants Lists” can be looked at if you have any requirements.

The London 2015 Europhilex stamp exhibition is being held at the Business Design Centre, London N.1. from 13-16 May. and will be the largest philatelic event in Europe during 2015. Tickets for the opening day, Wednesday 13 May cost £10, but other days it is free. Due to the shortage of space at the Design Centre, the Thematic section of 77 exhibits will be held at the "European Championship for Thematic Philately" show at Essen, Germany from 7-9 May with the winners being displayed at London 2015 Europhilex. Unfortunately there are no Scout Exhibits, but at the London show, there are two exhibits of Mafeking stamps and covers, with Giovanni Cucchiani of Italy exhibiting many frames of "**The Siege of Mafeking**" as well as

Panayotis Cangelaris of Greece showing "**The Mafeking Blues 1900**".

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 75p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas £1.30 for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.75.

ALL ITEMS UNMOUNTED MINT UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

BAN71A BANGLADESH 1971 overprint in Bengali on 6p Pakistan 2 nd National Jamboree (1)	0.60
BAN71B BANGLADESH 1971 overprint in English & Bengali on Pakistan 3 rd National Jamboree (1)	1.00
BHU67J BHUTAN 1967 World Jamboree overprints (6)	1.50
BHU83 BHUTAN 1983 DRUK AIR overprints on 5 values – one Scout.	6.00
CAR85 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1985 Audubon Birds commemorative with Scout badges (6)	6.00
CAR88 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1988 Scouts & birds (5)	4.50
CAR88S CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1988 Scouts & birds MS	2.75
CHD 85C CHAD 1985 PHILEXAFRIQUE Exhibition pair (1 Scout) on FDC	1.50
GAB85C GABON 1985 PHILEXAFRIQUE Exhibition pair (1 Scout) on FDC	1.50
GHA84 GHANA 1984 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (3 + MS) all revalued	1.65
GUI87 GUINEA 1987 Wildlife issue with Scout badges (1 + MS)	3.50
GUI88 GUINEA 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6)	4.50
GUY82B1 GUYANA Scout Movement 1907-1982 booklet containing Inland Rate stamps (6) @ \$5.00	2.00
GUY82B2 GUYANA as above \$6.00 booklet containing 7 stamps	2.50
GUY82B3 GUYANA as above \$6.00 booklet containing 15 stamps	3.00
HAI62A HAITI 1962 AEROPORT INTERNATIONAL overprints (4) on Scout values	0.60
HAI64 HAITI 1964 Winter Olympic Games overprints on 4 Scout + 1 other value (5)	1.20
IRN57 IRAN 1957 Baden-Powell Centenary (1)	2.00
IRN66 IRAN 1966 Middle East Rover Moot (1)	0.25
LBY86 LIBYA 1986 Children's Day (5 – one Scout) in strip	1.50
LBY95C LIBYA 1995 Scouting commemorative (3 se -tenant) on FDC	1.60
LN57C LIECHTENSTEIN 1957 Baden-Powell Centenary (2) on FDC	1.50
MAL85C MALI 1985 PHILEXAFRIQUE Exhibition pair (1 scout) on FDC	1.50
PHL59S PHILIPPINES 1959 10 th World Jamboree MS	3.50
PHL59C PHILIPPINES 1959 10 th World Jamboree (5 + tete-beche pair) on 3 x FDC	3.00
PHL 61 PHILIPPINES 1961 2 nd National Jamboree overprints (2 + 2 x tete-beche)	0.80
PHL61C PHILIPPINES 1961 2 nd National overprints on FDC	1.25
RED87 REDONDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (2)	1.60
RED87S REDONDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	1.75
SAU67 SAUDI ARABIA 1967 2 nd Rover Moot (5)	9.00
SAU73 SAUDI ARABIA 1973 5 th Arab Rover Moot (3)	7.50
SRL69 SIERRA LEONE 1969 Diamond Jubilee of Scouting (12)	24.00
SOM67 SOMALIA 1967 12 th World Jamboree (4)	0.90
TOG61 TOGO 1961 Scouting commemorative (6)	1.50
TON80 TONGA 1980 South Pacific Jamboree (2 x revalues)	10.00
TON85U TONGA 1985 75 years of Guiding + Queen Mother (4) USED	5.00
UPV84A UPPER VOLTA 1984 fungi & flowers + Scout badge (6)	6.50
UPV84S UPPER VOLTA 1984 fungi & flowers + Scout badge MS	4.00
UPV84W UPPER VOLTA 1984 Wildlife issue – vultures + Scout badge (1)	1.50
YAR64A YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1964 Scouting commemorative (9) IMPERFORATE	6.00
YAR64S YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1964 Scouting commemorative 2 x MS	3.50

Agnes Baden-Powell was Lord B-P's only surviving sister, a year younger than he was. When he wished to start a separate Movement for the girls who had been active in the Boy Scout Movement it was to Agnes he turned to lead the Girl Guides. Later in life she was to refer to herself as "The First Girl Guide". However, over the years her contribution has been eclipsed by the reputation of The World Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell.

In 2013 the Agnes Baden-Powell Guild was formed to keep alive the memory of Agnes Baden-Powell, "The First Girl Guide"; to add Agnes Baden-Powell's name to the family memorial in Kensal Green Cemetery over her burial place; to raise funds and work with the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery to restore the Baden-Powell memorial.

As one of our fund raising projects we have produced notelet cards - four so far - all A6 size.

The first, an original photograph of Agnes Baden-Powell, is from the archive of Girlguiding Essex NE. It was taken at the Veterans' Camp which was held in 1932. The autograph is from a log book in the care of Girlguiding Essex NE.

The second, a parrot, is a watercolour by Agnes herself. She painted it on a postcard sent to someone addressed as "My Dear Adviser". The signature is from the same postcard, also from Girlguiding Essex NE's archives.

The third, a row of little characters was originally painted for a Trefoil Guild competition. Sadly, they didn't want it, but it was printed anyway to make funds for the AB-PG. The figures are meant to represent the range of interests of women in Guiding and also the six characters on the new Anglia Region standard. These are reeds, a Roman vase, a hobby, a book representing the major universities, horseshoes and a scientist for the DNA strand on the standard. It was painted by Wendy Ingle.

Finally, we produced a Christmas card; a patrol of Guides providing their tent with a chimney - just in case Santa plans to call.

They are all blank inside. On the reverse is a blurb explaining the fundraising project, the words of which have evolved as we have progressed. The leaning cross is the memorial on the Baden-Powell grave where Agnes and her parents, Henrietta and the Reverend Baden, are buried. The round logo is the badge of the AB-PG.

For more information about the A B-P Guild contact - tree_n_lief@yahoo.co.uk.

(Please see the next two pages for copies of the notelet cards).



Sold in aid of the
Agnes Baden-Powell Memorial Fund,
to restore the Baden-Powell memorial
in Kensal Green Cemetery.

Contact: tree_n_lief@yahoo.co.uk

Agnes Baden-Powell at the Veterans Camp,
1932

from an album in the care of
Girlguiding Essex NE archives.



*Agnes Baden-Powell
the first guide*



Watercolour by
Miss Agnes Baden-Powell
from a card in the care of
Girlguiding Essex North East archives.

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Activities inspired by the new Anglia Region Standard: Wendy Ingle, 2013



Sold in support of the Agnes Baden-Powell Guild,
 towards a memorial for
 Agnes Baden-Powell
 in Kensal Green Cemetery.

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MAIL TOO LATE FOR DELIVERY AT JAMBOREES (OR UNDELIVERABLE MAIL)
by T.P. MCDERMOTT ©

I enjoy collecting covers that travelled through the mail. No first day covers or event covers for me as they usually do not enter the regular mailing stream. They are often returned or physically handed back after cancellation or forwarded to the buyer in another envelope. In connection with my interest, I sometimes prepare envelopes for **mailing into** jamborees; yes inbound mail.

In olden time, during the days of letter writing, many parents wrote to their sons and daughters at camps. And friends wrote too. In my collection, there are letters and postcards that tell the results of sports games, the behaviour of boy or girl friends or often a note about enclosed pounds or dollars to help the recipient scout survive in those days before the now omnipresent plastic cards.

I try to prepare and address envelopes to the jamboree sites using the addresses or locations found in news articles and announcements from philatelic journals and newsletters. Since I am not in contact with local Scouters in my home area, I use the name of the people who were in the those sources. Other names that could be used are scout stamp collectors whom you might expect to attend the jamboree. I try to send at least **three** letters to the same person; hopefully the recipient, upon returning home, will return one of them to me.

Sometimes an online search may be needed to identify the postal codes for the jamboree post office to assure that the letters are forwarded from the distant country's overseas gateway. Even a partial code (the first few characters) helps get letters into the region where possibly a postal worker might know where the jamboree is being held and route it correctly. The most important thing is to include your name and return address on the outside of the envelope. Use current postage stamps; the use of ancient scout commemoratives are frowned upon by postal history collectors as they are outdated. They belong in stamp collections.

Mail your letters a few days before the start of the jamboree. Hopefully they will be delivered. I also mail a few letters during or towards the end of the jamboree. This results in a few letters that can't be delivered to the person in the address as the jamboree will be over when it arrives at the site. They are undeliverable as there are usually no forwarding addresses available to the post office. Hopefully these will be returned to you. These will be your **Too Late to be Delivered** (or return to sender) covers.

A recent item on the American eBay was a cover going to the 1937 National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America. It was sent from Louisville, KY on July 6, 1937 at 7:30pm with a six cent airmail stamp to John G Kernan / National Boy Scout jamboree, / Troop 14, Section 4, Region 4/ Washington DC and marked via air mail. It was not delivered.

It was later marked with the pointing hand / unclaimed / return to sender postal marking. It also included an unusual, large size, red marking CAMP CLOSED.

If Scout Kernan's hometown was Louisville, KY, he would have been camping with a troop in Section U (sections are site areas of the jamboree and are always in letters), Region 4 (regions represent various BS of A support/administration areas). There was no section 4. And then someone over wrote the correct region number with a 3; note the red arrow pointing to the wrong correction. With twenty sectional post offices and another post office in the jamboree's headquarters area, and with more than 25,000 people attending, it would be very lucky if any mis-addressed mail would get to the intended individual during the eleven days of the jamboree.

On the back side of the letter there is a cancellation dated July 13th Washington DC. The eBay seller felt that this was an arriving or receiving postal mark four days after the closing of the jamboree. My thoughts are that it is the date that the Washington post office re-entered the letter into the postal system for returning. By 1937, domestic air mail letters were too common to receive an arrival cancellation. This cover went for the minimum start bid of US \$100. The cover came from the David L Straight Collection. He was known to collect postal markings. The cover probably went to a collector who noted the unusual "Camp Closed" marking. The society that supports postal marking collectors is quite active and a few members have deep pockets for purchasing covers with unusual markings.

The S&GSC Bulletin of July/August 2014 # 336 and the SOSSI Journal of May/June 2014 has an article by Paul Van Herpt that talks about one of three letters that I sent to him at the New Zealand National Jamboree of January 2014. In that letter, I used my name and his address for the sender's address. His name was found in an earlier article that told of covers being prepared for sale at and after the jamboree. He returned one nicely marked cover. It's a great cover! Look it up in the above publications. I used the then current USA global, foreign rate stamp which received a clear cancellation with a Christmas theme. In New Zealand, it received two dated marks of 8 Jan 2014 and a yellow return to sender label. The backside has a two line marking with directions to visit the NZ postal web page for questions as to why it was undelivered or needed to cry, complain or maybe jump with joy as in my case.

For the World Jamboree of 1988-89 in Chile, I have four returned covers. I don't remember how many envelopes were prepared. I might have prepared them for a local father and son team as they are addressed to a troop #, sub-camp and site etc. There are various combinations of postal markings. Three have a purple, boxed NO RECLAMADA/ DEVUELASE AL REMITENE marking. One of the former also has the return hand with its Attempted Unknown black marking, mailed on December 29, 1998. Three have back stamps of San Francisco De Mostazal / Correos - Chile with

the center space reading 12 ENE (January) 1999. The other cover has a different back stamp that reads Correos de Chile P.A.R. and Puchuncavi (a regional city). The covers also have US Postal Service strips with routing address codes to direct the envelopes back to the originating person (your author).

For the World Jamboree of 2003 in Thailand I sent some envelopes to two well-known Thai stamp collectors on January 4th. Unfortunately, I wrote the names in English and I guess the Thai postal workers didn't know them, or where they were in camp, or could not read English. They were returned by the Thai postal service. Another one, I believe, was not returned.

I have been told that at the World Jamboree in Sweden, Ron Frank told his fellow philatelic booth worker that "You Got Mail, go pick it up". The worker was surprised that someone took the time to write to him. Unfortunately, my letters had only stiffeners; no dollars or kroners for him to spend. However he did return one cover to me with thanks.

A July 28, 1980 envelope was directed to the Scottish Scout Association Headquarters for a French Eclaireurs attending a jamboree. It was marked in green "Jamborette / Ended – Return". There are no other markings to indicate that it was returned in the mail stream. I don't know if this is a postal marking or if it was applied by the scouts?

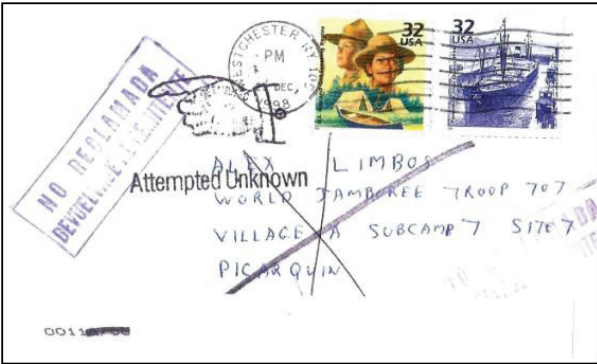
Peter Duck has two British domestic covers sent to the 1957 Jubilee Jamboree that were not delivered to the intended persons. One was postmarked almost three weeks after the Jamboree was closed. The other one was mailed a day before the jamboree's start. Both covers do not have the marking Undeliverable For Reasons Stated / Return To Sender that would normally be placed on undeliverable covers by the British Post Office. One of the covers was addressed to R E Rhodes, who was our club's President and packet chairman in the 1960s.

NOTE: SOSSI Journal Vol62 #5 of Sept/Oct 2013 p104 has an article on return mail from the BS of A's 2013 National Jamboree.

The book, *The National and World JAMBOREES in PICTURES* produced by the BS of A (1937) was used to check the addressing of the Louisville KY cover.

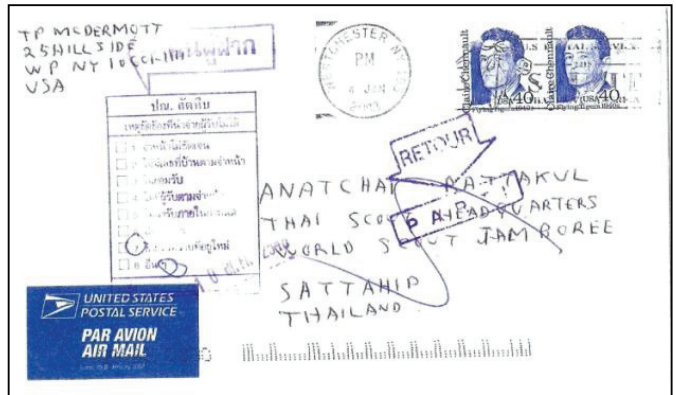
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A series of illustrations to accompany this article are included on pages 1, 17 and 24 of this issue of the Bulletin which gives the opportunity for some of them to be seen in colour whether you receive the publication by electronic means or as hard copy.



19th World Jamboree in Chile
 Dates Dec 27, 1998 to Jan 6, 1999
 Has 3 NOT CLAIM markings & 1 return hand

20th World Jamboree in Thailand
 Dates Dec 28th, 2003 to Jan 7th, 2004
 Has standard Thai Checklist of Problems



Scottish International Jamboree
 Dates July 21 to 31st, 1980
 Did the marking originate from a scout or postal organization?

Rover Moot Miscellanea

Monzie Again

I have recently returned from yet another holiday travelling in B-P's footsteps (in actual fact his wake!) during our cruise we made a transit of the Panama Canal. I was delighted to be able to make contact with a Scout Group in Puerto Rico and despite my difficulties with Spanish, it was obvious that we shared a common heritage, as they wore a uniform badge that was a portrait of the Founder!

I was quickly brought back to earth on my return with a very courteous note from our editor reminding me that this article should have been submitted by the time that I am now writing it! Looking for inspiration I was able to turn to correspondence generated by the last 'Corner' on the Monzie Rover Moot which must hold the record for providing the most feedback that I have ever received.



David Mitchell is a Group Scout Leader in Stirling Scotland and also the Curator of the National Scottish Scout Collection. David wrote to me announcing a most significant 'find'. He has in the National Collection a Monzie Rover Moot Flag. As this is the only example known it may well be that this was *the* (one and only) Moot Flag. David is particularly keen to bring the treasures of the National Collection to greater notice and is a great

believer in the old *Scouting Milestones* motto, *Preserve the Past, Inform the Future*. To this end, he has had the great notion of holding a Scouting Heritage Day, on March 31st at Beechwood Scout Centre, Beechwood Park, New House, Stirling. FK8 2AE Scotland. The Monzie flag will be one of the many interesting items on show. The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 pm with evening talks from 7.30 p.m. David can be contacted at lesleyanddavid@mac.com.

In my last 'corner' I detailed the postcards that were available at the Monzie Moot. My major informant on postcard matters is Badger's Club member Brian Billington. He had discovered that of the twelve cards that I described, four were also to be found with the maker's Valentine's trademark on the reverse. These appear to be part of a sequence but with A8660 missing, which would have made a 'run' of five cards. The missing card has now been located and a copy resides in the collection of my friend Siang Tong (ST from Dallas Texas) whose Moot collection I have been privileged to see it and it is probably the best in the world, most certainly the best preserved and organised private archive that I have ever seen. The reason perhaps

why the postcard has taken so long to locate maybe that is practically identical to another card in the series- the camera having been moved only slightly to produce a new image. Unless you note the serial numbers and or have the two cards together you would be very unlikely to differentiate between them. So that particular mystery is solved - however, as Brian points out, the sequence of only five known cards in this series is a very odd number for a set of postcards - so perhaps, just perhaps, there is still a missing card?



Kandersteg 1st World Rover Moot 1931

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The image overleaf is of the UK contingent (the photo in the album shows the whole group). Of most interest is the fact that Peter, Baden-Powell's son, in his Rover uniform, is sitting just below him to our right. Though many images exist of B-P

with his family in their respective uniforms this is the first I recall of B-P and Peter together with Peter in his Rover uniform. (There is of course the famous postcard image of Peter as Chief Cub).

If you are able to enlarge the image (easy if you are receiving this issue as a computer download)- you will be able to see that over the Rovers' right hand breast pockets are letter badges - those in the first row show B



and D. I do have one these badges in my collection and the letters are in red on a white background. I was able to refer to an organisational circular issued for the use of the British Contingent and discover that they are not actual sub-camp badges, as most people surmise, but denote the British Scout Counties from which the participating Rovers came. B Buzzard 'Crew' came from West Scotland and 'D' Dotterel 'Crew' from Northumberland, Durham and Westmoreland. It is interesting to note that the circular describes the small union flag (much smaller than the modern issue for UK Scouts travelling abroad) as the British Contingent Moot Badge.



Philatelic material from this first Moot is scarce. I did illustrate a very rare registered cover in a general article on Rover Moots in a 2014 edition of the Bulletin, which came from the same source (John Ineson) as the non-registered airmail cover opposite. This was sent on behalf of George King, an avid collector of covers that in anyway related to the Post Office or life in Great Britain.

John also has in his collection this unused coloured postcard (overleaf) produced for the Moot. It has more than a passing resemblance to an illustration contained on page 4 of 'The Cowbell', a rare 'magazine' providing 'glimpses' of the Moot, a copy of which is included in Col. Walton's photograph album.

Used postcards from the Moot appear to be very rare, however, not very long ago one of our members had for sale on eBay (which unfortunately I did not win!) a postcard sent from the Moot back to Mum giving her the 'lowdown' on what it was like to be at the event. Unfortunately the postcard was not official - as it had been bought in a



INTERNATIONALES ROVERLAGER - CAMP ROVER
INTERNATIONAL - WORLD ROVER SCOUT MOOT
KANDERSTEG 1931



nearby town- but the postmark dates and of course the 'commentary' were consistent with the event.

The header of *The Cowbell* - looks as though it was produced with a pencil but most likely was mechanically reproduced. Though only four pages, it is packed with humour and I would very much like a copy!

The first two Rover Moots, Kandersteg 1931 and Ingaro Stockholm in 1935, did not have cloth 'pocket patches' but used now very rare metal badges.

The two booklets opposite were written in the official Moot languages of English and German. The wider publication is full of photos but with limited info. I regret I do not have a copy of the other booklet.



The two photos on the following page are from Col. Watson's album. I was delighted to be able to 'track' B-Ps' attendance at the Moot and their appearance on some of the photos, against entries in the Founder's diaries.

Being able to access the Moot's artefacts, personal involvement that comes from covers, diaries, the backs of postcards and photographs, together with information from the organisers before the event as well as the official souvenir booklets produced afterwards provides as near perfect a record as it is possible to obtain. This is surely our aim in collecting?



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9th World Jamboree in Great Britain

Dates August 1st to 12th, 1957

Marked CAMP DISBANDED / RETURN TO SENDER
 (courtesy Peter Duck)

(See article starting on Page 14)