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100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

W. D. Boyce was an American newspaper man and entrepreneur. According to legend, he was lost on a foggy street in London when an unknown Scout came to his aid, guiding him back to his destination. The boy then refused Boyce's tip, explaining that he was merely doing his duty as a Boy Scout. Immediately afterwards, Boyce met with General Robert Baden-Powell, who was the head of the Boy Scout Association at that time. Boyce returned to America, and, four months later, founded the Boy Scouts of America. This version of the legend has been printed in numerous BSA handbooks and magazines. There are several variations of this legend, such as one that claims he knew about Scouting ahead of time.

In actuality, Boyce stopped in London en route to a safari in British East Africa. It is true that an unknown Scout helped him and refused a tip. But this Scout only helped him cross a street to a hotel, did not take him to the Scout headquarters, and Boyce never met Baden-Powell. Upon Boyce's request, the unknown Scout did give him the address of the Scout headquarters, where Boyce, went on his own and picked up information about the group. Weather reports show that London had no fog that day. Boyce returned to London after his safari and visited the Scout headquarters again and gained the use of Scouting for Boys in the development of a US Scouting program. This and other elements of the legend were promoted by James E. West in 1915 to help build up Boyce as the true founder of the BSA in order to defuse an escalating conflict between Daniel Carter Beard and Ernest Thompson Seton over who should be considered the founder of the organization. Elements of this story, including the fog, may have been borrowed from a story concerning the Rhode Island Boy Scouts.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show 2010. Our theme for our show is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This year we have 19 stamp, 1 post card, and 1 cachet dealer from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps and post cards from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stocks. The dealers are always ready to help and answer your questions. Our stamp club maintain tables at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems or just stop by and chat. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at our stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2010

Our annual stamp show is being held this year at The Music Valley Event Center located at 2416 Music Valley Drive, suite #144 near Opryland Hotel. This is the same location as last it was last year. I must thank all who have helped make this year's show a success. You have done a great job! Second, I must thank the staff of the Valley Expo for working so hard to get the venue ready. Lastly, to all the collectors attending our show - have fun !!!

Our Annual Christmas Party

The party was held on December 14th and was well attended by member and guest alike. Music of the season played, Marie brought her now famous warm apple cider, and everyone else brought eats and drinks. People sat, ate, talked, and just enjoyed each others company. Once the food was eaten and everyone content the party reluctantly broke up. The room was quickly put back into shape with everyone's help. Goodbyes were said and everyone made their ways home.

Frank Yost's new website

Frank Yost - club member and local stamp dealer - has set up a web site. Please have a look at www.irnctystamp.com

Our New Members

Ray McIntire
Richard Stimak

Dues are due

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting a 6:30.m., and Program at 6:45 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Madison Branch Library, 610 South Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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Minutes Review for July 2009 – October 2009

The NPS had its 7/13/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seven members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/22/09 meeting were read and approved. Karl Schwabe won the door prize. Mark Thompson's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Vance reported on the recent Murfreesboro Coin and Stamp show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Frank Yost donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt asked for additional recommendations for the 2010 Stamp Show theme. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation by Matt on "Modern Postal Cards".

The NPS had its 7/27/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/13/09 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Tom Grimes won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the second quarter 2009 that was reviewed and approved by the NPS membership. Matt asked for additional recommendations for the 2010 Stamp Show theme. Matt also advised that the first meeting in August 2009 would be an "Ice Cream Social" and that he was planning a "Stamp Collectors Cookout" at his home on the last Saturday in August (8/29). The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 8/10/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 7/27/09 meeting were read and approved. Nick Munn won the door prize. Matt Benward won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2009 Nashville Stamp Show. Matt distributed a handout on "Guam Guard Mail". The business session was then adjourned for the "Ice Cream Social".

The NPS had its 8/24/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 8/10/09 meeting were read and approved. Virginia Smith won the door prize. Doug Lepter's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Harriet Cates' application for NPS membership received first reading. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Vance reviewed the recent New Orleans Stamp Show. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2010 Nashville Stamp Show. Matt reminded meeting members about the "Stamp Collectors Cookout" at his home on the last Saturday at 12:00 Noon on August (8/29). The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 9/28/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/14/09 meeting were read and approved. Ora Eds won the door prize. Randal Coble won the Participation Award. Linda West's application for NPS membership received first reading. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The club was saddened to learn of the death of member Tommy Burnett. A card was sent for the club. A second vote was held to select the theme for the 2010 Nashville Stamp Show and the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts in the United State of America (BSA) was selected. Nick Munn donated a copy of the BSA Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Handbook to the club. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 10/12/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 9/28/09 meeting were read and approved. Virginia Smith won the door prize. Randal Coble won the Participation Award. Linda West's application was approved after second reading and she was welcomed into NPS membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt announced that six dealers had committed for the 2010 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a presentation by Matt on "Computer Stamp Exhibit Preparation".

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Minutes Review for October 2009 – February 2010

The NPS had its 10/26/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 10/12/09 meeting were read and approved. Linda West won the door prize. Dave Bodkin's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the third quarter 2009 that was approved by the NPS membership. Nick Munn and Bill Edwards volunteered to act as contacts with the Boy Scouts to arrange possible BSA participation in our 2010 Stamp Show. Matt announced that eleven dealers had committed for the 2010 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 11/9/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/26/09 meeting was read and approved. Virginia Smith won the door prize. Col. Gregory's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Marie Farmer was welcomed back after a long absence due to illness. Cake (from Virginia Smith) and ice cream (from Bill Vance) was served in Marie's honor. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt announced that thirteen dealers had committed for the 2010 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a talk by Al Bollmeier on "German Airmail Stamps".

The NPS had its 11/23/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/9/09 meeting were read and approved. Linda West won the door prize. Dave Bodkin's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Richard Stimak's application for NPS membership received first reading. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Tom Tribke reported on a planned "Scouting" stamp to be released in late 2010 and showed examples of possible cached covers for the 2010 Stamp Show. NPS members were encouraged to bring family and friends to the 12/14/09 Christmas Party. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/14/09 at the Madison Branch Library. A brief business session was held for the second reading of Richard Stimak's application and first and second readings of Ray McIntire's application for NPS membership. Their applications were approved and they were welcomed to NPS membership. The business session was then adjourned and approximately twenty-five members and guests joined together for fellowship and plenty of good food!!!

The NPS held its 1/11/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/23/09 meeting were read and approved. An informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 14, 2009. Ben Price won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Ora Eds and Frank Yost reported that they would jointly man a Stamp and Coin store here in Nashville. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 4th Quarter and 2009 Annual Report. Matt reported that sixteen stamp dealers were committed for the NPS 2010 Stamp Show. It was also reported that the fee for the library room rental had increased from \$5 per meeting to \$15. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation by Tom Tribke on the "Beer Stamps".

The NPS had its 1/25/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 1/11/10 meeting were read and approved. Joey Knight won the door prize. Randal Coble won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt reported that twenty stamp dealers had committed for the show. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The 2/8/10 meeting of the NPS was cancelled due to snow and icy road conditions.

The NPS held its 2/22/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and two guests were present. Reading of the Minutes of the 1/25/10 meeting was postponed till the next meeting. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Nick Munn won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt and Al Bollmeier donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Nick Munn advised that seven frames of exhibits had been committed for the show. Nick also advised that there would be one judge only for the small number of exhibits planned. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2010 Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

BEER STAMPS - A Review

Generally, beer stamps are among the more interesting Revenue Stamps issued by the Treasury Department. They are large and attractive stamps that can make a colorful collection. A number of them have letters or numbers on the vignettes to indicate the plate used; this makes each one with a different letter or number a different stamp, as is the case with modern plate number coils. Thus a collection of beer stamps can be as complex as the collector desires. However, they do tend to be scarce, as they were legally required to be destroyed at the time the keg was tapped. If saved from this fate, the stamps were many times torn, punched, dirty, etc., but still they are colorful and interesting.

The Scott Catalog lists beer stamps with a REA designation and includes 23 Series with a total of 199 individual stamp types and numerous sub-categories. The beer stamps are relatively new addition to the *Scott Specialized Catalog*.

The Beginning

Beer was first taxed by the United States federal government on August 1, 1862 along with many other goods and services to help pay for the massive costs of the Civil War. Taxes on beer were applied at the distribution level rather than at the consumer level for the most part and were paid by a return (like a form 1040 today).

Beer stamps were not used until September 1, 1866 when they were required as proof that the tax had been paid. From 1866 to 1955, every keg of beer leaving an American brewery was required by Internal Revenue Law to include a Federal beer stamp pasted over the keg's bung.

Beer stamps were initially issued with a tax rate of \$1.00 per barrel – a rate that remained effective until 1898. New beer stamps issues were provided as stamp supplies required or new size barrels came into use.

In 1898, with the Spanish-American War, the tax rate increased to \$2.00 per barrel and overprints of existing stamps were used until a new issue could be prepared. Both printed overprints and rubber hand stamps applied by local district revenue collectors were used so that many varieties were generated.

With the close of the Spanish-American War in 1901, the tax rate on beer lowered to \$1.60 per barrel. This resulted in a new issue reflecting the new rates. Another rate change occurred in 1902 (back to \$1.00 per barrel) resulting in additional overprints and another new issue.

This cycle continued till 1919 as new tax rates, barrel and vat sizes, and various other factors affected the use of beer stamps; e.g., bottled beer usage. One major influence on the use of beer stamps was of course "Prohibition".

100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America continued

Boyce returned to the United States and with Edward S. Stewart and Stanley D. Willis he incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910 and applied for a congressional charter. The bill was tied up with a charter for the Rockefeller Foundation and Boyce withdrew it after many delays. Around this time, William Randolph Hearst, a rival newspaperman, formed the American Boy Scouts (ABS), a group that lasted through 1918. Between business and travel, Boyce did not spend much time on the new organization. Edgar M. Robinson, a senior administrator of the YMCA in New York City, learned of the new Boy Scout program and traveled to Chicago where he agreed to help Boyce organize the Boy Scouts as a national organization. Boyce pledged \$1000 a month for a year to support the program but reports indicate only three or four payments were actually made. Robinson returned to New York to begin the search for members.

After a series of meetings in early 1910, the Woodcraft Indians lead by Ernest Thompson Seton, the Boy Scouts of the United States headed by Colonel Peter Bomus and the National Scouts of America headed by Colonel William Verbeck were absorbed into the BSA. The National Highway Patrol Association Scouts headed by Colonel E. S. Cornell and the Boy Pioneers (formerly known as the Sons of Daniel Boone) headed by Daniel Carter Beard were folded. The BSA National Office opened in the 28th Street YMCA in New York City on 1 June 1910. The first managing secretary (the precursor to the Chief Scout Executive) was John Alexander, a YMCA administrator from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. By autumn the BSA had 2,500 leader applications from 44 states and 150,000 youth inquiries.

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