

US World Jamboree Postal Card

The United States was chosen as the host for the 12th Boy Scout World Jamboree. The site of the camp was Farragut State Park next to Bayview, ID, about 20 miles north-northeast of Coeur d'Alene. Every world jamboree host country since 1933 had celebrated their event with a stamp issue. When the US Post Office Department rejected a stamp issue request, a suggestion made by Carl Rueth, editor of Linns Stamp Weekly, to produce a commemorative postal card was accepted.

Once approved in May 1967, this 6¢ domestic air mail postal card was designed and produced in just three months. The cards were ready for issue at the Jamboree on August 4, 1967. The US domestic airmail post card rate changed in January 1968 to 6¢, limiting the period of use of the card to only five months.

This exhibit presents the purpose, production and use of this postal card. Highlights of the exhibit include two cards each printed with two different colors missing and the Commemorative Folder prepared for invited guests to the first day of issue ceremony.

Black and White Publicity Photo

THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL ISSUE A 6-CENT AIR MAIL POSTAL CARD TO COMMEMORATE THE 12TH BOY SCOUT WORLD JAMBOREE. THE CARD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE JAMBOREE AT FARRAGUT STATE PARK, IDAHO, AUGUST 4, 1967.



The photograph of the card's indicia was released for promotional purposes. It shows the features of Scouting and Borah Peak in the Lost River Range, the highest mountain in Idaho. The designer was Steven Dohanos, a member of the Post Office Department's Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee and frequent stamp designer.

Government Postal Card Announcement

This announcement of the postal card's purpose, design, and printing plans was prepared for affixing to post office bulletin boards. Instructions for receiving first day cancellations, given in the last paragraph were followed, providing exhibit page 7. Ten million cards were printed.

POST ON BULLETIN BOARD

6-Cent
BOY SCOUT WORLD JAMBOREE
AIR MAIL POSTAL CARD



The 6-cent air mail postal card honoring the Boy Scouts' XII World Jamboree will be first placed on sale on August 4, 1967, at Farragut State Park, Idaho, where Scouts from nearly one hundred nations and territories will be assembled.

This air mail card is valid for postage in Continental America, in addition to all points in the United States and its possessions. It may be used to send messages to other countries by affixing adhesive stamps to meet the required rate.

Steven Dohanos, a member of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, designed the stamp on the card. It is based on the Jamboree patch which shows the fleur-de-lis emblem of Scouting and Borah Peak, the highest point in Idaho, the host State to the Scouts.

Ten million cards will be printed by the Government Printing Office in two runs on a two-color offset, press blending yellow, blue, red and black inks. Maximum blending occurs in the fleur-de-lis which the bronze color is achieved by interspersing halftone dots in the four inks.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations should send their orders to the Postmaster, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814, plainly indicating the full name and address, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, with remittance to cover the cost, which is 6¢ per card. The first day covers will be postmarked with a special cancellation reading "FARRAGUT STATE PARK, IDAHO, AUGUST 4, 1967." The envelope to the Postmaster should be plainly endorsed "First Day Covers of Boy Scout Jamboree Card."

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1967 O-348-100

CARD CEREMONY
COMMEMORATIVE POSTAL



Commemorative Postal Card Ceremony Folder

This folder was available to all who attended the First Day ceremony.

6-CENT
BOY SCOUT
WORLD JAMBOREE
COMMEMORATIVE
AIRMAIL POSTAL CARD

AUGUST 4, 1967



Commemorative Folder for Dignitaries

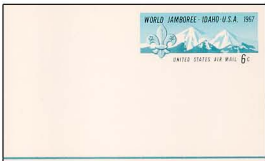
August Howard was a career member of the Boy Scouts of America National Council. With an interest in polar exploration, he became close friends with Eagle Scout Paul Siple. Siple was chosen, as a result of a national search of Scouts in 1926, to accompany Admiral Richard Byrd on his first expedition to Antarctica. In 1935, Howard founded the American Polar Society, writing articles for the Polar Times until 1968.

AUGUST HOWARD

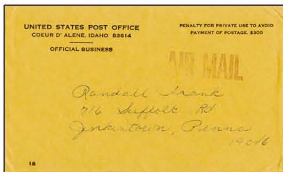
Missing Color Varieties
Red & Yellow Only



Blue & Black Only



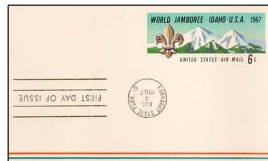
Envelope used to send Cards to purchaser as advertised in the Postal Announcement, ...



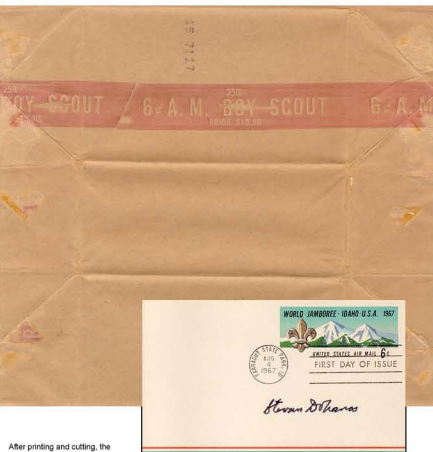
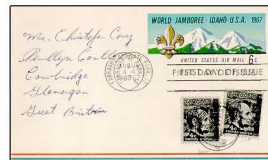
... contained cards with a
First Day of Issue Machine Cancel



Inverted First Day Cancel



Double Strike of First Day Cancels



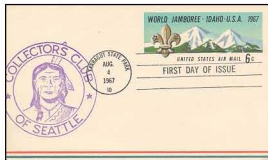
After printing and cutting, the cards were banded in groups of 250 with this wrapper.

Steven Dohanos, artist and member of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, designed the indicium. It is the largest the USA had issued to this time.

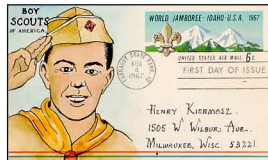
Sheets of 42 cards (6 wide and 7 deep) were printed by the Government Printing Office in two runs by two color offset lithograph printing. One pass was Red and Yellow, the other Blue and Black. The exhibitor's census of the surviving cards suggests that 4-6 of the Red & Yellow cards and 1-3 of the Blue & Black cards exist. Also reprinted are an only Blue omitted card and an only Red omitted card.

As 471,581 first day cards were processed, other cancel varieties are likely.

First Day Cachet
Hand Cancels

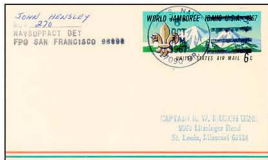


Machine (Piney Bowes) Cancels



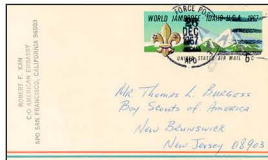
The Scouts on Stamps Society International's website records almost 70 different cachets, not including varieties. Among them were printed, handstamped, affixed labels and hand painted cachet examples. Presented are the Collectors Club of Seattle handstamped cachet and a Herman R. Maul hand painted cachet.

Government Installations
Military Service



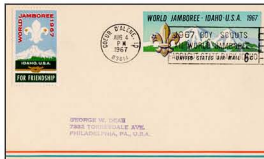
Cards mailed to or from US military bases or ships qualified for domestic rate postage, including airmail service. This card came from the USS Camden stationed in Viet Nam with Fleet Post Office (FPO) address 9666B.

Diplomatic Service



US embassies also qualified for domestic rate postage service. Mailed from the US Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, this card received an Army and Air Force Postal Service APO cancel on its way to a US address.

Jamboree Cancel Used
on First Day of Issue



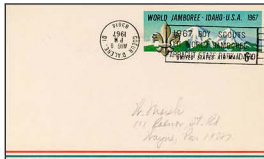
Almost all purchasers of cards on the first day at the Jamboree wanted First Day cancels. Only a few took the cards and deposited them in the outgoing Jamboree mail.



Jamboree Cancel Three
Days Before FD

With a date stamp of Aug. 1, three days before issue, and not mailed, this is and approximately 7 other cards each with a different foreign or domestic Scott's stamps were favor canceled.

Jamboree Cancel with
Inverted City & Date
Slugs

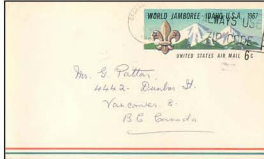


Perhaps a mistake could have been made at the beginning of the day during setup. Only a couple of examples of this invert have been found.

International Use
Mexico & Canada Rate



The domestic rate for airmail cards applied to Mexico and Canada. These airmail cards, mailed to Puebla, Mexico and Vancouver B.C. Canada were properly franked.

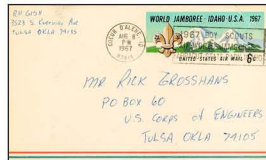


Other Foreign



Other foreign countries required 13¢ for airmail card service, a rate that had been in effect since May 1, 1967. A 13¢ international airmail postal card was not issued until September 8, 1967. This card to Kouvola, Finland was properly upfranked with the required 7¢.

Jamboree Mail
Domestic Use



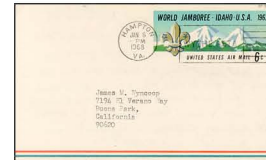
Jamboree mail received this "1967 Boy Scouts XII World Jamboree Farragut State Park, Idaho" machine slogan cancel at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Foreign Rate - 13¢



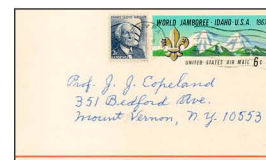
This Jamboree card to Haarlem, Holland was properly upfranked to the international airmail card rate of 13¢.

Change of Postage Rate
Last Day of Rate



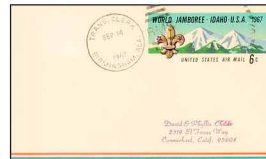
This postal card provided airmail service for the 5 month period August 4, 1967 to January 6, 1967, when the rate was increased to 8¢. This card was serviced on the last day of the rate period.

New Rate Period

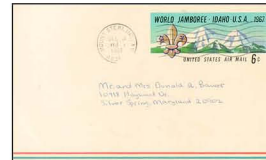


A replacement 8¢ domestic airmail postal card was not produced until March 1, 1968. The Jamboree postal card provided for 5 months service at its face value and then served for 2 months with upfranking.

Domestic Use

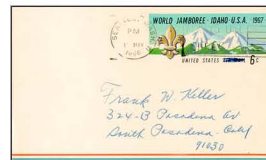


Card was picked up by train on the way to Birmingham, Alabama. It was canceled aboard the railroad car by a Transfer Clerk using a Railway Airmail Service (RMAIS) in the collector's postal cancellation. At Birmingham it was transferred for airmail service to California. This was near the very end of RMAIS service in the US.



Inverted "PM" time slug in cancel on this card from Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

Usages in the New Rate Period
Non-Airmail Service



Also on January 7, 1967 surface post card rate moved from 4¢ to 5¢. Some mailers attempted to use the Jamboree card (8¢ face) to pay the new 5¢ surface mail service by marking out the "AIR MAIL" next to the card's denomination. This is not adequate as there are still visual airmail service indications on the card with the blue and red lines at the card's bottom. For several months of the new rate period, examples like the card above were forgiven.



Later attempts to secure surface rate service using the card were denied.