

# AEROSCOUT PHILATELY

THE STORY OF BOY SCOUTING AND AIR MAIL HAVE CLOSE TIES FROM THEIR EARLY BIRTH IN THE FIRST DECADE OF THIS CENTURY. THEIR GROWTH BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY ARE MOST INTRIGUING DURING THE PERIOD OF 1930'S THROUGH 1960'S. THE MANY DIFFERENT METHODS OF AIR TRANSPORTATION USED TO CARRY THE MAILS ARE WHAT DREAMS AND ROMANCES ARE MADE OF.

THIS IS ONLY A SAMPLE OF THE MANY AIRMAIL-SCOUT RELATED ITEMS THAT COULD BE COLLECTED. THIS FORMS A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SCOUTS ON STAMPS COLLECTION TO GO AFTER. THE ONLY LIMIT ON ONE'S COLLECTING, IS IMAGINATION.



Hungarian Semipost, Scout flying a kite to raise funds for the Horthy National Aviation Fund. The card is canceled at the Nicholas Horthy National Flying Base, Budapest, Hungary, January 5, 1940.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL ROVER MOOT  
 KANDERSTEG, SWITZERLAND  
 AUGUST, 1931  
 FLOWN BY GRAF ZEPPELIN



This card was franked with Swiss postage and canceled with the special cancel for the First World Rover Moot in Switzerland, August 1, 1931. The card was then forward to Germany for the flight between Friedrichshafen, Germany to Lausanne, Switzerland. The card has the on board cancel from Friedrichshafen dated August 20, 1931. It arrived in Lausanne on August 27, 1931. The card is print with a "Mit Zeppelin; L. Z. 127" in blue, a hand stamp cachet in red is also added to the front.

**FOURTH WORLD JAMBOREE  
GLIDER FLIGHTS  
Godollo to Budapest  
AUGUST, 1933**

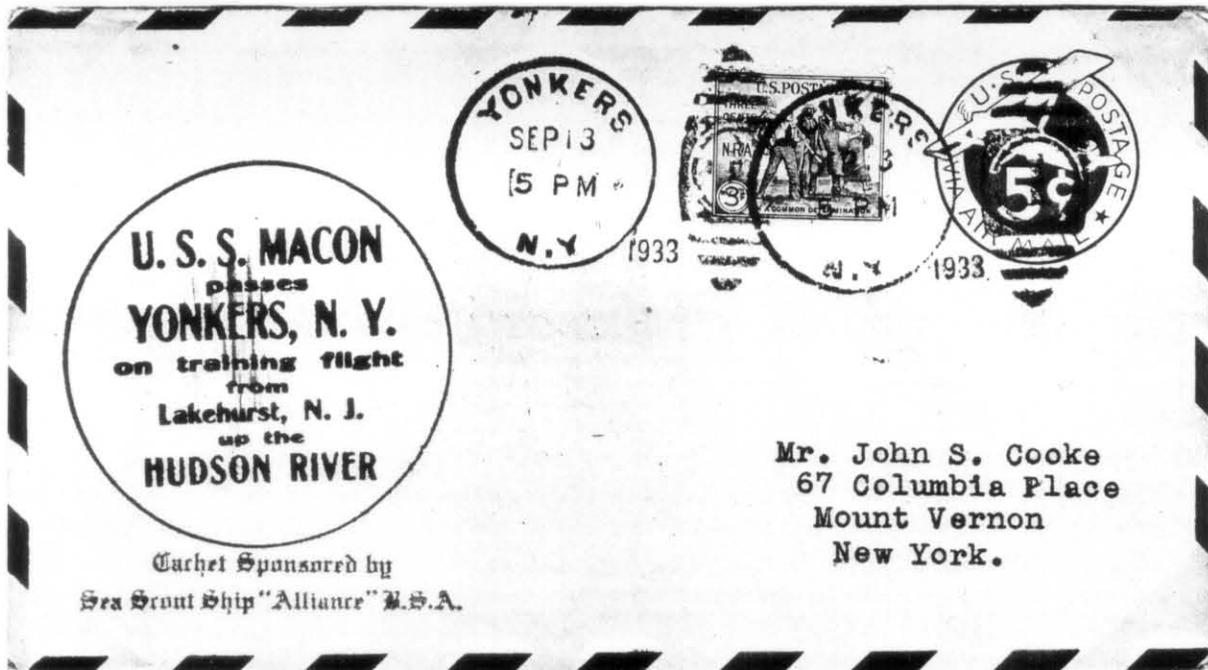


Opening day flight cover flown by a Scout from Budapest to the Jamboree in Godollo. The card has the special opening day flight cachet. This cover went to Lucenec, Czechoslovakia.

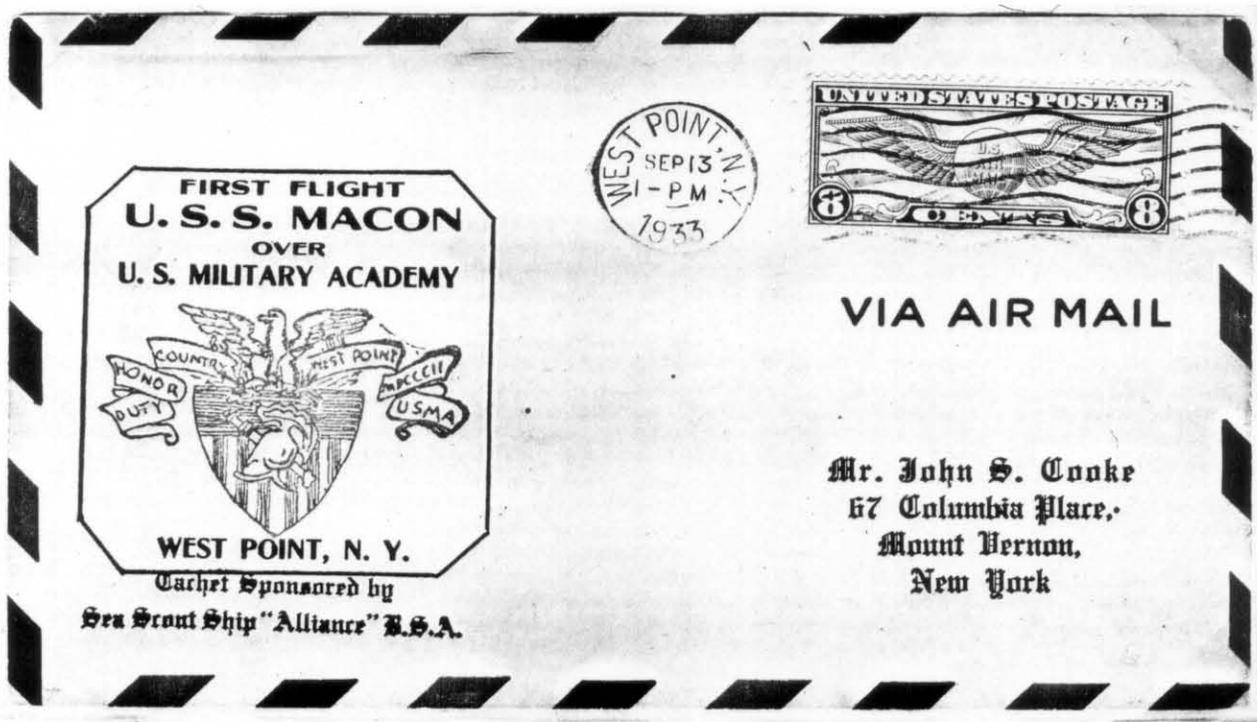


Flight cover from the Jamboree to Messenhauserg, Austria via Budapest posted on August 13, 1933. The cover has the special glider flight cachet.

**U. S. AIRSHIP MACON**  
**TRAINING FLIGHT**  
September 13, 1933  
*Lakehurst, N.J. up the Hudson River*



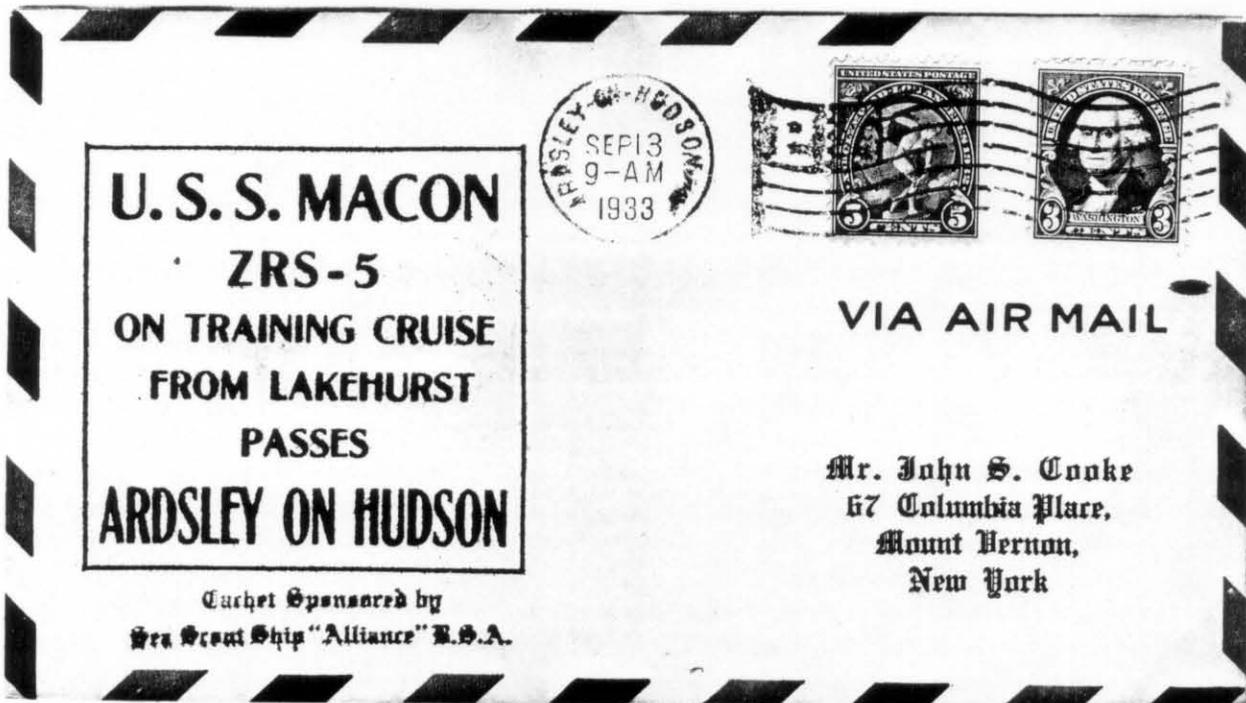
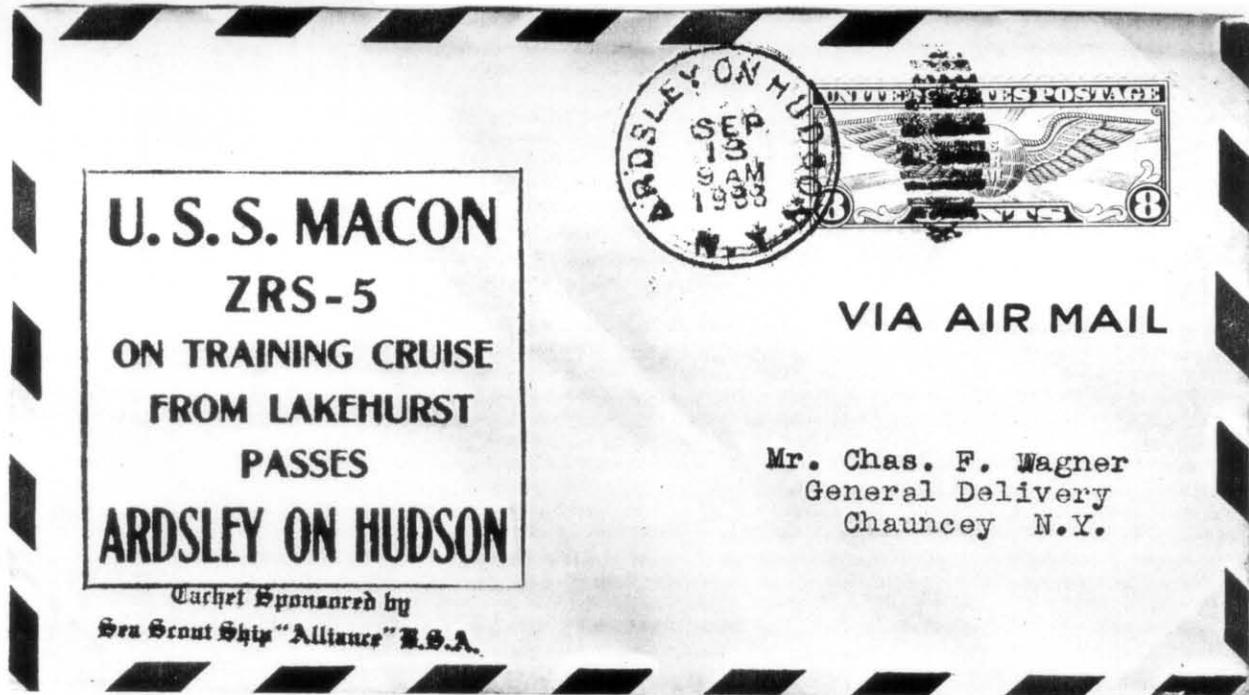
The Yonkers, N.Y. cachet canceled at 5PM for the training flight of the U.S.S. Macon by a Duplex hand canceler. This is not the farthest distance up the Hudson River but it is the latest time for the four covers.



The last cover for this flight was canceled at West Point, N. Y. by machine at 1PM on the day of the flight.

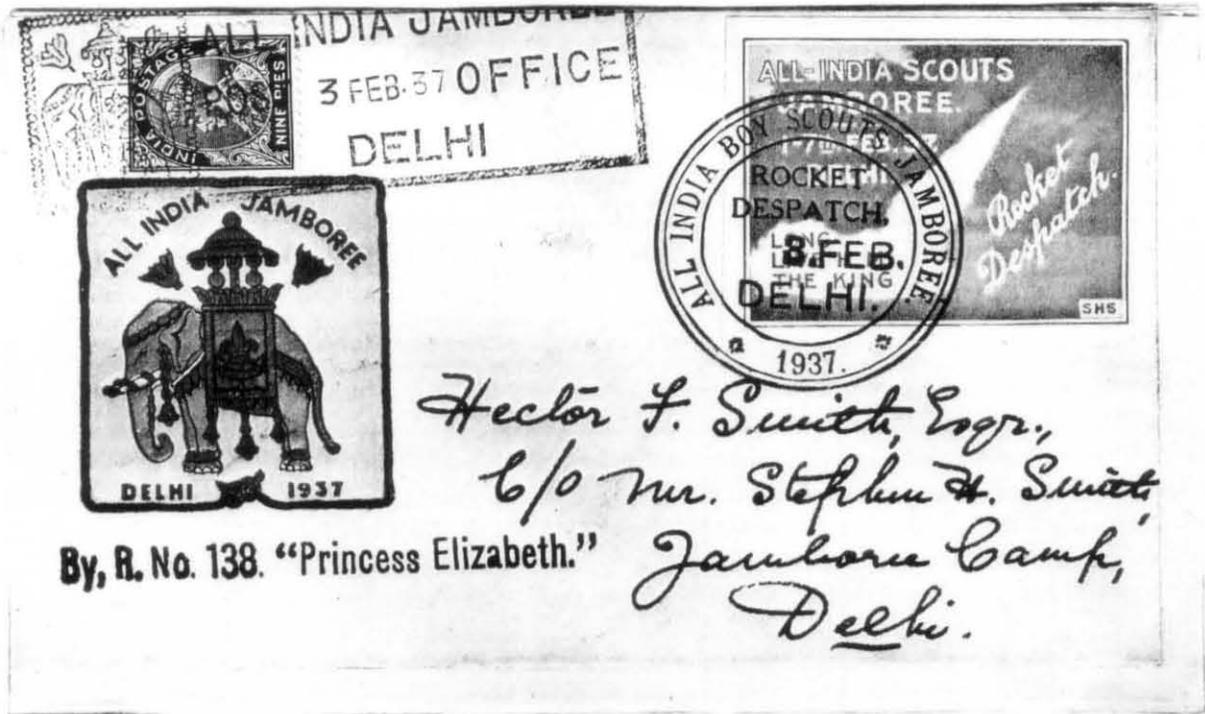
Both cachets were sponsored by the Sea Scout Ship "Alliance" B.S.A.

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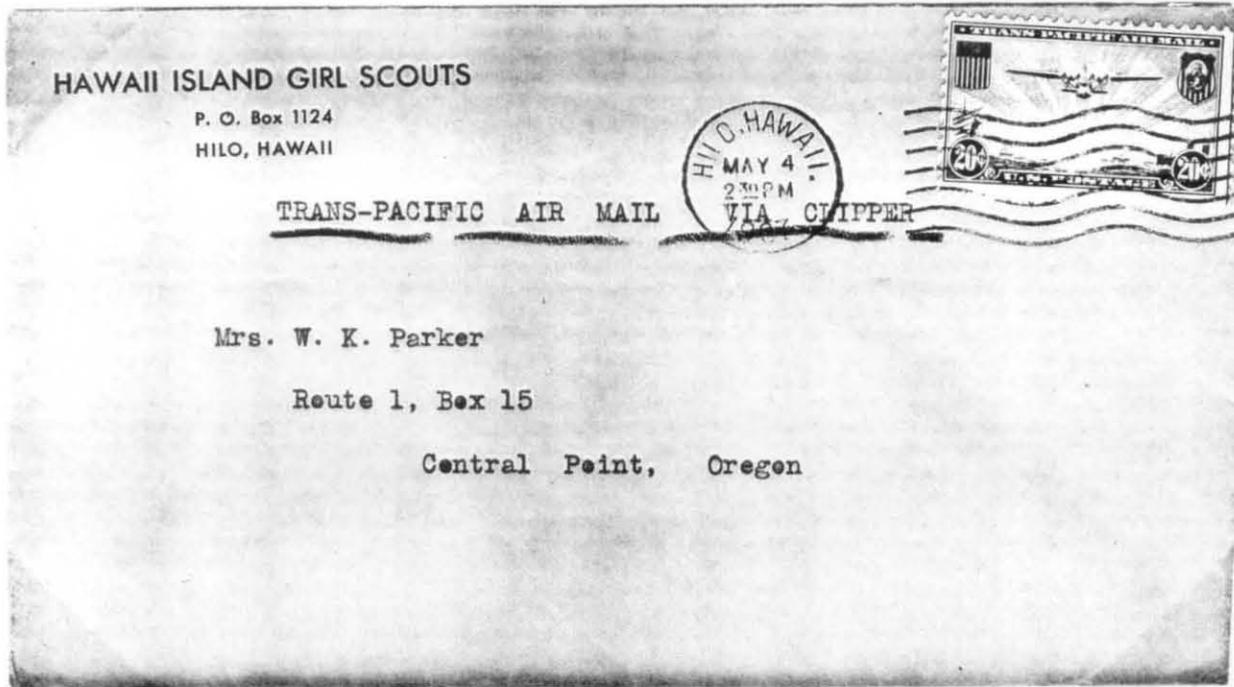
The Sea Scout Ship "Alliance" B.S.A. sponsored the cachet covers for the training flight of the U.S.S. Macon up the Hudson River. The above show the two different color cachets as the Airship passed over Ardsley, New York. The green cachet is hand canceled and the blue cachet is machine canceled, both are at 9AM.

ALL INDIA JAMBOREE  
ROCKET MAIL  
1937



The National Jamboree of India, 1937 has the honor of having an early rocketeer, Stephen M. Smith, attend the Jamboree. There were a total of 12 large rockets prepared for the Jamboree, only 11 were fired for the other fell victim to ants. On Feb. 3, 1937 there were a total of 4 rockets fired; 2 for mail and the other 2 for messages of welcome. The above has been franked with the special green rocket label and canceled with the Rocket Despatch hand canceler as well as being franked with regular Indian postage and canceled with the special Jamboree hand canceler at the post office on site. This rocket #138, "Princess Elizabeth" carried 254 covers and 34 copies of the Jamboree Daily.

TRANS-PACIFIC  
VIA CHINA CLIPPER  
1937



Commercially used cover franked with the twenty cent Transpacific Air Mail stamp of 1937 canceled at Hilo, Hawaii on May 4, 1937. The cover is from the Hawaii Island Girl Scouts and sent to Central Point, Oregon. This cover is correctly franked, this was very expensive for the average letter via surface mail was only three cents and this air mail service was almost seven times the cost. A limited number of letters would have been sent this way to the mainland for the United States was just coming out of the "Great Depression".

FIFTH WORLD JAMBOREE  
 PRE - JAMBOREE FLIGHTS  
 NETHERLAND TO DUTCH INDIES  
 1937



Netherlands to Dutch Indies using a Jamboree Stamp in mixed franking. Left the Netherlands, June 6, arrived June 10, 1937. A special flight cachet was applied in purple.

**DC-3** EERSTE VLUCHT = **INDIË** = **NEDERLAND**  
 DE REGELMATIGEN DC-3-DIENST VAN AF 16 JUNI 1937



PER LUCHTPOST  
 PAR AVION



1976  
 Mej. L. Stump  
 Ammanagan 24  
 Gelsdoorn  
 Holland.  
 INDIE - NEDERLAND  
 BANDONG 15 JUNI 1937  
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GEBRUIKT JAMBOREE -  
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Dutch Indies to the Netherlands franked with a Jamboree set of stamps. Canceled June 14, left Dutch Indies, June 16, arrived on June 21, 1937. A special World Jamboree envelope was used and a special cachet was applied in black for the flight.

**AUSTRIA**  
**BALLON POST**  
*For Children's Houses and Camps*  
 1951



The special Baloon Post envelope franked with the Seventh World Jamboree stamp. The cancel is for the ballon flight on the Ballon "Zurick" from Salzburg to Kuchl on October 21, 1951. The funds helped to build children's homes and camps.

# AIR EXPLORER SCOUT ENCAMPMENT 1954

A SALUTE TO  
**AIR EXPLORER SCOUTS**  
from Ohio and West Virginia  
Region 4, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA,  
including Toronto, Ontario, CANADA SCOUTS  
ENCAMPMENT AND TRAINING PERIOD  
FOR: ADVANCE CREDITS IN SCOUTING  
AT WILKINS AIR FORCE DEPOT, SHELBY, OHIO.  
16 through 21 AUGUST 1954



MORNING TRAINING SESSIONS: AIR NATIONAL GUARD H. Q.  
Mansfield, Ohio, Municipal Airport  
Flying Operations, Weather, Navigation, Communications.  
Orientation Flight in a USAF C-47 Plane  
Afternoons: Wilkins AF Depot: Supply, Warehousing,  
Operational and Statistical Records



*W. Boyles  
Shelby, Ohio*

The Air Explorer Scouts of Region 4 and Toronto, Canada had an encampment for training at Wilkins Air Force Depot, Shelby, Ohio from August 16 - 21, 1954. The cover was canceled at Shelby by a machine canceler on August 19, 1954, it tied a single of the Scout stamp (995). The Air Scout Program was coming to an end in this and other countries. The program ended in the United States in the early 1960s. Few Air Scout Events have had any philatelic items associated with them.

**45th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING  
OF SCOUTING IN AUSTRIA AND  
THE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF REORGANIZATION  
AFTER WORLD WAR II  
SPECIAL FLIGHT VIENNA TO NEW YORK  
APRIL 27, 1956**

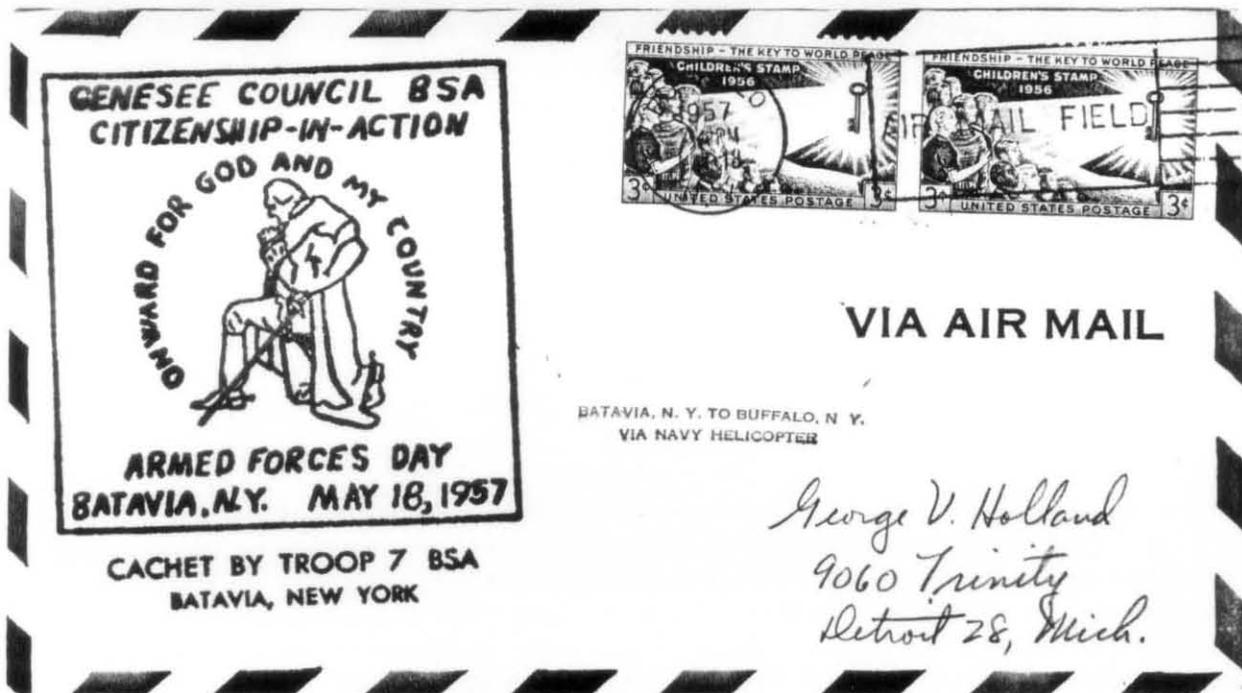


**SONDER-FLUGPOST WIEN-NEW YORK  
SPECIAL AIR MAIL VIENNA-NEW YORK**

Herrn Adolf K o s e l  
2053 B'way, Hotel Alamao  
New York 23, N.Y., USA

The cover above is canceled with the special Austrian Scout Anniversary cancel on April 25, 1956 and held for the flight on April 27, 1956. The special flight cachet is added in black for the flight between Vienna and New York. The flight was also in honor of the FIPEX stamp show in New York at the same time. The Ballon Post envelope was overprinted in black for FIPEX.

**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
Batavia, N.Y. to Buffalo, N.Y.  
via Navy Helicopter  
May 18, 1957



THIS COVER FLOWN FROM SHOW  
GROUNDS IN BATAVIA, N.Y TO THE  
BUFFALO, N.Y. AIRPORT VIA HELICOPTER  
BY COURTESY OF THE U.S. NAVY.

J.N. FICHTHORN

The Genesee Council, B.S.A. had Citizenship In Action during Armed Forces Day. Troop 7 of Batavia, N.Y. sponsored the cachet, a second hand stamp was applied in purple which read "BATAVIA, N. Y. TO BUFFALO, N. Y. VIA NAVY HELICOPTER" to both the front and and back. This is the earliest scout related helicopter flown piece. There must be only a few of these Navy flown pieces.

THE 8th ISRAEL JAMBOUREE  
 SPECIAL FLIGHT  
 HAIFA TO LOD NEMAL TEUFA  
 1961



הג'מבורי הישראלי השמיני

الجبوري الاسرائيلي الثامن

THE 8th ISRAEL JAMBOUREE

RINA LEVINSON

4 x ALB

AIR TAXI SERVICE

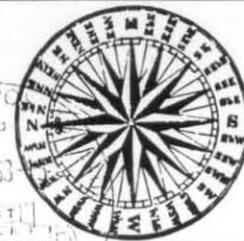
שירות תעופה



The special flight between Haifa and Lod Nemat Tefa on August 1, 1961 was flown by the air taxi service in a single engine light plane. The cover is registered and had the special Jamboree cancel and a printed cachet as well as the hand stamp flight cachet on the front. The back has the special Jamboree cancel, the regular Haifa post office cancel and a receiver cancel for Lod Nemat Teufa.

**SWITZERLAND**  
**TWICE CARRIED COVER**  
**VIA AUTO POST AND BALLON**  
 1968

Sofern die Wetterlage oder Gründe der Luftverkehrsicherheit den Freiballoonanstieg am 12. Oktober nicht zulassen, findet derselbe mit Beförderung der Spendekarten am nächstfolgenden Tag mit geeigneten Aufstiegsbedingungen statt.  
 Der Aufstiegsplatz liegt an der Dägersteinstraße, in der Nähe des Neufeldschulhauses.



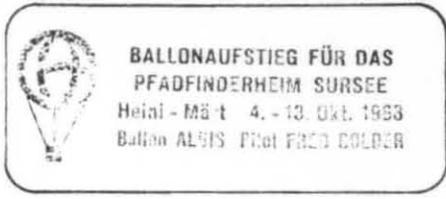
1. Karte abtrennen, deutlich und genau adressieren
2. Karte frankieren, Inland 20 Rappen, Ausland 30 Rappen
3. Die adressierte und frankierte Karte in einem Couvert bis spätestens 10. Oktober 1968 einsenden an:  
 Remigius von Matt  
 Postfach 109  
 6210 Sursee
4. Die Spendekarten werden am Samstag, 12. Oktober 1968, mit dem Freiballon «Albis» von Herr Fred Dolder befördert. Sie erhalten einen privaten Aufstiegsstempel und den Ortspoststempel des Landeortes.

**Wie wird die  
 Quittungs-  
 karte zur  
 Ballonpost-  
 karte?**



Diese Ballonpostkarte wurde finanziert durch einen namhaften Beitrag der Firma Granol AG Baustoffabrik Sursee

Die Grafiker Stadelmann und Bisig, Sursee, schenken uns die Gestaltungskosten, und die Fa. Kreienbühl + Co AG Luzern stellte uns die Klischees zu einem Spezialpreis her.



Grüße und Absender

*Pfadfinderabteilung  
 St. Martin Sursee  
 Der Kassier:*

Mr. Walter Grob  
 Les Murailles  
 Ch. de Mourat  
 1095 Lutry VD.

First carried by the Autopost from the European Scout Conference on September 28, 1968 and then carried by ballon on October 12, 1968. The cards were made for the special ballon post but were used at the conference with the Autopost first. A special conference cachet was added to the card at this time. On both trips the Swiss scout stamp are part of the franking.

**RICCIONE SCOUT FLIGHT  
ITALY - SAN MARINO  
1969**

**VOLO CON ELICOTTERO**

**RICCIONE SCOUT 1969**



**C. I. F. S.**  
Fermo Posta  
47031 SAN MARINO



**Riccione - San Marino**

*Italy to San Marino*

**VOLO CON ELICOTTERO**

**RICCIONE SCOUT 1969**



*Centro Internazionale  
Filatelia Sportiva*



**San Marino - Riccione**

*San Marino to Italy*

The special Scout Helicopter Flight between Riccione, Italy and San Marino was flown on May 31, 1969. The covers had both the cancels for the stamps and receiving cancels on the fronts. The Italian cancel is a special scout cancel and the San Marino is a special cancel for the helicopter flight.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CAMP  
BLAIR ATHOLL, UNITED KINGDOM  
HELICOPTER POST  
JULY 26, 1980



The card was posted and canceled with the special International Scout Camp, Blair Atholl, Pitlochry (Scotland) with a hand canceler on July 26, 1980. A special helicopter scout post private label (stamp) is added and canceled in blue on July 29, 1980 using a Scout Post canceler. There was an additional red and purple hand stamp applied, which stated the ground of the flight due to bad weather.