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## A Message From the Chairman

The members of the Oklahoma City Stamp Club welcome you to OKPEX '98, our 24<sup>th</sup> annual World Series of Philately stamp exhibit under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society. This show is not only Oklahoma's only national stamp show - with over 3,200 pages displayed, it is also the **largest stamp exhibit ever** presented in this State. Our 200 new 16-page format exhibit frames have attracted some of the finest competitive philatelic exhibits in the world, and I personally hope each visitor to OKPEX '98 will take advantage of this opportunity to view some of the most exciting material we have ever had the opportunity to see in this part of the United States, including one exhibit from as far away as New Zealand!!! (Our OKPEX Frame Fund at the registration desk is still looking for a few \$50.00 tax deductible donations to complete the payment for these wonderful new frames).

OKPEX '98 is proud to host the Annual Meeting of the Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI). This group of dedicated philatelist have built a strong reputation within the hobby for advancing their particular topical area of interest, especially with new young collectors. Our show cachet cover honors SOSSI by honoring the First Boy Scout Troop in the United States, Troop 1 of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, which was chartered by the Boy Scouts in Great Britain in 1909, a year before the program became the Boy Scouts of America, and only two years after Oklahoma became a State. We also prepared a special first day cover cancelled at Pawhuska on February 3, 1998, when the new Scouting stamp was issued by the USPS. These are a true limited edition of 100 covers and will quickly sell out at the OKPEX table.

We are most honored to have with us this year the **Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Department of the Treasury**, which has prepared a special BEP Souvenir Card featuring their 1998 theme 'From Sea to Shining Sea' and depicting a panoramic view of Oklahoma City taken from a photograph by T.M. Fowler in 1890. *OKPEX is the only stamp show the BEP will attend in 1998!!!* The BEP also has on exhibit rare imperforate sheets of historic stamps from the official archives, which are certain to be of great interest to you while here at OKPEX.

You are encouraged to take advantage of the fine group of speakers who offer to share their philatelic interests and knowledge with you, *especially* the new Managing Editor of <u>Linn's Stamp News</u>, Michael Schreiber,

talking on the Recalled Legends of the West Stamps and the Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, Bob Lamb, giving his program on Stamp Issuing Entities. In addition, a special presentation at the OKPEX Award Gala, Fun in Philately or What I Learned from Reading Scott Stamp Monthly will be given by it's Editor, Peter Martin.

This will be our third annual philatelic literature competition, which has received such great acclaim by offering a category for stamp auction catalogs, as well as books and periodicals. Our juries for both the philatelic exhibit and the philatelic literature exhibit reads like a "Who's Who in Stamp Collecting in the 1990's". They will be offering critiques which you will find helpful and informative as an exhibitor and are encouraged to attend.

We are also very pleased to bring together 23 dealers in the OKPEX Bourse from 10 different States. They offer an excellent selection of stamps and covers to satisfy most every collector's appetite and budget. An innovation this year - \$5.00 gift certificates of OKPEX-BUCKS - will be given away by random drawing from the registration list each hour the show is open. These are valid only with the OKPEX '98 Dealers.

Finally, don't forget to **BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY** for the Friday evening bus tour of the Cowboy Hall of Fame and Oklahoma Barbeque and the Saturday evening OKPEX Awards Gala, which will have not only the presentation of exhibit awards, but lots of blue grass singing and philatelic fun. Tickets are available at the registration desk.

When you are in Oklahoma City on the first or third Tuesday of the month, please visit our regular meetings of the Oklahoma City Stamp Club at our nice **new location** - meetings are at 7:00 P.M. at the Warr Acres Community Center, 4200 N.W. Ann Arbor.

Joe H. Crosby

Chairman, OKPEX '98

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## **OKPEX '98 PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

## The Cherokee Room is to be found down the Main Hall of the Hotel Entrance.

FRIDAY	MAY 1
10:00 am	OKPEX '98 Opens / Postique Opens
3:00 pm	Recalled Legends of the West - Michael Schreiber, Managing Editor, LINN'S Stamp News, \ Cherokee Room.
4:00 pm	Indian and Oklahoma Territory Workshop – Joe H. Crosby, Chairman, OKPEX '98. Cherokee Room
6:00 pm	OKPEX '98 Closes / Postique Closes
6:30 pm	<b>SOSSI Western Party</b> – Tour of National Cowboy Hall of Fame, County Line B-B-Q, Bus Transportation included. Tickets \$28.00. Meet transportation at entrance of Clarion Hotel at 6:20.
SATURDAY	MAY 2
10:00 am	OKPEX '98 Opens / Postique Opens
10:30 am	<i>PNC3 Regional Meeting</i> - Ray Janz, Presiding, Plaza Room 6
11:00 am	OKPEX '98 Literature Critique – Conducted by the American Philatelic Society Literature Jury. Cherokee Room
1:00 pm	Stamp Issuing Countries - Robert Lamb, Executive Director, American Philatelic Society, Cherokee Room
2:00 pm	SOSSI Annual Meeting – Open Meeting Presented by the SOSSI Society. Cherokee Room

Tyler, Presiding, Cherokee Room

## **OKPEX '98 PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

4:00 pm OKPEX '98 Philatelic Exhibition Critique –
Conducted by the American Philatelic Society Jury.
Cherokee Room

6:00 pm OKPEX '98 Closes / Postique Closes

6:15 pm OKPEX Awards Gala, Reception and Buffet, "Fun in Philately and What My Scott's Monthly Taught Me" – Peter Martin, Editor Scott's Stamp Monthly (Prizes) - Old Fashioned Sing Along. Presentation of Exhibition Awards. Tickets \$20.00. Congress Room.

SUNDAY MAY 3

10:00 am **OKPEX '98 Opens / Postique Opens** 

1:00 pm SOSSI MERIT BADGE SEMINAR – Rick Grosshans, SOSSI. Cherokee Room.

4:00 pm OKPEX '98 Closes / Postique Closes

All collectors and non-collectors are cordially invited to all Meetings, Programs and Events.

Please check OKPEX '98 Registration Tables for Special Events or Schedule changes.

### \$5.00 OKPEX '98 BUCKS DOORPRIZES

Drawings will be held on the hour 11-5 Friday and Saturday, 11-3 Sunday. Valid at any OKPEX '98 Dealers booth only. You Must Be Present To Win

#### CATALOG OF EXHIBITS

1-6 Court of Honor Frederick P. Lawrence, Ph.D. Scouting on Stamps "Classics". A special studies exhibit - a triptych of mini-exhibits of the three earliest issues of Scouting on Stamps. 7 Evelyn Larson, Butterflies and Moths of the World. An exhibit of butterfly and moth stamps by zoogeographical regions. Butterflies are loved throughout the world, and many have been on stamps Christopher D. Ferrell, Boy Scouts of the World, Lord Baden-Powell's dream of boy 8 scouting brought to life through stamps from every corner of the world. Jessica Reid, Women in American History. Stamps honoring women in civil rights, 9 literature, aviation, entertainment, service, politics, and health. 10 Christopher D. Ferrell, Space – The Final Frontier. The history of the space program through United States Stamps. Beginning with the first dreams from the Palomar Space Observatory to the exploration of Mars. Robert F. Kan, Scouting Netherlands, From before the 5th World Jamboree to the 18th 11 World Jamboree, scouting is alive and well in the Netherlands. 12 Robert T. Kinsley, French Internees in Switzerland. Military covers from the three major wars in Europe. 13 Fred Ziemann, The Dawn of Humans. The origins, history and development of humans based on the Darwinian theory of evolution up to 10,000 years ago. Jack Lines, Stars and Stripes Forever. Covers, cachets and cancels of the Stars and 14 Stripes Forever stamp. 15 Keith Larson, 50 Years of Scouts on U. S. Stamps. Presenting 50 years of Scouts on Stamps. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first stamp was highlighted this year with another issue. 16 Robert T. Kinsley, The F Stamp. Spanish Civil War refugees were provided this elusive stamp. Fred Ziemann, A Common Tongue - One Man's Quest. One man's determination to 17 create and promote a politically neutral language for all the peoples that transended ideological and geographical boundaries. Jack Lines, Separation of State and Church. Quotes from George Seldes of our 18 founders, presidents, scientists, etc., who have appeared on stamps with regards to State and Church separation. David Lu, Chinese Military Post Services During WWII. Reflecting the information 19 of Chinese military post services during the second World War. Peter Martin, The First U.S. Postal Notes 1883-1894. A study of the seven types of 19th 20 century U. S. Postal Notes, including first and last day usages, #1's, proofs and rarities. Carl Schauer, Twelfth Boy Scout Jamboree Cacheted Post Cards. Shown are a few of 21 the cacheted issues on the UCX 7 Boy Scout postal card for the Twelfth World Jamboree. 22-25 Lawrence Clay, Baden-Powell: The Two Lives of A Hero. The two lives of Robert S.S.

Mafeking", the second as the founder of Scouting.

Baden-Powell are shown philatelically. The first including becoming the "Hero of

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- 26-32 Mark Burnett, Postal Rates During the Washington-Franklin Head Series. Showing the different types of rates and fees that are found with the stamps of the Washington – Franklin Head Series.
- 33-39 Tony L. Crumbley, Independent State and Confederate Mail of North Carolina. A study of letter communication focusing on the postal markings, operations, and adversites after secession.
- 40-46 R. S. Frank, Scouting Postal History of the 1930s. Postal items containing Boy Scout and Girl Guide (Scout) philatelic elements, including stamps, postal cards, cancellations, registration etiquettes, and meters used during the 1930s.
- 47-50 Roger Rice Era of the United States Penny Postal Cards 1873-1951 An abridged showing of major issues of the rate period along with primary and minor varieties.
- 51-58 Gary Griffith, The 2-Cent Washington 1922. This stamp in many varieties, was in service during and 18-year period, demonstrating numerous changes in printing technology and postal rates and services.
- 59-62 Scott Troutman, Oklahoma Revenue Stamps. The Revenue stamps of Oklahoma including the Native American issues.
- 63-67 Bernard Eyeless, New Zealand Pioneer Machine Cancellations. A study of mechanically applied cancellations first used between 1866 and 1907 in New Zealand as dispatch, transit or receiving marks.
- 68-75 Allan D. Jones, United States Air Mail, November 12, 1910 June 30, 1924. United States "Forerunners", "Pioneer", "Early Government" and "Experimental and Test" events which led up to the establishment of the transcontinental air mail route.
- 76-85 William A. Rader, The Philatelic Legacy of Martha Washington The "First" First Lady. This exhibit is of Martha Washington stamps on postal items of the United States and it's possessions. It is a philatelic memorial to Martha Washington.
- 86-91 Thomas P. Myers, British External Air Mail Rates During the Reign of George VI 1936-1951. Covers to Africa, South America, Asia and the Pacific including second class airmail and censored mail.
- 92-94 A. Zach Hirsch, Jr., Brownsea Island and Baden-Powell: Birth and Development of the Scouting Movement. In1907, Baden-Powell conducted an experiment, which led to the world-wide program. Activities first conducted are still done as illustrated by stamps.
- 95-100 Dr. Roger Schnell, Thuringen 1945 to 1946. Stamps of Thuringen, from the early Russian Occupation in October 1945, to its incorporation in the postal system of East Germany (DDR) or October 31, 1946.
- 101-108 Patrick Murphy, Washington-Franklin 1-Cent, 1908-1921. Washington-Franklin 1-Cent green definitive stamps of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau Issues of 1908-921. Also shown are postal usages and many varieties including private perfs.
- 109-112 Dr. Seymour Feuer, World Scouting: We Are All Very Different, Yet Very Much Alike. Exhibit shows how the Scouting program is essentially the same throughout the world. We all honor the founder, and participate in similar type programs.
  - 113-117 Bob Fritz, The Local Post of Rattlesnake Island. This exhibit traces the issuance of the Rattlesnake Island Local Post stamps and their uses from their inception in 1966 until their demise in 1989.

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- 118-125 Douglas J. Uzakewicz. A Study of the One Cent 1902 Series. This exhibit shows the development, production, types of stamps, and their usage both domestic and foreign.
- 126-135 Donald R. Hines, King George V Photogravure Issue 1934-1936. Sheet, booklet, coils, shades, flaws and printing varieties of the issued stamps. Domestic and international postal usage's with rates to the different destinations
- 136-140 Arthur H. Groten, M.D., United States Permit Imprint Mail 1904-1954. The development of Permit Imprint Mail in the U.S. to 1954, and its philatelic and postal history.
- 141-150 John M. Hotchner, 20<sup>th</sup> Century U. S. Auxiliary Markings. Documenting delay of, or inability to deliver the mail: the first 50 years mail.
- 151-160 William E. Jones. Merit Badges For Boy Scout Eagle Award As Shown Philatelielly. An exhibit showing a small portion of the requirements for earning these merit badges.
- 161-165 Dr.Giorgio Migliavacca, Albania Italian Occupation 1939-1963. Occupation and annexation, military mail, civilian mail, post offices and postal network, rates and routes, annexation of Yugoslav Territories, Greek Occupation of Epirus, mail censorship.
- 166-175 Eliot A. Landau, The 6-Cent Lincoln Large Bank Note Issues. The large Bank Notes era seen through it's essays, proof, varieties, uses, cancellations and postal history.
- 176-185 Sam Zimmerman, Jr., Confederate States of America Postal History of the One and Two Cent Rates. A description and showing of all examples of the different uses of the One and Two Cent rate of Confederate use.
- **186-188** Roger Baldwin, **Air Mail on the Fly The Adams Air Mail Pick Up.** A philatelic history of the Adams delivery and pick up of bags of mail by low flying airplanes.
- 189-195 Connor Johnson, French History Through Postal Covers From Kings to Republics. French covers beginning in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century through the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century with all governments represented.
- 196-198 Marvin V. Layman, Ph.D. Norman Rockwell and Scouting. Focuses on paintings done for scouting but also includes some of life and work of Rockwell.
- 199-200 Ray E. Cartier, The Aircraft of Air force Plant #4. Stamps, covers, flown covers and postmarks recognizing the aircraft built in Ft. Worth, Texas from 1942 to 1997.



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## LITERATURE EXHIBITS

### **Handbooks and Special Studies**

- **Item A1** St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Philatelic Society's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Anthology. Dr. Russell Skavaril, Editor. An anthology of original research papers written during the first 20 years of the Society's existence.
- **Item A2** The Stamps of Somolia and Their Story. Giorgio Migliavacca, Author. A chronology of historic and philatelic facts, 1860-1996, including Oltre Giuba issues, forgeries and bibliography.
- **Item A3** Printing and Perforating Errors of Postage Stamps in Canada (1951-1997), An Analysis. Joseph Monteiro, Author. Examining errors on Canadian postage stamps from two series: the printer and the perforator covering the period 1953-1997
- Item A4 The Royal Hobby. Charlie Wonderlin, Author. Interesting and entertaining stamp stories for all collectors and persons that want to be collectors. Collecting advise and tips are given.
- Item A5 First Issues. Floyd A Walker, Editor. The official newsletter of the First Issues Collectors Club. Articles focus on the first issues (frequently No 1's) of the nations of the world. Vol. 6, No.1-6
- **Item A6** Gene Kelly's Catalog of the Fiscal Stamps of Switzerland. Gene Kelly, Editor. A catalog of the Tax Stamps of the Kanton Aargau and the towns.
- **Item A7** Handling the Mails at Corpus Christi, Rex H. Stever, Author. A postal history of Corpus Christi from earliest known records to modern times. A comprehensive study of South Texas.
- Item A8 Machine Cancellations of Tinidad and Tobago 1927-1997. Jazad N. Ali and Ronald G. Wike, Authors. In depth study of machine cancels and the mechanics of the canceling machines

#### Periodicals

- **Item B1** The Canadian Connection, John G. Peebles, Editor. Volume 11, 1997. A Topical Journal, Focusing on world wide "Canadiana", stamps which have Canadian themes.
- Item B2 SOSSI Journal, Douglas J. Uzakewicz, Editor. Volume #46 (1997) Official bimonthly publication of Scouts on Stamps Society International.
- Item B3 State Revenue News. Scott Troutman, Editor. Journal of the State Revenue Society, Vol. 35. Issues 1-4.
- Item B4 Sixth Annual British Virgin Islands Stamp Exhibition Program. Giorgio Migliavacca, Editor. Containing articles on Ethiopia, Ras Tafari British Virgin Islands, and the "Missing Virgin".
- Item B5 South Atlantic Chronicle. Everett L. Parker, Editor. The official journal of the St. Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha Philatelic Society. Vol. 21, 1997.
- Item B6  $\,$  Texas Precancels, Katherine H. Foster, Editor. Official quarterly journal of the Texas Precancel Society. 97-1/4

#### **Auction Catalogs**

- Item C1 Charles G. Firby 1997 Auction Catalogs.
- Item C2 Matthew Bennett, 1997 Auction Catalogs. Sales 200, 201, 202.
- **Item C3** Ivy and Mader 1997 Philatelic Auction Catalogs March-New York, June-Pacific 97, September-New York. Walter J. Mader, editor.
- Item C4 Shreves Philatelic Galleries, Inc. 1997 Auction Catalogs. All catalogs.
- Item C5 Robert A. Siegel Auctions, The Confederate States Stamps and Covers Catalog, Sale # 795 October 28 29, 1997, New York
- Item C6 Regency Stamp Auctions, David Kols, Editor. 1997 Quarterly Auction Sales, St. Louis.



## **Ingredients for a Topical Collection**

From its beginning at Pawhuska, Oklahoma in 1909, when a group of boys were organized into the first troop, an extension of the Scouting movement in England, to today when the Scouting movement in America numbers in the millions, educational programs have always been emphasized. As part of the recognition of Scouting, many countries issued stamps featuring the Scouting activities. Thus collecting Scouts on stamps became one of the most popular topicals in the field of philatelly.

The Boy Scouts of America were incorporated on February 8, 1910 and chartered by Congress in 1916. From this beginning, more than ninety million young men have been affiliated with Scouting in one or more of the four scout organizations.

As a part of scouting, camping has always played a big part. With the activities of camping, athletic programs, and other outdoor activities, national Jamborees came into being. As this part of the movement continued to grow it led to the beginning of World Jamborees.

The first of the international Jamboree's events was held in London, England, in 1920. 8,000 scouts attended and 34 countries were represented. No stamps were issued for this inaugural event. Although English collectors referred to the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope that featured Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell and Sgt. Goodyear, as scout stamps, it was not until July 1, 1933 that Hungary issued a set of 5 commemorative stamps for the 4<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree held at Godollo, from July 20 to August 20.

Girl Scouting was started in the United States by Juliette Gordon Low who brought the idea from England after meeting Lord Baden-Powell and working with the Guide companies in England and Scotland. Her first troop meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912 with twelve girls present.

Under her leadership the idea of Girl Scouting quickly spread so that by 1915 a national organization was formed. The movement

developed around the world and the 4<sup>th</sup> World Conference was held in the United States prior to her death in 1927. Once again Hungary issued the first set of stamps honoring the Girl Scouts. A set of four stamps issued on July 20,1939, commemorated the Jamboree held at Godollo that year.

Scouts on Stamps entered the topical world in 1951 as a youth organization for the collecting of stamps relating to the Scout movement. In March of 1952 a new group was formed called the Scouts on Stamps Society. Wholly dedicated to the collecting and study of Scout stamps, it presented a wide field of opportunity, since many stamp issues from around the world were now available.

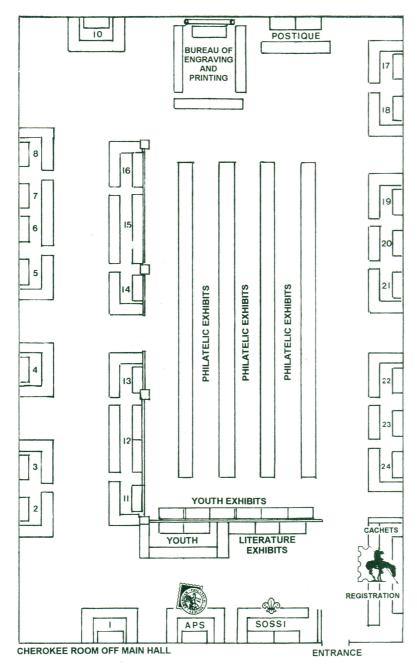
Because of the worldwide interest in the Scout Movement by both boys and girls, and the correspondence between stamp collectors from all countries, SOSS in August 1956 became Scouts on Stamps Society International, probably better know as SOSSI among collectors.

From the beginning in 1951 when youths were first organizing their groups, the purpose and been to assemble facts regarding stamp issues which honor the Scout Movement and to promote interest in Scouts on Stamps among stamp collectors. Through this interchange of ideas among SOSSI members from many countries it is inevitable there will develop a spirit of international good will.

Although many members of SOSSI never were members of one of the youth groups, the love of stamp collecting keeps the organization growing. The bimonthly publication The SOSSI Journal written by the members about their specialties and featuring many illustrations, provides learning and understanding about what to collect and how to improve your collection.

Stamp shows such as OKPEX allows both the SOSSI member and all other collector the opportunity to see outstanding exhibits of this phase of philatelly where both classics and modern issues are on display. When the Society meets at these shows, you will always find dealers with outstanding stocks of Scout material to add to you collection.

One of the features of OKPEX will be a seminar on the requirements for the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. Experts in not only Scout stamps but stamp collecting in general will present this exciting program which is open to all collectors.



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## TROOP NO. 1

By Earle Plyler

For a special event to happen, this day in May 1909 was a normal day, with clear skies, a warm sun, and the always present Oklahoma breeze. A good deal of planning for this special event about to take place, would make it become a reality for the group of young men assembled.

For Reverend John F. Mitchell his education had prepared him to be sent by the church of England as a missionary priest, to serve as the pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. While he was preparing for the ministry, he had the opportunity to not only work with young people but to become associated with Lord Baden-Powell, a hero of the Boer Wars and the founder of the Boy Scouts in England.

Shortly after arriving at his new post, Rev. Mitchell felt many of the town's young men could be formed into a scout troop patterned after those established in England. Announcing his intentions to his congregation, he looked forward to the first meeting. With his confidence rising and receiving assurances from several boys of their interest in forming a scout troop, he ordered uniforms and manuals from England.

The first meeting of the newly formed group consisted of 19 charter members to become the first Boy Scout Troop in the United States. Although it was chartered under the Boy Scouts of England, it was in the following year 1910, that the Pawhuska Troop was chartered as part of the newly formed Boy Scouts of America. Eventually renumbered, the new Troop No. 33 is a continuance of the original Boy Scout Troop formed in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, just six months after Oklahoma statehood.

To visit the Osage Historical Society Museum in Pawhuska is like stepping back in time to 1909, as you viewthe artifacts and other memorabilia used by the first Scout Troop. Greeting you at the entrance of the museum is a bronze life-size statue cast in 1976, of one of the original scouts, bedecked in the uniform of an English Scout. Also of great interest is the granite marker in the front of the museum, with the group photograph and the names of the original members of the first troop. This marker represents not only the beginning of a new society in Oklahoma but an new adventure for the youth of America.

With the issuance of a Boy/Girl Scout Commemorative stamp for the new Century Series, a first day of issue cover was prepared in recognition of the birthplace of the Scouting movement in the United States. Cancelled in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on February 3, 1998, only a limited quantity of 100 were prepared.\*

\* According to the postmaster at Pawhuska, no other first day covers were serviced,

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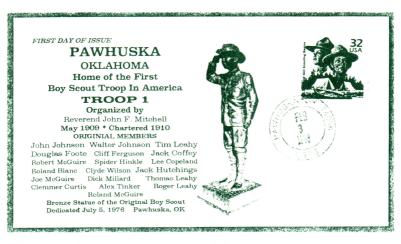
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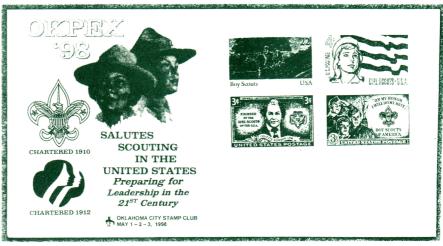
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## The 1998 OKPEX Cachets



The only known First Day of Issue covers cancelled at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, February 3, 1998, where the first Boy Scout Troop met in May 1909. (Troop 1 story, page 19). They later became Troop 33 of the Boy Scouts of America. Each features the Scout stamp from the first sheet in the Celebrate the Century series issued in 1998.

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