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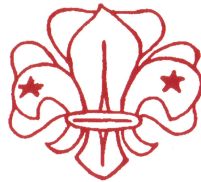
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the President of COMPEX 2001 I welcome you to our exhibition. This year, we are holding our 44th consecutive COMPEX (Combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland). All of us on the COMPEX Board hope that you enjoy your visit.

COMPEX is comprised of 11 Chicago area clubs. Each club provides a delegate and two alternate delegates to the COMPEX Board of Directors. The officers, delegates, and alternate delegates are the people responsible for the effort that goes into making this show possible. I wish to thank all of the Board members and officers for giving their time and energy so that COMPEX will be a success.

This is our second year at the Forest View Educational Center in Arlington Heights, IL. Last year was a big success at our new location and we are looking forward to a long-term relationship at the Center. On behalf of COMPEX, I wish to thank Mike Field and everyone at Forest View for their help and cooperation in making our show possible at this new site.



The theme of COMPEX 2001 is, "COMPEX salutes Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) on its 50th Anniversary." There will be many exhibits of various aspects of scouting on stamps, as well as meetings and the Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Workshop. In addition to the scouting exhibits, there will be a wide variety of material for your viewing pleasure. Perhaps something will tickle your fancy and start you on your way to a new collecting interest.

A long-standing tradition is the participation of the United States Postal Service and the United Nations Postal Administration. This tradition will continue at this show with both providing their respective material for sale at face value. This year, however, there will be a bonus — the United Nations Postal Administration will hold a First Day of Issue for its Flag Series Stamps, two new definitive stamps, and four new pieces of stationery on May 25, the opening day of COMPEX! The UNPA will provide a special show cachet and a special show card at the show. This is a very exciting event for us and we know that this will be a highlight for collectors as well.

There is no doubt that the dealers are a most important part of COMPEX. Without their support, this show would not be possible, especially since we are well-aware that many dealers are cutting back on doing shows due to e-mail, eBay, web sites, etc. We wish them all great success at the show and thank them for participating. We also look forward to having them with us for many years to come.

Once again we will have two auctions being held during COMPEX — Jacques C. Schiff, Jr. Auction (his 15th at COMPEX!) and Stamp King Auctions. Both of these fine establishments will be offering fine philatelic material for which the public may submit bids. Check their catalogs — you will find that elusive item you have been seeking. We thank them for bringing their auctions to COMPEX.

My thanks again to all who are participating in our show and making it possible. Enjoy your visit. There is something for everyone to enjoy — youngsters are always welcome at COMPEX. Be sure to visit our Youth Booth where junior collectors will receive gifts and be able to play the popular Geo Safari games.

COMPEX 2001 SCHEDULE AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, May 24, 2001

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Viewing of Lots: Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Auction

Friday, May 25, 2001

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Viewing of Lots: Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Auction
10:00 a.m. COMPEX 2001 Opens; USPS & UNPA COMPEX Stations Open. First Day of U.N. stamps and stationery
11:00 a.m. Drawing for youth collectors at Youth Booth
2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Auction: Jacques C. Schiff, Jr. (First Session)
4:00 p.m. USPS Station Closes
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Viewing of Lots: Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Auction
6:00 p.m. UNPA Station Closes; Show Closes

Saturday, May 26, 2001

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Viewing of Lots: Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Auction
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Seminar
10:00 a.m. Show Opens; USPS & UNPA COMPEX Stations Open
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Program: Stamp Seminar for Youngsters at Youth Booth
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Meeting: United Nations Collectors of Chicagoland
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Meeting: American First Day Cover Society
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Meeting: Scouts on Stamps International (SOSSI)
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Meeting: Northwest Stamp Club
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Meeting: Illinois Postal History Society
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Meeting/Auction: Scandinavian Collectors Club
1:00 p.m.-4:00 pm. Auction: Jacques C. Schiff, Jr. (Second Session)
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Meeting: Jack Knight Air Mail Society
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Meeting: Germany Philatelic Society, Chapter #5
4:00 p.m. USPS Station Closes
6:00 p.m. UNPA Station Closes; Show Closes
6:30 p.m. COMPEX 2001 Awards Banquet: Cocktails
7:30 p.m. COMPEX 2001 Awards Banquet: Dinner

Sunday, May 27, 2001

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lot Pick-up: Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Auction
10:00 a.m. Show Opens; USPS & UNPA Stations Open
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Program: Adult Beginners' Stamp Seminar
12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Meeting: Space Topics Study Group (Space Unit)
1:00-p.m.-2:00 p.m. Meeting: Northwest Stamp Club
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Meeting/Auction: SOSSI/Baden-Powell Philatelic Association of Illinois
4:00 p.m. USPS & UNPA Stations Close
COMPEX 2001 Closes.

The rooms for each meeting will be posted at the show entrance.

Florence Salmonsen. They attended the Danish Lutheran church in Hartford, CT, and participated in Danish folk dances from 1936-80. Their group danced at the Danish pavilion on Denmark's Day in 1939 and 1940.

After World War II, Willy and Florence were married. Willy went to veterinary school at Cornell, and settled in southeastern Wisconsin. He started collecting stamps not long after World War II.

Willy joined the Scandinavian Collectors Club in 1972, and its Chicago Chapter in 1981. (Their son, Anders, is also an active member of SCC.) He and Florence travel regularly from Allenton, Wisconsin, to Chicago for Chapter 4 meetings and they have been regular COMPEX exhibitors since 1987.

Willy was Librarian of the Scandinavian Collectors Club from 1987 to 2000.

In all Willy's philatelic endeavors, Florence has been an "enabler" *par excellence*, assisting in more ways than we will ever know.

COMPEX 2001 CANCEL & CACHETS



Figure 1: USPS Show Cancel for COMPEX 2001

The design of the Complex 2001 USPS cancellation was easy: the show is hosting Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) on its 50th Anniversary. Hence the cancellation shows the SOSSI logo and notes that it's SOSSI's 50th Anniversary.

Cachets were not a lot harder: the Boy Scout salute is an easily recognized emblem of scouting, that has appeared on a U.S. Stamp (Scott #1145). One of the members of the COMPEX Board provided the appropriate artwork.



Figure 2: (Pictured To The Left) COMPEX Cachet for 2001 Show

The obvious question arises: why illustrate the Boy Scout salute and not the Girl Scout salute? So the Cachet Committee called the local Girl Scouts office, which advised: all requests to use the Girl Scout salute must be submitted in writing not less than one year in advance of the use.

The COMPEX theme for each show is first discussed by the Board at its meetings in the fall of the year prior to the show, usually in October or November, less than eight months before the show. So, if you're wondering why the COMPEX 2001 cachets show the Boy Scout salute and not the Girl Scout salute, it's because the Girl Scouts require a year's notice.

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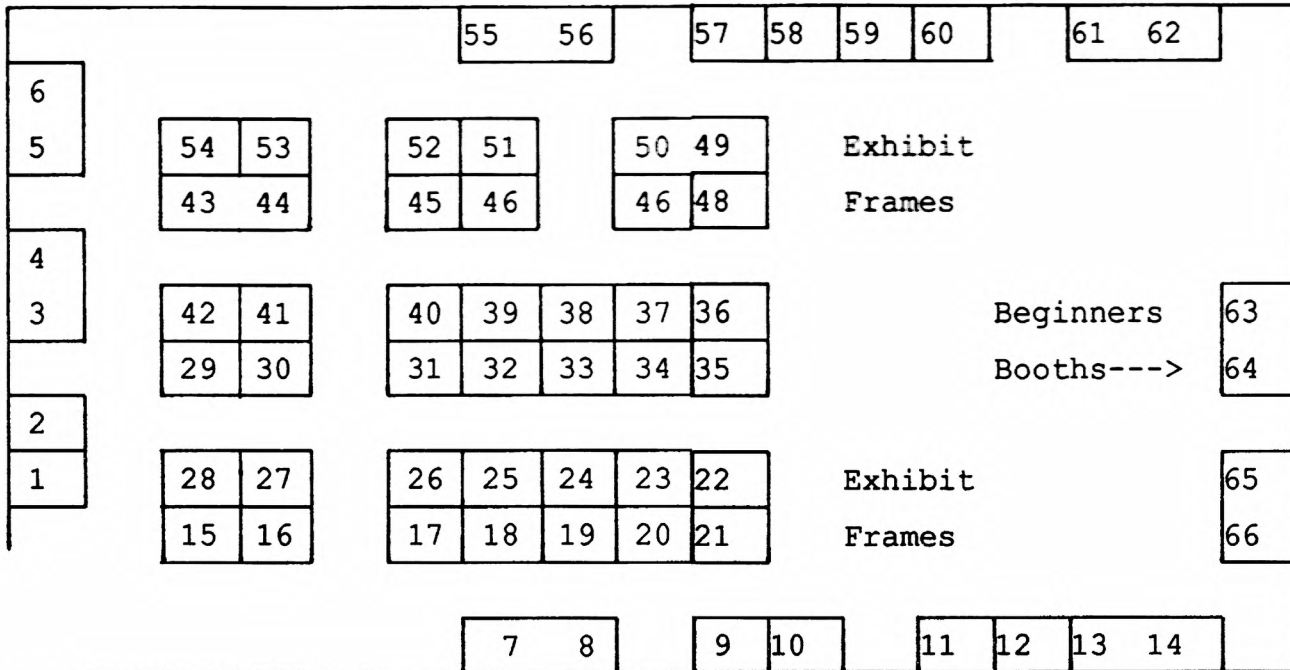
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40 Jack Knight	Jack Knight	20
31 NW	32 1	Jack Knight 19
30 Northwest	Northwest	6
51 Austin	70 1	Northwest 5
50 Austin	Austin	26
1 Austin	Austin	25
28 North Shore	North Shore	4
6 Evanston	27 1 NS	3
5 Evanston	1 24	Israel-Palestine 5
6 United Nations	26 1 IPPSA	4
5 UNCC	1 36	Scandinavia 19
CPX 13 GPS 16 1	Scandinavia	18
12 Germany	1 88	Baden-Powell 76
51 Baden-Powell	Baden-Powell	75
50 Baden-Powell	Baden-Powell	26
1 Baden-Powell	Baden-Powell	25

<---- SHOW ENTRANCE

The layout is shown by club, each of which is responsible for its own exhibits. The frames are mounted 25 per row; all significant frame numbers (beginnings, ends and turns) are noted in the layout, as is the show entrance.

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**BADEN-POWELL PHILATELIC
ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS**
SCOUTS ON STAMPS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
CHAPTER #1



The Baden-Powell Philatelic Association (BPPA) of Illinois is Chapter #1 of Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI), a nonprofit organization of philatelists specializing in stamps relating to the Boy and Girl Scouting Movements with 1,500 members in 45 countries. Although the majority of their members are or have been associated with Scouting, BPPA and SOSSI are independent of any World Scouting Association and are not Scouting organizations.

The purpose of BPPA and SOSSI is to promote interest in Scouts on Stamps among collectors and to assemble facts regarding stamp issues honoring the Scout Movement. The number of Scout stamps has grown from 78 that had been issued by 16 countries when SOSSI was organized in 1951, to more than 2100 issued by 135 countries to date.

SOSSI membership is open to all stamp collectors, young or old; membership includes the SOSSI JOURNAL, a membership roster, use of the Sales Service, fellowship and help at the local chapters (like the Baden-Powell Chapter) plus other activities. The annual dues are \$12.50.

The SOSSI Journal is the main communication to the membership and is published six times per year. It includes information on new Scout issues, Scout postmarks, cachets and special covers as well as research articles.

BPPA meetings are held 6 or 7 times per year at various locations in the Chicagoland area. Guests and new members are always welcome. For information on BPPA meetings or membership in BPPA and SOSSI, contact the BPPA Secretary at 305 Hillside Place, North Aurora, Illinois 60542.

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- Chairman William J. Yankus
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 - COMPEX Delegate Alfred L. Tomaszewski
 - COMPEX Alternates Richard Thill
- Shirley A. Heinzl

BADEN-POWELL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS EXHIBITION

Frames	Title of Exhibit	Exhibitor
1-8	Baden Powell's "Scouting for Boys"	Fred Osgood
9-12	The Siege of Mafeking	Giovanni Cucchiani
13-14	Australian Jamborees	Erhard Stermole
15-16	Merit Badges of Scouting	A. Zach Hirsch, Jr.
17-19	Baden-Powell and Brownsea Island (Birth and Development of Scouting)	A. Zach Hirsch, Jr.
20-27	Development and Work of the Scout Movement	Albrecht Zimmermann
28-29	Girl Scouting Around the World	Richard Thill
30	St. George On Covers	Richard Thill
31	St. George and the Dragon (Patron Saint of the Boy Scouts)	Richard Thill
32	A to Z of Scouting	Shirley Heinzl
33	Romantic Realism of Norman Rockwell	James Byrne
34	Thailand: Scouting Anniversary and Jamboree, Issued 1961-1986	James Byrne
35	Scouts on Stamps and Covers; Cuba 1954-1957	James Byrne
36-37	Scouts on Stamps and Covers; Libya 1962-1984	James Byrne
38	Scouts on Stamps and Covers; Jamacia, 1952-1990	James Byrne
39	1971 Japanese Commemorative Issue for the World Scout Jamboree	James Byrne
40-41	14th World Scout Jamboree, Norway	Richard Thill
42-44	Stamps and Covers of the 17th, World Scout Jamboree, Korea	Richard Thill
45-48	19th World Scout Jamboree, Netherlands	Richard Thill
49-50	Scout Slogan, Spray Cancels	Lawrence Clay
51-54	Baden-Powell, Two Lives of a Hero	Lawrence Clay
55	Scout Post Cards The Humorous Side	Lawrence Clay
56-61	The Story of Boy Scouts thru FDC	William Fleming
62-67	Philatelic Review, 5th Boy Scout World Jamboree	Tony Manson
68	Boy Scout Jamboree on Post Cards	Carl Schauer
69-78	Merit Badges for the Boy Scout Eagle Award	William Jones
79-80	Covers and Patches from the 14th Boy Scout National Jamboree	Robert Denson, Sr.
81-84	Collecting 50 Years of Scouts on U.S. Stamps	Keith Larson
85-87	The Unknown Scouts	Bill Yankus
88	Scouting	Randall Sherman

EVANSTON-NEW TRIER PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Frames	Title of Exhibit	Exhibitor
1-3	Small Queens of Canada, 1870-1897	Shirley Heinzl
4-9	Formative Years of Argentina	Bill Csolkovits
10-13	German South-West Africa	Rollin Huggins
14-16	Mushrooms	Chris Kuhn
17-20	Spy Stamps and Propaganda Stamps of World War II plus A Group of Unclassified Worldwide Propaganda Items of Various Dates, in No Particular Order and Not Quite Ready Yet for Formal Display (but which I thought would be of interest to other collectors)	Phil Ruskin
21-27	Lady in the Harbor	Shirley Heinzl

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**BADEN-POWELL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS:
BADEN-POWELL CHAPTER #1,
SCOUTS ON STAMPS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

by James E. Byrne

The late 1940s and early 1950s were an important time for philatelists interested in the emerging fields of topical and thematic collecting. It was in 1949 that Jerry Husak started the American Topical Association, the society that has since become the most important general group in promoting topical collecting in the United States. In the same year, Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., a printing salesman for Redson Rice Corporation in Chicago, published the first edition of *Boy Scout Stamps of the World*, a 32-page catalog which became an important foundation for the development of Scouting as a collecting topic and the formation of an international society focused on that philatelic interest.

The beginning of Scouts on Stamps Society International can be found in the formation of the topical society Youth Organization on Stamps in late 1951 in Kansas City. As the author and publisher of the only topical catalog in the field, Thorsen was invited to join the new group. When he refused to join because the list of youth organizations included communist groups, the Kansas City society revised its focus and Thorsen became the president of the renamed Scouts on Stamps Society. In 1952, the group published its first journal under that name, and in 1956, the word "International" was added, changing the acronym from SOS to SOSSI. (A history of SOSSI, can be found on SOSSI's World Wide Web site at <http://sossi.org/articles/history.htm>)

Recognizing that social interaction was a critical element in the success of the fledgling group, Thorsen invited the SOS members in the Chicago area to his home on Sunday, November 15, 1952. Although it was not until 1954 that these gatherings called by Thorsen were formally structured as Baden-Powell Chapter #1, that November event was the basis for the formation of chapters across the country and overseas.

A critical factor in the success of the B-P Chapter was, of course, its founder. Harry Thorsen was a salesman by profession and a passionate promoter of the Boy Scouts of America in his community and nationally. He was an equally intense collector of anything related to Scouting. His enthusiasm and knowledge gave the local group momentum which continued long after he was no longer physically a part of the chapter. Even after he moved from the Chicago area, he retained an active interest in the chapter, corresponding with new and old members alike and contributing material for club auctions to help the group financially. Even today, a few years after his death, Harry's spirit is an important presence in the chapter.

Another significant factor in the success of the chapter was Thorsen's strategy for recruiting members and leaders for SOSSI internationally and locally. In his own words, his "only guide was their Scouting records and since I had not met most of them, I based my selection on those having the Silver Beaver or being Scoutmasters or Eagle Scouts." Although that approach no longer guides membership development, it is still a surprisingly accurate description of those who are active in SOSSI and the B-P Chapter. Most of the members have been, or continue to be, active in Scouting and bring the ideals of that movement to their SOSSI involvement. This shared Scouting experience promotes a compatibility of personalities that is an important bond promoting continuing success.

This shared interest outside of SOSSI has certainly been an important bond contributing to the longevity of the group, providing a broader basis for interest than just philately. The stamps and covers trigger memories of some very good times in the past, and the individual and collective experiences provide an invaluable resource for those who continue to be leaders of Scouting and other youth activities. Members of the B-P Chapter have served Scouting locally, regionally, and nationally. Some have been staff members at Boy Scout National Jamborees. Many have been, or are, BSA merit badge counselors, and it was the B-P Chapter which was the central committee that produced the 1993 edition of the BSA merit badge book for stamp collecting.

The B-P Chapter members also have been active in the international organization

from the very beginning, serving in a number of elected and appointed positions and hosting annual meetings of the international. As a result of this close relationship between the chapter and the parent group, the chapter has been able to participate in a mission larger than just its own local activities.

Participation in COMPEX also has been a unifying factor which has broadened the vision of B-P Chapter #1. The group joined COMPEX in 1971 in time to be a part of the 1972 show. The first of its fourteen frames that year held an exhibit entitled "Introducing SOSSI," and the next two honored Robert Baden-Powell, the chapter's namesake and founder of the World Scout Movement. In the nearly thirty years of the chapter's participation, well over 400 frames of Scout material have been exhibited at COMPEX. In addition, some members have exhibited at other prestigious shows around the country. The titles of the exhibits reflect the broad range of collecting possibilities under the rubric of Scouts on Stamps.

Because of its involvement in COMPEX as a stamp club separate from SOSSI, the B-P Chapter of SOSSI formally took on a separate identity as the Baden-Powell Philatelic Association of Illinois in 1995. By incorporating in Illinois, the group was able to protect the parent group from liability incurred in non-SOSSI activities of the Chicago-area club and gain protection for its members and its investment in exhibit frames and other items related to its involvement in such organizations as COMPEX. The two integrated identities complement each other in the local group's efforts to promote the hobby and meet the interests of its members.

As important as its past is to its members, it is the future that is the focus of the B-P chapter. Its members look forward to continued local activity and participation in the international organization, COMPEX, and the larger world of philately. In maintaining this focus on the future, the Baden-Powell Chapter #1, Scouts on Stamps Society International, continues on a course set for it by Harry Thorsen at its founding nearly fifty years ago.



Figure 1. Logo of Baden-Powell Chapter #1 of SOSSI.