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The stamps of many nations, including Netherlands and Korea, honor the highest-ranking naval officers.

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Scouting stamps mark 100 years

Canada and Tristan da Cunha are among the nations commemorating 100 years of Scouting.

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Airmail flip-flop arrives from Guam

Linn's associate editor Jay Bigalke was in Guam and mailed this flip-flop to New Jersey. It is a first-day cover.

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Spider-Man, Fantastic Four, Silver Surfer featured on Marvel Comics stamps, cards

By Michael Baadke

Amazing! Incredible! Invincible! And that just describes the new Spider-Man, Hulk and Iron Man stamps.

The 41¢ Marvel Comics Super Heroes stamps coming July 26 from the United States Postal Service also feature the Uncanny X-Men, the Fantastic Four and other superlative stars of popular Marvel Comics titles.

The new stamps and a matching set of 20 26¢ picture postal cards will be issued during a 10:30 a.m. ceremony at the San Diego Convention Center, 111 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, Calif. The event takes place on the first day of Comic Con International 2007, a convention and exhibition being held July 26-29.

Single-day admission to the comic convention on Thursday is

\$25, or \$12 for juniors age 12-17, active military personnel, and seniors age 60 and older. Children under 12 are admitted free with a paid adult admission.

Ceremony details were not final as this issue of *Linn's* went to press, but it is believed that anyone wishing to attend the first-day ceremony for the stamps will have to pay admission to enter the comic convention.

The stamps will be sold in post offices nationwide on the day of issue.

This new set of 20 different stamps is the follow-up to the 39¢ DC Comics Super Heroes stamp pane issued in July 2006 (Scott 4084), which features the likes of Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman.

Now DC Comics' publishing rival Marvel Comics gets its due with a pane of self-adhesive stamps (shown here from a Postal Service promotional image) that matches the DC Comics Super Heroes issue in format, layout and design but that turns the spotlight on Marvel's own elite stable of world-saving superstars.

Avery Dennison of Clinton, S.C., printed both the DC Comics and Marvel Comics panes.

The Marvel Comics pane of 20 contains 10 stamps with portraits of individual heroes drawn by some of the industry's best-known artists: Spider-Man by John Romita, the Hulk by Rich Buckler and John Buscema, Prince Namor the Sub-Mariner by Buscema and John Verpoorten, the Thing (of the

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Christian convert Membertou joins French Settlement series

By Rick Miller

Canada Post is continuing its series of stamps commemorating the 400th anniversary of the French settlement of Canada with the new 52¢ Chief Henri Membertou stamp.

The stamp, to be issued July

26, is shown below based on a Canada Post publicity image.

The stamp, the fourth of five in the series, will go on sale in panes of 16 across Canada on the first day of issue.

The stamp was designed by Rejean Myette of the Montreal design firm Fugazi, based on an illustration by Suzanne Duranseau. The design was engraved by Jorge Peral.

No contemporary illustrations of the chief were made during his lifetime, so the illustrator relied on contemporary written descriptions in preparing the stamp design. The French Jesuit missionary Pierre Biard described the chief as being "of splendid physique, taller and larger-limbed than is usual among them; bearded like a Frenchman, although scarcely any of the others have hair upon the chin."

The background of the design (Please turn to page 40)



The 52¢ Chief Membertou stamp will be the fourth in a series of five issues marking the 400th anniversary of the French settlement of Canada. The stamp goes on sale across Canada July 26 in panes of 16.



Twenty new commemorative stamps continue the United States Postal Service's Super Heroes series and feature stars from the Marvel Comics universe. The 41¢ self-adhesive stamps and matching 26¢ picture postal cards will be issued July 26 in San Diego, Calif., and nationwide.

Fleur-de-lis design for Canada's 52¢ Hundred Years of Scouting stamp

By Rick Miller

From Aug. 1 to Aug. 8, 1907, Lt. Gen. Robert Baden-Powell held the first ever experimental Scouting encampment on Brownsea Island off the coast of Poole, Dorset, England. Today that first encampment is recognized as the birth of the World Scout Movement.

Canada Post will commemorate 100 years of Scouting with a 52¢ stamp to be issued nationwide July 25 in booklets of eight. The self-adhesive stamp is shown below, based on a Canada Post



Canada Post will issue this self-adhesive 52¢ Hundred Years of Scouting stamp on July 25 in booklets of eight.

publicity image.

The stamp design features five Scouts of both sexes and various ages and ethnicities forming a human fleur-de-lis against the background of the similar Scouting symbol. It pictures various Scouting activities: camping, cycling and canoeing.

Matthias Reinicke of Lime Design Inc., Edmonton, Alberta, designed the stamp using both modern and historic photographs for the various parts of the design.

Regarding the design, Reinicke said: "I combined archival images representing the beginning of the Scouting movement with modern photographs to show how the organization has maintained its core values, while moving forward and changing with the times."

Baden-Powell became a national hero for his successful defense of Mafeking, Cape of Good Hope (1899-1900), during the Boer War.

A 1900 Mafeking siege

post 3-penny blue on blue paper Lieutenant General Baden-Powell military stamp (Cape of Good Hope Scott 179) is shown at the right.

During the siege, boys ages 12 to 15 were organized as Mafeking cadets to stand guard and serve as messengers and runners.

Baden-Powell was greatly impressed by their courage and resourcefulness. This gave him the idea of developing a youth organization offering the scout training that he had previously developed for the British army.

Back in England, Baden-Powell invited 21 boys of differing social backgrounds to his first encampment on Brownsea Island. Mixing boys from elite public schools such as Eton and Harrow with boys from lower social classes was quite a daring social experiment in Edwardian England.

The boys, camped in army tents, began and ended the day with morning and evening prayers. In between,



A Mafeking siege post 3-penny blue on blue paper Lieutenant General Baden-Powell military stamp (Cape of Good Hope Scott 179), issued in 1900.

they filled the days with learning how to build huts, tie knots, build campfires and cook. Other activities were tracking, woodcraft, chivalry, lifesaving, patriotism and sports.

From those humble beginnings, the World Organization of the Scout Movement has grown to include 28 million boys around the world. A companion organization for girls, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, has more than 10 million members.

Scouting in Canada began in 1908 with official incorporation in 1914.

Scouting is active to a greater or lesser degree in most countries of the world except in some totalitarian states where it is illegal including China, North Korea, Vietnam, Cuba, Myanmar and Iran.

Thousands of stamps honoring Scouts and Scouting have been issued worldwide. Scouting on stamps is a popular collecting topic, ably supported by the Scouts on Stamps Society International.

The society publishes its journal six times a year. Annual membership is \$15 in the United States or \$18 elsewhere. For membership, write to Walter M. Creitz, 2000 Cambridge Ave., No. 185, Wyomissing, PA 19610-2733 or visit the society web site at www.sossi.org.

The 52¢ Hundred Years of Scouting stamp was printed by Lowe-Martin using eight-color offset lithography on Tullis Russell Coatings paper with general

tagging on all four sides.

The self-adhesive stamp has simulated perforations.

The stamp was printed in a quantity of 4 million and will remain on sale until July 24, 2008.

The booklet of eight stamps is Canada Post item No. 413684111.

The official first-day cover will bear a Tamara-couta, Quebec, cancel. The FDC is Canada Post item No. 413684131.

Stamps and FDCs will be available by mail order from the National Philatelic Centre, Canada Post Corp., 75 St. Ninian St., Antigonish, NS, B2G 2R8, Canada, or by telephone from the United States and Canada at 800-565-4362, and from other countries at 902-863-6550.

Stamp information may also be found in the Newsroom section of Canada Post's web site, located at www.canadapost.ca.

Stamp products may also be obtained from Canada Post's agent in the United States, Interpost, Box 420, Hewlett, NY 11557. ■

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Many nations issue stamps to salute 100th anniversary of Scouting

Numerous nations have issued or will issue stamps in 2007 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Scouting movement.

The movement traces

ing centennial. The design includes an image of an adult Scout, based on a drawing by Baden-Powell.

Both of San Marino's stamps bear a "Europa"

ture a variety of items traditionally associated with the Scouting movement, including Baden-Powell, tents, canoes, knots and the Scout salute.

phone while hiking. Scouts are shown rollerblading on a 71-penny stamp issued May 21 by Guernsey.

Several stamps feature local Scouting connections. For example, stamps issued by the Isle of Man Feb. 27 show modern Manx Scouts in action.

The souvenir sheet contains two stamps, 50 pence and £1.50, reproducing scenes from a photograph of the 1st Douglas Scouts at camp in 1913. Douglas is the Isle of Man's capital.

Only two of the eight Manx Scouting stamps are part of the Europa series.

Among other non-Europa Scouting stamps focusing on local connections are the stamps issued July 9 by Tristan da Cunha.

A dependency of St. Helena, isolated Tristan da Cunha is located in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean more than 1,500 miles west of South Africa and 2,000 miles east of South America.

Tristan da Cunha's Scouting stamps and souvenir sheet (shown here)

feature James Marr, who visited Tristan da Cunha as part of Ernest Shackleton's last Antarctic expedition of 1921-22.

Scotland's Aberdeen University explained how the 18-year-old Marr joined the expedition: "After he returned to Britain and the Great War finished, Shackleton planned another expedition to Antarctica, in the *Quest*. Lord Northcliffe, owner of the *Daily Mail*, ran a nationwide advertisement for a Boy Scout to go South with Shackleton. 1,700 Scouts applied from which Baden-Powell chose 10 for interview by Shackleton. One of the two selected was Scout James Marr, who had just entered Aberdeen University to study biology."

Marr described the voyage in his book *The Frozen South*. The cover of the book and a photograph of Marr in his Scout uniform are pictured on the 15-penny stamp. The 20p stamp shows an illustration of Marr on *Quest*.

The £1.25 and £1.40

stamps reproduce photographs from the visit. The scenes are described by Rose Anne Rogers in her 1927 book about life on Tristan da Cunha, *The Lonely Island*, "The great events on the second and third days of the *Quest* visit were the presentation of the Troop flag specially given for the Tristan da Cunha Troop by the Chief Scout and the erection of the wireless pole. The Scouts were paraded outside the school house with my husband in Scout kit at their head . . ."

Marr is pictured with the ship's cat on one of the £1.50 stamps in the souvenir sheet. The other £1.50 stamp shows Baden-Powell.

World of New Issues

By Denise McCarty

its beginning to Aug. 1-9, 1907, when Robert Baden-Powell organized a camp for boys at Brownsea Island near Dorset, England. About 20 boys attended the camp.

An outline map of the island is part of the design of a 0.60-euro stamp issued June 2 by San Marino. The design also depicts a compass and five Cub Scouts, each representing a different continent.

San Marino's philatelic and numismatic office said that the compass symbolizes Baden-Powell's words of advice, "Never lose sight of the North," meaning having a proper sense of direction in life.

San Marino also issued a 0.65e stamp for the Scout-



The design for Tristan da Cunha's souvenir sheet honoring the 100th anniversary of Scouting features James Marr, who as an 18-year-old Scott made an polar expedition to the island, and Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement.

inscription. San Marino is one of the more than 50 postal administrations participating in Posteurop's 2007 Europa stamp series honoring Scouting's 100th anniversary.

The Europa stamps pic-

Some items depicted on the stamps, such as a cell phone and rollerblades, reflect a more modern view of Scouting.

A 4.70-krona Danish stamp issued June 6 depicts a Scout talking on a cell