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Exhibits by Frame Number

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- 1 *Welcome to ROPEX* [Non-Competitive]
Introduction to exhibiting.
- 2 *American Helvetia Philatelic Society* [Non-Competitive]
Promotional frame.
- 3 *Scouts on Stamps Society International* [Non-Competitive]
Promotional frame.
- 4 *1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum* [Non-Competitive]
Promotional frame.
- 5–11 *Scouting Postal Usages of the 1930s*, R. S. Frank [Postal]
Worldwide postal items containing Boy Scout or Girl Guide philatelic elements used during the 1930s, including scout stamps, postal cards, cancellations, registration etiquettes, and meters.
- 12–19 *Eighth Boy Scouts World Jamboree*, Tony Manson [Postal]
Traditional study of Canada's 1955 issue for the Eighth Boy Scouts World Jamboree at Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario – stamp, cancels and cachets.
- 20 *What Scouting Means to Me*, J. Alex Hadden [Thematic]
This exhibit uses selected stamps, covers, and other material to illustrate the many aspects of Scouting.
- 21–30 *Swiss Fondue*, Bruce Marsden [Postal]
The story of Swiss philately – a synoptic overview of many aspects available to stamp collectors interested in Switzerland.
- 31–40 *The Usage of Switzerland's Imperforate Sitting Helvetia Issue of 1854–1863*, Steve P. Turchik [Postal]
A premier world-class exhibit showing used examples of 31 basic varieties, production varieties, frankings, postmarks, cancels, and destinations.
- 41–50 *Switzerland's Domestic and International Postage Due Charges During 1862–1907*, Harlan F. Stone [Postal]
This exhibit includes postage due mail from some 60 foreign postal administrations.
- 51–58 *DeCoppet Razor Cancels of Switzerland*, Roger Heath [Postal]
A history of flexible-head, rotating date-wheel cancelers invented by Frederic deCoppet. The patented mechanism was eventually adopted for everyday postal use in 1903.
- 59 *Swiss Postal Involvement in 1870–71 Franco-Prussian War*, Harlan F. Stone [Postal]
This exhibit includes temporary war rates, forwarded international mail, and free postage for Swiss troops, interned French troops, and Red Cross.

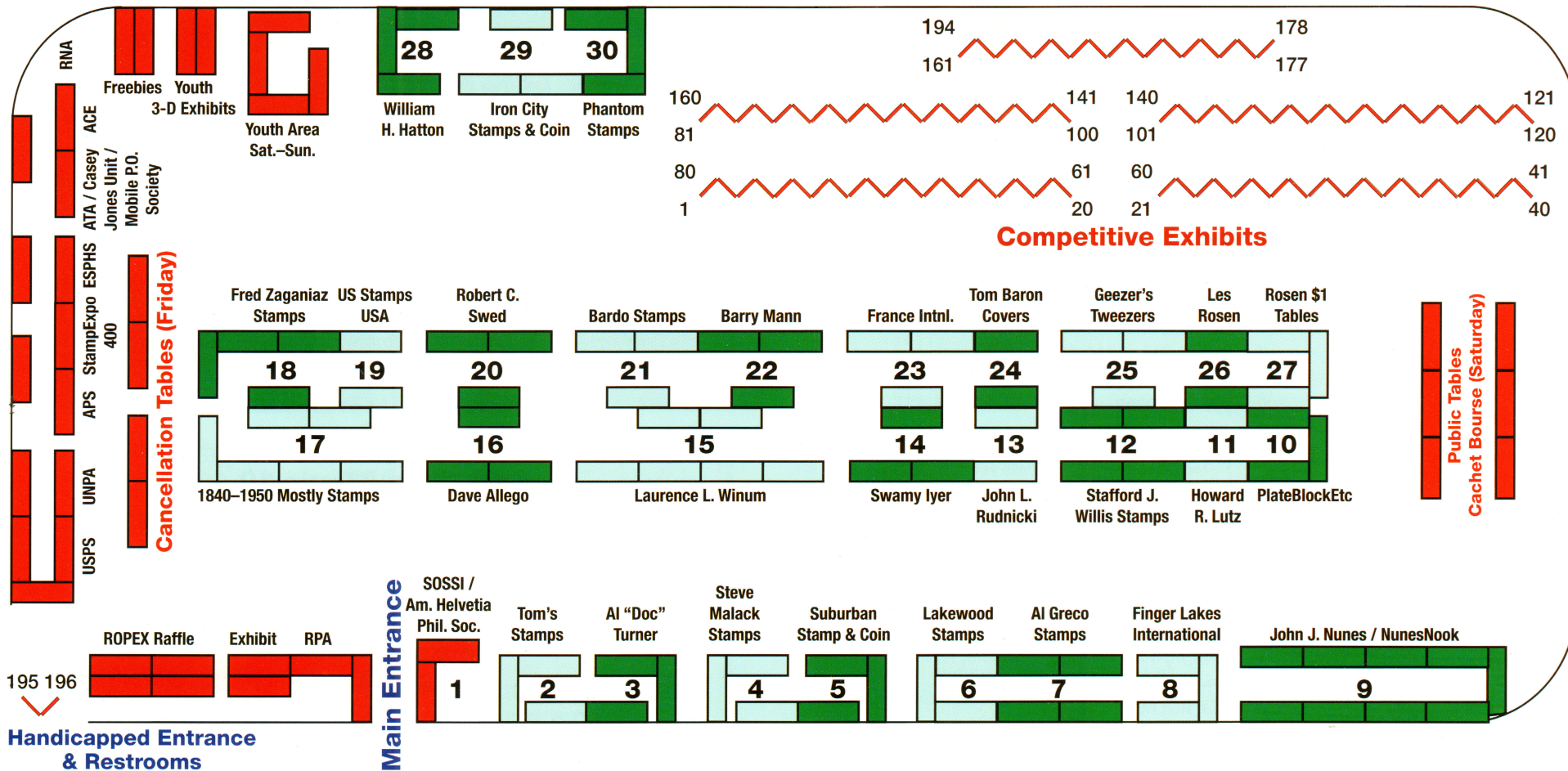
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- 60 *The Swiss Landi 1939*, Richard T. Hall [Display]
An exhibit of the postal stationery and officially sanctioned postcards issued for the Swiss National Exposition in Zürich in 1939.
- 61 *World Scout Jamboree in Idaho, USA*, Robert Lewis [Postal]
Selection of stamps issued to publicize the 12th World Scout Jamboree held in Farragut State Park in Idaho from August 1–9, 1967.
- 62 *Scout Post Cards – The Humorous Side*, Lawrence E. Clay [Postcard]
A sampling of worldwide Boy Scout and Girl Scout/Guide postcards with a sense of humor, poking fun at Scouts showing the “fun” side of Scouting!
- 63–67 *Baden-Powell: Two Lives of a Hero*, Lawrence E. Clay [Display]
The two lives of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the first ending as the Hero of Mafeking, and the second as the founder of Scouting, are illustrated here.
- 68–72 *Canada Celebrates the Scouts and Guides*, J. Alex Hadden [Postal]
This exhibit illustrates many of the machine cancels and hand stamps used by Canada Post to honor the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.
- 73–77 *The 1954 Liberty Series and Its Uses*, Paul R. Davis [Postal]
Covers, souvenir sheets, and postal cards showing postal uses of the 1954 Liberty Series.
- 77–80 *Foxes—The Beautiful Fox in Nature and Fables*, Theresa Meegan [Non-Competitive]
Topical exhibit of the various types of foxes, their habitat, behavior, prey, family structure, and predators.
- 81–90 *Argentine Air Mail: Carriers, Routes and Rates, 1917–1946*, Paul B. Goodwin [Postal]
History of carriers of airmail to and from Argentina, development of domestic and foreign airmail routes and the evolution of Argentine postal air mail rates.
- 91–100 *U.S. Scenic American Landscapes Airmail Stamps (1999–2007)*, Jay Bigalke [Display]
Study of the 1999–2007 U.S. Scenic American Landscapes series of airmail stamps and stationery featuring first-day covers, domestic/international uses, and additional items.
- 101 *Service of Intellectual Aid to Prisoners of War*, Anthony F. Dewey [Cinderella]
Labels used by the International Education Bureau on correspondence with POWs and internees during WWII.
- 102 *Campione d'Italia, a Geographic Anomaly*, Bruce Marsden [Postal]
An exploration of the philatelic opportunities presented by the impact of World War II on this Italian enclave surrounded by Switzerland.

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American Helvetia Philatelic Society & Scouts on Stamps Society International Annual Conventions



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May 17

National First Day of Sale
Minnesota Statehood
Sesquicentennial

Future ROPEX Shows

- ✓ ROPEX 2009 — May 15-17
- ✓ ROPEX 2010 — MAY 14-16

Scouts on Stamps Society International

The Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) is a nonprofit organization composed of international philatelists who specialize in worldwide philatelic material relating to scouting. Its purpose is to assemble information regarding philatelic material honoring the movement and

promoting interest in scouts on stamps. More than 100 nations issued stamps honoring the centennial of worldwide scouting in 2007. A few of these are shown on the cachet of one of the ROPEX show covers. You can see images of most of these stamps on the SOSSI Web site. The differing interpretation of what scouting means in countries from Åland to Zimbabwe show that the principles of scouting are translatable to a great variety of cultures.

The United States did not issue a scouting stamp last year, but is expected to honor the centenary of the Boy Scouts of America in 2010, as well as the centenary of the Girl Scouts of America in 2012. Stamps for these two groups were issued on their 50th and 75th anniversaries. The Boy Scouts of America previously was honored on its 40th anniversary in 1950. A 1948 U.S. stamp, issued to honor Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of America, includes the Girl Scout emblem and is usually considered the first U.S. scouting stamp. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were honored jointly on one of the stamps on the 1910s *Celebrate the Century* sheetlet. Numerous pictorial postmarks honoring scouting have been used over the years.

SOSSI publishes the *SOSSI Journal* six times a year. Through this journal, members are informed of new issues, research on classic early issues of scouting stamps, previously unreported facts about earlier issues, covers, cancellations, etc. The journal also carries information on SOSSI news, such as the annual general meeting and has advertising by scout stamp dealers and member individual ads.

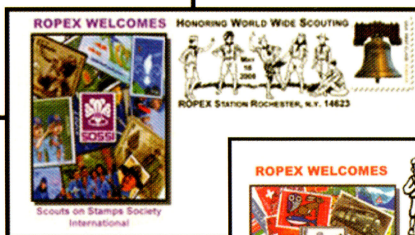
Membership is open to anyone interested in topical or thematic scouts on stamps. The membership year is January through December. The annual fee is \$15 in the U.S., Canada, or Mexico, and \$18 in the rest of the world. The dues structure is prorated for those who join during the year. For those joining at ROPEX, a payment of \$26 will pay for membership through the end of 2009; for overseas members, the fee is \$31. Payment must be made in U.S. dollars to SOSSI. Payment also may be made through PayPal. Visit the SOSSI Web site or contact the secretary for PayPal payment details.

For additional information, visit our Web site or contact SOSSI Secretary Lawrence E. Clay, P. O. Box 6228, Kennewick, WA 99336; e-mail: LCLAY3731@CHARTER.NET.

–Lawrence Clay



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Both Stamps with International Rate Stamps Cachet (Shown Above Right)

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Scouting on Stamps Society International

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