

75th ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUT MOVEMENT & 125th ANNIVERSARY OF LORD BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL'S BIRTH.

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Perhaps no youth movement has gripped the hearts and minds of boys of all races, colours, classes and creeds throughout the world as that of the Scout Movement. In 1982 the Boy Scouts Association and its sister movement, the Girl Guides, boast a total membership of 25,000,000 in over 100 countries. The movement is non-political and non-sectarian and endeavours to teach boys through its motto of "Be Prepared" to become good upright citizens of the country in which they live.

The Movement was founded in England by Lord Baden-Powell in 1907 and in that year, he conducted the now famous experimental trial Scout camp at Brownsea Island in Dorset. From this small beginning the movement grew beyond even B-P's expectations. By 1910 it had a membership of 123,000 and B- P realised that if the Scout brotherhood was to develop along the lines he had planned, it must become for him a full time job. So, at the age of 57, when many lesser men are thinking of retiring, B-P devoted the next 27 years of his life to the furtherance of the Scout Movement. On the 31st July, 1937 he attended his last World Jamboree at Bloemendaal in Holland and in his farewell message he said, "The time has come for me to say Good Bye. You know that many of us will never meet again in this world. I am in my eighty-first year and am nearing the end of my life. Most of you are at the beginning and I want your lives to be happy and successful. You can make them so by doing your best to carry out the Scout Law all your days, whatever your station and wherever you may be."

The Scout Law embodies ten principles that can best be summed up in the following rhyme:

"Trusty loyal and helpful,
Brotherly, courteous, kind.
Obedient, smiling, thrifty
Clean in body and mind."



The Scouting
movement logo prior
to 1967

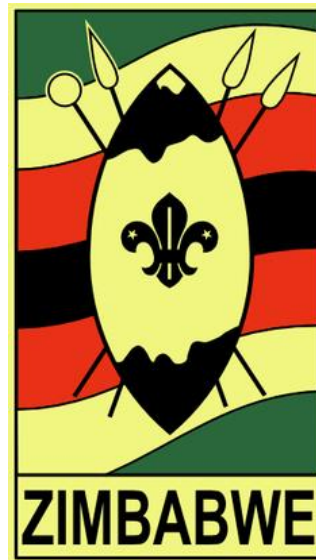


The Scouting movement's
logo post 1967

Africa had been the scene of so much of B-P's early life that he decided to return and spend his last few years in the sunshine at Nyeri in Kenya. On the 8th January, 1941, while the Second World War was raging, B-P died peacefully and happily and was laid to rest in the little cemetery at Nyeri, a few hundred yards from his bungalow "Paxtu". Zimbabwe is fortunate to

have had a close association with Lord Baden-Powell as he spent a number of his earlier years in this country. In his writings he recorded his love for the country and for the people with whom he came into contact.

Scouting in Zimbabwe began in 1909 and saw the first Troop formed in Bulawayo with Sir John Chancellor being appointed as the first Chief Scout Commissioner. It was not long before the movement spread and in 1982 it is extremely strong and flourishing with a combined Scout and Guide membership of 25,000. The Scout movement caters for all boys between the ages of 8 and 18 years, and its policy is to encourage loyalty, integrity and responsibility through a medium of open air activity in order to progress to better citizenship through a process of merit and proficiency badges.



Zimbabwe's logos



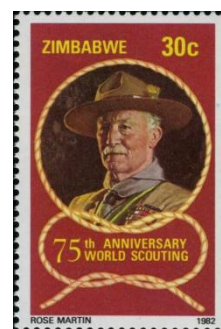
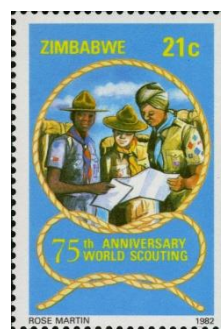
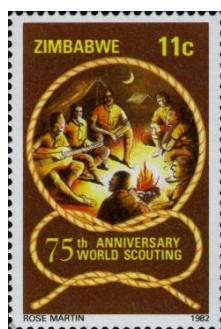
Drawing of Lord Baden-Powell
by Greg Joens

The World Headquarters of Scouting is based in Geneva and since 1909, the movement in Zimbabwe had come under the aegis of the United Kingdom. However, on the 31st December, 1980, the Zimbabwe Association was proclaimed an independent body and was accepted as a full member of the World Scout Conference. This new status affords the Zimbabwe Scout Movement the opportunity to now attend Jamborees and World Conferences in its own right.

There are few important men in the world who have not been involved in the Scout Movement at some period of their lives. We, in Zimbabwe, are proud to have been one of the first overseas countries to have joined the movement started by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

In honouring the 125th Anniversary of the birth of its Founder, Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron, OM, GVC, GCMG, KCB, FRGS, DCL, LLD, and commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Scout Movement the Boy Scouts Association of Zimbabwe sends greetings of peace and goodwill to all brother scouts throughout the world.

The Stamps



Catalogue listings

SG	ZSC ¹	Value	Description
616	39	9c	Scout emblem on background map of Zimbabwe
617	40	11c	Scouts around a campfire
618	41	21c	Scouts map reading
619	42	30c	Lord Baden Powell

Technical details

Stamp size:	28 x 42 mm
Sheet Size:	50 stamps (5 rows of 10 stamps), two panes per printed sheet
Artist:	Rose Martin, picture of Baden-Powell from painting by David Jagger
Paper:	ZSC paper type B – HS6, florescent coated paper with PVA gum with a blueish/greenish tinge.
Print colours:	All values – cyan, yellow, magenta & black
Perforations:	SG 14½, ZSC 14¼ Top margin: Perforated through Other margins: Imperforate
Printer:	Mardon Printers (Pvt) Ltd., Harare, Zimbabwe
Printer's Imprint:	Bottom margin below columns 4 to 7. Imprint printed in black
Cylinder numbers:	Cyls. 1A & 1B bottom margin below R5/1, colours reading across from left – black, magenta, yellow, cyan

Colour register:	Type TL 4 – round boxed - left margin opposite R5/1, colours reading down – cyan, yellow, magenta, black		
Sheet Value:	Bottom margin, below R5/10, all printed in black		
Sheet Number:	Type SN 4a with ‘PTC’ prefix, right margin opposite R5/10, reading upwards.		
Print numbers:	9c	2,000,000	11c 750,000
	21c	750,000	30c 750,000
Issue date:	21 st July, 1982 (Postal Notice No 12 of 1982, published 25.6.1982)		
Withdrawal from sale:	20 th October 1982		
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Listed varieties

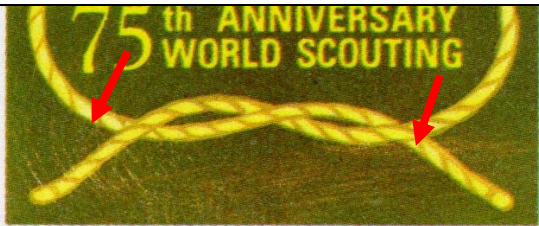
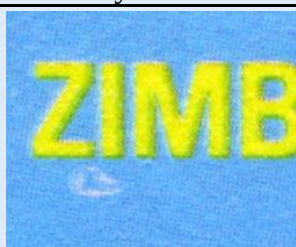
No listed varieties are available for inclusion, if lists have been produced, please forward

Unlisted varieties

These lists, in some instances, provide varieties of the smallest dots and specks. At the end of this section is a consolidated list compiled from philatelic society newsletters

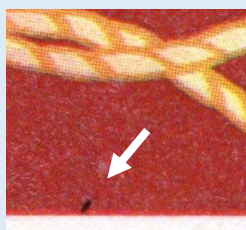
There are many small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds. Some dots and specks shown below are a bit more distinctive, some may be constant.

 9c: Orange blot above ‘NNI’ of Anniversary	 9c: Bluish mark below ‘9’ of value	 9c: Green dot below ‘Z’ of Zimbabwe	 9c: Orange line above ‘AB’ of Zimbabwe
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 9c: Series of scratches running down on the left and to the right on the right side	 11c: Doubling of the black printing, difficult to see in the main printing but clear with the bottom text		
 11c: Red line above 'E' of Zimbabwe & green dot left of value	 11c: Green dot on roof of tent to left	 11c: Green dots below value	 11c: Various green dots below 'Z' of Zimbabwe
 11c: The stamp on the left shows a blue wash over the whole stamp, probably caused by ink on the roller after the cyan unit.	 21c: Doubling of the black printing, difficult to see in the main printing but clear with the bottom text		
 21c: Ink clot surrounded by white 'halo'	 21c: White "cloud" below 'Z' of Zimbabwe	 21c: White line left of value	



11c: Blue smudge running horizontally from left to right through text below the main picture and into the stamp margins. In addition, area of stamp unprinted in R5/C5 in bottom left corner of stamp.



30c: Black dot above bottom margin



30c: Green dot above 'ANN' of anniversary



30c: Patch to left of '75' is distinctly more yellow that surrounding background, possible with partial dry print of magenta.



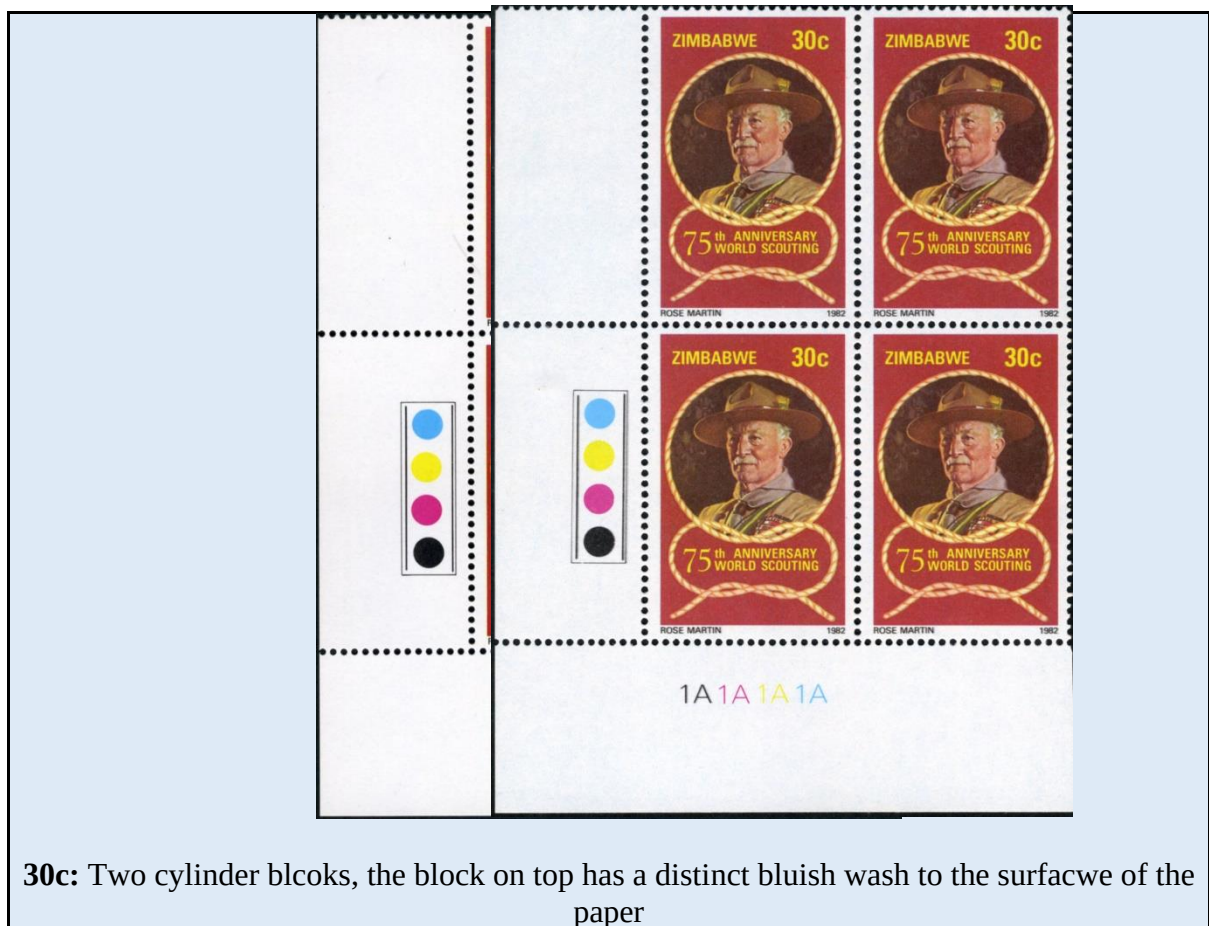
30c: double black printing

(Source eBay November 2023)



Opposite: Set of four stamps in cylinder 1B corner blocks, all postmarked with Philatelic Bureau's first day pictorial postmark. (see below) This should not have happened.

Only 21c illustrated



First Day Covers

The cover numbering comes from the catalogue produced by Geoff Brakspear.

A pictorial first day of issue canceller was produced for this issued and was used by the Philatelic Bureau. Other first day cover cancellers continued to be used at the main post offices.



ZW008-1 (PTC) 193 x 127 mm	ZW008-2 The Official World Scout Stamp collection 202 x 103 mm
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Related Material

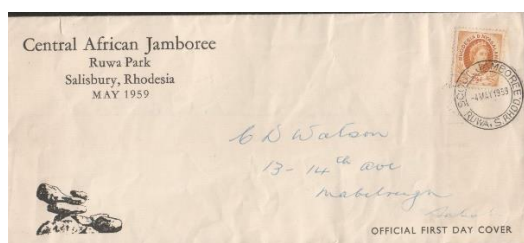
Publicity sheetlet prepared by Mardon

(Courtesy Narendhra Morar)

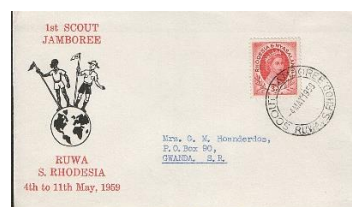


Scouting covers

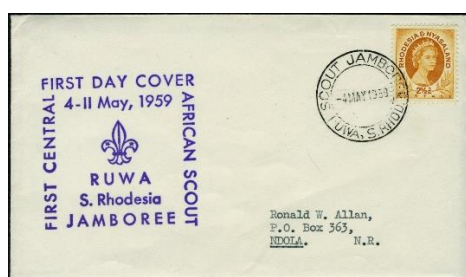
The Scouting movement in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe has a strong philatelic background. Covers were produced for various activities, including jamborees, many of the covers were produced by the Scout Stamp Collectors Club. Below are those covers from the first Jamboree in 1957 through to 1984.^{3 & 4}



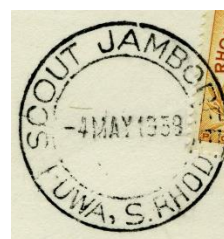
Central African Jamboree, Ruwa Park
First day 4th May 1959



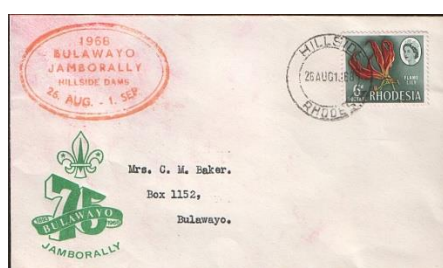
1st Scout Jamboree, Ruwa,
4th to 11th May 1959



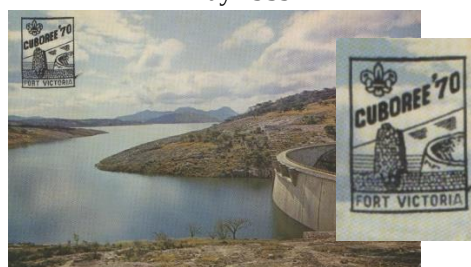
First Central African Scout Jamboree, Ruwa
4th to 11th May 1959



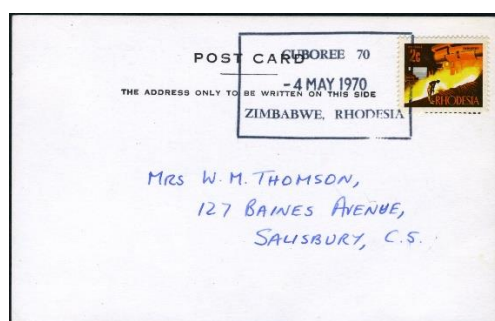
Special postmark for the sub- post office established
by the 1959 Jamboree. Only used for period 4th to
12th May 1959



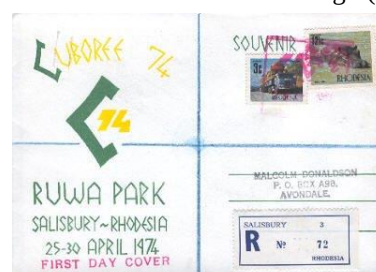
Bulawayo Jamborally, Hillside Dam, Bulawayo
26th August to 1st September 1968



Cuboree '70 held at Lake Kyle, Fort Victoria
Postcards of Lake Kyle and Great Zimbabwe have a
rubberised cachet with Cuboree logo (inset)



Postcard sent from Cuboree 70, using Cuboree 70
cachet. Cachet appears to have been accepted by post
office as a genuine cancellation.



Cuboree 74, held at Ruwa Park. Registered souvenir
cover postcard from event. The violet cachet applied
to the stamps appears to be applied by sub post office
for this occasion.



Cuboree 74. A souvenir post card was also produced. This post card can be found with different day cachets – ‘First Day’, ‘Second Day’, ‘Third Day’, ‘Fourth Day’, ‘Fifth Day’ (as above) and ‘Last Day’

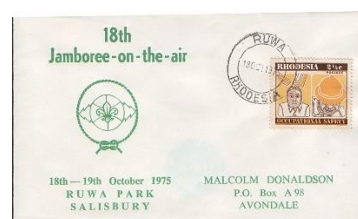


Cuboree 74, envelopes were also produced and can be found with cachets for each day.

In the case of both the post cards and covers, most were not sent through the post.



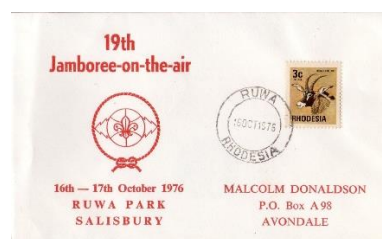
‘Jamanica’, jamboree held in Umtali, covers posted at Paulington, 23 August 1975. Cachet – “Look wide and reach high”



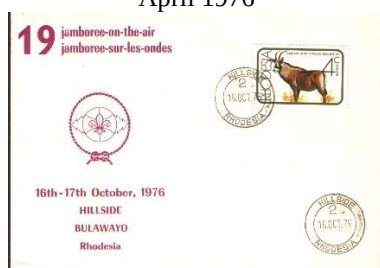
‘18th Jamboree-on-the-air’, Ruwa Park, 18th -19th October 1975.



‘Cub Scout Indba, 1976’ Ruwa Park, 16th to 18th April 1976



‘19th Jamboree-on-the-Air’, Ruwa Park, 16th – 17th October 1976



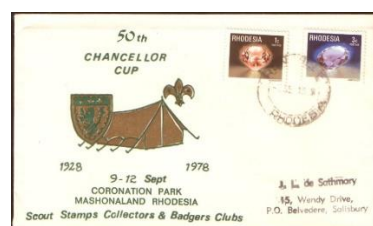
‘19th Jamboree-on-the-Air’, Hillside, Bulawayo, 16th – 17th October 1976



Scout Stamp collectors club – Trade Fair, Bulawayo. 30th April – 8th May 1977



‘20th Jamboree-in-the Air’, Hillside Bulawayo 15th – 16th October 1977
(Source eBay August 2023)



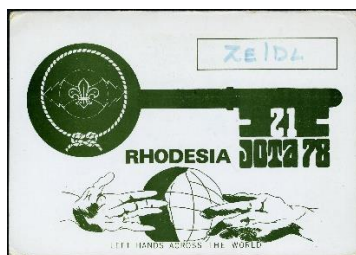
50th Chancellor Cup, Coronation Park, Salsibury, 9th to 12th September 1978



‘Jamboree-on-the-air (JOTA 21). Five covers posted at Belvedere, Salisbury; Umtali; Hillside, Bulawayo; Gwelo; and Fort Victoria. 21 October 1978



21st Jamboree-on-the-air (JOTA), 21st to 22nd October 1978, Hillside, Bulawayo



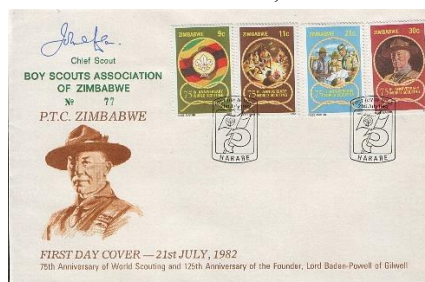
Amateur radio gretig card for JOTA 78, with Mashonaland (Belvedere) call number



70th Anniversary, 1st Boy Scout Troop, Bulawayo 1909. With machine cancel reading “Boy Scout Association 1909-1979”, date 15 XI 79



1st annual Commissioners’ Conference in Zimbabwe, 6th July 1980. With Boy Scout Association Zimbabwe machine cancel.



Overprinted of PTC first day cover by the Boy Scouts Association of Zimbabwe. Cover signed by the Chief Scout John Landau. Limited numbers



PTC first day cover, signed by John Landau, Chief Scout of Zimbabwe



Zimfari '82, Ruwa Park, 14th to 16th August 1982. With special cachet cancel



Zimfari '82, Inyangombe Camp, Inyanga, 16th to 25th August 1982. With special cachet cancel



Zimfari '82, Great Zimbabwe Camp, Fort Victoria, 25th to 29th August. With special cachet cancel



75 year of Scouting In Zimbabwe, special Bulawayo
cachet cancel dated 3 December 1984.
Limited edition

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Additions/Changes since December 2020	
12-2023	30c double black
	20 th Jamboree-on-the-Air cover
12-2024	30c – bluish wash to cylinder block