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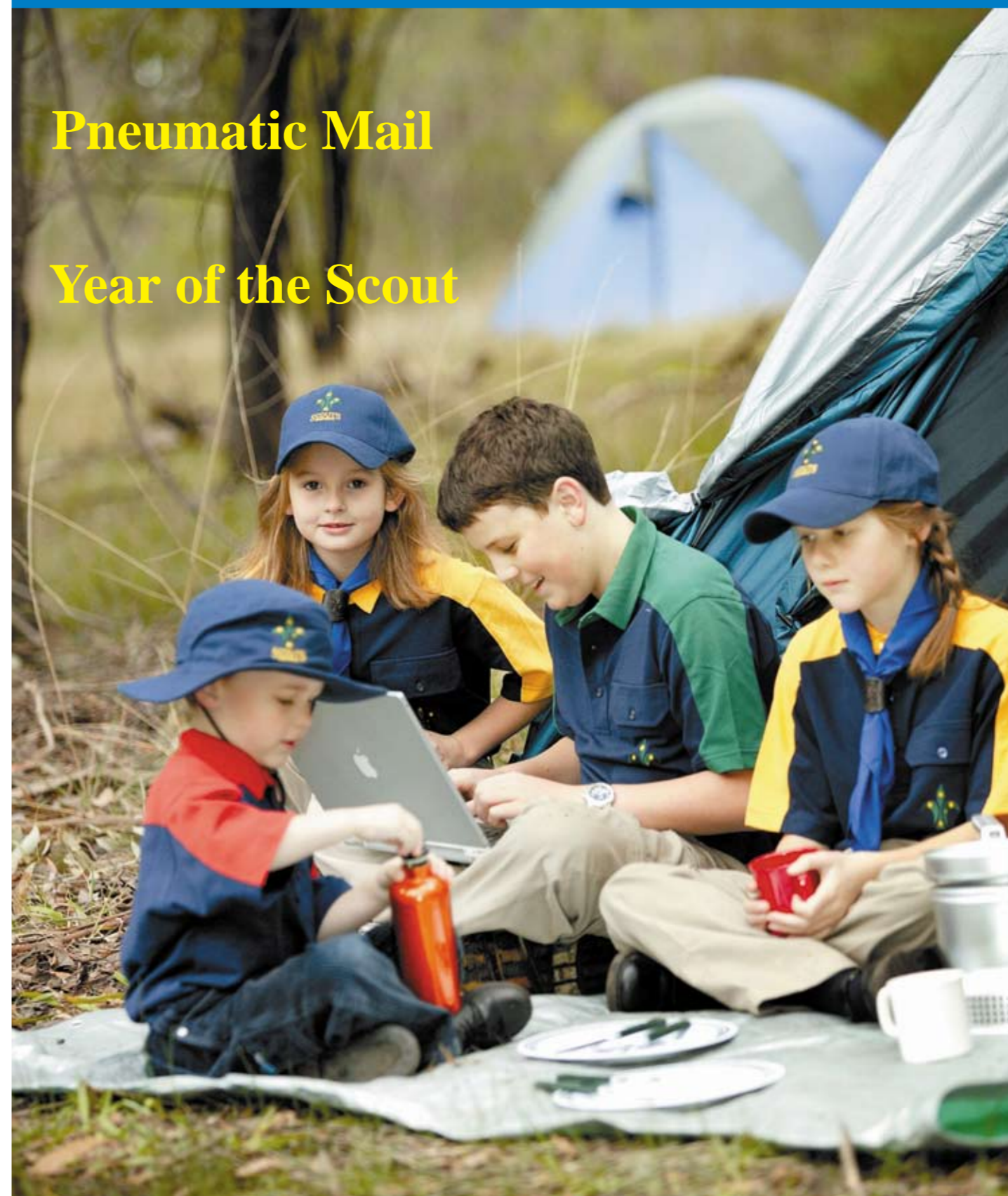
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## Year of the Scout



## YOUTH PHILATELY NEWS

*from the Australian Philatelic Federation*

Hello everybody!

By the time you read this, sometime in March, you will all be back at school. To those who are starting your schooling or at a new school I hope that you make many new friends, and those resuming at your present school, meet up with friends you may not have seen during the holiday break.

Did you know that there are some young collectors receiving this magazine who do their lessons at home? We wish them well for a happy and successful 2008 also.

Those of you who are particularly observant may have noticed that **MICK MEYLES'** name has been absent from the bottom of the page opposite for last year as distributor of the gifts to those who enter our competitions. Mick has decided to take a break from his youth activities to concentrate on his business interests.

In addition to the prize distribution Mick has run children's stamp groups monthly in schools and libraries and promotional activities at exhibitions and fairs for almost 20 years in southern and northern Tasmania.

He has also volunteered at exhibitions interstate, including Australia'99 and Pacific Explorer our last international exhibitions.

At Pacific Explorer Mick was dubbed "the Pied Piper" as he spent most of his days guiding youngsters and quite a few adults around selected youth and adult exhibits to show them what can be collected and exhibited. He went home with the soles of his feet covered in blisters that took weeks to heal and a very croaky voice!

In latter years Mick has run three youth stamp groups at Kingston, Hobart and Rosny Libraries holding sessions every month except January,

including school holidays, at other times of the year. Over the years Mick must have helped many hundreds if not thousands of children and quite a few adults/parents also!

I am sure that all of you join with me in wishing Mick all the best in his endeavours and maybe in the future he will resume his association with youth philately.

2008 Is a big year for people involved in the Scouting and Guiding movement, it being 100 years since the formation of scouting groups for boys in Australia. At **Canberra Stampshow 2008** from 14 to 16 March the link between scouting and stamp collecting will be celebrated as the theme for the exhibition and displays of scouting philatelic material. Did you know that scouts and guides can earn a collecting badge by collecting stamps and showing knowledge about stamps and what they have collected?

Bye for now, and happy stamping!

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*APF Youth Development Officer.*

*The Scout photo on the front cover is from **Snowgum** and it is the basis of the new 50c Scout stamp.*

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## THE JUNIOR PAGE

### The Messenger of the gods

In 1949, a 1/6d Airmail stamp was issued showing Hermes the Greek Messenger of the gods. He was also known as Mercury by the Romans. He carries a winged staff and wears winged boots and he is seen on the stamp crossing the globe of the earth. Can you see 10 differences in the two pictures.



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• For information about junior stamp clubs in your State, please contact your State youth leader.

• Copies of the APF's junior stamp magazine "The Young Collector" can also be obtained from these people.

## YEAR OF THE SCOUT – 2008

By Dingle Smith

Last year 24 million scouts, in more than 150 countries celebrated one hundred years of scouting. In August 1907 Baden-Powell led first camp at Brownsea Island in England and scouting started in Australia a few months later and 2008 will be 'The Year of the Scout' throughout the nation.



Scouting has always been a popular theme for stamp collectors and in February Australia Post will issue stamps, illustrated first day covers and many other

items to commemorate the centenary. Cubs and Scouts have the opportunity to show their skills and interests to gain badges and many complete the task to earn a Collector's Badge and guess what, stamp collecting is the most popular subject.

There will be many events throughout the year to celebrate the Year of the Scout and some of these have a stamp collecting theme.

**10 am – 4pm, Sunday 24 February:**  
**Bri-Phil House, 80 Gardenvale Rd.,**  
**Gardenvale in Melbourne.** A special Scout day, if you are able to attend please pre-book by phoning 03 95348492.

**14-16 March: Canberra Stampshow 2008, Hellenic Club, Woden, Canberra.** Opening ceremony Friday 14 March and featuring three of the best exhibits of scouting stamps and postcards in Australia and New Zealand. There will be the opportunity for Cubs and Scouts to bring their collections and to be tested for their Collector's badge. Free admission: activities for Juniors throughout the Show and a Junior Auction on Sunday at 11 am. Special scout postmarker and souvenirs available, check the web site [www.canberrastamps.org](http://www.canberrastamps.org).



There are lots of ways you can collect Scout stamps, you could see how many different countries you can find that have a scout theme or focus on stamps and covers that illustrate scout activities or stamps.

You do not have to be a Scout to collect Scout stamps but if you join the Scouts I am sure you will never regret it.



## STAMP DETECTIVES

By Barbara Bartsch

Study an Australian Stamp Catalogue to answer these questions.

### POSTAL SERVICES



1. How many wings on the plane shown on the 1929 3d Airmail stamp?

2. What was the value of the 1934 Airmail stamp?

3. In 1949 a blue stamp issued for the Universal Postal Union? What Anniversary was it?



4. In 1955 a 3½d Mail Coach stamp was issued. What colour was it?



5. Whose 'Round the World' Air Service stamp was issued in 1958?

6. 1959 was the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of What? Shown on the 4d slate stamp.



7. What is shown on the 50c stamp in the 1972 Pioneer issue?

8. What three birds can be seen on the 1974 30c UPU Centenary stamp?



9. A set of 5 stamps was issued in 1980 for National Stamp Week. How many postmen can you see on the full set?



10. Old Post Offices were shown on stamps in 1982. Where can the Tasmanian one be found?

Everyone will receive a small gift if they send the answers with their name, age and address to:

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## FIND THE THEME

### The UPU THEME

As well as collecting the theme of certain animals, and or items, many people save thematic postal items of certain organisations such as the Scouts, the Red Cross or the UPU.

The **Universal Postal Union, UPU**, was formed in 1874.

The Australian Colonies joined in 1891. It is an international organization, with headquarters located in Berne, which coordinates the world-wide postal system. Each member country agrees to the same rules for conducting international postal duties. Prior to the establishment of the UPU, a country had to have a separate postal treaty with each other country that it wished to carry international mail to or from. The UPU provides that stamps of member nations are accepted for the whole international route and it is not necessary to add the stamps of any country through which one's letter or package would pass.

In 1949 all the UPU countries issued stamps. All types of mail carriers can be seen on these 3 Czechoslovakian stamps.



How many ways can you see to carry mail? Can you find the posthorn, the early symbol of the Post, in the stamp below??

## FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET - PNEUMATIC MAIL

By Linda Lee

We know Harry Potter's Uncle Vernon worked for a company that made drills. We all have been nearly deafened by pneumatic drills on the street. Have you visited a hardware store or country shop where the checkout staff put your money in a cylinder and sent it through a tube? Minutes later, there is sucking noise and the cylinder returns with your receipt.

In the 1800s Scottish engineer, William Murdoch, invented the process of using pressurized air as a power source to send mail quickly over short distances. In 1806 Phineas Balk developed the message cartridge.

The speed of pneumatic mail sent through underground tubes made it a popular general message delivery system. Unlike telegrams there were no limits on the words.

It worked by loading a cartridge holding small packages into an airtight tube. It was then propelled either by compressed air pushing the cartridge or by suction pulling the cartridge through.



Pneumatic mail systems were used in large cities such as the Berlin Rohr Post 1865-1976, Vienna until 1956, and New York. In Prague, the 1899 pneumatic mail system still exists, but unusable since the 2002 floods. Only Italy issued pneumatic post stamps.

The 1866 Paris Pneumatic Mail service was replaced in 1984 by computers and fax machines. From 1879-1898 people could use official postal stationery.



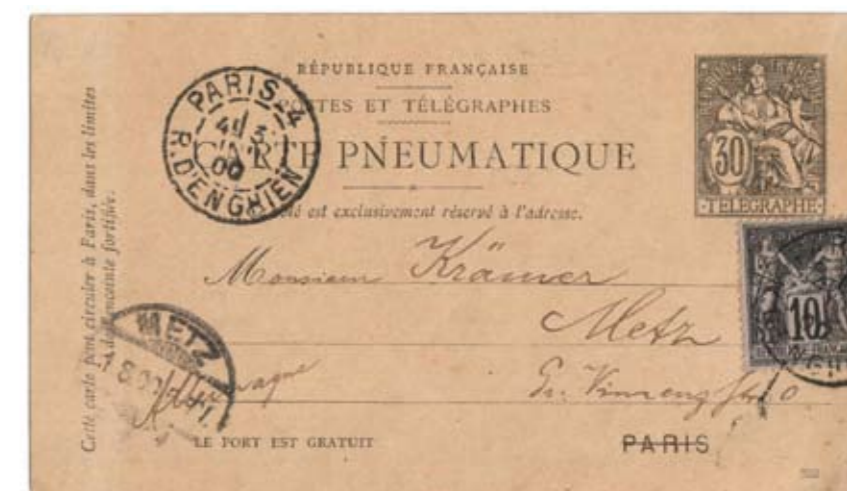
Figure 2 shows a 1895 pneumatic post card with an outline of Paris. The pre-printed stamp show the goddess Ceres with her Horn of Plenty. The words "Carte-Telegramme" emphasize that early messages were regarded as telegraph services. The wavy line postmark was also used for telegrams.

The torn open Pneumatic Post envelope in Figure 3 has extra stamps for the 50c rate for articles weighing 7 grams plus. Clearly the contents were of great interest to the person who received it! See the word "Soir" in the postmark? Evening as well as business hours deliveries existed.



From 1898 privately printed cards could be used with postage stamps paying pneumatic mail costs. Figure 4 shows a lettercard sent in 1910 with "Pneumatique" written by hand. The rate is now 60c, quite a jump from the original 30c cost.

Figure 5 is an official 1898 postcard printed with "Carte Pneumatique". It was posted in 1900 but not in the pneumatic mail system. It was sent as a postcard from Paris to Metz in Germany.



In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, pneumatic tubes represented future technology. People imagined the 21<sup>st</sup> century world would be linked by fast tube delivery of goods and people! Pneumatic mail is still used within banks, factories, hospitals and supermarkets. Both NASA's original Mission Control Centre in Houston, and the Denver International Airport have pneumatic tube systems. Some computer games have pneumatic tube messaging systems. Keep an eye out as pneumatic mail systems exist in unexpected places!

For further information check out the wikipedia web site. Scroll down to "p" and click on pneumatic.  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_philatelic\\_topics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_philatelic_topics)