



Scouting Around the World

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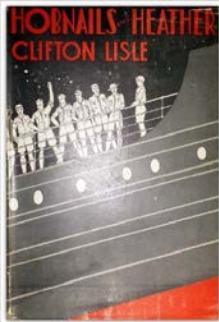
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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting date: September 15, 2016

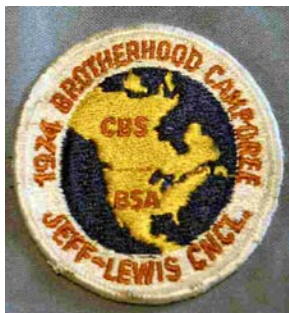
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B-P Bits:



Intro by B-P to *Hobnails and Heather*, 1929 about 15 Eagle Scouts from Paoli, PA who traveled to England: "Mutual acquaintance has developed mutual respect. It is through such interchange of pilgrimages that an essential spirit of mutual goodwill can be established among the future men of our respective countries, the spirit without which Leagues of Nations, treaties, conventions, all are built on sand. Whereas if we can only achieve a whole-hearted link of brotherhood, we shall be making a valid contribution towards God's Kingdom upon earth – the reign of peace and goodwill among men."

Collectors' Corner: Long-running World Brotherhood Camporees between USA/Canada



Since 1974



Calumet since 1965



Dorchester since 1991



Stoney Creek since 1952



CAN-AM



30th Okanagan



Wallaceburg



Peace Arch



11th Pine Island

Myanmar Scouts develop registration system as membership grows



Aspiring to become a full-fledged member of WOSM, Myanmar Scouts held its Workshop on Membership Registration System from 11-14 July 2016 at the capital city of Yangon, with 31 participants from different districts. Since the reintroduction of Scouting in Myanmar in 2012, membership has grown to about 25,000 across the country, with a great potential to increase in the coming years. After Scouting was dissolved in Myanmar, 1964, school-based Scouting in the country was re-introduced in November 2012, under the guidance of Mr. Thein Sein, who was then President of the Union of Myanmar.

SCOUTING IN: Uganda



The Scout emblem of the Uganda Scouts Association features a grey crowned crane, a symbol in use since Uganda was a colonial branch of British Scouting.



Scouting was founded in the British protectorate of Uganda in 1915. Church missionary Rev. Canon H.M. Grace was sent to Ankole in western Uganda to start Mbarara High School. He also started the first troop in Uganda. The movement took time to spread over the country during World War I, as the public thought Scouting was too military. In 1918, the Rev. Grace was transferred to Namirembe, where he started a second troop of Scouts.

During World War II, Scouts served their community by working in post offices sorting mail, directing traffic and other meaningful duties.

Until 1971, Scouting grew very popular in Uganda and membership was spread all over the country. This all came to a halt between 1971 and 1981, due to the political situation in Uganda. Scouting suffered again in 1985 due to the wars and instability in the country.

In 1986, Scouting resurfaced, and the Ministry of Education formally became the overseer of the Uganda Scouts Association. Although Scouting is a non-governmental organization, the Ugandan government has taken a keen interest in the movement. Unlike other countries, the Ugandan government has appointed a full-time worker in every district, called district executive commissioners, to co-ordinate activities of the Scouts, in recognition of the immense contribution the movement makes and can make towards the education of the youth education outside the classroom.

A few years later, probably due to economic pressures the Government withdrew its funding for the paid District Executive Commissioners and they became volunteer posts.

Formed in 1994, the UK Uganda Network originally called the UNITE Network produced close relationships between Scouts in the UK and those in Uganda. This resulted in many joint projects and visits.

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Growing and expanding

29 million young people

39% Cubs

60% Scouts

1% Rovers

1.75 million adult leaders & volunteers