



Scouting Around the World

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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 20, 2012

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BP Bits:



In 1918, the Rover Program was started to provide a Scout Program for young men who had grown up beyond the age range of the core Scout Section. "Rovering To Success" was written in 1922 and was subtitled "A book of life-sport for young men". Quite a frank book considering the era in which it was written. The Contents list the following topics: Horses; Wine; Women; Cuckoos and Humbugs; Irreligion. B-P's Preface states "How To Be Happy Though Rich – or Poor. A canoe voyage is like the voyage of life. An old 'un ought to hand on piloting hints. The only true Success is Happiness. Two steps to happiness are: Taking life as a game and giving out Love. Happiness is not mere pleasure nor the outcome of wealth. It is the result of active work rather than the passive enjoyment of pleasure. Your success depends on your own individual effort in the voyage of life. And the avoidance of certain dangerous Rocks. Self education, in continuation of what you have learned in school, is necessary. Go forward with confidence. Paddle your own canoe!"

Rovering spread around the world but has gone through many changes. Many countries still have programs for young men, and sometimes women, who are into their early 20's.

Collectors' Corner: Scout Whistles



England 1950's



BSA with compasses



BSA



Canada



BSA plastic (WWII)



BSA



UK Girl Guides



UK 1930



GSUSA 1968



BSA Nat'l Council NYC

Scouting in China Before Mao:

This web site has some very interesting old pictures of Scouting in China before the communists took over.

Go to <http://news.163.com/photoview/3R710001/26005.html>.

Scouting in Russia:



Traditional membership badge still used by some



Oleg Pantyukhov



Russian Association of Scouts/Navigators



Suvorov Scout
Highest rank in the
Siberian Association

In 1908, Baden-Powell's book *Scouting for Boys* came out in Russia by the order of Tsar Nicholas II. On April 30 [O.S. April 17] 1909, a young officer, Colonel Oleg Pantyukhov, organized the first Russian Scout troop in Pavlovsk. 1910, Baden-Powell visited Nicholas II in Tsarskoye Selo and they had a very pleasant conversation, as the Tsar remembered it. Scouting spread rapidly across Russia and into Siberia, and by 1916, there were about 50,000 Scouts in Russia. Nicholas' son Tsarevich Aleksei was a Scout himself. In Soviet Russia the Scouting system started to be replaced by ideologically-altered Scoutlike organizations. There was a purge of the Scout leaders, many of whom perished under the Bolsheviks. Those Scouts who did not wish to accept the new Soviet system either left Russia for good, like Pantyukhov and others, or went underground. However, clandestine Scouting did not last long. On May 19, 1922 all of those newly created organizations were united into the Young Pioneer organization of the Soviet Union, which existed until 1990. From that date, Scouting in the USSR was banned.

The organization **Русский Скаут** then went into exile, and continued in many countries where fleeing White Russian émigrés settled, establishing groups in France, Serbia, Bulgaria, Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay. A much larger mass of thousands of Russian Scouts moved through Vladivostok to the east into Manchuria and south into China. Colonel Pantyukhov first resided in France and then moved to the United States, where large troops of Russian Scouts were established in cities such as San Francisco, Burlingame, California, Los Angeles. He returned to Nice, France where he died. Russian Scouting was recognized as a Member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, in exile, from 1928 to 1945.

The Scout movement began to reemerge and was reborn within Russia in 1990, when relaxation of government restrictions allowed youth organizations to be formed to fill the void left by the Pioneers. WOSM asked the Scout Association of the United Kingdom to assist the Scout Organizations in the Moscow and Saint Petersburg regions. Other national Scout organizations are involved in helping other regions; the Boy Scouts of America are involved in the regions to the east of the Urals, for instance.

Russia is served by at least ten different nationwide Scouting organizations and about 30 regional and local associations. Most of the nationwide organizations consist of both regional associations and directly served units - in some cases even in the same cities. At the end of the 1990s, several of the associations formed the *All-Russian National Scouting Organisation (ARNSO)*. In 2000, it became a member of WOSM.

The Scout Motto is *Будь готов* (Bud' Gotov, *Be Prepared* in Russian). The Russian noun for a single Scout is *Скаут*, but can alternately be *Разведчик* or *Навигатор* depending on the organization. As *Разведчик* also carries the connotation of *spy*, now often perceived as negative in the post-Soviet period, many now refer to themselves as *Скаут* or *Навигатор*, the more neutral term for the original meaning, an advance party sent to reconnoiter the terrain, similar to pathfinder or explorer.