

# SCOUT ZEPPELIN MAIL REVISITED

*More Interesting Material is Brought to Light*



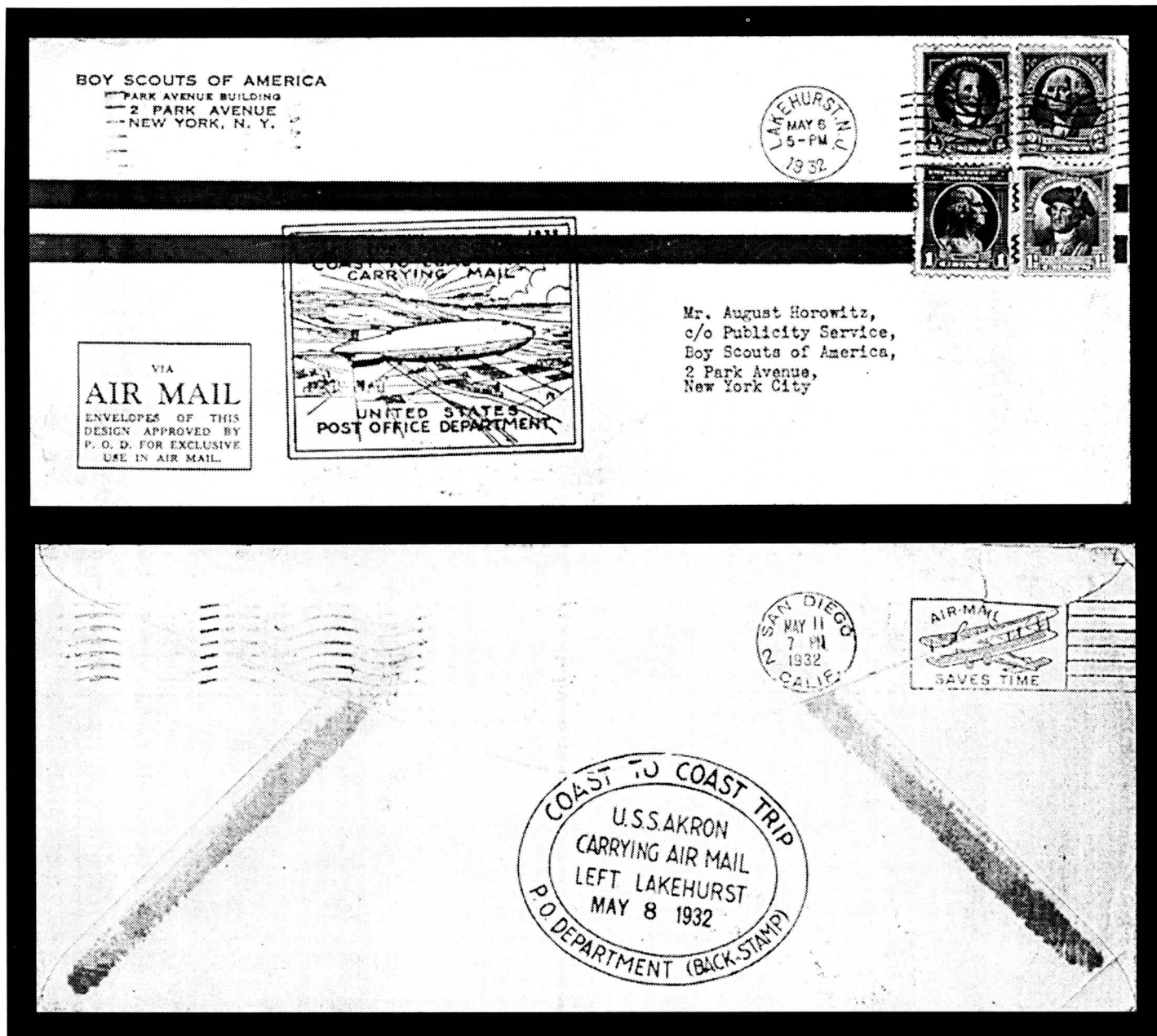
Since the *Journal* published its feature on Scout Zeppelin Mail (*Lighter Than Air, Volume 44.3*) last April, there has been a renewed interest in the genre.

As a result of our publication, three previously unseen covers have been brought to our attention. They are the subject of this update; hopefully, future issues will feature more unseen material.

## 1933 4th South American Flight (AAMC #203; Sieger # 223)

The two covers illustrated are from the same sender (note the handwriting) and flown on the same flight. The covers were sent from Budapest, Hungary on July 31, 1933, as seen by the air mail canceler tying the stamps to the cover. The stamps franking the cover are the complete set of Fourth World Jamboree (Scott's # 481-5; Gibbon's # 563-7) and two air mail stamps (Scott's # C28 & C30). A blue Hungarian cachet that stated the cover was to go "By way of Zeppelin" is in the center left of the cover. They were flown to Berlin as noted by the German Airmail cachet (bottom center) in red on both covers. The bottom cover received a Berlin transit cancel dated August 2, 1933, in black. The Berlin transit flight cachet was applied to both covers in red (rectangular cachet) in center left on the cover. The actual flight cachet is found on the cover in red (circular cachet with palm trees). The last leg of the flight took the covers to Recife, Brazil, and arrived on August 8, 1933 as seen by the receiving canceler. They are both remarkable covers for there were so few Scout stamps issued during the mail flights of the Graf Zeppelin.





**1932 Coast to Coast Flight of the U.S.S. Akron  
(AAMC # 510)**

This is the only Scout related Zeppelin cover from the United States that was actually flown known by me. The U.S.S. Arkon was an American built Dirigible. It was constructed at the Goodyear Plant in Akron, Ohio along with the sister air ship the U.S.S. Macon. The flight was a coast to coast flight across the United States, starting at Lakehurst, New Jersey and ending at Sunnyvale, California. The flight lasted from May 8 to 11, 1932. This cover is on a National Boy Scout Office air mail envelope (one I have ever seen this type of envelope used with the BSA before) address to August Horowitz, who worked for the Boy Scouts of America and was interested in covers. The cover is correctly franked with five cents of postage for the air mail rate at this time. It was canceled on May 6, 1932, at Lakehurst, New Jersey and the official flight cachet was applied in magenta on the front. The back of the cover has the official backstamp for the flight in magenta as well. The cover has a receiver cancel of May 11, 1932, from San Diego, California. It is the person whom it is addressed to and the stationery at it is on that make this a Scout related Zeppelin cover.