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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE FOR JULES VERNE AND PAT BOONE AT NTSS 2007

The June 17-19 National Topical Stamp Show in Milwaukee, WI will feature a First Day of Issue from the Western Caribbean island of Nevis. The Souvenir Sheet will honor the 100th anniversary of the death of the French author, Jules Verne, father of Science Fiction. Additionally, it will feature a stamp picturing singer/actor Pat Boone, who starred in the 1959 Jules Verne inspired movie, Journey to the Center of the Earth. This is also the 50th anniversary of Mr. Boone's first recording hits.

A cancelled program bearing the souvenir sheet will be given to those who attend the Friday morning, June 17th First Day of Issue Ceremony at 10:00 AM. One of those attending the first day event will win a free DVD of this movie which was nominated for four Academy Awards.

The pictorial cancellation will portray a scene from the film in which a dinosaur is being fended off by a spear throwing explorer. There will be two different First Day of Issue covers. The first will be Monarch sized, to hold the entire souvenir sheet. The second will be on the current 23c postal card picturing Carlsbad Caverns. That was the "on location" site where the film was shot at night, in order to be free of tourists. The postal card will reproduce the entire sheet as a cachet, but will bear only the stamp bearing Mr. Boone's image under the scene of Carlsbad Caverns.

At the time of this movie, girls could not wait to see Pat Boone give his first screen kiss – a very chaste peck on the cheek of Diane Baker. Boys wanted to see the scenes in which the expedition members were terrorized by dinosaurs on the shore of the sea in the middle of the Earth. Special effects were one of the Academy Award nominations for this film.

The souvenir sheet will be available for \$3.80 each and the First Day Covers will sell for \$4.50 each. They can be obtained at the show or by mail following the show itself. The American Topical Association logo and the NTSS '05 logo both appear on the sheet. There will be a Jules Verne topical exhibit on display in conjunction with the First Day Ceremony and two other exhibits on Verne will be among those in the 192 frames of exhibits at this show.

**JULES VERNE
100 YEARS**

A FANTASY WORLD BELOW

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

PAT BOONE

Pat Boone starred in the Hollywood movie based on Jules Verne's book "Journey to the center of the earth"

(1828- 1905)

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