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Pages 6-8 of this issue contain the rules for the coming PNC<sup>3</sup> auction. Dave Agrodnia will accept consignments during the month of February, and they must be received by him by Feb. 28. The April issue will contain a catalog-listing and bidding sheets.

We would like to start off with a bang. Think about your own holdings. Do you have a few items to consign? Dave is accepting PNC material in all categories--not just mint strips.

The great thing about auctions is that the consignor can generally get more than if he wholesaled his material to a dealer, and the bidder can generally pay less than if he bought retail from a dealer. The auction rules allow the consignor to establish a minimum bid. The minimum bid should not be so high that the item loses its appeal. A suggestion: establish the minimum bid at dealers' "buy" prices. If you can't find that information, then 50% of current selling prices is a good figure.

A separate consignment sheet must be included with each lot submitted. If you need more than one, either xerox the form on page 8, or write to Dave for additional copies.

A recent Linn's issue had a listing of PNC price trends. There is clear upward movement on used singles. A few items seem to be disappearing from dealers' inventories: 22¢ Flag #3 and 17¢ #5/7C are notable examples. The prices on these are not out of sight yet, but may be later.

Another "trend" is in dealer pricing. Two years ago it was common to see lists with strips priced by grade F, VF, XF. Increasingly common now is F-VF and VF-XF. XF did not command too terribly high a premium then, and dealer supplies of XF material soon dried up. A top-grade listing of VF-XF allows for a little fudging.

The Editor is grateful for submission of material this month from Al Cibulskas, Ed Denson, F.M. Arndt, and Rob Washburn. I think these are four interesting pieces.

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# Letters

I just received my January issue and noticed an error in the article appearing on p. 6. Unlike the 10.1¢ Oil Wagon overprint, the 20.5¢ is a service-inscribed stamp, meaning that the ZIP+4 service designation is actually inscribed into the printing plate. It is therefore impossible for breaks or gaps to occur, because of the fixed position of the inscription on the plate.

The two colors are applied by different inking-in rollers, explaining the black tinge in the Engine's grillwork.

Wayne Youngblood  
Sidney, OH

Wayne's criticism of the article is obviously correct. (Ed.)

With reference to your survey on "Stamp Counters" for collectors--over here ours are also good, bad, and awful. Most, however, are very good with personnel prepared to look for "plate blocks" and for cylinder numbers on stamp booklets. I have never myself had a grumble, but I know some who do.

Leonard Lack  
Chippenham, Wilts, England

I just came across something I can find no reference of, so maybe it is new. While examining my PNC commercial covers, I noticed a difference in the size of print on the precancel plates 1 and 2 of the 12.5¢ coil.

The plate 1 BULK RATE lettering is 11mm, while the plate 2 lettering is only 10mm, with obviously narrower letters.

Dave Clark  
Ft. Monmouth, NJ

I would like to comment on Ed Gould's suggestion in the January issue of Coil Line regarding listing new findings of plate numbers. It would be helpful if the finder would advise what size roll the number was found on so we "hunters" can advise the postal clerks where to look.

Steve Tillett  
Dayton, OH

I think Ed Gould's suggestion is right on target. Following is a list of numbers I received from Philatelic Sales on my most recent order: Re-engraved Omnibus #1; 5¢ Motorcycle #1/2; 11¢ Stutz #1/2; 18¢ Washington #3333; Honeybee #2. Precanceled: 8.3¢ #1/2; 8.3¢ B-press, #1; 18¢ Washington #33333; 21¢ #1.

Frank Covey  
Macomb, IL

Though the list could easily be dated, a monthly list of what coil numbers are available at a window would be of interest. For instance, Cable Car #1, Mail Car #1, Tandem Bicycle #1, Coal Car #1, and Yosemite #4 were available in Toledo in early January.

Could we compile a list of hours, or possibly more sensible in terms of space, a list of phone numbers of philatelic windows? That way, when traveling or planning a trip, we could call ahead and at least check hours.

Harold Brown  
Bowling Green, OH

Re: the 1¢ Omnibus strip pictured on p.1 of the January Coil Line. In my humble opinion, and without clear view, I believe this #5-#2 se-tenant was caused by folding the strip over. If stored under moist or humid conditions, some ink might transfer. If, however, there is no fold, maybe another strip was stored face to face, under poor conditions.

Bob Novak  
Edison, NJ

The strip has no fold. It came from a "mossion mixture," and was soaked by a sorter. It has an Alabama, April, 1988 postmark, but mailer is unknown. (Ed.)

Just a note that I thought might interest people:

I just got a lot of c 200 PNC covers from the Pacific Northwest. They are all from a utility which means that virtually everyone is sending the same thing in these covers. A bill and a check. Standard 1st class fare, with most of the postmarks being local to the NW but a few from other parts of the country.

There were 14- 1st class numbers in this lot. I've made a little chart divided into K for Keepers, S for soakers, and T for Tossers. Briefly I tossed the obviously damaged stamps - torn, serious perf damage, heavy cancels, average centering. I soaked the covers with presentable stamps but messed up covers, cancels running off the top etc. Covers which no cover collector would want. I kept everything which could possibly qualify as F or better on cover.

As you will see over 25% of the stamps were average or worse, and tossed. If the entire lot were to be soaked I estimate another 10-15% would be no good. In other words something like 35-40% of the stamps being used are damaged when they are printed, stuck on the envelope, or canceled.

This is the first lot I have gotten with any Yosemite or Bees in it. A similar lot from a nationwide company containing 1500 covers used a bit earlier was described as having very few of either which may indicate that these stamps didn't come into general use until October. The absence of Yosemite #1 is probably accounted for by distribution of that number to other parts of the country.

Complicating the Bee #1 picture is that there are clearly two different "1"s used. One is like an inverted "T" the other is a shorter but fully formed "1". Hope this doesn't get as bad as the 22¢ Flag #13 which has at least three positions distinguishable by eye.

Other trends: the 22¢ flags are almost entirely gone. I'm trying to put together an entire set of 25¢ covers where the 22¢ PNC is augmented by a 3¢. Clearly I'd better act fast. Two oddities were a pair of Breadwagon #2, and a Yosemite with a 5¢ stamp added to the cover. I assume both of these were the result of enthusiasm for postage use on the part of the sender rather than any actual rate payment. If anyone can suggest other plausible explanations I'd be glad to hear them, especially for the 30¢ rate (all envelopes are identical in size and shape).

I found one unusual cancel dial - a small machine dial with a 5 digit zip code in the center of the dial readable from the bottom (rather than running around the inner rim where the city & state are found. It was an APO. Does anyone know if this is a different machine model, or just an odd configuration?

Conclusions: Yosemite #1, E #1222 & #2222, and Breadwagon #5 are still quite scarce. BW #1 and Bee #1 are none too common.

#### About 200 1st class covers used in the Pacific NW in October & November

Stamp	Keepers	Soakers	Tosses	Total	Comments
22¢ F #19	2	-	-	2	with 3¢ stamp
22 F #22	1	-	-	1	With 3¢ Stamp
	3	-	-	3	1.5% of total
E #1111	5	1	4	10	1 w/novel cancel
E #1211	4	2	2	8	
E #1222	-	-	1	1	
	9	3	7	19	9% of total
BW #1	6	-	-	6	
BW #2	25	4	10	39	One pair
BW #3	18	3	11	32	
BW #4	13	-	4	17	
BW #5	1	-	-	1	Faint cancel on #
	63	7	25	95	47% of total
25 F #2	21	-	7	28	
25 F #3	14	1	3	18	1 w/ 5¢ add'l stamp
	35	1	10	46	23% of total
Bee #1	3	-	-	3	1 short 1, 2 no top
Bee #2	17	1	8	26	9 w/ "2" well clear
	20	1	8	29	14.5% of total
	130	12	50	192	

Where are the other 8? One had no number, the others are unaccounted for. Maybe I didn't get 200 covers in the lot.

I'll let you know if anything unusual turns up in the next lot.

Ed Denson  
Alderpoint, CA

# HONEYBEE JOINT LINES

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Perhaps it may be of interest to summarize the available information on the Honeybee joint lines as known to me. It should be noted that though the data is factual, the conclusions, assumptions, thoughts, etc., are subjective and open for revision/discussion.

It has been confirmed that the Honeybee coil was printed on both the C and D press. Examples of lines with the look of joint lines have been found on both press products.

On the C press issues, the lines were all single lines (one example of a C-press double line had been reported early on, but no subsequent reports have been received) and of a single color. To date, the single lines have been found as cyan (blue), magenta (red), and black (offset). The single lines vary in length; from about fifty percent of the perfs to a complete line from top to bottom. They also vary in intensity, but generally are readily visible. The repeat cycle of the lines on the C-press is every twenty five stamps; hence, the position is variable relative to the plate number. To my knowledge, the C-press lines are row specific, i.e., occurring in specific rows as opposed to over the entire sheet. In my opinion, the C-press joint line examples are probably scarcer, due to row specificity, compared to the D-press items (see later) which, when found, are present on every row. Since, if my assumption is correct regarding relative availability, the C-press items should be more attractive from a searching/collecting point of view. However, the more plentiful D-press issues appear to be more in demand. Why? The double joint lines are aesthetically more pleasing and dramatic? Position is constant relative to the plate number; hence a gap collectors situation? Ease of finding? Any of the above reasons, and probably more, can be postulated.

On the D-press printings, there are two lines, generally complete top to bottom, and readily described as "Cottrell-like." They can vary in color composition, but generally appear blue on the left and grey-black on the right. On magnification, the left blue line can contain, blue, green, and yellow components. I have seen various gradations/mutations of the above resulting in brown, blue or grey variants, but the most common have been as described above. The D-press joint lines have a repeat cycle of every twenty four; hence they are constant relative to the plate number.

The above stated characteristics have evolved into another collectible sub-specialty--that of joint lines by position. The table below summarizes the known or reported D-press joint line positions to date.

As this is still an evolving and ongoing area of interest, your reports of new position finds are solicited and would be appreciated.

## Honeybee "D" Press Double Joint Line Positions

	Left											Right													
	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	LG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
#1	D*	R	D	D	R																		D	D	Plate #1
#2			R	D	D	D									D			D		D*			R	Plate #2	

D = Double Joint Line

R = Reported, but not Confirmed

\* = Known with both normal plate number placement and with plate number "buried" within the design.

# Plating the Breadwagon...

As you know, a B-press plate has 18 rows of 52 subjects; C and D-press plates have 20 rows of 48 subjects. The Breadwagon, a B-press product, has the plate number entered 18 times, once on each row.

F.M. Arndt of Bellingham, WA, has submitted eight covers with plate #2 singles. Because the eight numbers have identifying characteristics, it can be assumed that they are from different rows. A second hypothesis is that the numbers are near-identical when the engraver enters them on the plate, and that they mangle and misshape in different ways during the printing process. If that is the case, then some of these examples may be from the same row, but from different stages of the plate's life.

Examine your own #2's. Do you have examples that are perfect matches to those illustrated?



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H

(The descriptions are Mr. Arndt's.)

- A. The downstroke of '2' meets the base at a near-90° angle. Top loop almost as wide as the base.
- B. Top loop shorter than base. Downstroke meets base at about a 75° angle.
- C. Top loop is shorter yet. Downstroke meets base at about a 60° angle.
- D. Top loop short. Base angle is less than 45°.
- E. Long top. Downstroke heavy, baseline light.
- F. Top very short. Base angle is less than 45°, and filling with ink.
- G. Top short. Base angle about 30°; extra ink at point of angle.
- H. Top almost non-existent; downstroke heavy; baseline heavy and short.

# PNC<sup>3</sup> Auction Rules

## Editor's Note:

Dave Agrodnia has generously volunteered to organize the club auction. Please address all auction-related correspondence directly to Dave, and not to the Editor.

These rules are intended to briefly explain the operation of the PNC3 Auctions to all participants. Additional copies can be obtained for a SASE.

I believe all the rules are self-explanatory for the most part. I am looking forward to serving you as the PNC3 Auction Director.

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## CONSIGNORS AND CONSIGNMENTS

1. Please send all consignments to me at the address listed above. I examine all lots for accuracy in description and pricing prior to sale.
2. Consignments will be acknowledged by letter or postal card. Any lots rejected will be returned to the owner with an explanation.
3. I use my own discretion when considering the breaking down of any lots into multiple lots. Some larger accumulations and/or lots with a group of mixed material may sell better in more than one lot. Any changes will be recorded and a notice will be sent.
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6. Keep descriptions as brief as possible. I only have so much space for each lot, so keep the descriptions to a minimum. However, I don't underemphasize any lots by not providing enough of a description.
7. The cut off date for accepting material is approximately one month before the date of issue of the COIL LINE. For example, material for a May auction would have to be in by the end of March. This will give me time to put together the auction and Tom Maeder time to prepare the copy.
8. I close out the Auctions on a specified date that will appear in the COIL LINE. After I receive the checks from successful bidders, I return a check to you for your consignments.
9. I return any unsold lots for your final settlement.
10. There is a .25 fee for each unsold lot.
11. I charge consignors a 10% commission on all sold lots with a .50 minimum charge per lot.
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14. Insurance is strongly suggested in the sending of consignments.
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4. "BUY" bids are accepted. The bidder agrees to pay one increment over the next highest bid.
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6. I do accept bidding limits. However, limits under \$25 are respectfully declined.
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6. Any change in these rules will appear in the COIL LINE.
7. With the APS Insurance Policy, all material sent out by me will be covered by Certified Mail. Doing this will decrease insurance costs on materials valued over \$50 while material under that level will be sent by the cheaper insured mail rather than Certified Mail.

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\$ 1.00 - 9.50	.50
10.00 - 49.00	1.00
50.00 - 97.50	2.50
100.00 - 495.00	5.00
500.00 +	10.00

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GRADING

AVERAGE (AVE) NUMBER IS CUT AND/OR DESIGN TOUCHES THE PERFS.

FINE (F) THE JOINT LINE, IF ANY, DOES NOT TOUCH THE PERFS AND/OR THE NUMBER TOUCHES THE BOTTOM EDGE. THE DESIGN IS CLEAR OF THE PERFS.

FINE VERY FINE (FVF) THE JOINT LINE, IF ANY, TOUCHES THE PERFS AND THE PLATE NUMBER IS CLEAR OF THE BOTTOM EDGE. FOR ISSUES WITHOUT A JOINT LINE, THE NUMBER WILL BE CLEAR OF THE BOTTOM EDGE. IN BOTH INSTANCES, AT NO POINT IN THE STRIP WILL THE DESIGN BE CUT BY THE PERFS.

VERY FINE (VF) THE JOINT LINE IS AT LEAST 50% ON THE PERFS, THE PLATE NUMBER IS WELL CLEAR OF THE BOTTOM EDGE. ON ISSUES WITH NO JOINT LINE THE NUMBERS WILL BE WELL CLEAR OF THE BOTTOM EDGE. THE ENTIRE DESIGN WILL BE WELL CLEAR OF THE PERFS.

EXTRA FINE (XF) THE JOINT LINE IS WHOLLY WITHIN THE PERFS AND THE OVERALL CENTERING OF THE STAMPS WILL BE CLOSE TO PERFECT.

SUPERB (S) ANY JOINT LINE WILL BE PERFECTLY CENTERED WITHIN THE PERFS AND THE STAMPS WILL BE PERFECTLY CENTERED.

ACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

CENTERING

Please see grading notes for; AVE, F, FVF, VF, XF, AND S.

As a tremendous amount of jargon has crept into PNC collecting, I will list lots by category to eliminate many abbreviations. Please, use standard abbrev..

PNC3 CONSIGNOR'S SHEET - CLOSING DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 1989

Name _____	PNC3# _____
Home _____	Home Area _____
Address _____	Phone(    ) _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____

Lot #	<u>Scott #</u>	<u>Description of material</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>
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It is assumed that all mint material is never hinged, with undisturbed gum, sound perfs, etc.. If otherwise, please, note under Faults. Used materials are assumed to be unhinged, with sound perfs, etc.. If otherwise, please, note under Faults.

Centering (see grading notes)    Faults (describe)  
(circle)  
AVE F FVF VF XF S

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Buyer #                      Hammer

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For Auctioneer's Use

# COMMERCIAL COVERS: 18¢ FLAG

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Perhaps the next great growth area within PNC collecting will be PNC commercially used covers. Articles on earliest known and/or interesting usages of such covers have appeared in Linn's, The Modern Postal History Journal, and The U.S. Specialist. As interest has grown, so has the number of dealers who are stocking such covers in their inventories. Some new finds have been made in recent months. Unfortunately, quantities are very limited, yet despite their scarcity, prices are still quite reasonable.

Editor Tom Maeder has asked me to write a few articles for Coil Line on this interesting specialty. My first installment is on the 18¢ Flag coil issue which was first released on April 24, 1981 in Portland, Maine. It was issued to pay the first ounce first-class rate which was only in effect from March 22, 1981 until October 31, 1981. The plate numbers appear every 52 stamps on a roll, and numbers 1 through 7 exist. Numbers 1 through 5 are known on first day covers.

Because of the short 18¢ first-class rate period and, at that time, apparently limited interest in covers, not many 18¢ Flag commercially used PNC covers have survived. Most collectors soaked the stamps off cover. Of the ones that have survived, the earliest known usages on commercially used cover are as follows:

<u>Plate Number</u>	<u>Earliest Usage Date On Commercially Used Cover</u>
1	5/6/81
2	6/12/81
3	5/25/81
4	6/11/81
5	7/3/81
6	10/6/81
7	11/9/81

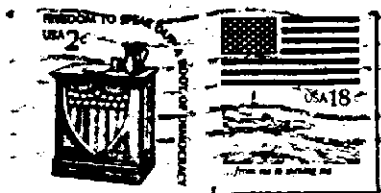
Not surprisingly, the most valuable of all PNC commercial covers is the 18¢ Flag #6. Such a cover is worth \$1,000 or more. Only four are known with usage dates as follows: 10/6/81, 10/15/81, 12/8/81, and 8/19/82. Three of the four covers are utility envelopes using single stamps. The fourth cover is on an insured mailing from a stamp dealer using a strip of 5. Another cover is known using the 18¢ Flag #6 single dated 10/13/81, but it is an unaddressed souvenir show cover.

While probably not as valuable as plate number 6, plate number 7 on commercial cover is actually rarer. Only 2 non-philatelic covers are known. They were both used in 1981 (11/9/81 and 12/8/81), but after the first-class rate changed to 20¢. No covers are known with plate number 7 used during the 18¢ first-class rate period.

Numbers 6 and 7 did not even go to press until approximately a month and a half before the rate hike to 20¢ (9/9/81 according to BEP reports), and no doubt that is the reason why there are so few covers in existence with those numbers.

Numbers 2, 4 and 5 are easiest to find on cover with prices ranging from \$10 to \$20 for each. Numbers 1 and 3 are more difficult to find on cover, with plate 1 more common than plate 3 but probably less than 100 of each number on cover exist. Number 1 covers range in price from \$20 to \$30. Number 3 covers range in price from \$40 to \$60.

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Zip Code 91214



### Don't Wait—Insulate!

MONTEREY PARK, CA 91756

A few other generalizations can be made with regard to 18c Flag PNC commercial covers. First of all, such covers used during the 18c first-class rate period are usually priced a bit more than those used during the 20c first-class rate period with an additional 2c postage added. Secondly, during the 18c first-class rate period, it cost 17c to send each additional ounce. Most mailers didn't bother to try to save a penny, and therefore, longer strips and multiples of 18c Flags on cover can be found. Dealers tend to charge more for longer PNC strips on cover than single PNCs on cover. Lastly, 18c Flag PNC covers with purple machine cancels tend to be priced at a small premium over the ones with black machine cancels. All seven numbers are known on covers tied by purple machine cancels, with numbers 2, 4 and 5 easiest to find with such cancels.

Next month, I will review the 18c Surreys on cover.



Dr. F. F. Householder

Dr. F. Frederick Householder, a PNC<sup>3</sup> member, died on New Year's Day. He was 50. Dr. Householder, a resident of Bowling Green, Ohio, was an obstetrician and gynecologist for 18 years.

Graduated from Vanderbilt Medical School in 1960, he was a U.S. Navy veteran, a member of numerous medical associations, a member of the Bowling Green Figure Skating and Hockey Club, and of the American Philatelic Society.

He is survived by his wife, mother, and three children. We are fortunate that Dr. Householder walked among us.

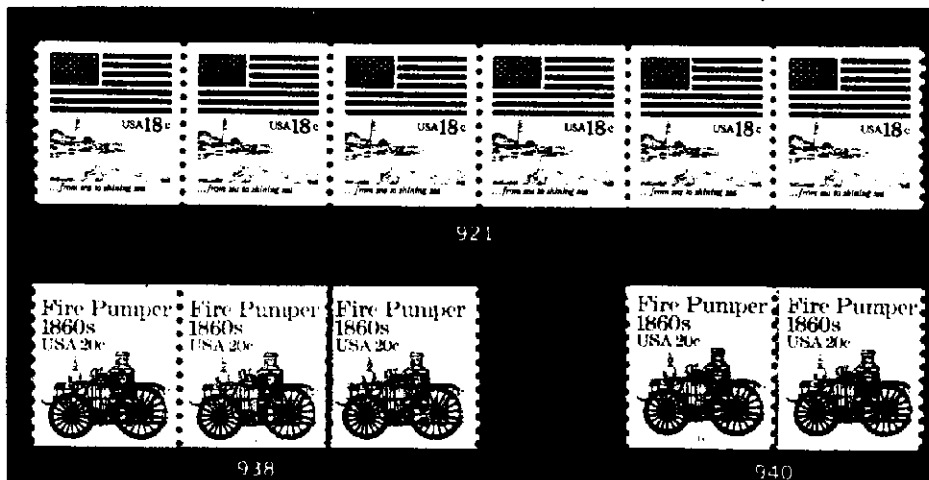
# Recent Auction Results

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**JANUARY 14th**  
**1989**

### PLATE NUMBER COILS

921 **	#1891 18¢ Flag Plate Stp/6 #1 XF NH fresh....(E)\$500-550.... PH	260-	928 **	#1900a 5.2¢ Plate Stp/5 #2 w/"Sleigh Whip" F-VF NH, nice whip, Ty 2....(E)\$125.....	30-	940 **	#1908 20¢ Pumper Line Pair #11 F-VF NH w/Smoking Engine, strong plate crack, may only exist in pairs, very scarce....(E)\$100..... PH	26-
922 **	#1895//2226 14 Plate Stps w/"Dot" varieties. All stps/5 or longer, most all VF-XF, all NH incl 2¢ B press, 5.2¢ PC #1 (scarce), 5.2¢ PC #2, 6¢ PC #1 7.1¢ PC, 8.5¢ #1, 9.3¢ PC #6 (scarce), 12.5¢ PC #1, 17¢ PC #6A, 17¢ #7, 20¢ Flag & 25¢ Breadwagon. Nice fresh stps w/interesting plate varieties.....(E)\$275-300.....	80-	929 **	#1900a 5.2¢ Precancel Plate Stps/10 #4 & 6 w/Hashmarks XF NH, both gap 2L, hashmark 4R.....(E)\$90.....	55-	941 **	#2124a 4.9¢ Precancel Plate Stp/9 #1 w/Hand Brake crack at 5R, F-VF NH....(E)\$50.....	12-
923 **	#1897var 14 Omnibus Plate Stps/5 & LPs of most listed vars for this denomination. Incls #1 & 2 LPs (chill rollers), balance of lot stps/5; #3 (2) w/plate cracks 2L (one continuation); #4 (2) w/plate chips (one early state, the other developed); & #6 w/plate crack 1R. All F-VF or better; 7 in all....(E)\$100-125.....	26-	930 **	#1902 Stp/5 w/blown tire variety on center stamp occurs 10L, XF NH, scarce....(E)\$60-70.	12-	942 **	#2124a 4.9¢ Precancel Plate Stps/13-18 #1, 3 & 4. All w/dropped transfers. Incls 11 diff long stps, F-VF to XF NH, w/4 var of Pl #1, 5 of Pl #3, & 2 of Pl #4. These differ in gap locations & dropped transfer location. Super lot for the specialist....(E)\$300.....	75-
924 **	#1897Avar 2¢ Locomotive Plate Stp varieties, incls all stps/ or longer VF-XF NH. Varieties incl #3 chill; #3 smoking "T"; #3 tail on "T"; #3 continuation of smoking "T"; #3 cracked "3"; #4 chill; & #8 plate gouge, 7 stps in all....(E)\$100-120.....	18-	931 **	#1903//2226 9 diff Plate Stp Varieties, incls 2¢ B press (no #) Railroad Spike Ty II paper; 5.5¢ Burned Rubber; 6¢ PC #2 cat scratch stp/12 (Ty II paper); 8.5¢ PC #1 pebble in the road; 9.3¢ #3 Smoking "g" continuation stp/3 12.5¢ PC #1 Flying hypen early state stp/16; 12.5¢ no # Flying hypen later state stp/5; 14¢ #2 plate chip; 17¢ Auto #7 w/plate chip & dropped	26-	943 **	#2124a 4.9¢ Precancel Plate Stps/18 #1, 2, 5 & 6 VF-XF NH, 4 stps w/ mat variety "Cat Scratch", all gap 2R w/cat scratch 10L....(E)\$100.....	24-
925 **	#1898A//2123a Group of 8 Chill Roller Plate Stps Avg-XF NH. Incls 3.4¢ #1 & 2 F-VF stps/4; 3.4¢ PC stp/4 no # (very drastic chill); 4¢ #1 stp/5 XF; 17¢ Auto #3 & 4 Avg (typical) stp/5; 20¢ Pumper #15 XF stp/8 & #16 Avg-Fine stp/8. Very nice examples of this variety....(E)\$125.....	30-	932 **	#1903a 9.3¢ Precancel Stps/10 #5 & 6 w/Hashmarks 3R, gap 3L XF NH....(E)\$100.....	22-	944 **	#2124a 4.9¢ Precancel Plate Stps/7 31, 2, 5 & 6 VF-XF NH (16) stps all w/double gap varieties, some w/T bar double gaps, some btm, some both & some w/split #s. Very interesting grouping of the various combinations....(E)\$150.....	42-
926 **	#1898A//2228 7 plate stp varieties incls 4¢ #2 (2) chill roller/quotation marks; 4¢ #2 w/dashes; 4¢ B press w/plate scratch; 4.9¢ PC #5 w/plate cracks; 17¢ #5 w/biob 1R & 20¢ Pumper #15 w/wounded "P" (plate crack). All VF-XF NH, all stps/5 except Pumper stp/4. A very worthwhile group....(E)\$125-140.....	30-	933 **	#1903 & 03a 9.3¢ Mail Wagon mint & precancelled Plate Stps/5 #1 w/Weeping "W", XF NH....(E)\$75.....	22-	945 **	#2124a 4.9¢ Precancel Plate Stp/8 #6 w/Rein Cracks, 2 stps one early state the other developed state. Both XF NH....(E)\$175.....	20-
927 **	#1900a 5.2¢ Precancel Plate Stp/11 #2 w/Flying Hyphen between 3 & 4R, gap 5R. Scarce variety....(E)\$75.....	24-	934 **	#1903 & 03a 9.3¢ Mail Wagon mint & precancelled plate stps/5 & 8 #2 w/Tail on "U" of USA (1R); both XF NH, PC stp/# gap 3R....(E)\$90-100.....	55-	946 **	#2124a 4.9¢ Precancel Plate Stps/12 #6 w/split 6 plate cracks XF NH. Contains 2 matched sets one set early state w/no continuation & one set developed state w/continuation, 4 stps in all from matched rolls; early state gap 1R, developed state line gap Scarce....(E)\$250.....	60-
			935 **	#1905 & 05a 11¢ Caboose stps/ 5 w/variety on center stamp (4) stps, incls mint & PC Brakeshoe (falls 17L) plus PC Hoseline (falls 30L) & sitting duck early state (from 9R). All XF NH, very nice varieties....(E)\$100-120.....	26-	947 **	#2131 11¢ BearCat Varieties Plate Stps/4-6 #3, VF-XF. Incls (6) stps w/Polishing Cloths Ty I & II; chill roller on "B" (No # from 7L); arrow on hood (stp/6 2R); plus chill roller & plate chip (stp/4); & Fender 1. All stps/5 unless noted....(E)\$125.....	32-
			936 **	#1906a 17¢ Precancel Plate Stp/11 #5 Ty AB w/dot over "E" of Electric 4L gap 4R, XF NH....(E)\$50-75.....	22-	948 Cv	#0135, 138A, 141 Combo FDC, Plate Stp/4 #1 of O135 ccl'd Washington DC plus sgls of O138A & O141 ccl'd Corpus Christi, USPS cnr card, neat Scarce....(E)\$50-75.....	28-
			937 **	#1907 18¢ Surrey Plate Stp/5 #5, 9, 10 XF NH, (3) stps w/5 Antenna plate crack; #9 & 10 w/Lightening Bolt plate cracks Very nice examples....(E)\$130-50	42-			
			938 **	#1908 20¢ Pumper Plate Stp/3 #3 VF-XF NH w/smoking "P", very few exist, rare....(E)\$75.. PH	46-			
			939 **	#1908 20¢ Pumper Plate Stp/5 #5 F-VF NH w/crack on "F" of Fire (1R), very rare, few exist....(E)\$75-100.....	26-			



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# Briefly...

The index on page 1 lied. The Book Review was squeezed out by space constraints, and will appear in the next issue.

Frank Marrelli donated \$20 in postage in the form of 100 4¢ PS5's of #5 and 6. They have been used on this mailing on the envelopes of members with the first 100 membership numbers. Any future contribution of this sort will be used sequentially. Thanks, Frank.

The PNC<sup>3</sup> regional meeting was held at ARIPEX on Jan 14. The Tucson Stamp Club and the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs supplied the necessary equipment. Eighteen interested persons attended. Ken Lawrence's slide program on PNC collecting was shown, and nearly every frame prompted questions and comments. Enthusiasm was high. Thanks to Dick Koenig for organizing the meeting, and to Mac Johnson for his assistance.

Any members with dues unpaid on February 15 will be suspended from the newsletter mailing list, and be considered to have voluntarily dropped membership. If you joined after July 1, 1988 and paid \$15, you are current through 1989. If you joined before July 1 and paid \$10, \$10 is now due for 1989. We hope that you are all eager to stay with us.

At ORCOEXPO held at Anaheim, CA on Jan. 6-8; the Editor watched an "Erie Blue" 22¢ Flag #4 PS5 sell for \$550, and a set of 16 commercial covers with one each of the 16 Pumper numbers go for \$300.

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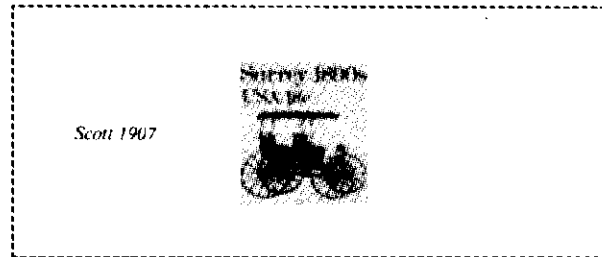
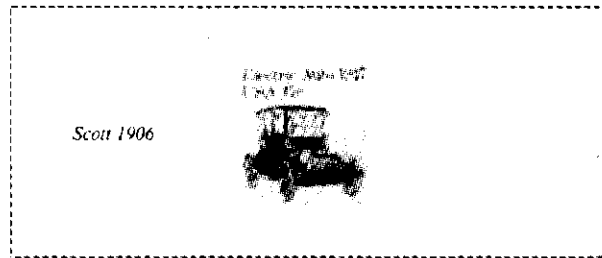
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