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## Four times oddity

California PNC3 member John Tison reports two interesting finds.

He has a roll of 100 of the 29c Mount Rushmore with a BEP splice. Approximately half of the roll is imperf with plate No. 3. The remainder is imperf and miscut with plate No. 1.

That's a quadruple oddity on one roll!

He is also awaiting delivery of the roll of 29c Mount Rushmore which has "e bars" on the top. Hopefully, "Coil Line" will have photocopies to share in the January issue.

## Regional meeting Jan. 18 in Calif.

The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will hold a Regional Meeting Saturday, Jan. 18 in Orange County, Calif.

The meeting will start at noon in Spaghetti Station, which is next to the Sheraton Hotel where ORCOEXPO '92 will be held that week.

Tom Maeder and Karen Maddox are planning the event, which will feature a meeting, a chance to meet other PNC3 members and a trading session.

A similar meeting was held earlier this year and reportedly went on for several hours with members enjoying the chance to share information and trade material. John Tison said plans call for members in the vicinity of the show to receive post card reminders.

## It's renewal time!

The last page of this month's Coil Line mailing contains your 1992 renewal notice.

Please use this form to pay your 1992 dues by check or money order, following the instructions.

The page is not numbered and is not considered a part of the December issue, therefore, removing it will not make your file of Coil Line issues incomplete.

Your prompt response to this matter will make the jobs of several PNC3 volunteers easier and help make sure your issues of Coil Line continue to arrive each month.



## New gap position for 9.3c Mail Wagon

Scott F. Smith, Colorado Springs, CO, has supplied the above copy of a 9.3c Mail Wagon new gap position he found recently at the ASDA Stamp Show in New York.

Smith said the find was verified by Dr. Robert Rabinowitz and Richard Nazar while at the show. "It is only a used single but definitely showing the gap at one left," Smith said.

He plans to submit the stamp to Ken Lawrence for review and verification.

The position has been thought to exist but has not been found previously.

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# Letters

## APS asked to reconsider its decision on PNC circuits

Gordon Wrenn, Director of Sales  
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Dear Mr. Wrenn:

In reading the November issue of "Coil Line," the journal of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, I learned that you have reportedly decided against creating dedicated PNC circuits. As I understand your position, you received little response to your announcement in the August "American Philatelist" and conclude that there will be insufficient sales books available to operate PNC circuits.

I must say that I am deeply disappointed in this decision, as I had hoped to participate as both a buyer and seller in APS PNC circuits when they became available. I believe the decision not to offer PNC circuits is hasty and premature, and I respectfully request that you reconsider this decision for the following reasons:

1) The announcement may not have been seen by many APS members (such as myself) who may have been on vacation and otherwise occupied with the activities of summer. It is thought that many collectors are least attentive to collecting matters at the height of the summer. I submit that the same announcement repeated now would draw a more positive response.

2) A single announcement seems like insufficient notice of your interest in creating a new circuit. Most print ad professionals will agree that at least three repetitions are needed to make an impact concerning new goods or services.

3) I myself am not interested in submitting sales books to be circulated with other U.S. general material. I had hoped to submit books on a continuing basis, but was waiting to see the circuit established before submitting material.

4) There are unresolved questions of proper packaging for the most common collecting format (strips of 5) which you have begun to answer only in private communications to those few having sent inquiries in response to your only published request for material. It would seem that such questions could be aired in print before expecting responsible collectors to package and submit circuits.

5) It is not at all clear what the APS requirements are for quantity of books needed to establish a circuit or to maintain the circuit. Your judgment is that a sufficient number of books are not available. Do you need 50, 100 or 500 initially? By my calculations, in order to send 10 circuits out, 100 books are needed. At an average of 18 months in circulation, you'll need 65 books per year to keep the 10 circuits replenished. This does not seem like an unseemly quantity to expect to receive from a couple dozen or so individuals. If our club could understand your needs better, I feel sure we could collectively satisfy them.

It is a terrible shame to pass up the opportunity to open the door to a new specialty area. Please keep in mind that PNC

collecting has justifiably been termed the fastest growing specialty in U.S. collecting today. Even if the PNC circuit started relatively slowly, I am confident it would grow in popularity as time passes, and as more and more collectors join with the 525 members of PNC3 in the pursuit of this fascinating collecting area.

Please reconsider the decision to forego PNC circuits, and allow our club some time to recruit active sales book suppliers on your behalf.

Gene C. Trinks  
3603 Bellows Court  
Troy, MI 48003

## PNCs in other APS circuits may help attract new collectors to specialty

To the Editor:

When the APS decided against starting PNC sales routes, several PNC3 members made their opposing views known in Coil Line.

True, PNC collectors will not be able to sign up for such routes as a means of adding to their collection. There is, however, one huge benefit. By dispersing the books throughout the mint US, general US, and US covers routes "new" collectors will be exposed to PNCs and some of those will go on to become avid coil collectors.

I strongly urge PNC3 members who belong to APS to send in one or two books on a regular basis.

Personally, I've used APS books in the past to sell surplus strips. I priced the items at about 50 percent of current dealer list, they were well centered and they were completely sold out in six to eight months.

It's well worth your time.

Ed Gould  
8230 N. Harrison Road  
Roscommon, MI 48653

## Is something 'fishy' in the world of pricing & supply of the F1211?

To the Editor:

There seems to be something fishy going on in the land of PNCs. We've seen the rapid rise in the price of the F1211 to the point where the average retail for a F-VF P55 is around \$17. Dealer A has been wholesaling the issue at \$95 per 10 (just raised to \$105). At the same time, dealer B has run 2 ads offering \$10 each, the second of which came out four weeks after dealer A's initial offer.

Meanwhile, dealer C mailed out an offer to sell up to 200 strips for \$10 each with a \$50 purchase. This dealer stated that this number was only found in Des Moines and that they believed that less than 2,000 strips survived. They also stated that it "will be at \$100 in the near future." They also compared the strip to the 9.3c PC No. 8, which they list at \$160. Why is dealer C trying to unload so many strips if it is that scarce? Where is dealer A getting all of their strips to wholesale? Was the only find in Des Moines?

Doug Iams  
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### Member has mixed results with PNC material submitted for APS circuits

To the Editor:

As a new member of the club and an APS member, I was aware of Gordon Wrenn's request. I have been sending in circuits for years. Recently I had four books that contained coils, including PNCs, returned after 18 months of sales. Two books did well with PNC3 strips and used singles. The other two did poorly. It just depends on which circuits they are put in.

Why don't you poll the PNC/APS members and see if what you can get in the way of promises or start your own club circuits.

Charles Miller  
Box 220  
Conetoe, NC 27819

(Editor's Note: For the benefit of Charles and other new members, PNC members were surveyed earlier this year about their interests in submitting PNC material for APS circuits. Over 100 members responded with many indicating a willingness to submit material and/or receive dedicated PNC circuits. The PNC3 Executive Committee decided not to pursue a central exchange idea at the annual meeting in August. They suggested members use the adlets or the collector interest list to trade/sell or exchange material.)

### PNC3: Consider own circuits?

To the Editor:

I also wrote APS for circuit book program for plate number coils. The reply I received from Gordon Wrenn was the same that was published. I have used circuit books to sell off many of my duplicate plate blocks. Perhaps we might be able to do our own plate number coil circuit program. It will need a guy who has lots of time to set up and make the program work.

Albert Schoenfield  
2731 Pecho Valley Road  
Los Osos, CA 93402

### "Stamp stick" preferred in Ill.

To the Editor:

I have received from Philatelic Sales the 23c Presorted Flag stamp. The plate number was A111. The centering on the roll I received was uniformly very fine. Why is it that the stamp centering on the stamps not printed by the BEP seems to be better than that done by the BEP? My Philatelic Sales order took five weeks to reach me. This is an improvement as other recent orders have been taking six weeks. The 11c caboose that was put back on sale within the last two months did not arrive with my order. The shipping order was marked "backordered."

The A.S. Cibulskas letter on the denominated flower "stamp stick" prompts me to share the feelings of the McComb post office. They initially ordered only the denominated flower coil in bubble packs, but were very unhappy with them. It seems the top cover was not always fastened tightly and the coils would fall out on the floor when they were being handled. They have since ordered the "stamp sticks" and now much prefer these. The ordering clerk said it reminded her of the way

caps used to come for cap guns which she used as a child.

Frank Covey  
16 Grandview Drive  
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### Membership Committee needs volunteer to scan APS member lists each month

The PNC3 Membership Committee is looking for a volunteer to scan the monthly list of new members in the "American Philatelist." The job would be to scan the list for new American Philatelic Society members who might indicate an interest in PNCs but who are not currently a member of PNC3.

The volunteer would then work through the APS to send a letter to the person(s) inviting them to become a member of PNC3. The job would probably require about 3 hours a month. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellow Court, Troy, MI 48083 for additional information.

### Some members get new area codes

Los Angeles County, Calif., with almost 9 million people, is the most populous county in the United States. It now has three telephone area codes.

Effective immediately, the following PNC3 members have had their area code changed from (213) to (310): Francis Bartolomeo, Richard Beecher, Richard Crowe, Ronald Czaplicki, Eugene Liu, J. Curtis Mack II, Tom Maeder, Karen Maddox, Charles Morton, Frank Norulak, Bill O'Connor, A.C. O'Leary, Alan Tossman, Glenn Aichele and Floyd Rehling.

The area codes of all other Los Angeles County members remain unchanged. Everyone's seven-digit number remains as before. It is the policy of PNC3 not to publish telephone lists, but if any of the above numbers are in your personal directory, the change in area code should be noted.

## Special of the month

12c Stanley Steamer,  
B-press Precancel  
Plate No. 1, PS-5

F-VF	\$8.00
VF	9.00
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Send for my latest price list.  
Bonuses/rebates for all orders  
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A.S. Cibulskas  
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Phone 203-359-9918

# Membership

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospect should contact the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Court, Troy, MI 48083, with the objection. The committee will investigate and recommend for or against membership.

Acceptance of these applicants would bring membership to 525.

## New Applicants:

(Per the new PNC3 bylaws, membership numbers will not be assigned until the applicant is accepted.)

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Margate, FL 33063

Minh Tran  
190 Cherry Valley Dr.  
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# Ads

19c FISHING BOAT PS7 No. A1111 XF+, \$4.00 each postpaid. Supply limited. Also selling beautiful handdrawn, handpainted PNC FDCs by two different artists. Write for information and photocopies. Only 4 subscriptions left. Classic Collectibles, 613 Naples, Corpus Christi, TX 78404-2911.

PNC USED COLLECTOR NEEDS singles to complete exhibit. Trade or purchase. Request or swap want lists. Roland L. Grandahl, P.O. Box 0137, East Windsor, CT 06088.

NEARLY SOLD OUT! PNC booklets--"PNCs on COVER" (\$6) and "PNC VARIETIES" (\$11), or get both for \$15 postpaid. They'll make nice Christmas gifts! Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

MANY SMALL COMMERCIAL COVERS available. Also used PNC singles and strips. Send want lists or request price lists. Also available B&F, Wildlife on or off covers, etc. Roland L. Grandahl, P.O. Box 0137, East Windsor, CT 06088.

52c SASE GETS YOU my latest PNC commercial cover pricelist featuring some hard-to-find PNC covers. Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

ANY CANADIAN COLLECTORS in the PNC3 ranks? I have lots of used Canadian material covering the last 100 years. An SASE will get you a price list. Brown, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

OFF-SALE PNC rolls of coil stamps available. Most at face plus postage and registration. Includes rolls of 100, 500 and 3,000 of the .049 Buckboard PC, .093 Mail Wagon PC, .17 Electric Car PC, and many others. Send SASE for full list. Dick Koenig, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

## COIL LINE

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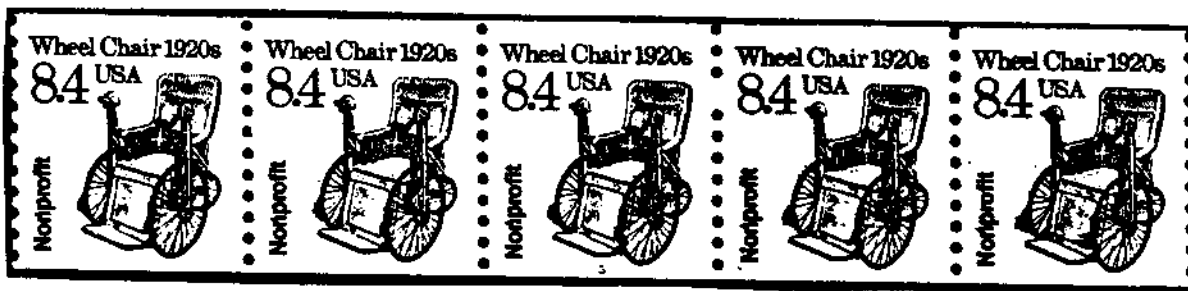
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Change of address and membership applications should be sent to: Gene Trinks, Secretary, 3603 Bellows Court Troy, MI 48083

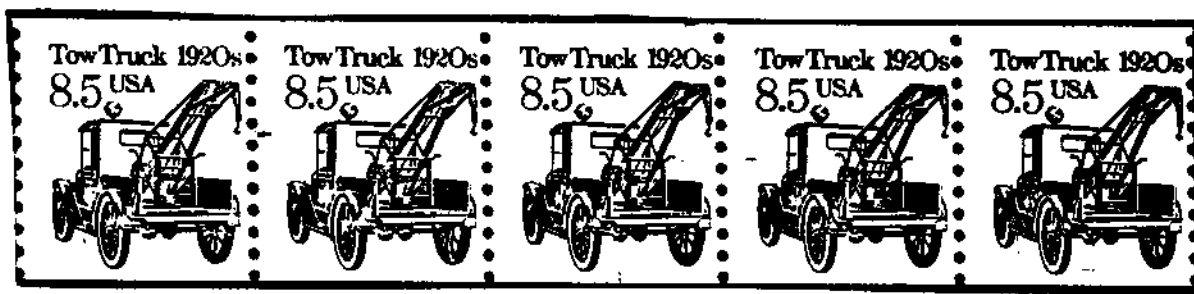
Dues are \$10 per year (\$14 if first class mailing of Coil Line is desired, \$14 for Canada and Mexico and \$20 for all others) and should be sent to: Gene Ernst, Treasurer 15522 Windy Cove, Houston, Texas 77095-1908.

Advertising rates are \$42 for a full page, \$22.50 for a half page and \$12 for a quarter page. The cost is payable with the order. Checks should be made out to PNC3. Members are entitled to two, 40-word ads per year at no charge. All advertisements should be sent to the editor. Classified ads are six (6) cents per word to non members or those who have used their two free ads.



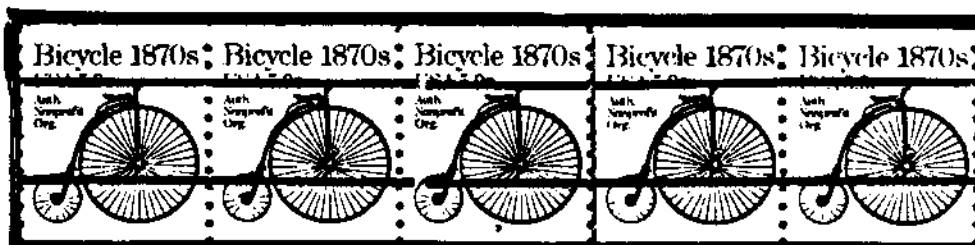
**Blowout in progress and a comet**

George Ledue of Woodstock, CT, is responsible for three strips illustrated on this page. Above is an 8.4c Wheel Chair plate number three strip of five showing a "blowout in progress." The blowout of the right tire progresses from left to right. George obtained the strip from a dealer . Below is a strip of five of the 8.5c Tow Truck with a "comet" between 2L and 3L and smaller versions of the same at 1R left of the drivers window below 8.5.



**5.9c Bicycle gap at one left**

George Ledue received the 5.9c Bicycle PS5 plate number 3 precancelled strip from a dealer. The gap at one left is not listed in the latest PNC Catalog as existing in a strip of 5. It is listed only as a used single. George said he had ordered more strips from the dealer to see what he gets. Along with the strip illustrated, he also received plate number 4 precancelled no gap..



## COMMERCIAL COVERS

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Last month, I discussed some overpriced PNC commercial covers. This month's article deals with what I believe to be underpriced PNC covers.

There are probably less than a hundred Surrey #3 and #4 covers in existence. Still, such covers can be acquired for around \$60 each. That price is a "good buy" considering their real scarcity. They just aren't that easy to find. As time goes on and the number of PNC cover collectors grows, I suspect they'll get even harder to obtain.

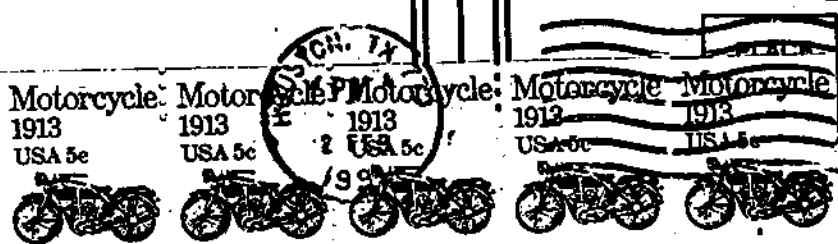
Surrey #15 and #16 commercial covers are every bit as rare as 18c Flag #6 covers, yet their value lags far behind. 18c Flag #6 covers (only 16 known) have sold for \$2,000 each on several occasions, yet Surrey #15 and #16 covers can be purchased for \$150 each. With only eighteen Surrey #15 covers known and only fifteen Surrey #16 covers known, I suspect their value could easily be worth twice as much as the prices they have recently sold for.

I feel Pumper #2 covers are very underpriced. My records indicate that only about 75 such covers are in philatelic hands, yet they sell, when found, for as low as \$25 each. They should sell for a lot more. When searching for such covers, be on the lookout for the various gripper crack varieties that exist on Pumper #2 stamps. You just might get yourself a bonus on top of an already great buy.

22c Flag #6, #13 and #14 covers are also scarce. PNC commercial cover collecting had really started catching on with collectors in 1985 and 1986 at the time the 22c Flag coils were being issued. Nevertheless, less than twenty 22c Flag #6, and only approximately seventy-five each of the 22c Flag #13 and #14 commercial covers have been reported. They are seldom offered for sale, yet when available, some dealers are pricing #6 covers for \$40, #13 covers for \$15 and #14 covers for \$25... too low in each case, I believe.

Most all of the precancelled PNC commercial covers are underpriced, especially the Cottrells. Several numbers have less than twenty covers known, but prices have stayed low. It won't stay that way.

There are no new earliest known usage reports this month. Please send me your EKV reports of 29c issues.



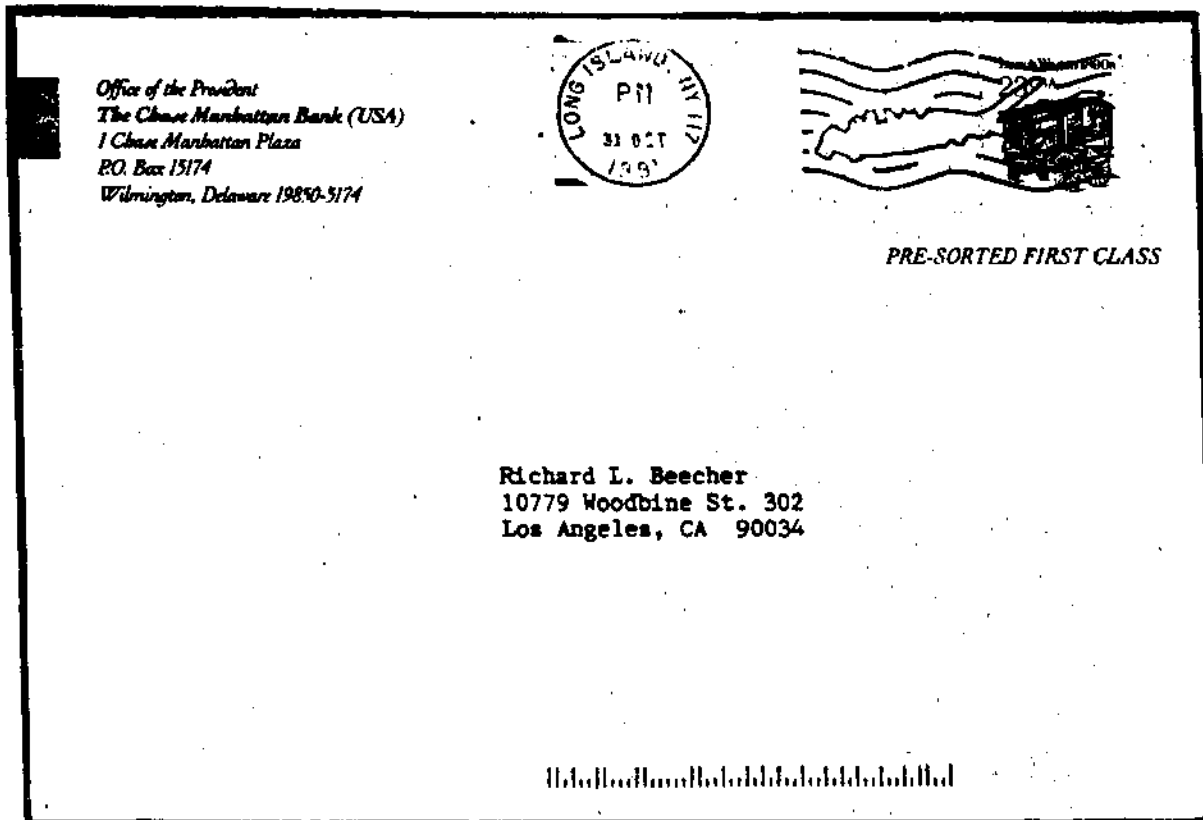
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**Cover of the month**

This cover using a strip of five of the 5c Motorcycle No. 2 is postmarked February 2, 1991, the last day of the 25c first class rate. Cover is courtesy of Rick Lancaster/Mainely Modern Philatelics. (If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send a clear photocopy of the cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.)



**Improper usage of 23c Lunch Wagon coil**

Richard L. Beecher, Los Angeles, has provided this example of improper usage of the 23c Lunch Wagon coil. "Perhaps the accepting clerk didn't know the rules, or maybe the three stamps that should have been used on this cover (21c Railroad Mail Car, 10c Tractor Trailer or 23c Flag Presort coil) were unavailable at the time of mailing," Richard writes. Given problems with stamp distribution, the editor votes for the unavailability of the stamps.

## Add Variety to USED PNC Collecting

Michael B. Lipson • Box 2543 – Reston, VA 22091

A PNC collection (each plate number of every coil issued with a plate number since 1981) can be completed with enough money. The challenge, therefore, is to add an individualized dimension to PNC collecting. This article discusses some of my particular collecting interests in used PNCs, commercial covers, and FDCs.

I delight in finding a unique illustration on a commercial cover or an early circular date stamp (cde) on a used PNC single or strip. A favorite illustration on a commercial cover is shown in figure 1. I mistook the cancellation shown in figure 2 as an airplane only to find out that it



Figure 1. A Favorite commercial cover illustration

Figure 2. Long Island cancellation mistaken for an Airplane

depicts Long Island. My most prized cancellation is the Space Shuttle shown in figure 3. Also, I get a kick when I discover a machine cancellation with a new picture. I am anxious to get the New Frontier cancellation, which is shown in figure 4, on a PNC. Some other



Figure 3. Space Shuttle cancellation

Figure 4. New Frontier cancellation

Interesting cancellations are shown in figure 5.

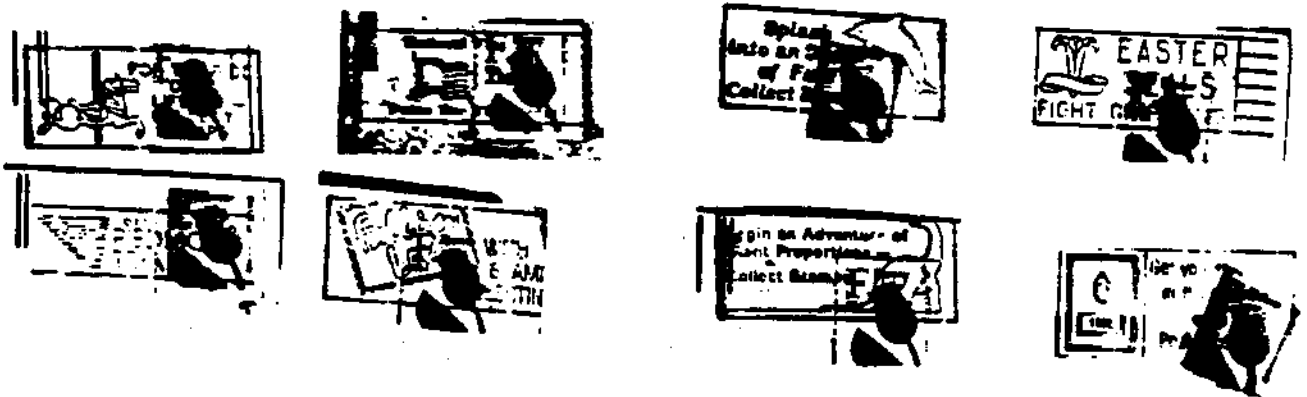
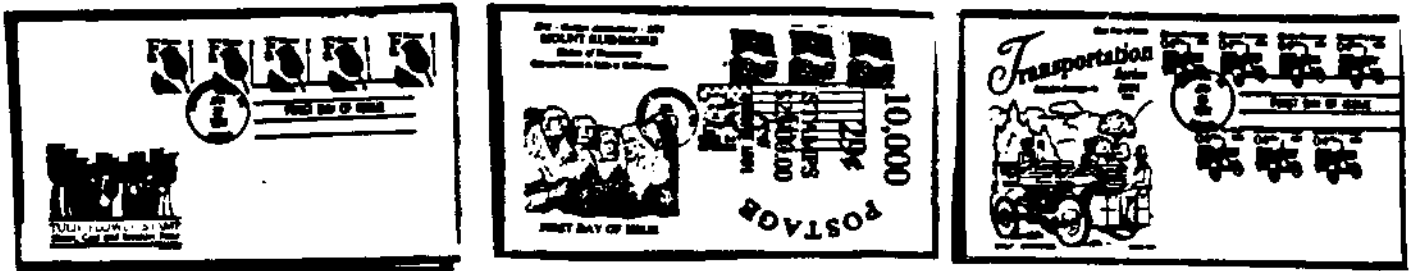


Figure 5. Machine Cancellations

I think of FDCs in conjunction with commercial covers, but the typical FDC is too bland for me. I prefer FDCs with unusual combinations, the more exotic, the better. Three of my favorite FDCs are shown in figure 6.



29¢ Non-denomination  
#1111, #1211, #1222,  
#2211, and #2222

29¢ Gravure #A1111  
and coil label

4¢ Carriage, PS4  
overall tagged  
and PS3 tag break

Figure 6. FDCs

The FDC on the left displays a PS1 of each known plate number (#1111, #1211, #1222, #2211, and #2222) for the non-denominated 29¢ issue. The FDC in the middle has a PS3 with the plate number #A1111 and a 10,000 STAMPS coil label for the 29¢ Gravure issue. Finally, the FDC on the right has a PS4 plate #1 of the No Tag 4¢ Carriage and an overall tagged PS3 with tag break.

Themes available to the used PNC and commercial cover collector are limited only by one's imagination. Some reported to me are the following:

- A different month and day cancellation date for each of the 366 days of the year
- Split plate number top and bottom
- Variety (tag shift, no tag error, and color error)
- Machine cancellation with slogan or picture
- Ink Jet cancellation
- Mailer's cancellation
- Multiple machine cancellations
- Purple machine cancellation
- Precancel gap on the stamp
- Machine cancelled precancel

Additional topics of specialization that apply to covers are:

- Covers from each county in a state or each state in the country
- A cover with USPS applied markings
- A cover with the correct postage used for a multiple oz rate
- Covers with each known 25¢ issue and plate number used with 4¢ makeup postage during the 29¢ rate period

Some PNCs on commercial cover (e.g., tagged 7.1¢, 9.3¢, and 12¢) are either unknown or extremely rare. Many collectors display philatelic or semi-philatelic covers for such issues. These covers are in disfavor by other collectors because they violate the commercial cover collector's sense of unintentional PNC use. The cover enthusiast has limited options to collecting a non-commercial cover for such issues. Options include (1) no cover or (2) a first day cover (FDC). The controversy continues.

I invite the members of PNC3 to write the Coil Line editor and share how they add variety to their used PNC collection. Illustrations are welcome.

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**More 10c Tractor Trailer designations and uses**

Two more examples of uses and designations on cover of the 10c Tractor Trailer coil have been supplied by PNC3 member Kenneth Cherry, Spring Grove, PA. Above, the "Bulk Rate" designation was added most likely with a rubber stamp. It is red in color. Ken wishes this one had a plate number because this stamp is tied on cover with a Harrisburg, PA ,spray cancel.. Below the VISA Gold designation is printed in black letters, likely done at the time the envelope was printed It bears the designation "First Class Presort."

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# New issue info



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**Issue Date:** October 22, 1991  
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**Art Director and Postal Service Manager:** Jack Williams, Program Manager, Design Section  
**Modeler:** Richard Sennett, Sennett Enterprises  
**Manufacturing Process:** Gravure (Stamp Venturers, contractor; J.W. Fergusson & Sons, printer)  
**Colors:** Red, black  
**Size:** .72 x .81 in/18.29 x 20.57 mm (image area)  
 .87 x .96 in/22.1 x 24.5 mm (overall)  
**Plate Numbers:** Two single digits preceded by the letter S  
**Stamps per Coil:** 10,000

## Canoe Stamp

The Postal Service issued its 5-cent Canoe gravure stamp in coils of 10,000 October 22 in Secaucus, New Jersey. The intaglio version of the Canoe stamp, in coils of 500 and 3,000, was issued May 25, also in Secaucus.

Procedures for ordering first-day cancellations follow.

*Customers Affixing Stamps.* The Postal Service encourages customers to purchase the 5-cent Canoe stamps and affix them to their envelopes (envelopes must include at least 24 cents additional postage to equal the First-Class rate of 29 cents). Covers bearing stamps receive preferential service. Customers must address envelopes on the right side at least 3/8 inch from the bottom and affix stamps approximately 1/4 inch from the top and right edges. Requests must be postmarked by

December 21 and addressed: CUSTOMER-AFFIXED ENVELOPES, CANOE GRAVURE STAMP, POSTMASTER, 300 COUNTY AVE, SECAUCUS NJ 07094-9991. Once the first day of issue postmark is applied, the envelopes will be returned through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark.

*Postal Service Affixing Stamps.* The Postal Service will only affix two 5-cent Canoe gravure stamps and one 20-cent Cable Car stamp to equal the First-Class rate. The price is 30 cents per customer-supplied, self-addressed envelope. The Postal Service accepts checks and money orders in the exact amount up to the limit of 50 cards or envelopes. Customers should not send cash or postage stamps. Orders must be postmarked by December 21 and addressed: CANOE GRAVURE STAMP, POSTMASTER, 300 COUNTY AVE, SECAUCUS NJ 07094-9992.

### 'F' stamp mixture in review

Doug Iams of San Jose, CA, reports the following results from examining a two-pound all F-stamp mixture and a one-pound definitive mixture from Swann.

- 1111 - 9
- 1222 -15
- 2222 - 31
- No 1211 or 2211

From the few stamps that had CDS cancels, he said it

appears the mixture comes from across the nation. "The ratios found are no surprise. If one adds up all the used copies (including covers) reported in Coil Line through the November issue, one gets a ratio of almost 4.5 to 2:1 for 2222; 1222; 1111. I don't think this indicates a scarcity of 1111 but rather an oversupply of 2222," Doug writes. He also reports a local dealer having heard postal workers complaining about the difficulty of separating roles from the stamp sticks.