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Information flows from members

Many of the items contained in the June issue of Coil Line are the result of members taking up the challenge to share information about new issues and other topics of interest. All of the reports are welcome. Keep up the effort.

After an initial flurry of new issue reports a month ago, there are now reports that some numbers available early on have "dried up." It's too early to tell whether this means some numbers are in short supply or the stocks are really mixed up in terms of what was shipped to various post offices.

Alan Thomson has asked me to clarify what information he wants. Alan is only interested in the plate numbers and roll sizes. A chart Alan has prepared on roll sizes and numbers can be found in this issue.

Information as to where the particular items can be found should be sent directly to the Coil Line editor. Obviously this information will be dated but at least we'll gain an idea of how the various numbers are distributed. Dr. Helmut Neumann, Winchester, VA., reports Nos. 2222 and 1222 of the "F" stamp in rolls of 100 available there. "No Mt. Rushmore rolls until the 'F's' are sold out."

Ellen Mitchell, Birmingham, MI, has found Plate No. 3 of the 23c Lunch Wagon coil in rolls of 500 at the Philatelic Boutique in Pontiac, MI. No. 2 available in rolls of 100. Anita Pechanec of Timken, KA, reports the postmaster at LaCrosse, KS, was separating a coil of 3,000 into rolls of 100 as he has been unable to get rolls of 100. The plate is 2. Anita says she is a tough grader and puts the available coils at "fine, actually only a space filler."

From upstate New York, Bob Thiel reports Buffalo has "F" No. 2222, Mt. Rushmore Nos. 3 and 6 and Lunch Wagon No. 2. At Rochester No. 7 of Mt. Rushmore and No. 2 of the Lunch Wagon.

His small local post office at Victor has been breaking rolls of 100, all No. 7. In Stamford, CT, Al Cibulskas writes all six numbers of Mt. Rushmore are available depending on what direction you travel from that location. The 1's & 7's are very poorly centered horizontally. Both plates 2 and 3 of Lunch Wagon are available.

At the Jacksonville, FL, Bulk Mail Center's Philatelic Window, Jeff Scherer has found Plate No. 3 Mt. Rushmore F-VF in rolls of 100 and 500; "F" plate No. 1222 XF in rolls of 100; the 4c Steam Carriage untagged XF in

rolls of 500; Lunch Wagon No. 3 XF in rolls of 500; 20c Pumper Nos. 5 & 13 F-VF in rolls of 3,000; 20c Flag No. 14 VF in rolls of 500; 5c Motorcycle Nos. 3 & 4, rolls of 500; 2c Locomotive Nos. 2 & 6, fine; 4c Stagecoach Nos. 3 & 4 XF; 6c Tricycle PC No 1, rolls of 500; along with a few other 8-press issues from 1985 to 1988.

He also reports found in Jacksonville an "F" No. 1222, imperf and miscut. Only one roll.

Thomson reports supplies of Nos. 1, 3 & 4 in southern New Hampshire have dried up. Plates 6 & 7 remain.

From Houston, TX, Robert Emmett reports rolls of 100 No. 3 in Missouri City, TX; and rolls of 100 plates 1-2-3-4 in Gulf Breeze, FL. In Corpus Christi, TX, Jim Morrow has found "F" plates 1111, 1222, 2222; Lunch Wagon No. 2; and Mt. Rushmore No. 4.

From Pringhar, IA (the only town so-named in the U.S.), Kurt Brown reports Plates 2 & 4 of the Mt. Rushmore stamp.

Label tips clarified

The label description in the May issue of Coil Line to tell the tagged from untagged versions of the 4c Steam Carriage stamp was incorrect.

The description applies to the 4c Stagecoach. Steve Esrati said the block tag and walking break tag on the Stagecoach rolls can be identified with a c with lines only at the top and bottom. The creeping tag break label has the c with a line all the way through it. Dr. Robert Rabinowitz has been credited with discovering the creeping tag break on the 4c Stagecoach, which is the same as the creeping break on the 15c Tugboat.

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McMurray keeps winning!

PNC3 member Bill McMurray of P.O. Box 342, Westerly, RI, 02891 is on a winning roll with his Tomorrow's Classics exhibit.

At MANPEX 91 the exhibit won the Grand Award and a Gold.

At the Philatelic Show 91 in Boxborough, MA, the exhibit won the Gold and the APS Medal of Excellence.

Next on his exhibit list are NOJEX 91 in New Jersey and Stampshow 91 in Philadelphia, which will also be the site of the annual PNC3 meeting in August.

Alan Thomson, who met McMurray at the Boxborough show writes the exhibit "is a masterpiece, truly a work of art. One could spend a full hour reading and studying each and every frame." Alan also writes that Bill "deserved the grand award, hands down."

Alan, Dave Lavergne and George Leduc spent Saturday afternoon of the show talking stamps while Bill was busy with the judges. Member dealer Stu Kusinitz was also at the show.

Kuhn swamped with 1111

George Kuhn, P.O. Box 7111, Fruitland, Park, FL 34731, asks that traders not send him any more of No. 1111 of the "F" stamp coil in response to his recent adlet in Coil Line. He's been swamped with them and feels he must now have cornered the market. The 1111's are the only strips he's received (as of April 20) and he wonders doesn't anyone out there have anything different to trade?

N. Eng. regional meeting

George Leduc, Box 1280, Rt 197, Woodstock, CT 06281, would like to hear from New England area PNC3 members who would like to help plan and organize a PNC3 regional meeting in central New England.

He's open to suggestions as to what show might be best and also with sufficient lead time so that members can make plans to attend. Contact George directly.

Q&A volunteers sought

Following up on a suggestion by Kenneth Cherry to start a Question and Answer section in Coil Line, two members have stepped forward to answer questions.

If you're interested in helping out, contact Harold Brown, 909 Parker Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402, with your area(s) of expertise.

Meanwhile, questions should be directed to Harold, who will attempt to find another member to reply.

There are 20 members of the PNC Study Group among our membership and there are lots of others who have knowledge to share. So, let the questions begin. The answers shouldn't be far behind.

The only stupid question is the one not asked.

Letters

PNCs in Australia

Greetings from Australia:

Being in the military, sharing information on where plate numbers are available and who has access to these is very beneficial. I'm located in an isolated area and the only coils the APO receives are the "F" denominated stamp.

Thus, the sharing concept is a good one. However, more importantly is the name and address of individuals who will be willing to send you a roll of a particular plate number, if available, such as Ron Maifeld has done. Thanks for you time.

Jerry B. Grove
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Juniors and regions

To the Editor:

Regarding . . . Getting junior collectors interested in PNCs, etc., by all means, yes, but it's got to be done on a very modest scale, as we certainly can't expect them to have the big bucks required for some of the early issues. Perhaps they could be encouraged to try and obtain all new issues as they are issued, and to arrange with a dealer to provide them with a basic and relatively inexpensive starter collection. As ever, publicity is the key. Possibly a regular PNC article in "The Philatelic Observer" (The JPA publication, headed by Karen Weigt) and maybe even a monthly article in Linn's, geared toward the juniors, would be feasible. Surely there are many PNC3 members who could be called upon to write a short article of that type, if asked to do so, and one individual could be featured each month, for a bit of variety. . . . setting up regions. . . Well, this is one of my own pet projects, so naturally I'm 100 percent for it-and very quickly. I think it's absolutely essential to the well-being of PNC3 for us not only to establish such a system, but to have an elected director for each region, to serve on our board and be in a position to truly represent PNC3 members all across the U.S.A., including Alaska and Hawaii. If the members in all parts of the country don't feel they're being properly represented, or simply heard by our leaders, they'll have very little incentive to remain active in PNC3. This would also give PNC3 a wonderful opportunity to draw upon a list of persons across the country to run for various offices and pump fresh blood into the club on a recurring basis. Let's regionalize - NOW!

George E. Kuhn
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Fruitland, FL 34731

Trade plan proposed for PNC3 membership

George Kuhn has proposed the following trading plan for PNC3 members.

Now that we're about to be swamped with first class rate coil stamps, a multitude of numbers will eagerly be sought by PNC collectors. Some will be difficult, while others will be easy. Some numbers will be common to certain geographical areas of the country and scarce or non-existent in others. Why can't PNC3 members find a way to swap off their surplus strips for those they want? Well, maybe we can.

Here's a deal for all PNC3 members who are interested in giving it a try: I'll volunteer to serve as a "Trading Center" for 29c values, whether they're the nondenominated "VF" stamps, the 29c denominated Flower stamps (if they're ever issued) or the 29c Flag over Mt. Rushmore.

If you'd like to swap any of your own surplus, in strips of five, send me what you have to trade, but no more than six total. Include a list of what you're sending and what you'd like to have in return. Put your name, address and PNC3 membership number on the sheet and keep a copy for your own references. As various PNC5's come in, I'll try to match them against your wants in as fair a way as possible, and when I'm able to send you six PNC5's, I'll do so. It may take weeks, so don't panic.

To try to satisfy as many PNC3 members as possible I'll try to distribute the strips so that one member doesn't corner the market on a particular item. For instance, if you send me six different PNC5's and ask for six of one specific item, I'll reserve one or two for you as I receive them, but will see to it that other members also get one of them if it's on their want list. Then, if an additional supply comes in I'll add more to your request, and with a little luck you might actually receive six of one number. If I can't fill your want list, I'll send you what I can and return the others you originally sent me.

You may mix or match. For example, if you have three of the "VF" Flower No. 1111 and one each of No. 1222 and the Mt. Rushmore No. 1 & 7, send them-they're all 29c stamps, and in exchange you'll receive (eventually) some or all of the PNCs you request, whether Flags, Flowers or whatever.

Send me only VF and better please, and be sure to SEND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED RETURN ENVELOPE.

There's no guarantee this will work-it may fall flat on its face, depending on the amount of response by PNC3 members. If it becomes evident there isn't enough interest to proceed, I'll simply return your PNC5's and write it off as an unsuccessful venture, and that will be that.

Send your 29c and "VF" PNCs to:
George E. Kuhn
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Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Letters 25c Flag scarcity

To the Editor:

I was very interested to read Rob Washburn's comments on scarcity of the 25c Yosemite coils. He feels that No. 6 is more common on cover than prices indicate, and that perhaps the strips are overpriced too. I hope he's right but I think not. I've been offering \$3.50 each for used singles for some time and they are not pouring in. Strips are difficult to locate-of course someone could be hoarding them waiting to dump them on an unsuspecting market. That has happened.

This morning (April 26) I was offered an accumulation of 25c Flags totaling about 750. I don't know if this is all that the person found but as they are offering to sell them (with a few hundred other things) it may well be. There is no breakdown of block phosphor but here's a couple of interesting facts: There are no No. 1 or No. 6 in the batch. There are but five No. 15, and less than 10 of Nos. 2, 3, 5 & 10. There are over 100 No. 9 and No. 13, with No. 14 taking the cake at 272 copies.

As Rob said, we can't do much more than guess at this point-and I respect his guesses very much. But I think he's wrong about No. 6.

Ed Denson
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Alderpoint, CA 95411

Tagging breaks

First comprehensive price list available June 1...SASE please!

Introductory Preview

4c Stagecoach Overall Break Tag sets
(Grading ranges from VFV to Xf-No Average)
5 strip set Breaks on 3L, 2L, 1L & 2R stamps
Basic set.....\$19.95
Select (Breaks near center of stamp)..\$24.95
Premium (Breaks on center of stamp)...\$29.95

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Select set of all nine strips.....\$46.95
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Contemporary Coils
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Sorting out covers; used vs. mint stamps and exhibiting

To the Editor:

As companions in arms in the PNC area, in my case "used," not mint, I thought it possible that some of what I find out in sorting envelopes might be of interest.

First off-a brief report on relative numbers of the "F" coil. These figures apply to the Spokane area, which includes all of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, areas served primarily by the Spokane Postal Facility.

No. 1111 45 commercial covers.

No. 1222 140 commercial covers.

No. 2222 250 commercial covers.

These represent the gatherings from a power company that serves a similar area to that of the post office.

Secondly: Five of the six numbers (omit 6) used in printing the 29c Mt. Rushmore stamp have been found in the Spokane area from the same material mentioned above. Since I am not a mint strip collector (financial considerations) I can only infer that all five numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7 are Spokane oriented since all post marks are Spokane. So few have shown up as off this date that no particular conclusions can be obtained as to the scarcity factor. Not one 23-cent Lunch Wagon coil number (or stamp) has shown up here since its introduction at Columbus.

Thirdly: No. 15 on the Yosemite stamp is not an oft-occurring item here. I have about three covers, two from Spokane and one from out of town; most of the used singles off paper are from back East.

Fourth: Thanks for the write up on my exhibit at COLOPEX. While I thought I detected a brief "nose-in-air" attitude regarding my used material, I will probably continue my efforts. I will hide behind, if hiding I must do, the excitement I feel in the finding of a new or missing number after weeks of searching and console myself, additionally, with the pure satisfaction I feel in manipulating my computer to turn out unique and artistically attractive pages.

This was my first exhibit in this style, and that it is open-ended, and that it is well within my financial means to continue my efforts, are three solid reasons to continue in a collecting area that has contributed all I ever asked of stamp collecting over a period of 55 years.

I do all of this in contrast to what appears to me to be an inordinate amount of emphasis in the several publications and private buy-and-sell lists on mint singles and strips and/or any other feature involving mint material.

One more brief comment. The above is merely an opinion and one not likely to be shared by many. In the searching of used material one of the more exciting events is the finding of an error, only previously reported in mint condition, strips and all the rest, with it being dispensed to the public at the usual scarcity-ranking rate. When you think of the odds factor in trying to determine whether or

not one would have a chance to obtain such an error from used material it appears to be significantly smaller than that affecting the buying of mint rolls from any source. I have a fair amount of errors in used condition and plan to work on an exhibit this summer. It is not necessarily all coil material, however.

Howard R. Foster
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Spokane, WA 99203

(Editor's Note: I don't think any collector ought to have to feel his or her specialty has been put down or isn't as important. PNC collectors as a whole are fighting to gain recognition for their exhibits and their interests. Some still insist PNCs are a fad. This "fad" has now lasted 10 years and I don't see any let up.

Keep up your work Howard, and everyone else. Do what interests you and encourage others to do the same. Share what you are doing. Another member may have something you need and you the same for them. This would be a pretty dull hobby if we all wanted the same items. Well OK, given the money, I suspect most of us would like a mint strip of 5 of the 18c Flag Plate No. 6.)

ADS

FOR SALE AND OR TRADE! No. 1908 Fire Pumper No. 1 XF-S strip of 7; No. 1908 Fire Pumper No. 2 XF, strip of 7. No. 1 perfectly centered; No. 2 slightly to right but has hairline plate crack about middle perforations right side of Cotrell line. \$1,500 or \$1,050 plus No. 1 Fire Pumper plate strip of three VF-XF and No. 2 Fire Pumper plate strip of 3 VF-XF or other offers. George Leduc, Box 1280, Rt. 197, Woodstock, CT 06281

WANTED: Honeybee coil C-press line positions. Unusual usage commercial covers or EFOS commercial covers for Honeybee coil for "Postal Usage" part of exhibit. Margaret Stanchfield, 9320 S. 218 St., Kent, WA 98031

HAVE 14 plate strips of 3, First Day cancel, used, soaked from FDCs from and by a dealer. Best offer. From 3.4 bus to 11c Bearcat. Sleigh has most of FDC and date but numbers on left stamp. Best offer. Catalog about \$100. George Leduc, Box. 1280, Rt. 197, Woodstock, CT 06281.

WANTED: Commercial covers with unusual usages for F or 29c Flower stamps. Quote price or I have a few coil seals and booklet labels for trade. Margaret Stanchfield, 9320 S. 218 St., Kent, WA 98031.

Please note Deadline for July issue of Coil Line is June 10

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.

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Mario Chevrette
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Contributions:

Richard A. Collier has donated \$26.59 in postage for club use.

Death:

Anthony Isoldi
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La Puente, CA 91744
March 5, 1991

Ads

WILL TRADE MY PNC 5's 'VF' Flower No. 2222 for No. 1211 and 2211. Will also trade same for 25c Flag block tag No.'s 3, 4 & 5. All trades must be VF, one-for-one basis. Other trades available. Please write Joe Sedivy, P.O. Box 41602, Chicago, IL 60641

TRADE: My 2 PS-5 2222 'VF' for your 2 PS-5 'VF' 1211 or my 3 PS-5 'VF' 1111 or 1222 for your 2 PS-5 1211. Other trades/sales available. I have most numbers, need only rare ones. Kent M. Knebel, 3501 Cottonwood Lane, Berthoud, CO 80513.

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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.

COMMERCIAL COVERS

By Rob Washburn

8.3¢ Ambulance

The 8.3¢ Ambulance (Cottrell) coil was issued on June 21, 1985 in Reno, Nevada. Sleeve numbers 1 and 2 exist both tagged and precancelled and numbers 3 and 4 exist precancelled only. Numbers 1 and 2, both tagged and precancelled, are known on first day covers. The sleeve numbers appear every 24 stamps in a roll.

In 1986, a B-press version of the Ambulance coil was also issued in precancelled form only. Sleeve numbers 1 and 2 exist, but only number 1 is known on first day cover. Actually, there is really no official first day of issue date, but August 29, 1986 has been recognized by collectors as the issue date. The sleeve numbers on the B-press Ambulance coils appear every 52 stamps in a roll.

The earliest known usages of the 8.3¢ Ambulance coils on cover are as follows:

<u>Sleeve Number</u>		<u>Earliest Known Usage Date On Cover</u>
1	Cottrell tagged	12/23/85
2	" "	4/27/86
1	" precancelled	10/22/86
2	" "	10/22/86
3	" "	?
4	" "	?
1	B-press "	8/29/86
2	" "	3/4/88

All of the dated EKU covers listed above were philatelically contrived, but were carried through the U.S. mailstream.

While I have seen actual commercial covers of the 8.3¢ Ambulance tagged coils, most usages of such stamps are philatelic. Such philatelic PNC covers should be valued for no more than \$5 each. A truly commercial usage PNC cover would be worth more.

Precancelled versions of the Ambulance coil were commercially used on third-class bulk mailings sorted to carrier route. The Ambulance coil paid the 8.3¢ rate for such mailings until April 2, 1988 and, thereafter, it was an authorized false franking until October 9, 1988. The cover pictured contains a letter dated July 25, 1988 and, therefore, is an example of an authorized false franking usage.



Ambulance PNC precancelled commercial covers should be valued at \$10-\$20 each. Sleeve numbers 3 and 4 seem to be more difficult to find on cover than the other precancelled numbers.

Be on the lookout for low and shifted sleeve number 1 varieties on your covers of both the tagged and precancelled versions of the Cottrell Ambulance coils. Such varieties will definitely enhance the value of such covers.

There is one new earliest known usage cover report this month: 17c Electric Auto #6...11/7/84. Also, a previous report of a 22c Flag #13 usage date of 9/5/86 was in error. That cover has a stamp with the plate number partially cut off. Upon closer inspection, the number is a 12. Therefore, the earliest usage date for sleeve number 13 is 12/30/86.

I want to thank all of you who have written me supplying new earliest known usage reports or information on your cover collections, or the names of the mass mailers of your precancelled PNC covers. Keep your letters coming. Sometimes, I get letters asking questions about various aspects of collecting PNC commercial covers. Perhaps, some of the information contained in my answers to some of those letters may be useful to the rest of you. Therefore, stay tuned for next month's column on commonly asked PNC commercial cover questions.

Roll sizes

Chart prepared by Alan Thomson

"F" Coil

- No. 1111 A, B, C
- No. 1211 B, C
- No. 1222 A, B, C
- No. 2211 A, B
- No. 2222 A, B, C

29c Flag

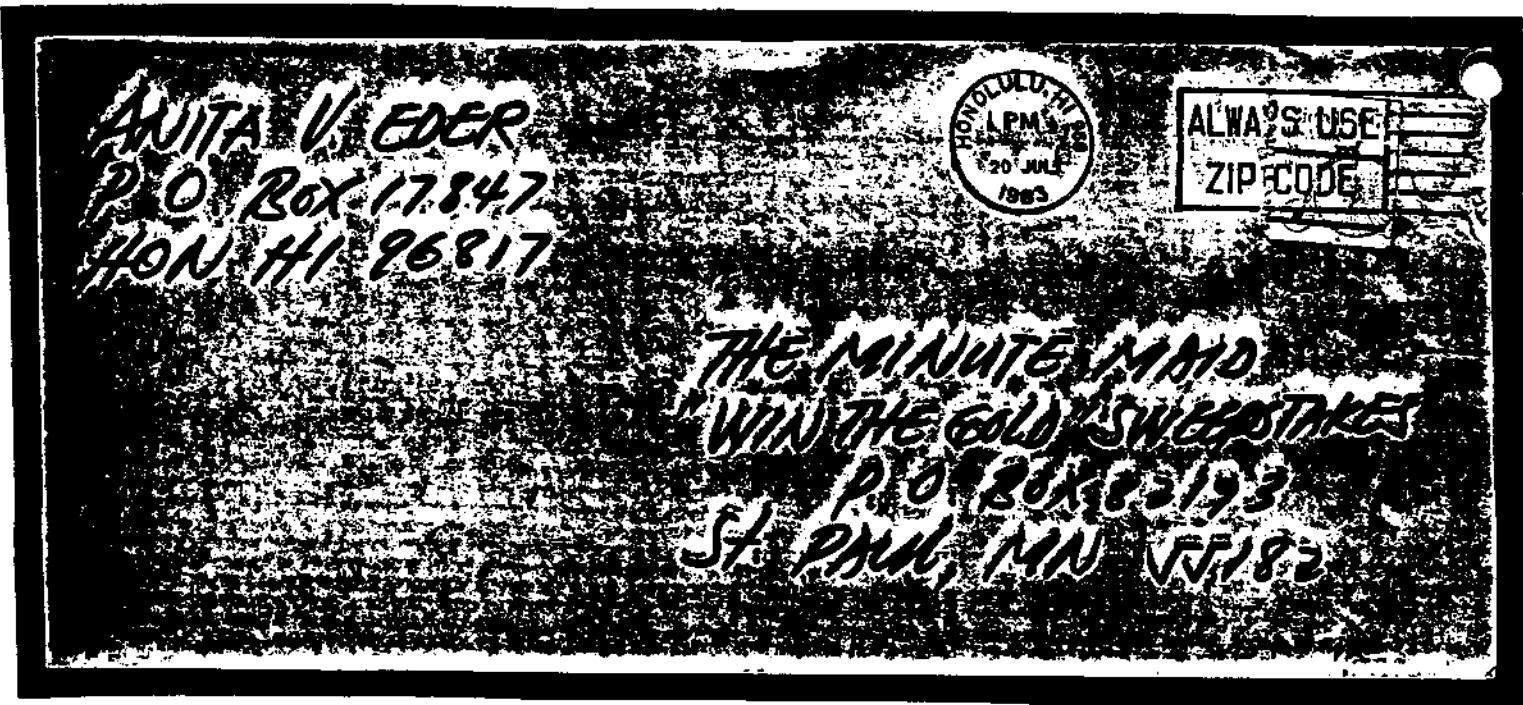
- No. 1 A
- No. 2 A, B, C
- No. 3 A
- No. 4 A
- No. 6 B, C
- No. 7 A

23c Lunch Wagon

- No. 2 A, B
- No. 3 B

Key

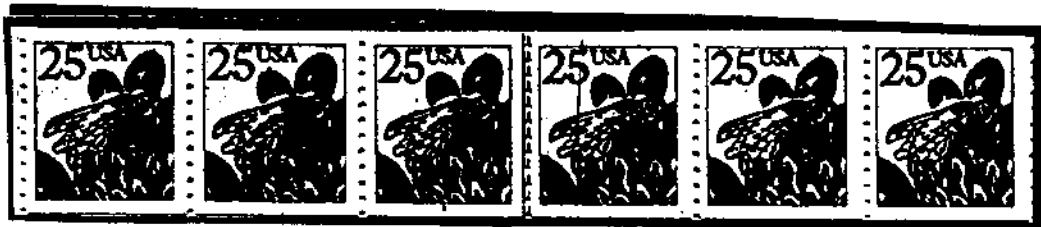
- A - 100
- B - 500
- C - 3,000



Cover of the month

The 5.9c Bicycle Precancelled No. 4 coil pictured above appears to have been soaked off a junk mail cover and re-used again on this first-class letter. It is tied by a 7/20/83 Honolulu, Hawaii, machine cancel and is the earliest known usage of the 5.9c Bicycle Precancelled No. 4 coil. (This cover is from the collection of Rob Washburn)

If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send a clear photocopy of your cover to: Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976)



Cyan 'Blade of Grass Flaw' on 25c Honeybee

Margaret Stanchfield of 9320 S. 218 St., Kent, WA 98031, is looking for anyone who has similar flaws (cyan lines) on the 25c seam line Honeybee stamps. She would like photocopies of other examples to study and will pay costs. Please include plate number, position, press and/or tagging, if known. The lines have been enhanced by the editor on these examples to help show what Margaret is interested in studying. The line is one stamp right of the seam line (& white ghost 2L of line). On the second strip the line is right of the seam line and plate number. She believes this a vertical scratch across two rows.

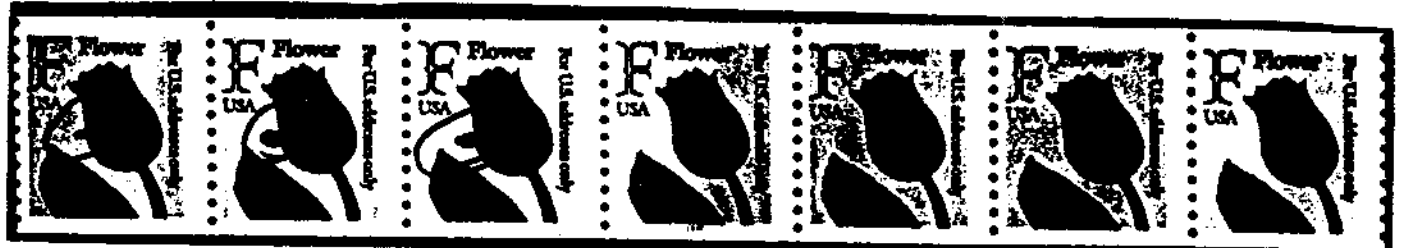
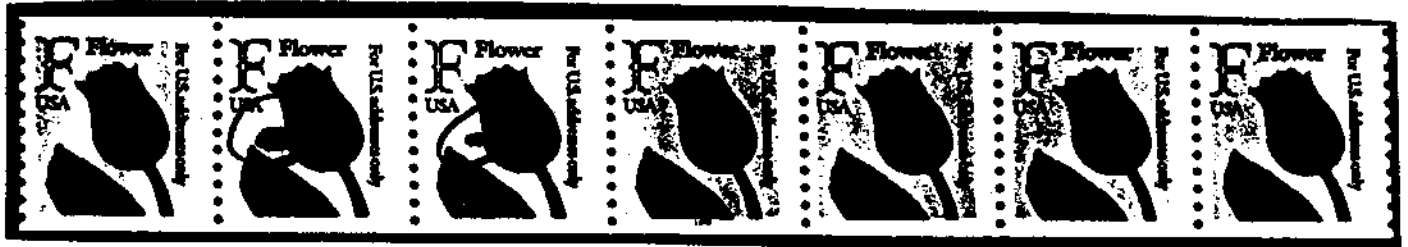
Forest Fire varieties from mixtures

The following examples of the Forest Fire variety on the 25c Flag over Yosemite stamp were gleaned from mixtures in the past year or so by Carl Ditsch of Levanworth, Kansas. Areas of the "fires" have been indicated by circles on the copies.



Bleeding Tulip variety illustrated

PNC3 member Carl Ditsch of Levanworth, Kansas, has provided the following illustrations of a Bleeding Tulip variety of the "F" stamp. Carl purchased the stamps Jan. 29 at the Lansing, Kansas, post office. The plate number is 1222. Carl provided color copies of the strips but for Coil Line purposes the areas of "bleeding" have been circled. The next page illustrates several examples of the Forest Fire varieties on the 25c Flag over Yosemite stamp. Again, the areas of the "fires" are circled. Additional examples of Carl's finds from used mixtures will be published in future issues of Coil Line.



5-CENT AND 10-CENT PRECANCELED COILS

The 5-cent Canoe and the 10-cent Tractor Trailer precanceled coil stamps go on sale May 25, 1991, in Secaucus, New Jersey. Due to the numerous categories and stamp issues involved with First-Class and third-class mailings, the Postal Service is simplifying the process by issuing only two precanceled stamps. These two precanceled stamps will be used until further notice for all categories of First-Class presort and bulk third-class mailings, including pieces mailed at automation discount rates.

The 5-cent Canoe stamps will be used for all (nonprofit) special, bulk third-class mail.

The 10-cent Tractor Trailer stamp covers all the rates for First-Class presort and regular third-class bulk rate mail, including pieces mailed at automation discount rates.

Precanceled Inscriptions. Additional Nonprofit Postage Paid is printed on the 5-cent Canoe stamp and Additional Presort Postage Paid is printed on the 10-cent Tractor Trailer. These denominations reflect the whole-cent value immediately below the applicable lowest bulk third-class carrier-route presort rate. The 10-cent denomination stamp is 5.2 cents below the lowest First-Class carrier route presort rate for cards.

Acceptance and Payment of Postage. Customers with mail bearing either of these two precanceled postage stamps must present their stamped mailpieces to authorized postal employees at the bulk mail acceptance units of the post office where the permit is held. The additional postage required to meet a particular rate for each mailing piece must be paid by means of a meter strip affixed to the back of the appropriate mailing statement that is required to accompany the mailing or through an advanced deposit account as provided for in Handbook F-1, *Post Office Accounting Procedures*, section 524.

Additional Endorsement. Pieces mailed at these rates must bear the appropriate endorsements required by *Domestic Mail Manual* sections 362 and 629.6, printed or rubberstamped by the mailer above the delivery address and immediately below or to the left of the precanceled stamp.

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Issued in coils of 500 and 3,000 precanceled.
A future issue will include collector information.

Supply. Only post offices with authorized philatelic centers receive an automatic distribution of these precanceled coils of 500. The automatic distribution is based on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's four-position schedule for a 50-subject commemorative stamp. Accordingly, the quantities of coils to be furnished follow:

Offices receiving four-position stock in these quantities	Will receive coils in these quantities
20,000	50
40,000	100
125,000	200
250,000-500,000	800

Bulk Quantities. CAG A-G post offices requiring these precanceled stamps should immediately submit Form 3356, *Stamp Requisition—Bulk Quantities*, to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing using the following item numbers:

- 7905A—5-cent Canoe coils of 500
- 7906A—5-cent Canoe coils of 3,000
- 7909A—10-cent Tractor Trailer coils of 500
- 7910A—10-cent Tractor Trailer coils of 3,000

They must submit orders in the following quantities: coils of 500—200 coils, 400 coils, and multiples of 400 coils to maximum of 2,000 coils; coils of 3,000—32 coils, 64 coils, and multiples of 64 coils to a maximum of 768 coils.

These two stamps will be available in coils of 10,000 at a later date. A future *Postal Bulletin* will include an announcement on the coils of 10,000.

Less-Than-Bulk Quantities. All other post offices requiring fewer than the above bulk quantities of these precanceled stamps should requisition them immediately from their designated stamp distribution office on separate Forms 17-A, *Stamp Requisition From Stamp Distribution Office*.

—Philatelic and Retail Services Dept., 5-2-91

NEW GUIDELINES FOR PRECANCELED STAMPS

Until further notice, only two precanceled stamps will be issued to cover all categories of First-Class presort and bulk third-class mailings, including pieces mailed at the automation discount rates. Using either of these precanceled stamps will simplify stamp ordering and accounting procedures for postal employees and make mailing at bulk rates more convenient for customers.

The 5-cent Canoe stamp covers all rate categories for all (nonprofit) special, bulk third-class mail. Precanceled inscriptions: Additional Nonprofit Postage Paid.



The 10-cent Tractor Trailer stamp covers all the rates for First-Class presort and bulk regular third-class mail including pieces mailed at the automation discount rates. Precanceled Inscription: Additional Presort Postage Paid.

The 5-cent and 10-cent denominations reflect the whole-cent value immediately below the applicable lowest bulk third-class carrier-route presort



rate. The 10-cent denomination stamp is 5.2-cents below the lowest First-Class carrier route presort rate for cards.

Acceptance and Payment of Postage. Customers with mail bearing either of these two precanceled postage stamps must present their stamped mailpieces to authorized postal employees at the bulk mail acceptance units of the post office where the permit is held. *The additional postage required to meet a particular rate for each mailing piece must be paid by means of a meter strip affixed to the back of the appropriate mailing statement that is required to accompany the mailing or through an advanced deposit account as provided for in Handbook F-1, Post Office Accounting Procedures, section 524.*

Additional Endorsement. Pieces mailed at these rates must bear the appropriate endorsements required by *Domestic Mail Manual* sections 362 and 629-6, printed or rubberstamped by the mailer above the delivery address and immediately below or to the left of the precanceled stamp.

—*Philatelic and Retail Services Dept., 5-2-91*

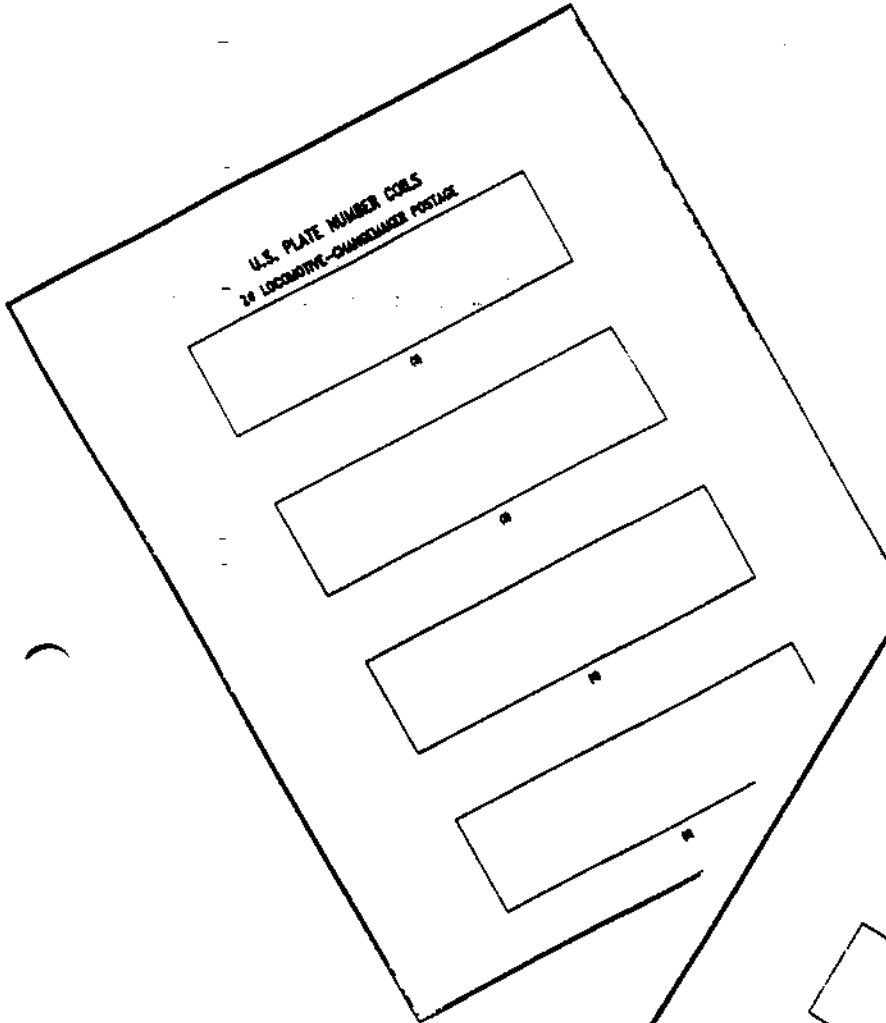
Another Honeybee EFO

These two strips of five of the 25c Honeybee are from the collection of Margaret Stanchfield, 9320 S. 218 St., Kent, WA 98031. She writes both the mis-shapen line and numeral 25 appear to be under the round-cornered tagging indicating this was done during printing and not an alteration. The bottom strip is similar but the upper left corner of the frame is slightly different. Any comments or similar items found by other members?

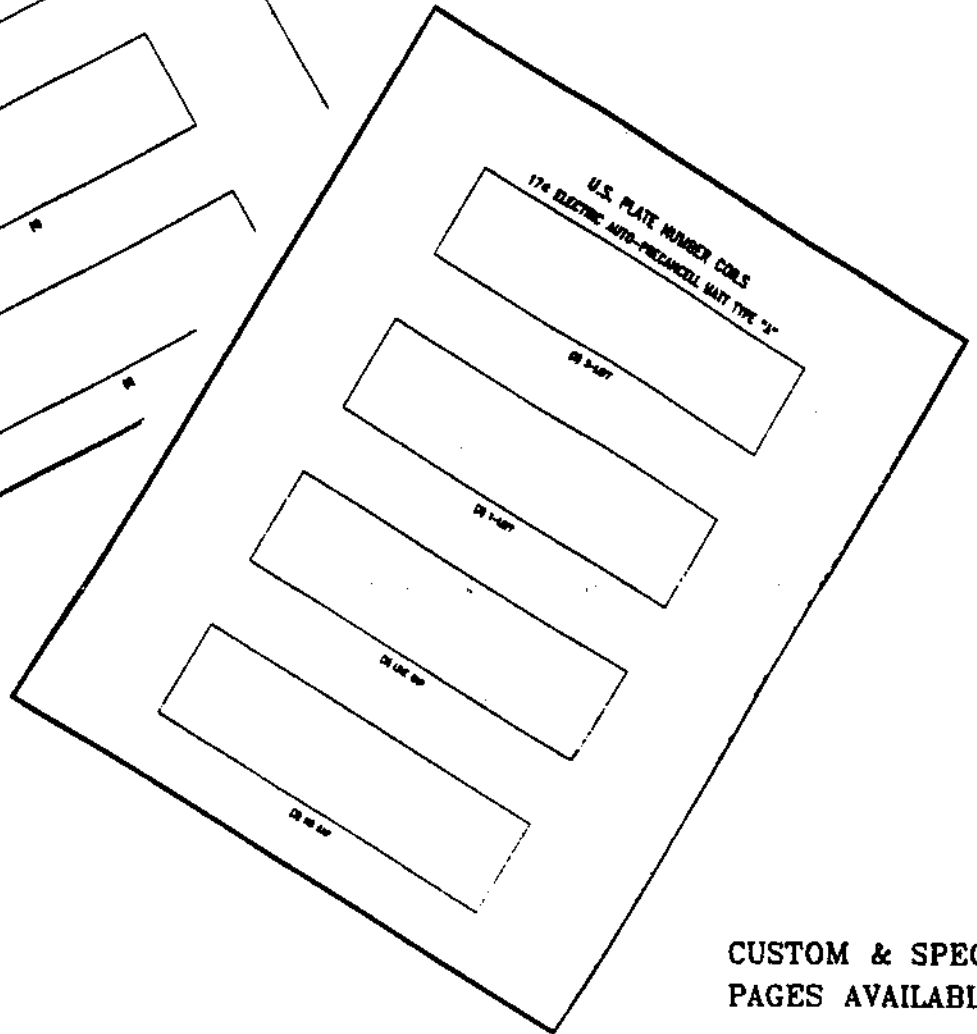


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PNC3 AUCTION #5 RESULTS

Refer to the April newsletter for a description of the lots. Lots not listed did not realize successful bids.

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
1	52.50	105	28.00	181	8.00	256	26.00	344	8.00	427	12.00
2	2.00	106	175.00	182	8.00	257	42.00	345	8.00	428	11.00
3	1.00	107	1.50	183	5.00	258	3.00	346	16.00	429	3.00
9	1.00	108	1.50	184	5.50	259	7.50	352	16.00	431	3.00
13	1.00	109	35.00	186	22.00	261	205.00	354	8.00	433	4.50
14	1.00	110	65.00	187	9.00	263	9.50	355	8.00	434	6.50
15	1.00	111	27.00	188	9.00	264	7.00	357	18.00	436	5.00
16	1.00	112	2.00	189	8.50	266	22.00	359	13.00	439	5.00
18	1.00	116	2.50	190	6.00	267	31.00	360	16.00	441	5.00
21	7.50	119	5.00	191	2.00	268	9.00	363	5.00	442	3.00
22	3.00	122	6.50	192	2.00	269	12.00	365	8.50	443	12.00
23	1.50	130	1.50	194	1.00	270	12.00	366	10.00	444	6.50
25	9.00	131	1.50	195	1.00	271	2.00	367	16.00	445	6.00
26	7.00	133	2.75	197	4.00	272	2.00	371	7.00	448	2.00
38	72.50	138	4.00	198	3.50	274	8.00	372	7.50	449	5.00
39	72.50	139	11.00	199	4.00	275	2.50	373	7.50	450	5.00
43	215.00	144	100.00	201	4.50	276	7.00	375	9.00	451	41.00
44	17.00	147	7.00	202	7.00	277	12.00	377	10.00	452	170.00
46	5.00	148	12.00	203	9.00	278	8.00	378	16.00	453	10.00
47	4.00	149	4.50	204	9.00	281	30.00	379	5.50	455	5.00
52	6.00	152	5.00	205	11.00	282	32.00	381	9.00	457	5.00
61	62.50	156	55.00	206	7.00	284	32.00	385	6.00	458	2.00
62	16.00	157	10.00	207	3.00	285	10.00	386	13.00	462	20.00
63	7.50	159	7.00	208	3.00	297	18.50	387	36.00	464	8.00
65	2.50	160	14.00	216	2.50	298	67.50	388	6.00	466	1.00
67	6.00	161	12.00	221	2.50	301	62.50	390	21.00	469	1.50
68	8.00	162	36.00	223	7.50	305	16.00	391	21.00	471	1.00
70	1.00	163	21.00	225	18.00	306	195.00	393	5.00	474	13.00
72	16.00	164	41.00	227	6.50	310	11.00	398	26.00	476	6.00
75	5.00	165	1.75	228	1.00	311	5.00	399	17.00	477	9.00
76	4.00	166	4.00	229	1.00	315	6.00	401	16.00	478	9.50
78	9.00	168	8.00	230	2.00	330	8.50	410	7.00	479	15.00
83	3.50	169	10.00	238	11.00	331	10.00	412	40.00	480	21.00
84	5.00	170	3.00	242	7.00	332	27.00	415	2.50	482	11.50
88	9.00	172	10.00	244	13.00	333	21.00	416	20.00	483	18.00
90	3.50	173	9.00	245	4.00	334	16.00	418	6.50	484	18.00
92	2.50	174	1.00	246	4.50	338	12.00	421	2.00	486	18.00
93	7.50	176	11.00	249	5.00	339	7.00	422	2.50		
95	55.00	177	1.75	250	9.00	341	5.00	423	9.00		
98	3.00	178	30.00	252	50.00	342	22.00	425	7.50		
99	2.50	179	11.00	255	3.00	343	22.00	426	11.00		

The auction results are pending final settlement with all successful bidders. Our special thanks to Dino Vardavas for the donated lot.

Remember that tie bids, including tied BUY bids, go to the earliest bidder. Of the 488 lots received, 242 realized successful bids. Of the 65 bidders, 60 successfully bid one or more lots.

Lots most actively bid were 38, 173, 189, 206, 242, 257, 263, 342, 366, 391, 398, 476, 477, 478, 479, and 480.