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## How about plate number coil blocks?

Has a form of plate block collecting come to Plate Number Coil collecting?

With the introduction of the 29c denominated flower in the "stick" format it is possible to collect the stamp in "plate block strips." But the "fun" is in getting the block of stamps to stay together long enough to place in a mount or some other display.

It seems a dealer's card that has a stiff back and a clear cover might be a better storage/display method than a standard mount that can be easily moved and thus tear the minute piece of paper holding the coils together. The length of the strip blocks will probably depend on where the connecting paper between the rolls is in relation to the plate numbers.

The stamp was printed in rolls of 100 for USPS by Stamp Venturers. In addition to the stick format, which contains 10 rolls, the stamp is also available in the familiar bubble pack. The stamp also has what are being called "slit perforations." USPS says the stick format improves handling of the stamps by clerks and cut fingers both clerks and customers trying to get the bubble packs open. The sticks also take up less space than bubble packs.

An illustration in the Aug. 22 issue of the Postal Bulletin provides an idea of how much less space the stick format requires and how 50 rolls (in five sticks) can be shipped in a box 10 3/16 inches long and 6 7/8 inches wide. The plastic tray with the 50 rolls in bubble packs is approximately 10 5/8 inches wide and 20 1/8 inches long.

USPS reports 75 percent of the 29c denominated flower stamp are being produced in the stick format. With both formats being used, USPS officials say it will be a chance to evaluate customer reaction to the slit perforations without "confusing it with the type of packaging."

Details of the stick format:

- Ten coils are lightly attached to one another at the slit perforation to a stick.
- Each stick is wrapped in a translucent paper sleeve that has slit perforations around each coil of 100 stamps. The translucent paper sleeve allows visibility and protection of the

stamps while keeping the coil intact.

- The number of stamps, denomination, item number and description are printed on the translucent paper sleeve around each coil.
- Window clerks are instructed to keep the stick intact until the time of sale. For each transaction clerks are to snap the coil apart at the slit perforations to obtain the needed amount.

Clerks are to inform customers each coil is a self-dispenser if the translucent sleeve is kept intact and stamps are pulled from the inside of the coil.

At the bottom of this page is a reproduction of a wrapper from a coil of 100 purchased by the editor. At the time the editor last visited the Toledo Philatelic Center Sept. 13 there were no sticks in stock but more were expected. If there is any printing on the paper covering the entire stick, it had not been reported to Coil Line.

According to the Aug. 22 Postal Bulletin, printing on the back of the box containing five sticks tells the quantity, description and copyright. The bottom of the box has two view slots to permit verification of quantity before the box is opened. The box can also be used as a self-mailer, USPS states. The boxes might be of interest to label collectors, collateral material to a PNC exhibit or just something else to clutter up our collecting areas.

The bubble pack contains 50 coils of 100 stamps. A master carton is comprised of 16 boxes of 50 coils each for a total of 800 coils, the Postal Bulletin states.

After the initial distribution, every five weeks the contractor is to ship each stamp distribution office 12,800 stick coils and 4,800 bubble pack coils until Nov. 30.

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A wrapper from a roll of 100 of the 29c denominated flower coil stamp

# More fun & games with Philatelic Sales

To the Editor:

I have now received from Philatelic Sales the back ordered coils of the 19c Fishing Boat and the 29c denominated flower stamp with roulettes instead of perforations.

The 19c Fishing Boat plate number is A1212.

The Springfield, IL, Philatelic Center also sold the A1212 plate number. I have been

unable to locate the A1111 plate number of the Fishing Boat. If any PNC3 members have located one, I would be glad to hear from them.

The 29c denominated flower stamp has lots of interest. The plate number on the stamp is S1111 and is very faint. The philatelic press has reported that those who ordered them No. 7708 from Philatelic Sales would have their money refunded (7708 was the 29c flower in rolls larger than 100). This was not the case for me. I enclose a card I received with my shipment that explains that Philatelic Sales was substituting No. 7707 for No. 7708. (Card illustrated below).

At first glance, the 29c flower looks imperforate. When I folded the stamps on the roulettes they separated nicely.

On close examination one notices tiny tabs along the bottom and top edges of the coil. These appear every fourth stamp. Under 30 power magnification, one can see that these are small uncut areas along the bottom and top of the coil. The tab at the top is not on the same stamp as the tab at the bottom. Under magnification the cut along the top and bottom edges of this coil are very rough.

The packaging is also of interest. The bubble

pack is of much sturdier plastic than the bubble packs of the flag coils issued by BEP. The container is a cylinder rather than a box. I have enclosed the lid to the container (also illustrated). Unlike the BEP bubble pack lids, this one contains printing. (The wrapper from the roll of 100 is illustrated at the bottom of page one of this issue of Coil Line.)

Will both the lid and wrapper become collectible items?

I have also received 500 of the gravure Mount Rushmore coil. The centering on the stamps I received from Philatelic Sales was uniformly VF. Usually on a roll of this size, the centering gets better or worse as you progress through the roll. If this holds universally true, dealers won't be charging premiums for VF and XF material. Maybe we will see a premium for off-centered material. Ha. The plate number was A11111. I believe this to be the only plate available.

Frank Covey  
16 Grandview Drive  
Macomb, Ill. 61455-9705

(Editor's note: Frank's letter to the Coil Line editor was handstamped in Macomb, IL, Sept. 7, machine cancelled that same day in Peoria, IL, and machine back cancelled Sept. 9 in Macomb. It finally arrived in my mailbox Sept. 14. The cover was franked with a 24.1c Tandem Bicycle and 4.9c Buckboard and carried Frank's precancel permit stamp. Macomb is about 450 miles from the editor's home.)

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The 29 cents Denominated Flower coil has been produced only in rolls of 100 at this time. We have substituted the 100 version (#7707) for item #7708. If you are dissatisfied with this substitution for any reason, please return for exchange or refund.

All other items were shipped previously - this should complete your order.

Thank you for your patience and interest in philately.

Philatelic Sales Division

Above is the Card Frank Covey received explaining how his order for stamps from a roll larger than 500 of the 29c denominated flower coil was handled by Philatelic Sales in Kansas City.

# Report of the PNC3 ballot committee

Following is the official report of the Ballot Committee of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC3). The report was given at the Aug. 24, 1991 Annual Meeting of PNC3 at Stampshow in Philadelphia.

On June 26, 1991, 482 ballots were mailed to the members of PNC3 along with a letter of explanation, short biographies of the nominees, and a copy of the proposed Code of Ethics. 328 ballots, a 68 percent response, were returned by the postmark deadline of August 1. Following is a tabulation of the ballots received with an \* indicating the winning candidates(s).

<b>PRESIDENT</b>		
Robert Washburn		316*
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>		
Tom Maeder		319*
<b>SECRETARY</b>		
Gene Trinks		319*
<b>TREASURER</b>		
R.A. Emmett		79
Gene Ernst		230*
<b>MEMBER-AT-LARGE</b>		
Ken Cherry		130*
Dick Koenig		128
Karen Maddox		219*
Bob Reece		82
John Tison		70

The results of the Bylaws and Code of Ethics issues are:

<b>BYLAWS</b>	Yes = 314	No = 2
<b>CODE OF ETHICS</b>	Yes = 323	No = 1

Due to the closeness of the race for Member-at-Large, a retabulation/recount of that section of the ballot was conducted. The above results were the same on the two tallies.

Thanks to the membership for the creative covers used to return ballots. Because a preaddressed return envelope was included with the mailing, it was possible to "get a picture" of present USPS efficiency in bar coding of typed Zip+4 envelopes. Since many PNC3ers also have a keen interest in Modern Postal History, we have attached a summary of the bar coding and the types of postage used on the ballot envelopes.

Conrad Keydel  
Joann Lenz  
Ellen Mitchell

(Editor's Note: The envelope in which Joann mailed the ballot results was hand postmarked (faintly) Aug. 9 1991 in Sterling Heights, MI, less than 100 miles from the Coil Line editor. It arrived Aug. 16 after I had sent the September issue to Alan Thomson in New Hampshire for printing and distribution. There are no back cancels and it was addressed correctly. It was franked with fractional and precanceled Transportation

coil stamps. Joann's precancel permit use stamp is on the cover. Where the letter was for several days is beyond the editor but I suspect someone treated it as third class, despite the permit stamp indicating it was first class.)

Stamp usage on returned PNC ballots:

Single stamp	No.	Pct.
- Plate number coil	13	4.0
- Coil unnumbered	88	26.8
- Booklet	17	5.2
- Sheet definitive	13	4.0
- Sheet commemorative	12	3.7
- Self adhesive	2	0.6
- Meter	3	0.9
- Foreign	1	0.3
<b>Multiple stamps</b>		
- Plate Number Coils	20	6.1
- Coils unnumbered		
regular	52	15.9
precacn/inscribed	19	5.8
mixed reg & precacn.	24	7.3
coil & noncoil stamps	34	10.4
- Non coils	24	7.3
- Foreign	6	1.8

Total envelopes rec'd	328	100.0
Total with coils	250	76.2

Barcoding on supplied Zip+4 return envelopes:

Barcoding	No.	Pct.
Barcoded Zip+4	287	91.7
Barcoded Zip (5 digit)	2	0.6
Barcode error	1	0.3
No Barcode	23	7.3
Did not use supplied envelope	15	

Total received	328	100.0
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Stamp cancellation on all returned envelopes:

Cancellation	No.	Pct.
All stamps cancelled	278	84.8
Some stamps cancelled	39	11.9
No stamps cancelled	11	3.4
Total received	328	100.0

## Precancel deadline extended

Precanceled stamp permit holders have been given until March 1, 1992 to use the 5.3, 7.1, 7.6, 10.1, 13.0, 13.2, 16.7, 20.5, 21.0 and 24.1 precanceled stamps in payment of postage for mailing bulk and presort items. The deadline had been set at Sept. 9, 1991. To use these stamps the mailer must pay the difference in postage between the precanceled stamps and the current rate before the USPS will accept the mailing. The stamps must be used for the comparable category. Many, if not all of these stamps might be found at the regular windows, especially at larger post offices. They have been or are to have been removed from sale Aug. 31 at Philatelic Windows.

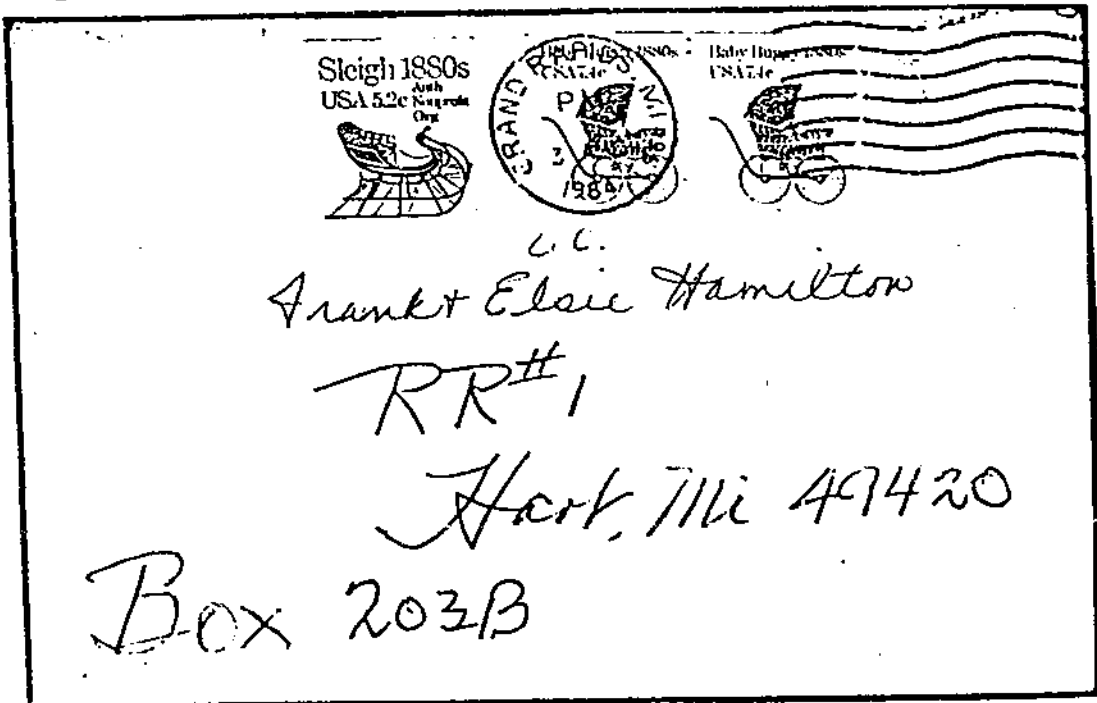
COMMERCIAL COVERS

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I'm pleased to have had the opportunity to meet so many of you PNC collectors at StampShow '91 in Philadelphia. I certainly ran into a lot of fellow PNC cover enthusiasts. Thanks to all of you for showing me some of your new discoveries and other cover material.

I also had the opportunity while at StampShow to see Bill McMurray's PNC exhibit. Bill's exhibit displayed several nice PNC commercial covers, and the exhibit earned a Vermeil from the APS, as well as our own PNC<sup>3</sup> President's Award. I want to extend my congratulations to Bill on an excellent job.

This month's featured issues are the 7.4¢ Baby Buggy and the 5¢ Milk Wagon. The 7.4¢ Baby Buggy was issued April 7, 1984 in San Diego, California. Only plate number 2 has been found, and it comes both tagged and precancelled. The plate numbers appear every 52 stamps in a roll. The earliest known usage of the tagged 7.4¢ is August 3, 1984, and that cover is pictured below.



The precancelled Baby Buggy met the third-class carrier-route sort bulk rate through February 16, 1985, and thereafter was used to pay the increased rate of 8.3¢ as authorized false franking until August 18, 1985. The earliest confirmed usage on cover of the 7.4¢ precancelled is October 20, 1987. Obviously, truly commercial covers were likely used prior to 1987. Such covers are very difficult to find with only, and my records indicate I have received less than 10 reports of 7.4¢ precancelled #2 commercial covers. I would value such covers at \$25 - \$50 each.

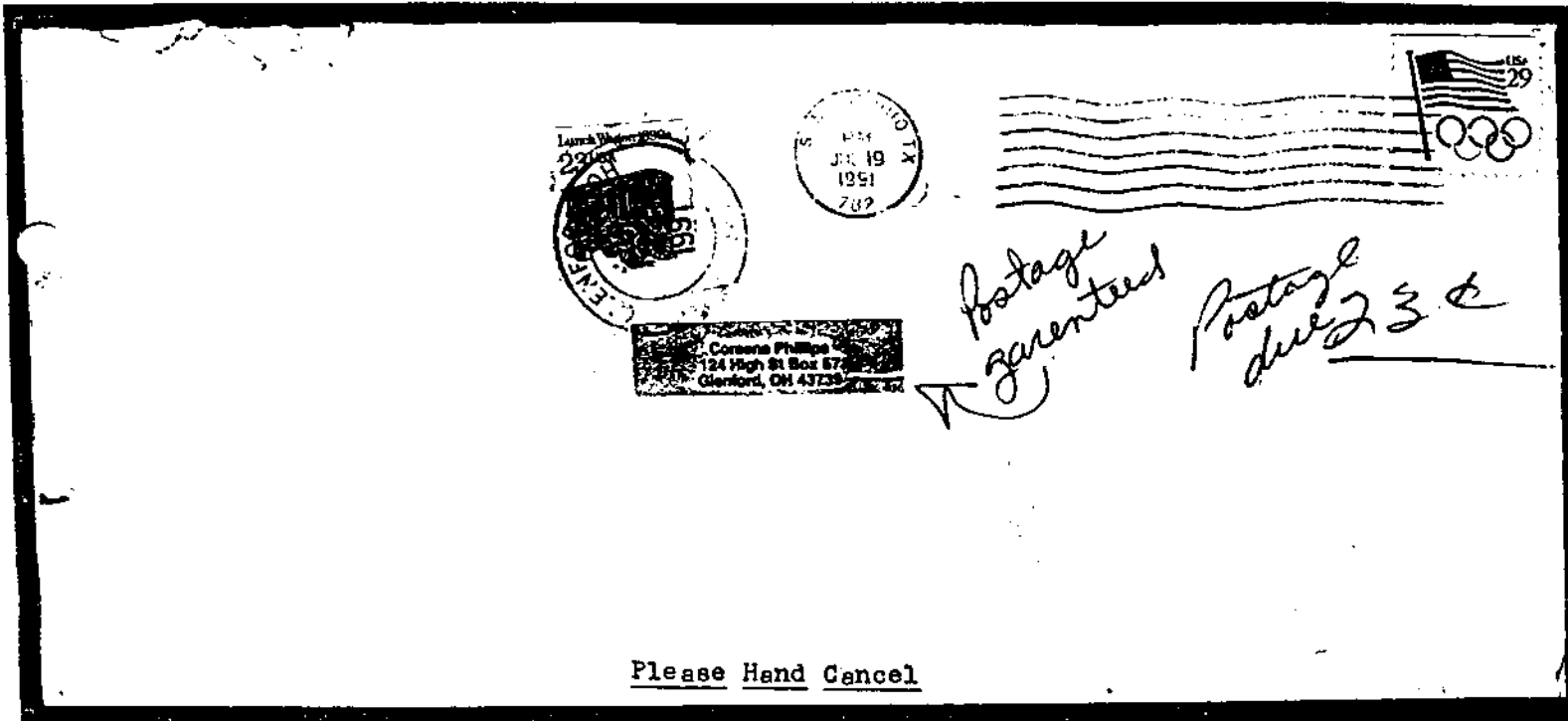
The 5¢ Milk Wagon was issued on September 25, 1987 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Only plate number 1 exists, and it exists only as a tagged version. The plate

numbers appear every 52 stamps in a roll. The earliest known usage on cover of the 5c Milk Wagon #1 is December 21, 1987. PNC covers of the Milk Wagon usually sell for \$2 - \$4 each.

By the way, in case you missed it, Ed Denson placed a recent ad in Linn's (8/28/91) offering to buy commercial covers of F #1211 for \$25 each! He's selling such covers for \$50 each. The F #1211 commercial covers have certainly proven, so far, to be quite tough to find, but that's got to be a record price for a "recently issued" PNC on commercial cover. Mint strips of F #1211 can be purchased for \$20 or less.

New cover reports this month include: 18c Surrey #15 with purple machine (now making a total of 3 known covers with such cancels); also EKV covers of: 4c Stagecoach #1 B-press overall tagged (1/18/91), 10.9c tagged #1 (6/27/85), 22c Flag #3 (6/13/85), and 25c Honeybee #2 (9/14/88).

COVER OF THE MONTH



Please Hand Cancel

This truly commercial cover features a 23c Lunch Wagon #2 paying the postage due. Coils are not often seen paying postage due!

(If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please submit a clear photocopy against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.)

# Handling unmarked or shortpaid mail

The following was taken from the Aug. 22 issue of the Postal Bulletin. It explains the policy for marking mail using precanceled stamps for bulk and presort mail. PNC3 members may want to watch their mail for various types of marking and precancels that mailers may be using. Two examples from the Coil Line editor's mail are illustrated in this issue. Members wishing to share other examples should send either clear photocopies or the originals. All originals will be returned as soon as the editor can make copies. The Sept. 16 issue of "Linn's" showed two examples on page of the Tractor Trailer with overprints on the stamps. One used the words "Bulk Rate" the other used the words "First Class."

The Postal Service has issued various denominations of precanceled postage stamps for use on bulk and presort mail, and customers may precancel other denominations of stamps (see *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) 143) for that purpose. Customers may use meter or precanceled stamps to affix postage in an amount that may be less than that actually due for a particular mailpiece (see DMM 382 and 661.2). Accordingly, these pieces appear to be *shortpaid* because the postage actually affixed to each is insufficient to cover the required amount. However, under established mail acceptance and postage payment procedures, additional postage, representing the difference between the amount affixed and the actual amount due for each mailpiece, is collected at the time of mailing, but no evidence of this payment appears on the mail.

Until further notice, postal personnel who find what appears to be *shortpaid* mail in the mailstream (i.e., bulk or presort rate mail bearing an amount of postage in meter or precanceled stamps that is less than the applicable rate) must consider it to be fully prepaid First-Class Mail (if marked as First-Class Mail) or fully prepaid third-class mail, and they must neither collect additional postage from the addressee nor return the mail to the sender *postage due*. This policy will remain in effect regardless of the use of optional customer-applied markings to indicate additional postage paid.

When postage for mailpieces is paid by meter or precanceled stamps, the appropriate rate marking must be on the mailpieces in a manner permitted by the regulations associated with that rate (see DMM 362.2 and 629.62). Postal personnel selling precanceled stamps, or regular adhesive stamps for the purpose of mailer precancellation, must inform

the customer that the stamps are not preprinted with the required marking and that the customer is responsible for applying the marking required by DMM regulation.

If a customer submits a mailing that lacks the correct marking to identify the mailpiece as First- or third-class mail, or to identify the bulk or presort rate claimed, the customer may ask for an exception if such a remedy can be justified. Customer requests for exceptions to DMM marking requirements must be submitted to the rates and classification center (RCC) serving the mailer's location (see DMM 131.3). Only the RCC may rule on requests for exceptions.

Until further notice, unmarked pieces of bulk or presort rate mail found in the mailstream are to be treated as bulk third-class mail unless they bear postage in excess of the highest bulk third-class rate applicable to a piece of that weight. (For example, a 4-ounce piece not marked as First-Class Mail would have to bear more than \$0.259 in postage.)

The mailer must also provide the prescribed ancillary service endorsement to indicate desired handling if the mailpiece becomes undeliverable. If an unmarked mailpiece (i.e., not marked as First- or third-class mail) is also unendorsed for forwarding or return, or it does not bear an endorsement specified in DMM Exhibits 159.151c-d, the Postal Service will not provide forwarding, return, or address correction service.

All personnel must continue to ensure that single-piece rate mail and mail bearing regular adhesive stamps is fully prepaid or that the necessary additional postage is collected from the addressee (see DMM 146.13).

—Marketing and Customer Service Group, 8-22-91

## Commercial cover update

Carl Ditsch, Leavenworth, KS, has provided the following update on the commercial covers he sorts through. Carl said the numbers are low because he was on vacation and missed out on about half the covers normally received.

"F" Flower		Rushmore	
1111	2	1	6
1211	1	2	0
1222	2	3	2
2211	0	4	0
2222	4	6	0
		7	4

The No. 7 Mt. Rushmore totals include a strip of 3 and a strip of 2.

The "F" 1211 cover listed above was cancelled in Kansas City July 9, 1991. He now has a No. 1211 on both No. 6 and No. 10 envelopes.

Carl also reports the Coil Line editor incorrectly listed information in the second column of his last report as being covers. The stamps were cut from the envelopes.



### PNC3 financial report

Following is the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Treasurer's report for the period Jan. 1, 1991 through June 30, 1991 as submitted by Richard Beecher.

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1991 \$4,946.72

#### 1991 INCOME

New memberships	615.00
Membership renewals	959.50
Coil Line advertising	317.34
Coil Line back issues	6.59
Donations	30.00
Auction revenue	429.93
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>2,358.36</b>

#### 1991 EXPENSES

Alan Thomson (Coil Line PNC3 exp>	2,299.53
Gene Trinks (PNC3 exp.)	335.76
Rob Washburn (PNC3 exp.)	76.28
George Kuhn (PNC3 exp.)	20.00
Harold Brown (Coil Line/PNC3 exp.)	41.11
Don Eastman (PNC3 exp.)	16.62
Tom Maeder (PNC3 exp.>	30.48
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>2819.78</b>

Cash balance as of June 30, '91 \$4,485.30

### New tape on rolls of 500?

Richard Beecher, Los Angeles, reports the BEP is apparently using a new type of tape on rolls of 500. He purchased nine rolls of the 10c Tractor Trailer at two different post offices in August. Some rolls had the usual tape that tends to tear stamps, no matter how carefully you try to remove the tape. A few rolls, however, had a lighter colored tape that proved much easier to remove, with no stamps being torn. The labels all appeared to be the same, although there were different shades. All were plate No. 1.

### Postmark report

Richard Beecher, Los Angeles, reports the following covers now in his collection:  
- 5c Circus Wagon Untagged No. 1, Aug. 17, 1991.  
- 23c Lunch Wagon No. 2 (used to pay second ounce) April 15, 1991.  
- 29c Flag gravure No. A11111, Aug. 1, 1991. Used on a utility envelope but philatelically contrived.

### Paid advertisement

STAMPS 'N' STUFF  
2700 University, Suite 204  
W. Des Moines, IA 50265

(515)-224-1737

TOLL FREE 1-800-999-5964

### SEPTEMBER CLOSEOUT SALE! PRICES SLASHED! NET PRICE LIST - PLATE NUMBER COILS ON COMMERCIAL COVERS

Covers on this price list are clean, fault-free covers used during the rate period intend for the particular stamps. Stamps are fault-free and fine to very fine or better. Cancels are clear, and do not obscure the plate numbers. Prices are for black machine cancels on number 10 envelopes. In many cases, the same numbers are available on number 6 3/4 envelopes (add 50 percent) or with purple machine cancels (double), but quantities are limited.

#### FLAG COIL STAMPS

1891 18c Flag No. 1	\$ 25.00
18c Flag No. 2	10.00
18c Flag No. 3	25.00
18c Flag No. 4	10.00
18c Flag No. 5	10.00
1895 20c Flag No. 1	2.50
20c Flag No. 2	2.00
20c Flag No. 3	2.50
20c Flag No. 4	5.00
20c Flag No. 5	3.00
20c Flag No. 6	3.00
20c Flag No. 8	2.00
20c Flag No. 9	2.00

#### TRANSPORTATION COIL STAMPS

1907 18c Surrey No. 1	12.50
18c Surrey No. 2	7.50
18c Surrey No. 3	60.00
18c Surrey No. 4	60.00
18c Surrey No. 5	7.50
18c Surrey No. 6	7.50
18c Surrey No. 7	8.00
18c Surrey No. 8	7.50
18c Surrey No. 9	8.00
18c Surrey No. 10	8.00
18c Surrey No. 11	12.50
18c Surrey No. 12	12.50
18c Surrey No. 13	17.50
18c Surrey No. 14	17.50

1908 20c Fire Pumper No. 1	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 2	15.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 3	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 4	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 5	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 6	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 7	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 8	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 9	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No.10	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No.11	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No.13	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No.15	9.00
20c Fire Pumper No.16	9.00

2005 20c Consumer Ed No. 1	9.00
20c Consumer Ed No. 2	9.00
20c Consumer Ed No. 3	9.00
20c Consumer Ed No. 4	9.00

Quantities are limited. Prices are subject to change without notice.

For scarce commercial covers not on this list, see the Stamps 'N' Stuff Mail Bid Sale Number 2, that closes September 26, 1991.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ APS# \_\_\_\_\_

VISA/MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Stamps 'N' Stuff, 2700 University, Suite 204, W. Des Moines, IA 50265. 515-224-1737. Toll free 1-800-999-5964.

# 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.

Membership has reached 514.

## New Applicants:

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Jack E. Doty  
P.O. Box 26  
Rough & Ready CA 95975 (679)

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## COIL LINE

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Dues are \$10 per year (\$14 if first class mailing of Coil Line is desired, and \$14 for all foreign mailing addresses) and should be sent to: Richard L. Beecher, Treasurer 10779 Woodbine St. Apt. 302 Los Angeles, CA 90034

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.

# Ads

TRADE MY HONEYBEE seamline positions for "F" No. 1212, No. 2211. Also selling various PNCs. Send SASE for list to: Steve Hamrick, 2404 Dengar, Midland, TX 79705.

FOR SALE BEST OFFER - 18c Flag Plate No. 6. Light cancellation. Photocopy available if interested. Richard Andrew, 452 Grace St., Marengo, Ill. 60152.

A 52c No. 10 SASE gets you the finest illustrated net pricelist of PNC covers and used material ever offered, including an 18c Flag No. 6 cover, several multiple ounce rate PNC covers, and many hard to find precancelled PNC covers. Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

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## TANSTAAFL explained

Mac Johnson's contest to see if anyone knew what the letters making up the name of his new shop stood for has been won by Paul Brumley of Hixson, Tenn. TANSTAAFL stands for "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch." Mac said Paul received four commercial PNC covers as his prize.

## Rabinowitz issues challenge

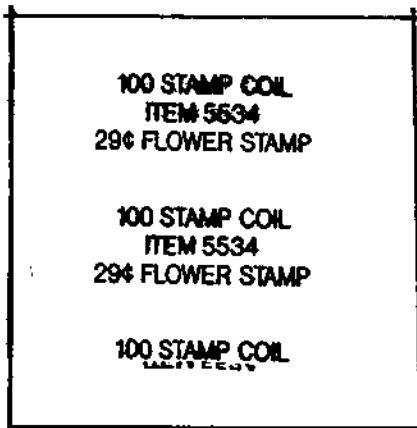
Dr. Robert Rabinowitz has issued a challenge to PNC3 members. Rabinowitz is encouraging members to write original articles for Coil Line and also recruit a dealer to purchase a half-page advertisement in Coil Line each time an original article is published. Rabinowitz said he would purchase a half-page each time Ken Lawrence submits an original article to Coil Line. The challenge starts with the November issue. Rabinowitz said the challenge would get more PNC3 members and dealers involved in Coil Line.

## Annual meeting report in Nov. Coil Line

Minutes of the PNC3 annual meeting held Aug. 24 in Philadelphia will probably be published in the November issue of Coil Line. The minutes were being circulated among the executive committee members who attended to make sure all of the pertinent information was included. Due to being on jury duty, the Coil Line editor was unable to attend this year's meeting.

## Interesting coil pairs distributed

Joann Lenz, Sterling Heights, Mi., shared coil pairs from a roll of 29c Mount Rushmore stamps with those attending the annual meeting at Stampshow. Alan Thomson said the roll of Plte No. 6 stamps seemed to be printed on a different type of paper. It is not known where Joann obtained the stamps.



Seal from a bubble pack on a roll of 100 of the 29c denominated flower coil stamp

Membership in PNC3 has reached 514 & includes 10 foreign members. Seven of those 10 are from Canada.