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Regional meeting attracts over 40 during WCSE

Over 40 people attended the PNC3 Regional Meeting held late on the afternoon of May 30 at the World Columbia Stamp Exposition in Chicago.

Two hours were set aside for the meeting and since no one was using the room later, several of those attending stayed around for about 40 more minutes of trading and swapping stories. Several also adjourned to the hotel room of PNC3 Secretary Gene Trinks for more stamp talk.

After everyone introduced themselves, Trinks narrated the Plate Number Coil Slide Show recently revised by Ken Lawrence. Ken showed the program May 29 as part of a Bureau Issues Association meeting.

Steve Esrati, editor of The Plate Number and founder and former publisher of the Plate Number Coil Catalog presented a variety of information.

He introduced several members of the Plate Number Coil Study Group in attendance-Al Haake, Dr. Robert Rabinowitz, Al Cibulskas, Myron Hill and Ken Lawrence.

He said the new catalog publisher, Rich Nazar, was planning several changes in the catalog with an effort toward making it an encyclopedia of PNCs. The tentative publication date is this fall but that timetable could change because Nazar's wife is expecting a child.

He will work under the name of Nazar Publications Inc.

Esrati revealed he had recently received three plate number activity reports, the first in about three years. He said the reports are not comprehensive and urged others to request the information from the US Postal Service to see if other reports might show up.

He said one Eagle & Shield number has still only been found used on cover and no mint strips have been located. All of the number could have been used by a mass mailer.

Based on some of the information in the report he believes the E&S Shield Plate A12213 is "cheap" at its present prices and expects it to rise. "It pays not to be your own person" he advised anyone who thinks they can find all of the numbers without some help.

The plate reports also revealed Plate No. 2 of the \$1 Airplane Transportation Coil was prepared for the B Press. It has not been reported but might exist.

Esrati also reported ABN or Stamp Venturers will print rolls of 12,000 of the 5c Circus Wagon in 1993 for the Disabled American Veterans. The stamps will be printed by the gravure process.

A discussion of phosphorescence and tagging followed with some present disputing a couple of Steve's opinions on the issue.

Bill Castle, who lives in nearby Evanston told the group he had discovered a postal vending machine in a post office lobby nearby where the Solid Tag-aka Lenz Paper type on the Mount Rushmore Plate No. 6 could be found. He distributed detailed directions and hours the lobby was open. The find was at the Oak Park, IL post office. The machines were emptied out Sunday by collectors.

Esrati also expects a new design for the 23c Presort First Class stamp in 1993. He said it had been expected this year but won't appear. It will not include the U.S. Flag, he said.

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PNC3 election ballots to be mailed

Ballots for the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club election of officers are to be mailed to members in good standing via first class mail.

The ballot package will include biographies of all of the candidates. Please follow the instructions included with the ballots to make sure your vote counts.

The PNC3 elections have traditionally brought a high percentage response. Let's make sure to vote and be involved in the future of PNC3.

Correction to June roll size list

Alan Thomson reports there was an error in the roll size list published in the June issue of Coil line.

He reports NO Lenz paper Rushmores have been found in any size but rolls of 3,000. Please make note of the correction.

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Regional meeting

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Jeff Steinman, a non-member, who drove 10 hours from Nebraska to arrive at the start of the meeting, reported finding untagged E stamps No. 1111 on cover.

Jeff brought a large stock of used PNC material along with other interesting items. He was a popular trader/seller after the meeting. He estimates having gone through about three tons of mixtures looking for PNC materials.

Tony Curtis shared the fruits of his dumpster diving in the Seattle area.

Among his finds is a "Seattle Blue" 29c Mount Rushmore stamp on cover. The stamp is beautiful and as of this writing no mint copies have been found. Tony had also found 13 Eagle & Shield numbers on commercial covers. All of these finds are the result of "dumpster diving."

Chicago member Joe Sedivy, our PNC3 auction director, showed a Mount Rushmore mint strip of three with a red color for the monument. He saw a used example on cover and traced the stamp via a return address. Most of the roll had been used but Joe came up with the strip of three and some other copies. Tony also has a similar example on cover but not quite as red. Joe is sending an example to BEP for an explanation.

Door prizes were donated by Jerry Koepf of Stamps N Stuff (20c Fire Pumper No. 1); Joann Lenz, non plate number strips of the Mount Rushmore varieties; and Harold Brown, non plate number strips of five of the Toledo Brown.

After a period of time spent awarding door prizes and sharing other information, Jann Lenz gave a program at the front of room on tagging and tagging varieties and Conrad Keydel gave a program at the back of the room on PNC First Day Covers and FDC preparation using coil labels.

-Report by Harold Brown

Ads

U.S. ILLUSTRATED ERROR LIST. Thirty pages, includes PNC errors. \$1.00 plus SASE with 75c postage. Stan Goldfarb, 8520 Atwell Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854.

MONTHLY MAIL-BID No. 23 includes many PNCs & multiple lots-free catalog-Orville Harris, Box 70, Umpqua, OR 97486. PNC No. 618.

ULTRA VIEW MOUNTS: The only stamp mounts on the market that allow transmission of UV light plus having acid free paper inserts for facilitating stamp insertion and retention. Coil stip package \$6.00. Mueggenburg, 3525 Bluff Court, Carmichael, CA 95608.

BUY, SELL AND TRADE: Need used singles, mostly newer issues. Surplus PNC3's and PNC5's, 75 different each, used singles, 130 different. Sell at 1/3 Linn's Trends. Send for lists. Tom Haire, 16725 Bobcat Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33908.

BUY AND TRADE, tagging varieties, misperf, imperf EFOs. Mueggenburg, 3525 Bluff Court, Carmichael, CA 95608.

Letters

Grading correct by market standards

To the Editor:

I have always found grading to be subjective. A clear and consistent description is most important. The dealer is correct in his description of the two illustrated strips by market standards.

However, I question the FINE grad description in the current auction. If the number or the design touches and is uncut, its is Ave/F. If it cuts, Ave. I use all Avg. and Avg./F material for postage.

The line should not be used in determining grade. If the two edges of the plate are not equal, the line will not fall center to the designs. The line is neither engraved nor an intended part of the design. A collector buying anything less than VF grade should make clear his requirements concerning the line.

When grading PNC strips, the plate number is considered as part of the design. A collector who desires his strips graded to vignette only should notify the dealer of his special needs.

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Grade those Flag strips Fine

To the Editor:

On your "How do you grade these strips?" (Pg. 81) ... FINE!

Look at the Condition Definitions for our own auction (pg 94). Fine is "design off center . . . the design is clear of the perfs" - this definition fits these strips.

F-VF is "Design has better centering but still off some" - I have to say that this centering is off by more than "SOME."

On both strips the number is clear of the bottom, but the one strip (Photocopies are hard to grade) appears to be cut high, while the other looks low. If we are grading on the number ALONE, they would qualify as F-VF . . . "number well clear of the bottom."

However, we don't grade on the number alone.

Gene Ernst
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Fine at best for those strips

To the Editor:

Pursuant to your request for input regarding Page 81 of the June, 1992 Coil Line, please be advised that I would grade those strips as FINE at best, and certainly not F-VF.

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Back issues of Coil Line available

Back issues of Coil Line, from December 1990 through June 1992, are still available for purchase at \$2 per copy. This price was established by the Board of Directors and includes postage and packaging. Requests for these back issues should be accompanied by a check made payable to PNC3.

Back copies for dates prior to December 1990 can be supplied at a cost of 10c per face page, plus shipping. Please inquire by postcard to insure understanding of full cost. Checks for out-of-print issues should be made payable to Alan Thomson, as I will be copying these from my personal file. This is an "at cost" service.

All requests and inquiries should be sent to Alan Thomson, P.O. Box 91, Northwood, NH 03261

Letters

Test coil strips offered for SASE

To the Editor:

One of the BIG coil collecting news stories from the Columbian (WCSE) was the availability of Test Coils from the 29c Flower. Rolls of 100 of both the rouletted and perfed versions were distributed free to anyone who dropped by the Stamp Venturers booth and asked for a sample.

I obtained several extra rolls of each perf and would be happy to send strips of each to PNC3 members sending an SASE.

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Another offer for test coil strips

To the Editor:

A sudden unanticipated trip to NASA Langley, VA, allowed me to rearrange my return flight through Chicago to spend Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24 at the World Columbia Stamp Expo '92.

This was an unexpected treat for me. In my opinion the show was a smashing success. I've never seen anything like it on the West Coast. Both the "Olympic Games Day" May 23 and "Youth Day" May 24 were well attended. Members of the US Winter Olympic Team were available to autograph souvenirs. Several US Stamp designers and engravers were also on hand for autographing.

If I have one complaint it is that there were no convenience outlets available for me to plug in my U.V. light. Several dealers allowed me to plug in my light in their booths. They were well-rewarded for their cooperation as I found lots of goodies and spent more money than I had planned to spend. A few dealers could not be bothered. Their loss is my gain. One dealer, Jerry Koepf, of Stamps N Stuff had his own U.V. light plugged in and ready for use by the public. We need more dealers like Jerry.

The Postal Service had the sale of stamps and FDC cancellations well organized. The \$16.34 set of Columbian Souvenir sheets were snapped up by eager collectors. On my first day I discovered that both the \$3.14 and \$4.05 sheets were printed on fluorescent paper, whereas the other four sheets were printed on non-responsive paper. However, I noticed that the \$2.00 stamp on the American Bank Note Co. Souvenir First Day Postal Cards I had purchased was also a hibrite. Sure enough, the next day when I purchased additional Columbus sheets, I found the \$2.25 sheetlet printed on fluorescent paper. Incidentally, the easiest way to check for fluorescence in these sheets is to inspect the gum side with a long wave U.V. light source. I'm sure that all six different panes will eventually show up in both hibrite and non-flourescent varieties. The 1c to 10c stamps on these sheets are not tagged. The 15c through \$5.00 stamps are all block tagged, mine were all in perfect registry. I would like to be informed of any tag shifts found.

One of the new stamp manufacturers, Stamp Venturers, exhibited some of their wares and handed out some non-denominated, non-postage sample coils. The design of the sample coil is an eagle in flight over a forest with the stars and stripes of our flag in the upper left corner. Plate numbers were not used on these coil stamps. Anyone sending me a SASE will

receive a free strip of three from me in both roulette and perforated format.

One of my highlights at the show was to finally meet some of the people with whom I have corresponded over the years. These included Wayne Youngblood of "Stamps That Glow" fame, and Ken Lawrence, author of the "Plate Number Coil Handbook" I also discussed the listing of luminescent varieties with Mr. Richard Sine, Editorial Director of Scott Publishing Co.

All in all these were two days that I will long remember and I wish every stamp collector in the country could have attended the World Columbian Stamp Expo '92.

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Member defended for her generosity

To the Editor:

As you may recall from previous Coil Line issues, some 29c Rushmore from plate 7 were tagged with a solid phosphor coating instead of the more common phosphoring, which has a mottled appearance. Surprisingly, they have been found in only one place. PNC3 member Joann Lenz has been the only finder. As far back as a year ago, Joann was quite generous in giving mint copies to anyone who asked. She brought copies to our annual meeting at STAmPsHOW in

Philadelphia in August and gave all members present a copy. She sent a supply to the Southern California regional meeting in January, which I chaired. There were some examples left over, and when I told her I'd send the remainder back, she said not to bother-give them to collectors.

About three months ago, Joann phoned me in my capacity as Ethics Committee Chairman. She said that she thought of offering used examples to any PNC3 member who would supply an addressed envelope. She also said that she was going to consign the plate number strips to a dealer, and wondered if the offering of used copies might look "double motivated." Joann was seeking counsel. I offered the opinion that I saw no ethical problem whatsoever, and that the offering of any philatelic material free of charge was indeed generous.

I was sent a photocopy of Bob Rabinowitz's most recent "Expose." In it he asked if Joann's offering of unnumbered copies of the tagging variety was generosity or "smart merchandising," and whether this elementary school teacher had learned this trick in "Marketing 101."

Bob was not accusing Joann of being unethical, just being clever. Anyone who knows Joann knows that she is intelligent and quick, but is not "clever" in that sense. Several people mentioned to me how upset they were seeing that reference to her in print. Some told stories of new material she had sent them, asking nothing in return.

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Letters continued

WCSE & Regional Meeting good time; followed by a USPS investigation

To the Editor:

Before I get to the point of this letter, I've got to say how much I enjoyed my visit to the last weekend of WCSE and the attendance of my first PNC3 meeting. The memories obtained from meeting PNC3 members and listening to, talking and trading with them will be ones I will keep forever. I strongly suggest all members who haven't attended on of these PNC3 meetings to do so. I'm sure, like I did, you will thoroughly enjoy it. I guarantee, it will be the experience of a lifetime.

After my return, I received a call from a postal inspector the following Monday. I had tried to sell some scrap Eagle & Shield and 23c Presort to a local mailing outfit and provided examples. Well, the stamps ended up in the postal inspectors' hands and were checked for authenticity and washing. After finding no problem with either, it was assumed they could be stolen and I was told so. I thought WOW-UP AGAINST THE WALL, HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD. The inspector told me that without a bulk mail permit, it was against the law for me to buy them, use them or sell them. Also, it was against the law for someone to sell them to me. I've got the first class mail permit and told her so. She wanted to know who sold them to me. I replied "philatelic clerks and I was buying them for the numbered PS5 and needed to get rid of the scrap."

We eventually ended up having a nice conversation. She did not realize there was a number on the coils but now does (?). I also informed her that there were 500 of us in a nationwide club collecting them. So, I believe she realized they were not stolen and said she was just going to file away my investigation and let it be. I'm not sure, though, whether or not she is going to raise some local stink about my using them. (Her telephone number was local). I am now carrying a copy of the DMM 142.313 reprint from page 51 of the April "Coil Line" in my wallet in case I get challenged.

I interpret this as allowing us to use them with a permit. Also, I guess we better let all the philatelic clerks in the land and the Philatelic Sales Division know that they are breaking the law by selling us the Bulk Rate stamps. (Only kidding, of course).

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Ink spray cancellations with PNCs

To the Editor:

I have become interested in this phase of collecting in addition to PNCs. It is very difficult to get spray-cancels with a PNC stamp. I have a few, the earliest being on a 25c Yosemite No. 13 phosphor from Cincinnati dated Nov. 24, 1990.

As Tom Maeder points out, many of these have a "nice personality" even without plate number coils. There are some inverts in my collection as well as double spray cancels-some examples are St. Louis and Chicago sprays on one cover, St. Louis and Nashville, TN, Fox Valley and North Suburban, IL, St. Louis and Gary, IN. Other oddities are sprays on backs of envelopes, one with part on the front side and part on the back side of the envelope. A rather strange cover is one with a meter cancel in Munster, IN, circular date stamped in Gary, IN, spray cancelled in Omaha, NE, and delivered to St. Louis. Figure that one out.

The special slogan covers are unique-also such as Take a Letter to Lunch from Rockford, IL, plus Valentine, Easter and St. Patrick's Day.

My real prize are three identical envelopes with Gary, IN spray cancelled, timed at 20:48 HRS each-same date, same zip code-plus a fourth identical envelope timed at 20:47 HRS. I'd say the odds of that occurring unplanned would be a million to one.

The bulk of the covers are meter cancelled with Pitney-Bowes F-meters and H-meters and variations with red ink, blue and gray inks being used. Stamps, per se, are not too often seen and a PNC is a real rarity with spray cancellation.

There doesn't seem to be information on what the purpose of spray cancelling is, at least not to my knowledge. Perhaps someone can offer what the USPS has in mind.

The ink spray cancels and PNC collecting have enriched my life, a needed shot in the arm.

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Trading Center offer little used

To the Editor:

I had very little success with my trading center offer, hearing from only eight traders. I was probably too late on the Eagle & Shields and the White House coil just didn't come out when it was originally expected.

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Double-numbered auction lots

Two numbers were "doubled" in the PNC3 auction list published in the June issue of Coil Line.

Numbers 167 and 168 under strips of 5 will use those numbers. Numbers 167 and 168 under E. Longer Strips will use 167a and 168a.

Special of the month

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tagged Plate No. 4, PS-3

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Stamp Venturers popular WCSE exhibit

By Harold Brown
Coil Line Editor

The exhibit of Stamp Venturers was among the most popular at the World Columbian Stamp Exposition in Chicago. In addition to exhibits dealing with coil stamps and production, the exhibit included a variety of educational demonstrations of interest to all stamp collectors. For the purpose of this article, I'll concentrate on the coils.

Among the souvenirs available were dummy coils of the firm's logo. The coils are illustrated at the end of the article, along with the wrapper that was used. The coils were available in both the standard perforations and the roulette or slit perforations. On the last two days of the show collectors were making sure they had at least a couple of types of each coil. Some who attended the show earlier reportedly were able to come up with stamp sticks of the rouletted version. The dummy coils do not have plate numbers.

An individual at the booth the last day of WCSE said he did not know if the display would travel to other shows. WCSE was the first time it had been tried by the company. I have a feeling collectors will see the display again at some of the bigger shows.

The display dealing with coils made use of both the 29c Tulip stamp and the dummy test coils. The display also illustrated how the firm will number larger coils on the back for the purpose of helping clerks both count stamps for customers and for inventory control.

The display included the following:

- 1) A model of the 29c tulip stamp five times the size of the actual stamp.
- 2) A stamp-size model dated 1-9-91 directing that the design be changed from reading USA to 29 USA at the top of the stamp.
- 3) USPS approved web sheet of stamps for color.
- 4) Web sheet indicating the orders the color was applied as it moved through the press-yellow-red-green-black.
- 5) One example each of the web for the perforated and rouletted varieties.

The following were all illustrated by the dummy stamp.

- 1) Coil stick, 10 rolls of 100 stamps each.
- 2) Sample 100 stamp coils.
- 3) Sample coils of 500, 3,000 and 10,000 numbered on the back.
- 4) Packaging for coils of 100 stamps in an 8 row by 5 row or 40 per tray format.



Perforated test coil



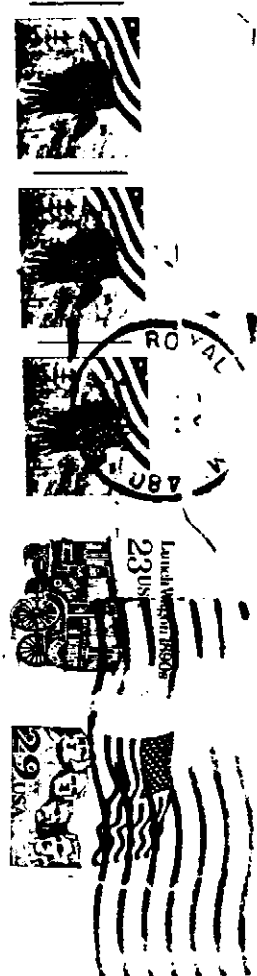
Roulette test coil

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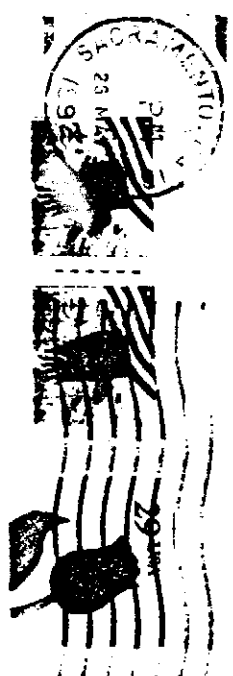
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Test coils show up on Coil Line Editor's mail
Both Joann Lenz and Harry Muegenburg used some of the Stamp Venturers test coils obtained at the World Columbian Stamp Exhibition on mail they later sent to Coil Line Editor Harold Brown. Both are also offering to send members free examples of the stamps. Details may be found in the Letters section of this issue of Coil Line.

Rolls of hard to find Flags reportedly show up at WCSE

By HAROLD BROWN
Coil Line Editor

All sorts of interesting PNC material showed up during the World Columbian Stamp Exposition in Chicago.

The talk among collectors the last two days of the show was about several rolls of 500 of the 18c and 20c Flag and 20c Consumer stamps. No one seemed to know the name of the seller but it's certain someone ended up with some good material at a discount price.

Reportedly included were two rolls of 18c Flag No. 6 (that's 20 more strips than were known); several other 18c Flag rolls with the numbers 1, & 2; and 20c Flag rolls with the numbers 1, 2, 4 & 7. By the last couple days of the show some of the material had changed hands several times.

I was told the first buyer of the material bought it at 80 percent of face, yes 80 percent of face. Seems incredible but if that's true, and I have no reason to doubt it, the seller is not likely to have known what he had. It's a cinch the buyer didn't bother to tell the seller what they had.

Good business? Taking advantage of a situation? I suppose it's a bit of both. But it also points out that we as collectors not only need to know what we have but also need to make our families or whoever might take care of our estates aware of exactly what we have in our collections.

The retail value of the material the individual sold at 80 percent of face could have kept someone comfortable for several years or put more than one person through college.

Granted, one doesn't usually expect to get retail prices for a collection but a good bit of the material certainly should have attracted a premium. A little education about how the material could have been broken down and sold through Coil Line or another stamp publication would have brought a much better price. It might have taken a while to get the money and would have cost a

little to advertise but 80 percent of face?

Here are my questions.

Is a dealer ethical in taking advantage of a uneducated seller?

Is it just good business/smart business to work this way?

If the seller was happy, and I suspect he was, do I have any business raising these questions?

Before you buy any more stamps, sit down and begin to write a letter outlining what you have and end up by suggesting a dealer, a friend, or a fellow collector who can help dispose of the collection.

Tell your spouse or heirs what you have. Be honest with them about the retail/wholesale values of the collection. Make a special list of items that ought to bring a premium or make the collection more attractive. If you're a member of the American Philatelic Society, make your heirs aware of the APS Estate Advisory Service.

You've put a lot of time, effort and money into your collection. If it is going to be broken up upon your demise, help make sure the sellers get a fair price. If it's going to a grandchild or favorite niece or nephew, let them know its value.

There are lots of solid, honest dealers. Know who they are and let your heirs know.

I'm going to take my own suggestion and get the facts down on paper. Don't leave the information in a computer. Print it out, give a copy or copies to those who will handle your affairs.

Help make your heirs educated sellers. You should then be able to enjoy your collection even more, knowing you've helped make things a little easier.

I might also suggest we all take a few minutes to read over the PNC3 Code of Ethics adopted last summer. The code is published on the following page.

I have not used names because I wish only to raise the general questions for discussion.

Comments are expected and welcome but to be published must be signed.

PNC3 Code of Ethics

The ethical standards of PNC³ are particularly focused on the integrity of a member's word, and the maintainence of the integrity of the pool of philatelic material. Members are to honor their agreements, whether made in writing or orally, to the fullest reasonable extent. Any deceit or artifice contrived to take advantage of another collector is a violation of the Ethical Code.

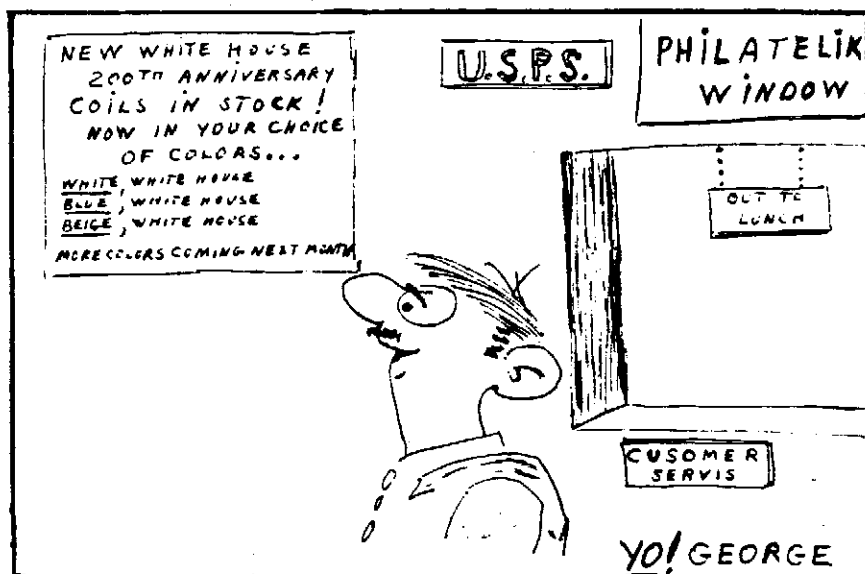
Examples of violations include:

1. Failure to pay for, or return, ordered material in a timely manner.
2. Counterfeiting or altering philatelic material.
3. Misrepresenting philatelic material as something that it is not.
4. Deliberately falsifying the known quantity of philatelic material, especially on new discoveries.
5. For dealers, failure to live up to advertised promises.

Accusations against members may be brought to the chairman of the Ethics Committee, who shall direct an inquiry into the facts of the case. Accusations must be in writing, and may not be anonymous. The Committee as a whole shall form an opinion and judgment on the matter before them, and recommend action, as appropriate, to the Board of Directors, who shall have ultimate review authority. Action taken may be a written censure, suspension, or expulsion from PNC³ membership. Suspensions and expulsions shall be published in Coil Line.

Should any conflict exist between the PNC³ Code of Ethics and the Code of the American Philatelic Society, the Code of the APS shall prevail.

Should two conflicting parties request it, the Ethics Committee may act as an arbiter of disputes. The Committee judgment may be advisory or binding, depending upon whichever the two parties agree to in advance.



Cartoon by George Leduc

Listing of Plate Number Coil Exhibits
(Information about additional exhibits should be sent to Coil Line)

Exhibitor	Title/Subject
1) Ken Lawrence	18c Flag Coil Plate No. 6
2) Ken Lawrence	Penalty Mail Stamps and Usage
3) Tim Lindemuth	20c Flag Stamps
4) Frank Shively	8.3c Ambulance
5) Ken Cherry	PNC Commercial Covers 1981 to 1983
6) Gary Davis	Transportation Series
7) Tony Bruno	25c Flag Coil
8) Richard Lucia	20c Fire Pumper
9) Rocco Coponi	17c Electric Auto
10) Rolly Grandahl	U.S. Plate Number Coils (Postally Used 1981 to date)
11) Dean Hawk	Transportation Series
12) Robert Effinger	PNC's
13) Darrell Ertzberger	Cottrell Press Issues of the Transportation Series
14) Bill McMurray	Tomorrow's Classics (U.S. Flag & Transportation Coils 1981)
15) Mary Ann Owen	Transportation Coils
16) Leonard Piskiewicz	United States Transportation Coil Usages
17) William DiPaolo	The Honeybee Coil

The list was compiled by PNC member Bill McMurray, P.O. Box 342, Westerly, R.I. 02891. Bill is chairman of the Awards & Exhibition Committee and Estate Advisory Committee of PNC3. This list is intended as a starting place and anyone aware of additional exhibits is encouraged to contact Bill and Coil Line so that the list can be made as complete as possible. It will be republished as needed.

Members are also invited to submit photocopies of a few pages from their exhibits to be published in Coil Line to show others what you have done. This may help others who have thought about putting together an exhibit but were unsure of how to proceed.

Those who are active exhibitors are encouraged to inform Coil Line as far in advance as possible where they will be exhibiting so that members in that area can attend shows and view the full exhibits. No matter how long range your exhibit plans, advance notification is the key to getting the word out.

Below is the text McMurray has prepared to inform shows of the availability of the PNC3 President's Award.

POST CARD TEXT

Dear Awards & Exhibition Chairman:

The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club has initiated the PNC3 President's Award to promote the collecting and exhibition of U.S. plate number coils, 1981 to date.

The President's Award certificate and ribbon will be provided at no charge to all stamp shows. Exhibitors need not be a member of PNC3 to win this award.

Write to PNC³
P.O. Box 342
Westerly, RI 02891

PNC3 Presidents's Award & exhibit results

The PNC3 President's Award will be given at these shows:

PIPEX 92, June 19-21, Northwest Federation Stamp Show, Valleyford, WA.

Keystone Federation Stamp Show Sept. 25-26, York Fair Grounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA. Information for John C. Hufnagel, P.O. Box 85, Glen Rock, PA 17327.

THAMESPEX 92, Oct. 25, Thames Stamp Club, Mitchell College, London, CT. Information from Bill McMurray, P.O. Box. 342, Westerly, RI 02891.

(The following page contains a copy of the form which can be used to request the PNC3 President's Award for the show your local club hosts or a club in your area hosts. Make as many copies as needed to help promote the exhibiting of PNC material at shows in your area.)

1992 PNC3 Member Exhibit Winners

(Compiled by Bill McMurray, additional information should be reported to Coil Line so that this list can be made as complete as possible.)

Kenneth Cherry - "PNC Commercial Covers from the Purple Machine Era 1981-1983." This exhibit was awarded the PNC3 President's Award and a York County Show Silver at the annual show of the White Rose Philatelic Society Jan. 31-Feb. 1 in York, PA.

Frank L. Shively Jr. - "McKean Ambulance 8.3c Transportation Coil Stamp." This was awarded a Silver at EUPEX 92, The Bureau Issues Association Award for the best exhibit of U.S. material and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor for excellence in presentation. EUPEX was sponsored by the Euclid Stamp Club Feb. 1-2 in Cleveland.

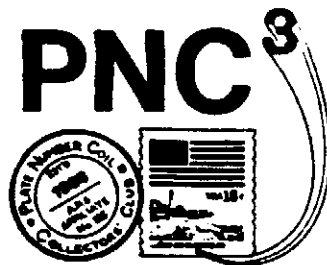
Gary Davis - "What Do You Do When Your Album is Full? (A Detailed Study of Coil Issues, Mainly the Transportation Series)." This 10-frame exhibit was awarded a CIAPEX Gold, the PNC3 President's Award, the American Philatelic Society's Post 1940 Award of Excellence, the G. Hubbel Award for the best exhibit by a member of the Des Moines Philatelic Society and took second place in the United States Classification. The show was held March 28-29 in Des Moines, IA.

Richard Lucia - "20c Fire Pumper." This 36-page exhibit was awarded an American Philatelic Society Silver and the Novice Award for a first-time exhibitor at the annual Warren, PA Stamp Show in April.

Roland Grandahl - "United States Plate Number Coils (Postally Used) 1981 to Date." This exhibit was awarded a Manpex Silver and the PNC3 President's Award at MANPEX 92, the annual show sponsored by the Manchetsre Philatelic Society, Manchester, CT, May 16-17.

THE PLATE NUMBER COIL COLLECTORS CLUB

Bill McMurray, Chairman
Awards & Exhibition Committee
Estate Advisory Committee
P.O. Box 342
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REQUEST FOR AWARD

This request is for the President's award.

The name of the exhibition is _____.

The sponsoring organization is _____.

The dates of the exhibition are _____.

The exhibition has _____ frames and _____ pages per frame.

The exhibition is open to any collector without restriction
yes/no _____

Exhibits will be judged in open competition yes/no _____.

The certificate should be sent to: _____

Please enclose available information about your exhibition.

Used Black Field plate single found

Three and a half years after discovery, and three years after Bureau of Engraving and Printing confirmation of its error status, the first used place single of the 22¢ Flag with black field has surfaced.

After noticing the black field on a piece of mail he was delivering, a letter carrier went to the home post office of the sender of the piece and located a solitary roll of 100. He gave half the roll to a collector-friend. A pair was sent to BEP for analysis, and they reported that it was indeed an error. No trace of blue was present at all. This ruled out contamination or wiping as a cause. Black ink had been placed in the fountain instead of the requisite blue.

Until the discovery of this used single, the roll of 100 were the only copies known.

Disposition of this roll was as follows:

- (20) 4 strips of 5 given away to collector-friends. One strip was subsequently separated into 3-2, with a pair given away.
 - (2) a pair was donated to the APS reference collection.
 - (4) two pairs were offered at auction.
 - (4) unnumbered singles used on mail to collectors; 1 copy subsequently lost.
 - (1) one stamp gone and unaccounted for.
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- (31)
 - (69) including the (2) plate number 8's retained by the finder and his friend.
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- (100)

Scott has given this error its own listing: 2115c. It is unpriced in Scott. The two pairs offered in separate Schiff auctions fetched \$625 and \$650, plus the 10% buyer's premium. This used single with number is unique in the strictest meaning of the word. It was found by a mixture sorter and purchased by Bobby Reece of St. Louis, MO. Bobby intends to offer it for sale, but has not yet determined when or how.

Tom Maeder
San Pedro, CA



Black Field plate single

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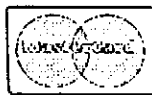
	LP	PS3	PS5		LP	PS3	PS5		LP	PS3	PS5
1897 1¢ Bus 1, 2, 5, 6	.20	.30	.65	2132a 12¢ PC 1, 2	2.50	2.75	3.00	1895 20¢ Flag 4	37.80	65.00	800.00
3, 4	1.20	1.30	1.40	2132b 12¢ B Press PC 1	22.00	23.00	24.00	6	90.00	95.00	150.00
2225 1¢ B Press 1, 2	.40	.50	.90	2133 12.5¢ Pushcart 1, 2	2.65	2.80	3.25	5, 9, 10, 13, 14	2.75	4.00	6.00
2225a untagged 2	1.00	1.25	1.50	2133a 12.5¢ PC 1, 2	3.90	4.00	4.50	8	5.45	5.60	16.00
1897A Loco 3, 4, 8, 10	.35	.40	.70	2258 13¢ Patrol Wagon 1	2.75	3.00	3.25	1895a 20¢ PC 14	60.00	60.00	60.00
2, 6	.60	.65	1.00	2259 13.2¢ Coal Car 1, 2	2.75	3.00	3.25	0135 20¢ Official 1	10.50	25.00	50.00
2226 Loco B Press 1	.85	.90	1.00	2134 14¢ Iceboat 1, 2, 3, 4	1.40	2.40	2.50	2263 20¢ Cable Car 1, 2	3.25	3.75	4.50
1898 Handcar 1, 2, 3, 4	.55	.80	1.00	2134b B Press 2	2.80	3.90	4.50	2263b Overall tagged 2	3.25	3.75	4.50
2252 Conestoga Wagon 1, 2	.80	.90	1.00	2260 15¢ Tugboat 1, 2	2.50	2.80	3.00	2264 20.5¢ Fire Engine 1	3.25	3.75	4.50
2123 3.4¢ School Bus 1, 2	.70	1.00	1.25	2260a Overall tagged 2	3.50	3.80	4.00	2265 21¢ Rail Car 1, 2	3.25	3.75	4.50
2123a 3.4¢ PC 1, 2	6.00	6.50	7.00	2261 16.7¢ Popcorn 1, 2	4.00	4.40	4.75	2150 21.1¢ 111111	3.00	3.15	4.75
1898A 4¢ Coach 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1.25	1.70	1.80	1906 17¢ Auto 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1.80	3.10	3.40	111121	4.05	4.40	6.75
1898Ab 4¢ PC 3, 4	4.25	4.80	5.00	6	17.00	17.50	18.00	2150a 21.1¢ PC 111111, 111121	3.85	3.85	5.75
5, 6	5.00	7.50	7.75	7	4.90	5.00	5.50	2115 22¢ Flag 1, 7	5.45	14.50	15.00
2228 4¢ B Press 1	1.00	1.20	1.25	1906a 17¢ PC Type A 3, 4, 5	4.90	5.00	5.50	3	10.50	11.20	40.00
2228a overall tagged 1	13.00	13.50	14.00	Type A 6, 7	10.00	12.50	13.00	6	6.85	7.00	7.50
2451 4¢ Carriage 1	1.00	1.20	1.25	Type AB 5, 7 PS10 only	—	—	14.00	14	25.50	26.00	27.00
2451a same, untagged	2.00	2.25	2.50	Type B 3, 4	18.20	18.90	22.00	2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, T1	4.00	4.10	4.50
2124 4.9¢ Buckboard 3, 4	1.00	1.05	1.80	Type B 5, 6	10.00	13.50	14.00	11, 13, 17, 18, 20	5.95	8.30	9.50
2124a PC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1.40	1.50	1.80	Type BA 5, 6	—	—	59.00	2112 22¢ "D" Eagle 1, 2	4.75	5.10	7.75
1899 5¢ Micycle 1, 2, 3, 4	.55	1.45	1.55	Type C 1, 2	9.50	9.85	10.25	0139 22¢ "D" Official 1	35.00	50.00	80.00
2253 5¢ Milk Wagon 1	1.00	1.10	1.25	Type C 3, 4	10.00	10.75	11.00	2464 23¢ Lunch Wagon 2, 3	3.25	3.75	4.50
2452 5¢ Circus Wagon 1	1.00	1.10	1.25	Type C 5, 7	21.00	22.00	23.00	2607 23¢ Flag A111, 212, 222	3.25	3.75	4.50
2452a untagged 1	1.60	1.65	1.75	2135 17¢ Dogsled 2	2.75	3.00	3.50	A112, 122	4.50	5.00	5.50
2453 5¢ Canoe 1	1.00	1.10	1.25	2262 17.5¢ Racer 1	3.00	3.50	4.00	2266 24.1¢ Tandem 1	3.90	4.20	4.50
2454 gravured S11	1.60	1.65	1.75	2262a 17.5¢ PC 1	3.00	3.50	4.00	2136 25¢ Bread Wagon			
1900 5.2¢ Sleigh 1, 2	3.85	7.00	16.00	1907 18¢ Surrey 1	61.00	90.00	95.00	1, 2, 3, 4	2.65	2.80	4.25
3, 5	135.00	165.00	170.00	2, 5, 6, 8	2.65	4.00	4.50	5	3.35	3.50	5.50
1900a PC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	11.00	13.00	14.00	3, 4	35.00	75.00	78.00	2280 25¢ Yosemite			
2254 5.3¢ Elevator 1	1.15	1.20	1.30	7	21.00	38.00	45.00	Block 1, 7	7.00	8.00	9.00
2125 5.5¢ Star Truck 1	1.55	1.65	1.75	11, 12, 15, 16	9.30	16.00	16.50	Block 2, 3, 4, 5, 8	3.80	4.20	4.50
2125a 5.5¢ PC 1	2.05	2.15	2.45	9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18	6.30	7.00	11.00	Block 9	10.00	11.00	12.00
PC 2	2.60	2.80	3.00	1891 18¢ Flag 1	120.00	140.00	440.00	Phos 1	38.00	39.00	40.00
1901 5.9¢ Bicycle 3, 4	4.20	9.10	18.00	2	19.60	29.40	45.00	Phos 2-3, 7-11, 13-14	4.00	4.25	4.75
1901a 5.9¢ PC 3, 4	22.00	32.00	32.50	3	360.00	362.50	1,000.00	Phos 5, 15	6.00	7.00	8.00
PC 5, 6	59.50	88.00	90.00	4	6.30	6.65	10.00	Phos 6	14.00	15.00	16.00
2126 6¢ Tricycle 1	1.20	1.50	1.60	5	3.50	4.70	5.50	2279 "E" Earth 1211	4.75	4.90	7.25
2126a PC 1	2.30	2.40	2.50	6	WANT	1700.00	2700.00	2222	5.00	5.50	6.00
PC 2	7.55	8.65	8.75	7	38.00	38.55	39.00	1111, 1222	2.10	2.30	3.75
2127 7.1¢ Tractor 1	2.55	2.60	2.70	2149 18¢ Wash. 1112, 3333	2.75	3.00	3.50	2281 25¢ Honeybee 1, 2	2.10	2.45	4.50
2127a 7.1¢ PC 1	2.55	2.60	2.70	2149A 18¢ PC 33333 & dull	4.00	4.50	5.00	1 Orig full serial	30.00	31.50	32.00
2127a PC 1 "ZiP-A"	2.55	2.60	2.70	PC 11121, 43444	5.75	6.15	6.50	2518 "F" (29¢) Tulip			
1902 7.4¢ Baby Buggy 2	5.60	6.30	11.00	2529 19¢ Fishing Boat A1112	10.00	10.25	10.50	1111, 1222, 2222	3.50	4.00	4.50
1902a PC 2	3.25	3.50	3.70	A1111, 1212, 2424	3.25	3.75	4.50	1211	39.00	39.50	40.00
2255 7.6¢ Carreta 1, 2	1.75	2.50	2.65	1908 20¢ Pumper 1	6.30	39.50	170.00	2211	8.00	8.50	9.00
3	6.00	6.50	7.00	2	35.00	260.00	975.00	2525 29¢ Flower S1111, 2222 S111	3.50	4.00	4.50
2128 8.3¢ Ambulance 1, 2	1.25	1.40	2.25	3, 4, 13, 15, 16	3.35	3.50	5.50	S2222 (Perf.)	4.00	4.50	5.00
2128a 8.3¢ PC 1, 2	1.25	1.40	2.25	5, 9, 10	1.75	2.05	3.40	2523 29¢ Ml. Rushmore			
PC 3, 4	3.35	3.50	3.75	7, 8	143.00	144.00	150.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	3.50	4.00	4.50
2231 Amb. B Press 1, 2	3.50	3.75	4.00	12, 14 XF	14.00	15.40	23.00	7 Toledo brown	150.00	150.00	150.00
2256 8.4¢ Wheelchair 1, 2	2.50	2.75	3.00	6, 12, 14	5.60	5.60	9.00	8	8.50	8.75	9.00
3	24.00	24.50	25.00	11	50.50	52.60	85.00	2523A gravure A1111, A22211	3.50	4.00	4.50
2129 8.5¢ Tow Truck 1	2.50	2.60	3.00	2005 20¢ Consumer Ed. 1, 2	4.55	37.50	200.00	2690 29¢ White House			
2129a 8.5¢ PC 1	3.50	3.60	3.70	3, 4	4.55	37.50	120.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	3.50	4.00	4.50
2	6.00	6.50	7.00	1895 20¢ Flag 1	5.60	8.00	85.00	2468 \$1 Scaplane	5.00	6.00	8.00
1903 9.3¢ Mail Wagon 1, 2	6.30	7.00	15.00	2, 11	7.55	10.00	12.00				
3, 4	26.80	28.20	41.00	3, 12	3.35	3.50	7.50				
5, 6	154.00	270.00	280.00								
1903a 9.3¢ PC 1, 2	16.00	17.00	18.00								
PC 3, 4	29.00	30.00	31.00								
PC 5, 6	3.00	3.20	3.40								
PC 8	160.00	170.00	180.00								
2257 10¢ Canal Boat 1	1.30	1.40	1.50								
2457 10¢ Tractor Trailer 1	1.30	1.40	1.50								
2604 (10¢) Eagle, Shield											
A11111, 11112, 21112, 22112, 22113, 43334, 43335, 53335	3.30	3.40	3.50								
A21113, 33333, 33335, 34424, 34426, 43324, 43325, 43326, 43426, 54444, 54445	4.75	4.85	5.00								
A12213	8.50	8.75	9.00								
A32333	160.00	160.00	160.00								
2130 10.1¢ Oil Wagon 1	1.60	2.10	3.25								
2130a 10.1¢ PC 1, 2	2.50	2.65	3.50								
2130a 10.1¢ Red PC 2, 3	2.55	2.65	2.75								
1904 10.9¢ Hansom 1, 2	9.10	16.00	36.00								
1904a 10.9¢ PC 1, 2	13.00	33.00	33.50								
3, 4	45.50	262.50	400.00								
1905 11¢ Caboose 1	3.15	3.35	5.00								
1905a 11¢ Caboose PC 1	3.80	4.00	4.25								
NEW untagged PC 2	2.00	2.25	2.50								
2131 11¢ Stutz 1, 2, 3, 4	.55	1.40	1.90								
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Houston, TX 77056

Leonard J. Kiriazes
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Chicago, IL 60625

Membership will reach 526 if all applicants are approved.

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

Change of Address:

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815 S. 216th St. Apt. WV75
Des Moines, WA 98198

Fr. Marian Douglas
P.O. Box 546
Calumet, MI 49913-0546

Reinstated:

Paul Barvell

Annual meeting in Oakland, Calif.

The Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will be held as part of the American Philatelic Society's STaMPsHOW '092 Aug. 27-30 in Oakland, CA.

The APS meeting will be held at the Oakland Convention Center.

Details on the meeting time and location will be published in the August issue of Coil Line.

Regional Meeting request responses will be delayed during June & July

Dick Koenig reports that any response to regional meeting requests sent to him during July and August will be delayed because he will on field assignment.

Dick reports he will handle the requests as soon as possible. As an alternative, Rob Washburn, PNC3 President, and Kent Knebel and George Leduc, regional committee members, can be contacted.

Amendment to PNC3 Bylaws approved

The proposed amendment to the PNC3 Bylaws was approved by a vote of 97 yes, one no and one ballot returned not voting.

The votes were tallied by Conrad Keydel and Joann Lenz on May 19, 1992.

The change in the bylaws eliminates a conflict that resulted when the original bylaws were approved later 1991 than expected. The change allows for election of officers in even-numbered years.

The deadline for the August issue of Coil Line will be July 10.

COIL LINE

Published monthly as the journal of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, also known as PNC3.

The deadline for copy to be considered for the next issue is the 15th of the month, except as otherwise noted. The June issue was mailed May 22.

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Change of address should be sent to and membership applications are available from : 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.

Commercial cover findings

Dick Koenig of Tucson, AZ, files the following commercial cover report for the period April 29-May 11, 1992.

29c Mt. Rushmore
 1-73 6 -33
 2-14 7-187
 3-06 8-02
 4-68 9-38
 5-03
 29c Whitehouse
 1-02
 2-01
 3-01
 7-01
 29c Flower slit
 1111-04
 2222-06
 perf 2222 -06
 29c "F" Flower
 1111-01
 2211-01
 2222-01

Seven no number commercial covers franked with the "brown" Mt. Rushmore coil stamp. All covers were postmarked from known areas. The number of these cover are dramatically down from previous weeks, indicating that the supply of these stamps is apparently dwindling.

Searching the mixtures

Carl Ditsch of Levanworth, KS, files the following reports on mixtures he has searched in recent weeks. From nine pound mixtures of "F" and Rushmores:

"F" Tulip mixture
 1111-62
 1211-none
 1222-66
 2211-07
 2222-158
 Total-293

In the mixture Carl found one of the Tulips with the yellow missing as described in the recent issue of The Plate Number. He also found several color shifts.

Mt. Rushmore mixture
 1-68 6-18
 2-11 7-128
 3-68 8-01(PS2, XF centering)
 4-47 9-02
 5-00
 Total - 341

Included in the totals are one each of the Toledo Brown both plates 1 and 7. He has also found "quite a few" Toledo Browns without the plate number.

Eagle & Shield A12213 moving up

While most of the price attention on the Eagle & Shield strips has been focused on A32333, the A12213 strip has moving up in recent weeks. The top price seen by the Coil Line Editor as of June 15 was \$19.00 for a PS%, F-VF.

During the PNC Regional Meeting at WCSE in Chicago, Steve Esrati said the strip was under-priced on most lists he'd seen.

Most other E&S strips are staying in the price ranges published earlier in Coil Line.

No new E&S numbers were reported this month.

The White House coil is available in Nos. 1-7. There were doubts about No. 5 but the strip was available at WCSE. It had reportedly been found in Minnesota and may have since shown up in other areas.

There also continue to be increase in the Mt. Rushmore No. 8, "F" Flower No. 1211 and the 25c Yosemite prephosphor strips.

From the Postal Bulletin of the USPS

Stamps Recalled From Philatelic Outlets

As of June 30, 1992, the Philatelic Sales Division will no longer sell the following postage stamps and stationery items. They are, however, subject to future sale at post offices as part of other stamp products.

Item No.	Description
1031	8¢ Henry Knox.
1099	29¢ Nondenominated Flower.
1103	50¢ Switzerland.
2106	29¢ Nondenominated Savings Bond Envelope.
2244	15¢ White House View Postal Card.
2245	15¢ Jefferson Memorial View Postal.
4483	29¢ Vermont Statehood.
5577	45¢ American Airmail.
6604	\$2.90 Nondenominated Book.
6606	\$5.80 Nondenominated Book.
7706	29¢ Nondenominated Official Coil.
7746	17¢ Dog Sleigh Coil/100.
7747	17¢ Dog Sleigh Coil/500.
7748	17¢ Dog Sleigh Coil/3000.
7751	5¢ Milk Wagon Coil/100.
7792	29¢ Nondenominated Coil/100.
7793	29¢ Nondenominated Coil/500.
7794	29¢ Nondenominated Coil/3000.

After June 30, any stock of the above items remaining at philatelic outlets must be handled according to Handbook F-1, *Post Office Accounting Procedures*, section 450, with the exception of the following item that must be placed on sale at the regular windows until exhausted: Item 1031, 8-cent Henry Knox.

The Inspection Service will give attention to this area during audit reviews.

—Philatelic and Retail Service Dept., 6-11-92

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Toledo Brown on cover dated Oct. 22, 1991, Long Island, NY
PNC3 member John Galu of Middletown, NY, has supplied this cover dated Oct. 22, 1991 sporting a no-number example of the Mt. Rushmore Toledo Brown variety. He also has no-number covers with the variety from Covenant House postmarked in February, March, April and May. All have the distinctive Long Island cancellationu.



CAR-RT SORT ** B001

W H Jackson
-Woodstock Rd
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Chasing down those Eagle & Shields on cover
George Leduc seems to find a lot of helpful folks in the USPS. This cover is the result of filling in some local postal workers on his hobby and what he's looking for. This search started when one of his USPS friends told him he'd put an envelope with the numbers 44336 or 33446 in a post office box and that the mail had been picked up. George knew who the woman was and later went to her house. After explaining his reason for the visit, George said she remebered seeing him several times at the post office. She found the sweepstakes letter in the trash. Geroge was disappointed when the plate turned out to be A43325, but was glad to have the cover. Educate the USPS worker and you might not have to go "dumpster diving" all the time.

FROM

1992 Athens Area Cancer Drive
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Headed for the trash can---but wait a minute

PNC3 member Jim Hartford of Athens, GA, says this cover was almost headed for the trash but not having a request from this particular branch of the Cancer Society he decided to keep it for future reference. The tagged and untagged stamps are marked on the cover. Jim says all future requests for donations containing coil stamps will be double-checked.

Top ten stamp related injuries

As compiled by PNC3 member Jim Adams and originally published in June issue of "Stamp Hinge," the monthly publication of the Central Michigan Philately Society.

- 10) Back spasms from carrying five Scott Catalogs.
- 9) Lacerated tongue from licking mounts.
- 8) Pulled shoulder muscle from unrolling coil stamps too quickly.
- 7) Nose accidentally slammed in stamp album.
- 6) Wrenched neck from carless "dumpster diving."
- 5) Third degree burns from smoking while dipping stamps in lighter fluid.
- 4) Kiloware elbow.
- 3) Blistered skin from UV lamp overexposure.
- 2) Multiple injuries from collapsing bookshelves.
- 1) Self-inflicted tong wounds.

Facts you may not know about PNC3

From time to time members and others wonder about the name PNC3. The following is an excerpt from a letter from Secretary Gene Trinks to an individual who wondered about PNC3.

Please don't confuse our acronym, PNC3, with any kind of favoritism for the strip of three collecting format. I admit it's a bit confusing, but actually the 3 stems from a basis in mathematics as a kind of shorthand to eliminate repetitive factors in an equation. The initials of the organization are PNCCC.

We shorten the three C's to a single subscripted C3. If it's any consolation, you're not the only one to come away with a mis-impression. The choice of PNC3 was made in the earliest days of the club by vote of the organizers, and I'm sure that no one at that time had any thought about promoting the collecting of strips of three through choice of the official acronym.

Ads

IMPERF RUSHMORE. One plate strip of 7 available from plate 7, F-VF, \$650.00. Imperf pairs \$40. Imperf pair on FDC, only 2 available, \$250.00. All items postpaid. Wayne Meyers, 14 Burwell St., Union NJ 07083.

(All ads should be sent directly to the Coil Line Editor. Sending ads to PNC3 officers or other officials usually means your ad will appear in Coil Line at least one month later than might have been desired. Thanks.)

From the Postal Bulletin of the USPS

DMM Revision

Use of Precanceled Stamps

Effective immediately, *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) 143.135b and 144.115b, as published in *Postal Bulletin* 21815 (5-14-92), are revised to clarify the intent of the cited regulations. DMM Issue 44 (9-20-92) will include these revisions.

143 Precanceled Stamps

143.1 General

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143.13 Use of Precanceled Stamps

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143.135 Nonidentical-Weight Mailpieces

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b. Exceptions. The documentation requirements of 143.136 do not apply to nonidentical-weight mailpieces when:

- (1) All pieces in the mailing bear the full correct postage at the applicable single-piece rate;
- (2) All pieces in the mailing are subject to the minimum per piece third-class rates and bear the full correct postage; or
- (3) All pieces in the mailing are paid under 661.221d and bear the full correct per piece rate postage.

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144 Postage Meters and Meter Stamps

144.1 Postage Meters

144.11 Use of Meter Stamps

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144.115 Nonidentical-Weight Mailpieces

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b. Exceptions. The documentation requirements of 144.116 do not apply to nonidentical-weight mailpieces when:

- (1) All pieces in the mailing bear the full correct postage at the applicable single-piece rate;
- (2) All pieces in the mailing are subject to the minimum per piece third-class rates and bear the full correct postage; or
- (3) All pieces in the mailing are paid under 661.221d and bear the full correct per piece rate postage.

—Marketing and Customer Service Group, 6-11-92

23-Cent USA Presorted First-Class Coil of 10,000 Stamps

The 23-cent USA Presorted First-Class coil of 10,000 stamps goes on sale July 21 in Kansas City, Missouri. This stamp design depicts a blue background with a wind-blown flag reflected in the metallic looking letters USA. Presorted and First-Class are printed in the lower left corner in white lettering, and 23 is printed in the lower right corner in white letters.

Do Not Place on Sale Before July 22, 1992

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Issued in coils of 10,000 stamps.
Manufactured by American Bank Note Co.
A future issue will include collector information.

Supply. Post offices with authorized philatelic centers will receive automatic distributions as follows.

Office receiving four-position stamps in these quantities	Will receive coils in these quantities
20,000	2
40,000	5
125,000	10
250,000	20
625,000	40
750,000	20

Each regional accountable paper depository (RAPD) will receive an automatic distribution. Stamp distribution offices (SDOs) requiring these coils should requisition them immediately from their RAPDs, using separate Forms 17-A, *Accountable Items Requisition From Stamp Distribution Office*. A carton contains 20 coils. All other post offices requiring these coils should immediately requisition them from their SDOs on separate Forms 17-A. *Since a private company, American Bank Note Co., is the contractor for these coils, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) will not honor supplemental requisitions for Item 7927A.*

Before the end of the calendar year, this stamp issue will be available in coils of 500 and 3,000 stamps and will replace the current 23-cent Flag Presort stamp coils.

—Philatelic and Retail Services Dept., 6-11-92