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Coil Line

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New numbers & varieties are big challenge

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I hope the rest of the PNC3 membership is having as much fun keeping up with all the new numbers as I seem to be having. There hasn't been a dull moment since the first of the year and the phone seems to ring at least a half dozen times a week with someone wondering if a number has been reported.

While most members have probably been trying to keep their heads from spinning with all of the Eagle and Shield numbers, I've been chasing down the brown version of the 29c Mount Rushmore coil. So far, my efforts have tracked down three rolls at a post office about 10 minutes from home. My car has many more miles on it after visiting about a dozen small town post offices in the area. I suspect some of these offices had the brown variety but in very small quantities. The people working in these offices tell me they rarely order coils in large numbers. Some of these towns have fewer than 200 residents and everyone comes to the post office to pick up the mail.

They've also been more than helpful, getting stock out of their safe to check to see if what I'm looking for is in their office. A former co-worker became postmaster in one of these towns a few years back. She told me stamp sales mean a lot to the small town post office. She does not run the office where I located the brown version of the Rushmore stamps.

I became aware of the color variety in early January while checking covers received by the business office where I work. I've since located one with a PNC dated Dec. 3 and postmarked at Toledo, OH. The corner of the cover is illustrated below.

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Flag over White House due in March

The Flag over the White House coil stamp, which celebrates the bicentennial of the White House, is to be issued in March. The stamp is to be issued in Washington, D.C.

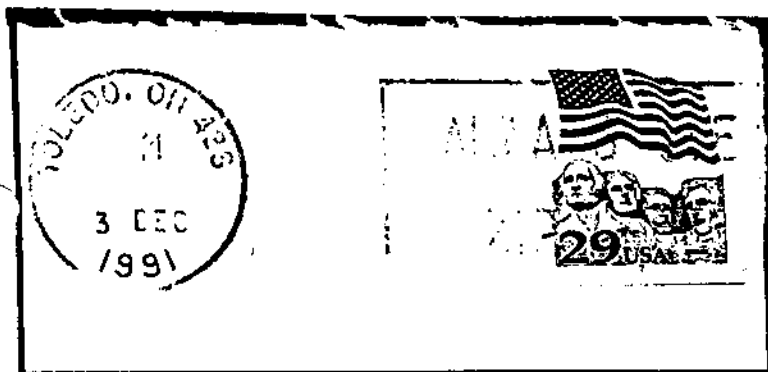
A preview in the Postal Bulletin in December indicated the stamp would be issued in rolls of 100, 500 and 3,000. Although this USPS illustration shows perfs on all four sides, the limited information available does not indicate a sheet stamp is planned.

February mailing delayed

Problems with the mailing labels delayed mailing of the February issue of Coil Line until Jan. 30. Steps are being taken to prevent a repeat of the problem. Deadlines for copy to be included in Coil Line are generally the 15th of the month. The only planned change in the near future will be for the July issue, which will close June 12.

Auction consignments sought

Our new PNC3 Auction Director Joe Sedivy is asking members to submit consignments for the next PNC3 auction. The last two pages of this issue of Coil Line contain a copy of the sheet which must be submitted with each item and a list of the auction rules. Joe will ease into the job by doing one auction this year so this is your chance to clear out the surplus in your collection.



Letters

Untagged Circus Wagon viewpoint

To the Editor:

Frank Covey's speculation in the February Coil Line on why Philatelic Sales will not sell partial rolls of the untagged Circus Wagon coil sounds reasonable but it does not correspond to past practice in areas other than tagging at Philatelic Sales. In particular, for several years they have listed both the B and the C press versions of the 22c and 25c Flag coils. You could not tell these apart by looking at them, yet they sold both versions in partial coils.

I once ordered singles of both versions of the 25c coil at the same time, and each came in a separate glassine with "B" or "C" marked in pen on the outside of the glassine. If they were able to keep the two press versions of the 25c coil separate for the order fillers, then there should be no problem in keeping the various tagging varieties separate. My conclusion is that they just don't want to be bothered with tagging varieties, which says something about their true commitment to the advanced collector.

Larry A. Anderson
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Member conducting 1991 coil popularity poll for Coil Line

To the Editor:

Each year the major philatelic publications conduct popularity polls on the previous year's issues. With the rate change last year, I think we have enough new coil designs to conduct our own coil poll. If you agree, I'd be happy to receive the votes and send the tabulated results onto Coil Line for publication. What is your favorite 1991 coil? _____ What is your least favorite '91 coil _____

Possible answers are 1) F (29c); 2) 4c Steam Carriage; 3) 29c Flag (engraved); 4) 23c Lunch Wagon; 5) 10c Tractor Trailer; 6) 5c Canoe (engraved); 7) 29c Flag (gravure); 8) 19c Fishing Boat; 9) 29c Flower (roulette); 10) 11c Caboose; 11) 23c Flag; 12) 5c Canoe (gravure); 13) 10c Eagle and Shield.

There's also another poll I'd like to conduct.

Given the recent explosion of numbers on some privately produced coils and the somewhat erratic distribution, do you think that they are:

- A) An exciting challenge?
- B) Too much bother?
- C) Neutral?

A perfect example is the Eagle & Shield. Two of the Philatelic Windows here in the Bay Area don't have them. One had no explanation and the other cited their existing supply of the 10c Tractor Trailer.

Send replies via a post card to:

Doug Iams, 1885 Victoria Lndg., San Jose, CA 95132.

Collecting Formats interesting

To the Editor:

In the January issue of Coil Line I enjoyed Tom Maeder's Collecting Formats where he collects strips of coil numbers, used, with hand-cancels and his own criteria, which is fine. His proud father announcement was great. I also collect strips but hadn't approached it regarding hand-cancels, looks interesting.

Robert Novak had an update on commercial cover findings to which I added my figures from a different area of the USA. Collecting a number from every state would be a challenging experience but rather time consuming and tremendous bookkeeping. Perhaps some one out there has some ideas on this.

A new avenue of collecting has been PNC covers with the spray cancellations. I have a few but would like ones with "Happy Holidays" or "Happy New Year" and particularly the "You Bitch" spray cancel from Columbus, Ohio.

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Colors missing on used 'F' coil

Discovery of any kind of a stamp out of the ordinary is certain to cause a rush of excitement and anticipation. Accommodating either condition with aplomb and good judgment during the early stages allows for later setbacks.

An "F" coil of recent vintage with obvious anomalies came the way of Howard Foster of Spokane, WA, during a sorting session of a firm's envelopes. He said the stamp "shouted to be seen" and feelings of anticipation challenged the limitations of good judgment.

The stamp was missing two colors, the red of the tulip and the yellow of the background. Present were the black of the lettering and a pale blue on the leaf and stem. The flower itself appears mostly gray with a hint of blue at the edges.

The cover provided an address in Post Falls, ID, some 25 miles to the east to which a call was subsequently made. Daughter-in-law answers. Bill-paying mother-in-law is out of town for four more days. The wait seems interminable.

Finally, a successful call is completed but with disappointing results. It is now time to develop other avenues of satisfaction.

The available stamps, nine, had been used to pay the January bills. None remained. Sadness on both ends of the call.

Where did the stamps originate? "San Jose, CA." Why there? "They were given to me by my aunt." How far back; last week; last month? "More than two months ago." Where did she get them? "I don't know. We didn't talk about it." End of conversation.

So what is left is pride of possession and the hope that someone else will have some information about this particular stamp.

An earlier find was of a similar stamp with the yellow background missing. Five other printing varieties have been found on the "F" stamp, Foster says.

New numbers

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All but one of the covers, with and without PNCs which I have gathered are postmarked at Toledo. Several have return addresses from towns around Bowling Green, where I live. I have found none of these stamps at the local post office or any of the three substations located in local grocery stores.

None of the variety have been available at the Toledo Philatelic window. The last check showed No. 9 in stock and that was the only number available. The clerk said several people had asked for the brown Mount Rushmore but she had never had any in stock.

Linn's Stamp News has illustrated the stamp in color twice and has been seeking an explanation from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

The stamp has been reported around St. Louis and in the Des Moines, IA area. As of Feb. 15 no one was advertising the strip for sale in any publication I've seen. For that reason, I've decided I'll hang onto to what I have and keep looking at area post offices. There might still be a roll of two in stock somewhere around here.

The Eagle And Shield stamp has not been plentiful in this area. Two different numbers have shown up at Toledo, A1111 and A1112. As of the deadline for this issue, 21 numbers have been reported to Coil Line with 19 confirmed.

Prices of some of the strips have already begun to rise in some ads and those who are doing the most searching and stocking believe some of the numbers will be difficult to obtain.

A postcard from Ron Maifeld of Amelia, OH dated Feb. 11 stated he received a mailing Feb 4 with Eagle & Shield plate A 43335 from First Deposit National Bank in Tilton, NH.

Al Cibulskas reports Eagle & Shield A1111 and A21112 in the Stamford, CT area.

Based on ads and conversations with other members, a potential "toughie" might be A32333 but who knows

30 attended Regional PNC3 meeting in Anaheim Calif., at ORCOEXPO

Thirty PNC3 members gathered for a regional meeting in Anaheim, CA on January 11 in conjunction with ORCOEXPO.

Festivities began with a spaghetti lunch, followed by a report from the Board by Vice President Tom Maeder. John Greenwood, who owns the definitive collection of PNC imperf strips, gave a presentation on this area of collecting.

Door prizes included the book "PNCs on Cover" donated by Rob Washburn, and a state-of-the-art UV lamp donated by John Tison.

Especially thoughtful and generous was Joann Lenz of Sterling Heights, Mich. She discovered the Rushmore stamp on prephosphored paper described in Wayne Youngblood's Jan. 6 Linn's column. Joann sent mint copies of this variety as a gift to every member in attendance. The Detroit area has a particularly wonderful group of PNC3 members, and the Californians were most appreciative of this gesture of friendship and good will.

An active trading session followed the formal presentation and, in the words your high school journalism teacher told you never to write, "a good time was had by all."

what might turn up, something seems to almost daily. A call from Alan Thomson on the evening of Feb. 15 added A43426 to the list.

Number	Roll size
A11111	500, 3,000
A11112	500
A12213	unknown
A21112	500
A22112	500
A22113	500, 3,000, 10,000
A21113	500
A33333	3,000
A32333	3,000
A33335	unknown
A43324	unknown
A43325	500
A43426	unknown
A43326	500
A43334	10,000
A43335	3,000
A53335	3,000
A54444	unknown
A54445	unknown

Reported in existence by American Bank Note but not confirmed by collectors were 12113 and 33334.

Thomson reports A43326 appears to be popular in the East.

One dealer has reportedly sent out a postcard updating and raising prices on the A33333 and A 43324 to \$5 for a PS5 and to \$10 for A32333.

Apparently on 15 rolls of A32333 had been found, all in the East and 14 of the rolls were reportedly in the hands of one dealer.

Special of the month

20c Official
Plate No. 1, PS-3

F-VF	\$10.00
VF	12.00
XF	14.00

Send for my latest price list.
Bonuses/rebates for all orders
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COMMERCIAL COVERS
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First, a couple of corrections regarding last month's article. I thought that if I started numbering my articles it might be easier to find them or refer back to them. Last month, I numbered my article #37. Actually, it was #36, and this one is #37. I guess I was trying to get a little ahead of myself. Also, my list of PNCs known on cover with purple machine cancels omitted 20¢ Pumpers #15 and #16, both of which are known on covers with such cancels.

This month's article covers a couple recent service-inscribed issues...the 13.2¢ Coal Car and the 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon.

The 13.2¢ Coal Car coil was issued on July 19, 1988 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Only numbers 1 and 2 are known, and both exist only as service-inscribed versions. The plate numbers are found every 52 stamps in a roll.

The earliest known usages of the 13.2¢ Coal Car on covers carried through the mailstream are as follows:

<u>Plate Number</u>	<u>Earliest Known Usage Date On Cover</u>
1	9/13/88
2	12/20/89

Both EKU covers listed above are philatelic. Actual commercial covers can be found relatively easily, and are priced at \$3 to \$6 each on dealer pricelists. Number 2 is more difficult to find on cover than number 1.

The 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon was issued on July 7, 1988 in Chicago, Illinois. Numbers 1 and 2 exist, but only as service-inscribed versions. The plate numbers are found every 52 stamps in a roll.

The earliest known usages of the 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon on covers carried through the mailstream are as follows:

<u>Plate Number</u>	<u>Earliest Known Usage Date On Cover</u>
1	7/22/88
2	4/30/90

Both EKU dates listed above are philatelic creations. Actual commercial covers of plate number 1 are quite common, selling for \$2 to \$5 each. Number 2 covers, on the other hand, are scarce, and I've never seen one offered on any dealer pricelist. In fact, I have received reports so far of only 9 such covers in existence. Obviously, this number on cover could turn out to be a real toughie. Please let me hear from you if you have any of this particular number.

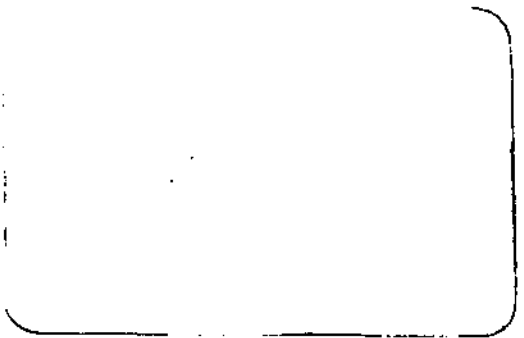
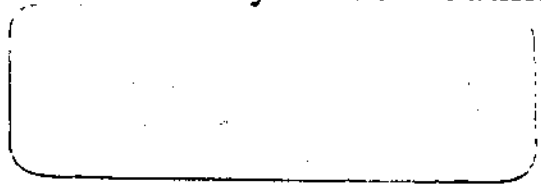
New EKU reports this month include 4¢ Stagecoach #1...8/16/83, 4¢ Stagecoach #3...11/26/82, 29¢ F #2227...1/23/91, and the 22¢ Flag #5...8/6/85.

Next month, I'll cover the 7.1¢ Tractor.

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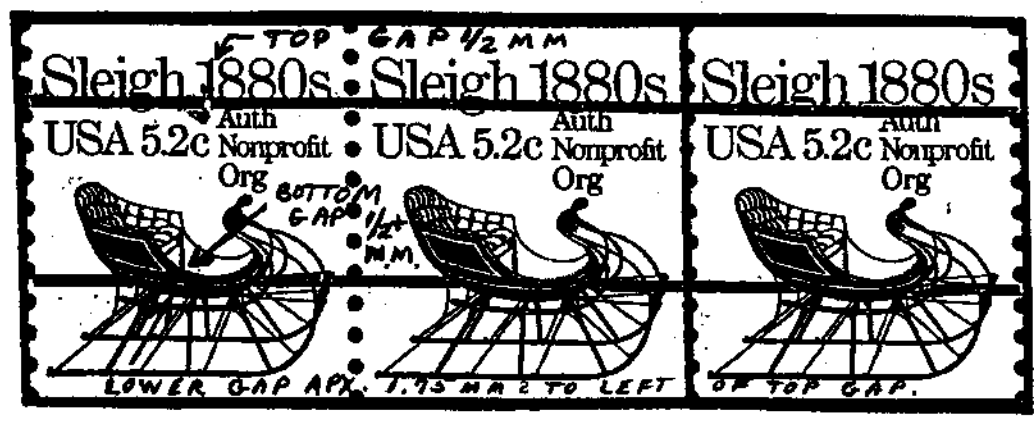


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An example of a 16.7c Popcorn Wagon No. 2 stamp on a commercial cover



George Leduc just keeps having fun & finding things to share
 On Feb. 2 while attending a stamp show in East Hartford, CT, George Leduc came up with the illustrated example of the 5.2c Sleigh No. 2 with the gap at 1 1/2 left. George said that after talking with Kim Cunniberti, Kim described almost identical strips. Kim does not believe they are actual gaps because of the lower gap being off to the left by approximately 1 3/4 mm. The horizontal lines meet evenly, the stamps are untagged, the bottom precancel lines end at the gap (flared), though the top lines do not. The gap is 1/2mm at the top and a hair larger on the bottom. George said he has seen some that just about overlap on the 3.4c School Bus and some earlier stamps that are "real close." He has checked with others but no one has been able to explain the offset gap. He'd like to have other members check their strips of this issue and report any similarities. George can be reached at Box 1280, Rt. 197, Woodstock, CT 06281

Cover of the Month



P.O. Box 3336, Redmond, Washington 98073

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

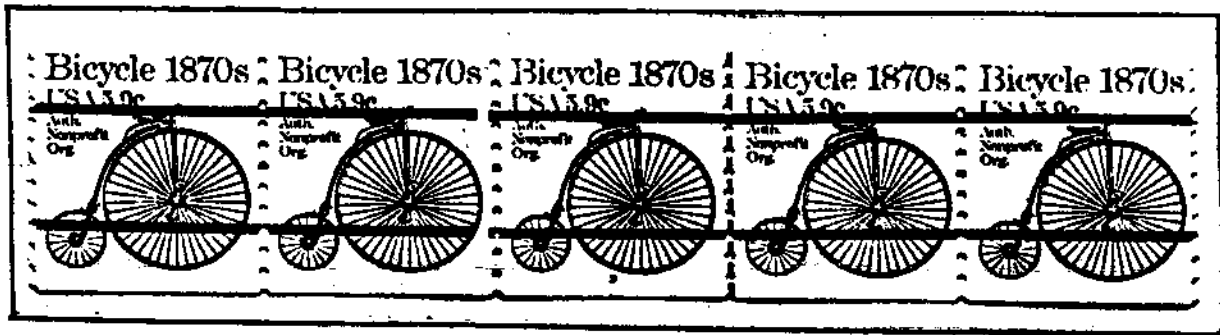
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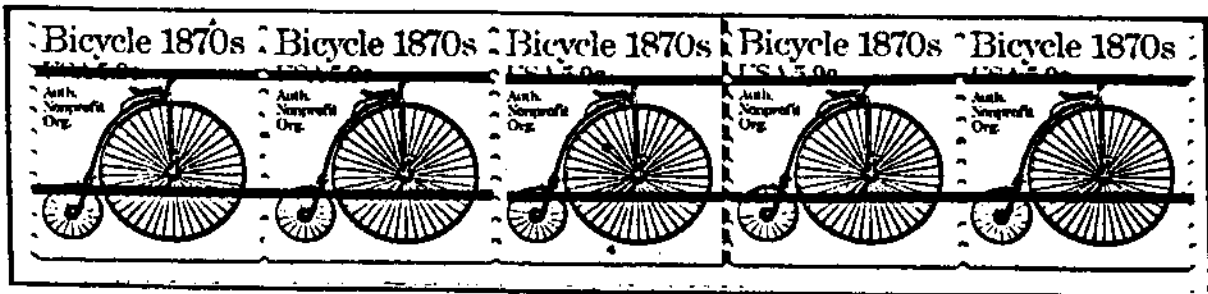
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The above cover featuring a 5c Motorcycle Transportation Coil shows a usage partially paying the non-profit organization rate. Normally, the 5c Canoe stamp would be used for this purpose, and this is no doubt an unauthorized use. The cover is courtesy of Tony Curtis. (If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.)



The rest of the 5.9c Bicycle gap story

Scott Smith has come up with both halves of the 5.9c Bicycle gap story that George Leduc started earlier this year. George found the plate No. 3 at 1L. Scott now has plate No. 3 at 1L and Plate No. 4 at 1L. Smith did not divulge where he obtained the strips, or at what price, although they did not come cheaply. Scott has taken off on a research trip to Antarctica.



PRECANCELLATION BY THE MAILER

Effective with *Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) Issue 42 (3-15-92)*, DMM 143.2 is reformatted and amended to allow mailers to preprint rate markings on stamps. This method of providing the rate marking required by 362 (for First-Class Mail) or 629.6 (for third-class mail) is designed for situations in which the mailer is unable, or prefers not to, place the rate marking on the mailpiece or in the address area as permitted by existing regulations.

As information to mailers and to facilitate implementation of this new option, the DMM text follows:

140 Postage

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143 Precanceled Stamps

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143.2 Precancellation by the Mailer

143.21 Authorization

143.211 Application. A mailer must use Form 3620 to apply for authorization to preprint rate markings on precanceled stamps (see 143.23), or to use a mailer's precancel postmark on adhesive stamps, postcards, and stamped envelopes (see 143.22). The mailer must submit Form 3620, accompanied by a specimen mailpiece illustrating the method of preprinting or the proposed precancel postmark, to the postmaster of the post office where mailings are to be made. (If more than one preprinted marking is to be prepared, or if more than one format is to be used, a specimen showing each must be submitted.) The Form 3620 must be endorsed "Preprinting of Rate Markings" or "Mailer's Precancel Postmark," or both, as appropriate. The postmaster must review the application for completeness and accuracy and, if appropriate, forward it and the specimen mailpiece to the MSC/division manager, mailing requirements, for final review.

143.212 Approval or Denial

a. Authorizing Official. After the MSC/division manager, mailing requirements, has reviewed the application and specimen mailpiece and provided a recommendation, the MSC/division manager/postmaster approves or denies the application.

b. Approval. If the application is approved, the Form 3620 and the specimen mailpiece are returned to the postmaster. When received, the approved application must be dated and assigned a unique permit number, using the next number in a sequential series (beginning with 1) used exclusively for mailer's precancel permits held at that post office. A permit to use precanceled stamps or enve-

lopes is issued on Form 3620 and endorsed to indicate "Mailer's Precancel Postmark." Only one permit number is issued for all formats approved.

c. Denial. If the application is denied, the Form 3620 and the specimen mailpiece, accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons for the denial, are returned to the postmaster, who provides written notice of the denial to the mailer. The denial may be appealed to the rates and classification center serving the mailer's post office as provided by 133.

143.213 Amendment of Approved Precancellations. Mailer precancellation under 143.22 or 143.23 is authorized only for what was illustrated in the specimens accompanying the application. A new Form 3620 and specimen mailpiece must be submitted and approved in advance for each new precancel postmark format or preprinted marking to be used thereafter by the mailer. A new permit number is not assigned.

143.214 Revocation

a. Grounds. (Text of existing 143.241.)

b. Initial Determination. The postmaster at the post office where the permit is held must provide written notice of revocation of the permit to the permit holder. That notice must fully describe the reasons for revocation, and advise the permit holder that, within 10 days of the mailer's receipt of the notice, a written appeal may be filed with the rates and classification center serving that post office as provided by 133.

c. Final Action. Revocation is effective, and the postmaster must cancel the permit, at the end of the 10-day period if an appeal is not filed. Revocation is otherwise effective, and the permit must be canceled, upon the postmaster's receipt of the final agency decision on an appeal that is filed and denied.

143.22 Preparation of the Mailer's Precancel Postmark

143.221 Content

a. Date. The date of mailing is required if the precancel postmark is used on First-Class Mail. The month and year of mailing may be shown on third-class mail.

b. Permit Number. The precancel postmark must include the words "Mailer's Postmark" followed by the permit number, and sufficient lines to fully deface (cancel) the postage.

c. Place of Mailing. The precancel postmark must show the city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code of the post office where the precancel permit is held and the mailing is to be deposited. (As an alternative, the mailer may replace the city and state with the words "Mailed from ZIP Code.") If that post office

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is assigned more than one 5-digit ZIP Code, the precancel postmark must show the 5-digit ZIP Code assigned to the postmaster (see Publication 65, *National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory*).

d. Rate Marking. The precancel postmark may include the words or authorized abbreviations of the rate marking required by 362 (for First-Class Mail) or 629.6 (for third-class mail), as applicable. Alternatively, mailers may preprint the rate marking as provided by 143.23.

143.222 Cancellation. Black ink must be used for cancellation and must provide adequate indelibility and sufficient contrast to prevent reuse of the stamps. The precancel permit number must not be obscured by the cancellation lines.

143.223 Required Formats. Mailers must use one of the designs shown in Exhibit 143.223 as Format A, except that Format B may be used by mailers previously authorized to do so and who presently have the necessary die. New authorizations must not be granted, nor new dies produced, for Format

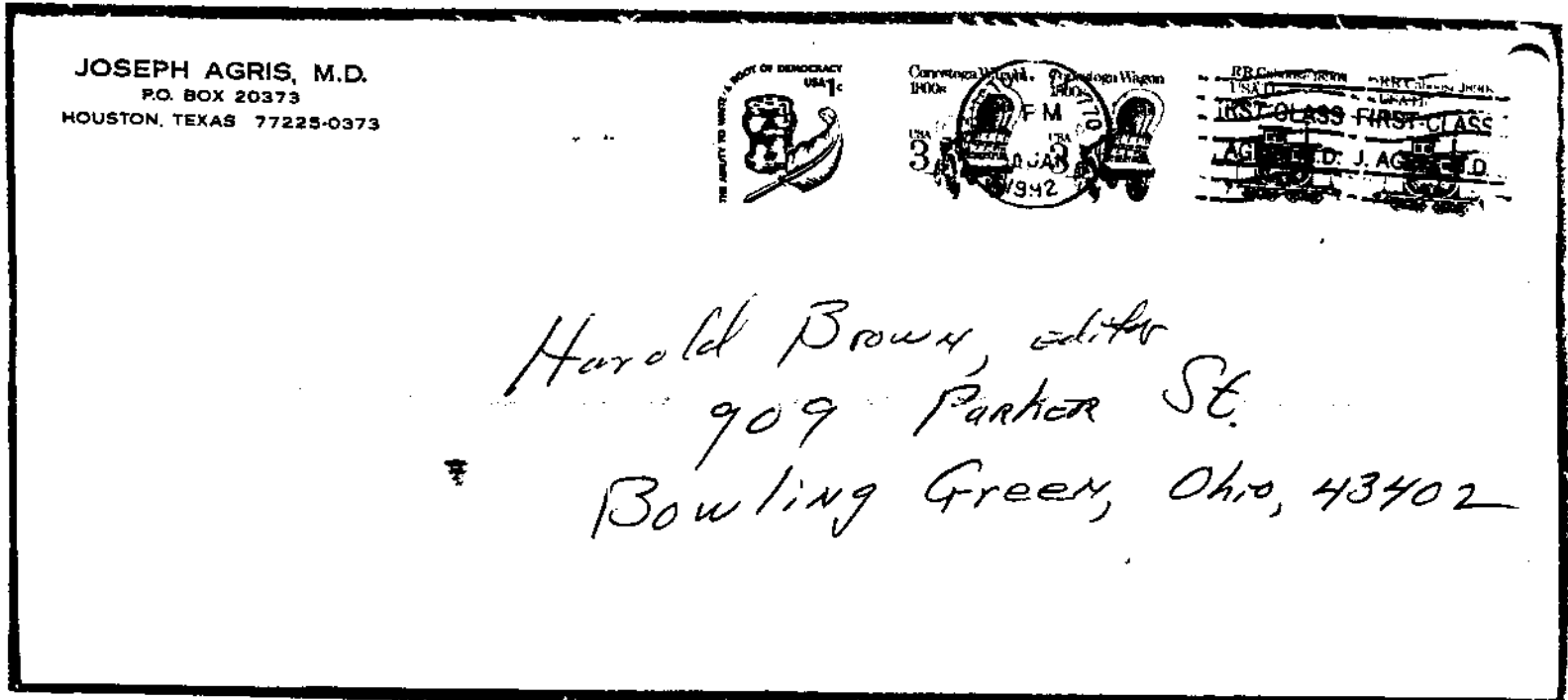
B. Either format may be amended to accommodate the rate marking permitted by 143.222d. Other formats and other modifications may not be authorized for a mailer's precancel postmark.

(Consolidate existing Exhibits 143.233 and 143.234 and renumber as Exhibit 143.223.)

143.23 Preprinted Rate Markings. Mailers may preprint the rate markings required by 362 or 629.6, as applicable, on adhesive stamps to be used for mailings at the corresponding rates upon specific approval as provided by 143.211. The preprinted marking must be in uppercase letters of not less than 6-point type, and printed in black indelible ink in a location on the stamp where optimum contrast is possible. A preprinted rate marking applied by the mailer, whether used alone or in conjunction with a precancel postmark, must not obscure other printing on the stamp (e.g., the "USA," the denomination, or other marking incorporated in the stamp as part of the Postal Service's design).

(Delete existing 143.24; replaced by 143.214.)

—Marketing and Customer Service Group, 2-6-92



Personalized precancellations on 11c Caboose coil stamps

The above cover sent from PNC3 member Dr. Joseph Agris in Houston to Coil Line Editor Harold Brown includes an example of a personalized precancellation prepared by a mailer. The precancel on the 11c Caboose stamps reads "First Class J. Agris, M.D."



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1992 Renewal Notice



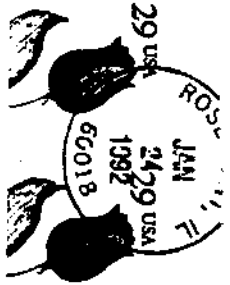
So much for the March 3 release date of the 29c perforated version of the flower coil. More than a few dealers have been advertising the 29c version of the coil flower stamp and at least two members have provided copies of the stamp on piece or cover. The stamp was to be issued in coils of 3,000 on March 3. Above is a cover from Richard Beecher in Los Angeles dated Jan. 21. Beecher said it could be argued this is a booklet stamp but he doubts that because the cover is from a mass mailer. The other example was provided by Dr. Joe Agris, Houston, who picked up copies of the stamp on a visit to the Chicago area and prepared covers dated Jan. 24, 1992.



29 USA



29 USA



29 USA

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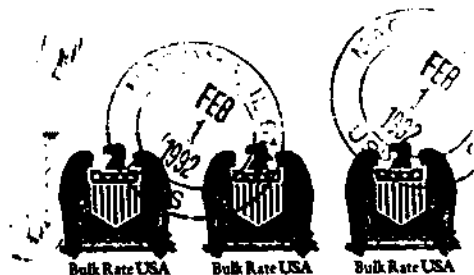
Frank R. Covey
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Precancel Permit No. 1001
Macomb, Illinois
FIRST CLASS

Using up all those Eagle & Shield stamps

While dealers and collectors spend all kinds of time and money chasing down the new Eagle & Shield plate numbers, the next problem becomes using up all of the stamp scrap. This cover from PNC3 member Frank Covey to the Coil Line editor is one example of how to use up the scrap. Although it does overpay the first class rate, it does the job. To date, the only used Eagle & Shield stamps the editor has seen have been on covers from fellow collectors. Examples showing a commercial use, with plate numbers, would be appreciated. Send a photocopy or an original for inclusion in a future issue of Coil Line. Covers will be returned.

Cherry first to report Mt. Rushmore plate number 9 to Coil Line

Kenneth Cherry of Spring Grove, PA was the first to report the existence of plate number 9 of the Mt. Rushmore coil to Coil Line. Cherry got the strip from a local source Jan. 23. He sent a photocopy and said the strip came from the York, PA area. Since that time No. 9 has been found all over the place. Plates 5 & 8 appear to be more elusive and No. 5 is already showing a slight premium on dealer lists.

Exhibiting calendar update

CIAPEX - 92, March 28-29, 1992. The Des Moines Philatelic Society and the Iowa Women's Philatelic Society. The show is held at the Palace Theater at Adventureland Park, Des Moines, IA. Prospectus from Leland L. Huss, 3233 Hull Ave., Des Moines, IA 50317.

PNC3 nominations sought

Volunteers or nominations for PNC3 officers are being sought. Because of the quirk in the PNC3 bylaws explained in the February issue of Coil Line, it will be necessary to elect officers again this year.

Members interested in sharing their ideas, abilities and enthusiasm are sought to run for the offices.

To volunteer/nominate yourself or another member, contact Don Eastman, chairman of the PNC3 Membership Committee, 24 Bemis Street, Berlin, NH 03570.

Don't hesitate, do it today.

Mt. Rushmore roll size update

Alan Thomson reports roll sizes on two new plate numbers found on the 29c Mount Rusmore stamp.

Plate number 5 has been found in rolls of 500 & 3,000. Plate number 9 has been found in rolls of 100.

Although reports of plate number 8 persist. Alan has not seen one nor has anyone been able to furnish roll sizes.

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.

New Applicants:

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

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Resignations:

(All effective Dec. 31, 1991)

Thomas E. Beschorner, Alexandria, VA
Curtis Gidding, Highland, IL
Linda Hooghe, Kettering, OH
Jack Dineen, Jamesburg, NJ
Charles Teschemacher, Buffalo, NY
James Lehr, Kennett Square, PA
Bill Jenkins, Hixson, TX

Membership Committee expands; PNC3 membership brochure available

Gene Trinks, chairman of the PNC3 Membership Committee, reports George Capuzzo has joined the committee.

He will take on the responsibility for contacting new APS members who have indicated an interest in PNCs, and offering information on PNC3.

It is hoped this effort will result in several new members every year.

Trinks is also encouraging each member to recruit one new member this year.

New membership information brochures are now available from Gene. He will send applications to any member sending him a No. 10 SASE at 3603 Bellows Ct., Troy, MI 48083.

COIL LINE

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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.

Ads

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 strip package \$6.00. Mueggenburg, 3525 Bluff Court, Carmichael, CA 95608.

TRADE - PNC STRIPS of five. I also will trade used-unused singles and some newer FDCs. Randy A. Fisher, P.O. Box 2072, Northlake, IL 60164. Send me your trade/want list for my list.

WANTED: 25c YOSEMITE No. 1 phosphor commercial covers and used singles. Will pay cash or trade for other commercial covers. Bob Reece Jr., P.O. Box 511520, St. Louis, MO 63151, phone 314-487-1201 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: "F" FLOWER PS5 No. 1111 F-VF or better \$3.00 postpaid. Also selling beautiful handdrawn, handpainted PNC FDCs by two different artists. Write for information and photocopies. Classic Collectibles, 613 Naples, Corpus Christi, TX 78404-2911.

FOR SALE 7.6 CARRETA No. 3 F-VF PS5, \$4.00, PS3 \$3.75. New issues very reasonable. Many varieties, purple machine cancels, gaps, bee seam lines, used singles, plus mint singles, pairs, 3s and 5s. PNCs Unlimited, N1043 CoG, Sheldon, WI 54766.

SEND A LIMIT OF 10 different used transportation PNCs, not common flags-get 300 mixed used US commemoratives in return. Carl Wicklund, 4812 N. 10th Street, Apt. 135, McAllen, TX 78504.

INFLATION BEATERS: 25c Flags PS5's and PS7's to help you fill or upgrade. Example, PS5 No. 1 phos., \$17.00. Possible trades available. SASE for list. Dave Agrodnia, 219 School St., Berlin, NH 03570.

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

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE: PS5's and commercial covers of the following: Brown Rushmore variety, Yosemite ski slope and black forest, Eagle and Shield all numbers except A11111, A11112 and A22112. Ed Gould, 707 Alcalá Ave., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.

EAGLE & SHIELD plate number A33335 available to trade for Eagle & Shield numbers I need. Write first stating numbers you have available. PS5 only. Ed Wigger, 1123 Baldwin St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

USED CANADA. Free price list. Write Harold Brown, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402.

FOR SALE: Mint PNC strips of 3 and 5. Will sell for 20% below your best dealer's price list. Send SASE for price list of strips available. Must raise cash. Very limited supply. Ray Peretz, 16-37 Utopia Pkwy, Whitestone, NY 11357.

WANTED: All the new ink jet spray cancels on any cover especially the various holiday types and newer cities. Also, any PNC precancelled commercial covers, especially the older Cottrells and the new Eagle & Shield, and 23c Flag Presort. **TOP PRICES PAID.** Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

What's scarce?

By Edward Gould
707 Alcalá Ave.
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

The F strip 1211 remains elusive but commercial covers began showing up on tax payment envelopes postmarked at a Texas GMF. A frantic search found the source less than a week late. They had been in stamp vending machines, so if you are in the Texas area and have the opportunity, check out your local post office.

The A1112 19c Fishing Boat is also elusive, probably on rolls of 3,000. If you don't normally search for PNCs, or trade, this would be a good time to buy a strip for your collection.

Other strips that are on their way up are the 8.4c No. 3, 3.4c PC Nos. 1 & 2, and the 25c Yosemite prephosphor Nos. 1 & 15. I don't know about the rest of the nation, but the Yosemite in my area were not destroyed when the rate changed. I'd think they are being stored as future second ounce stamps, so you may want to hold off buying the No. 1 and 15.

At least two stamp dealers are seeking help in locating all of the new numbers popping up.

One collector cooperated and sent a dealer information on a new Eagle & Shield plate number he had located. The dealer replied that he had already found that plate, but when the collector returned to the post office to buy more, the entire stock had been bought out. I guess good guys really do finish last.

If you know a couple of collectors you haven't traded with lately, this would be a good time to trade plate numbers.

There are still a couple of good buys on the retail market. The first is the 20c Flag P/C No. 14, especially the "Q" variety. Most dealers didn't stock up on this because there were thousands of rolls of 500 that never sold, so the strip was common. Then, without warning, all of the rolls were removed from sale and shredded. The strip now retails at the \$50 mark. This is a pretty good buy. It won't be long before that strip starts going up in price again.

The other underpriced issue is the 17c Electric Car P/C No. 1 & 2 Type C and No. 3 & 4 Type B in VF or better centering. These are abundant in F-VF but centering was a problem with this issue and true XF strips are hard to find.

The newest plate numbers to watch for are the Eagle & Shield A21113, A33333, A43334, A43335 and A53335. Here again, communication with fellow members would be helpful.

CONSIGNMENT SHEET
PNC3 AUCTION

For additional sheets please photocopy this page.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Use a separate consignment sheet for each lot.
2. Keep this entire page intact and attach lots in a glassine with tape to the top half (do not use staples). I understand that this may not be possible with longer strips.
3. LIMIT YOUR CONSIGNMENTS TO 25 LOTS.
4. As I still find there is no totally acceptable definition of a commercial cover, all covers will be listed as First Day Covers or Other Covers. There will be no exceptions to these listings.
5. If you do not state a minimum bid, your lot(s) will go to the highest bidder.
6. Do not enter anything under the Lot# on this consignment sheet.

OWNER'S IDENTIFICATION

NAME _____ PNC3# _____

Home Address _____ Home Area Phone() _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lot #	Scott	Description of material	Minimum bid

It is assumed that all mint material is never hinged, with undisturbed gum, sound perfs, etc. If otherwise, please note under Faults. Used materials are assumed to be unhinged, with sound perfs, etc. If otherwise, please, note under Faults.

Centering (see grading notes) Faults (describe)
 (circle)

AVE F VF XF S

Buyer # _____ Hammer _____

PNC3 AUCTIONS, c/o Joe Sedivy, P.O. Box 41602, Chicago, IL 60641

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CONSIGNORS AND CONSIGNMENTS

1. I examine all lots for accuracy in description and pricing prior to sale.
2. Consignments will be acknowledged by letter or postal card. Any lots rejected will be returned to the owner with an explanation.
3. I use my own discretion when considering the breaking down of any lots into multiple lots. Some larger accumulations and/or lots with a group of mixed material may sell better in more than one lot. Any changes will be recorded and a notice will be sent.
4. All consignments will be sold in the next possible auction. You will be notified of any delay.
5. Please use the PNC3 consignor form for each lot sent. This is the only form that will be accepted. Please be sure to complete all underlined headings accurately. You may use photocopies of the form or extras are available for .04 each and a SASE. Reminder that there are 10 forms per ounce of postage. This is cost.
6. Keep descriptions as brief as possible. I only have so much space for each lot, so keep the descriptions to a minimum. However, I don't underemphasize any lots by not providing enough description.
7. The cut off date for accepting material is approximately one month before the date of issue of the Coil Line. For example, material for a May auction would have to be in by the end of March. This will give me time to put together the auction and time to prepare the copy.
8. I close out auctions on a specified date that will appear in Coil Line. After I receive the checks from successful bidders, I return a check to you for your consignments.
9. I return any unsold lots for your final settlement.
10. There is a .25 fee for each unsold lot.
11. I charge consignors a 10% commission on all sold lots with a .50 minimum charge per lot.
12. Consignors will pay for return postage and insurance on all unsold lots, etc. that are returned.
13. As we are now affiliated with APS, we have in place an insurance policy that will insure all lots while in my possession as Auction Director.
14. Insurance is strongly suggested in sending of consignments.
15. Please use your membership number and name.
16. Please limit your consignments to 25 lots.

Grading

AVERAGE (AVE) Number is cut and/or design touches the perfs.

FINE (F) The joint line, if any, does not touch the perfs and/or the number touches the bottom edge. Design is clear of the perfs.

FINE VERY FINE (FVF) The joint line, if any, touches the perfs and the plate number is clear of the bottom edge. For issues without a joint line, the number will be clear of the bottom edge. In both instances, at no point in the strip will the design be cut by the perfs.

VERY FINE (VF) The joint line is at least 50% on the perfs, the plate number is well clear of the bottom edge. On issues with no joint line the numbers will be clear of the bottom edge. The entire design will be well clear of the perfs.

EXTRA FINE (XF) The joint line is wholly within the perfs and the overall centering of the stamps will be close to perfect.

SUPERB (S) Any joint line will be perfectly centered within the perfs and the stamps will be perfectly centered.