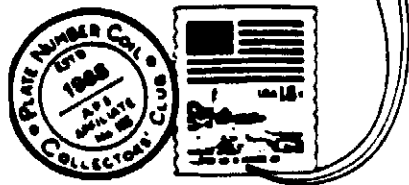


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⑤ PNC³ club pins are ready for delivery

The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club pins are now ready for delivery.

If you have previously reserved one (or two), they will be held for you until the end of April. A total of 70 extra pins were ordered, so if you did not reserve one, send payment and orders will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

Pins reproduce the club logo (used at the top of this page) in enamel on silver and are one-inch in diameter.

Send a check for \$4.00 per pin, made out to PNC³. Orders will be sent postpaid. Please be sure to indicate your mailing address.

Send the checks to President Tom Maeder, 1604 Bardale Ave., San Pedro, CA 90731. (Checks will be returned if the supply is exhausted.)

Used strip of 7 of 18c Flag No. 6 found on piece going through estate

Member Bob Reece Jr. of St. Louis recently found a used strip of 7 of plate number 6 of the 18c Flag stamp while going through an estate.

Reece said he noticed a strip of flag stamps on piece in a box he was moving. Upon examination he discovered the rare plate number. Reece is advertising the item for sale elsewhere in Coil Line.

Imperf \$1 Seaplane illustrated below

The imperf \$1 Seaplane strip of nine (no number) found recently by member Dr. John Greenwood of Upland, CA, is illustrated (in a cropped version) across the bottom of this page.

The cover has been submitted for authentication.

The postmark on the cover is Lynchburg, VA and is dated April 25, 1991. It appears the strip either started at the left or was cut from a roll. At the right, it appears the strip was torn from the roll. The postage on the cover correctly pays the \$9.95 rate for this service.

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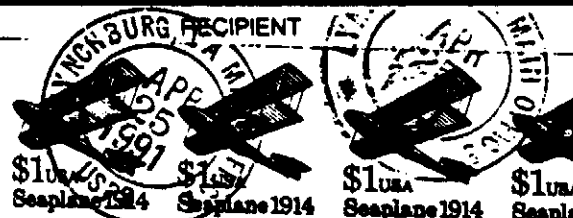
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EXDERS

Letters

Yes, those covers are legitimate

To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor in the March 1993 *Coil Line* (p.38). Glenn Estus complains that my covers showing usages of the \$1 Seaplane stamp illustrated in the February 1993 *Coil Line* are "philatelically inspired." He asks "Are they any more 'legitimate' than a cacheted FDC, or any other cover sent from a dealer or a collector."

The answer is, you bet your butt they're more legitimate! A "cacheted FDC" cancelled in the caves under Kansas City with a postmark of some other place on some other date is nothing more than a souvenir. My covers did legitimate duty in the U.S. Mail, were not backdated like FDC's used stamps that were available at local post office vending machines at that time (and still are), and paid EXACTLY the rates and fees required for the services purchased. Am I to be prohibited from exhibiting a cover bearing my return address as a proper stamp usage simply because I am a stamp collector?

Mr. Estus' objection defies logic. He bases his definition of a "legitimate" usage on the name of the sender. Is not the proper criterion the franking and usage of the cover? A proper usage is proper usage, no matter who mails the cover. Ms. Estus asks for "some standard for exhibiting PNC covers." He should attend a judges' critique sometime and listen to the judges. That standard exists: It's called "proper usage according to postal regulations." Again, USAGE is what matters, not the sender.

Leonard Piszkiwicz
951 Rose Court
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Findings in a 25-lb definitive mix

I'd like to report my findings in a 25-lb. definitive mix from Swan. There were a total of 483 PNCs (damaged counted), which works out to 19.3 PNCs per pound. The more recent stamps break down as follows:

White House - 1-1; 2-1; 6-3; 7-2.

Mt. Rushmore - 1-47; 2-6; 3-27; 4-29; 5-0; 6-8; 7-73; 8-1; 9-1.

F - 1111-23; 1211-0; 1222-15; 2211-2; 2222-25;
Roulette - 1111-16; 2222-5.

There were only 10 precanceled PNCs, but one was an undamaged 10.9c No. 1. Only a few Eagle & Shields, none with numbers. None of the Rushmore 2&6 were on Lenz paper. There were only three of the Rushmore gravures, none with numbers. There were also only three Toledo Browns, again none with numbers.

We've gotten a lot of good reports in the last few *Coil Line* issues from cover sorters but we have not been hearing from mixture sorters. There have to be some of you out there. What are you finding? Can anyone turn me on to a mix in which I'd have a better chance of finding the Toledo Brown?

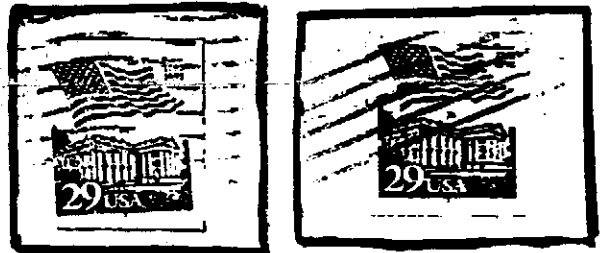
Doug Iams
1885 Victoria Landing
San Jose, CA 95132

(Editor's Note: Several other reports from mixture sorters have been recent and are included in this issue. Other's will be published in the May issue).

Underinked WH #2 found by cover sorter

To the Editor:

The February *Coil Line* (P.20) reported by findings for Flag over White House underinked #'s 3, 4, 6, & 7. As a follow up, two copies of underinked PNC #2 have been found, one with a date of 1-12-93, the other with no date. Examples are below.



Here is another report on commercial cover sorting from a utility source. This represents about 33,400 covers postmarked Feb. 6-12, 1993.

29c Flag over White House - 1-3; 2-1; 3-1; 4-38; 5-1; 6-20; 7-35; 8-31.

29c Mt. Rushmore - 1-0; 2-1; 3-0; 4-0; 5-0; 6-2; 7-8; 8-0; 9-0.

Others - Rowboat A2424, 23c USA presort 1st Class 1111 (same cover); E-1111 (+7c); Yosemite 14 (+25c); 29 c Flower perf-2222, 3. Totals: WH, 130; Mt. Rushmore, 11; Others, 6. Total-147.

Postmarked Feb. 22-23.

White House - 1-1; 2-3; 3-2; 4-32; 5-1; 6-14; 7-23; 8-39. Total -115.

Mt. Rushmore - 1-1; 2-0; 3-1; 4-1; 5-0; 6-1; 7-1; 8-0; 9-0. Totals-5.

Others - 28c Flower perf, 2222-1.

Rolly Grandahl

3 Grandview Terrace

East Windsor, Ct 06083-0137

Another cover report from Arizona

To the Editor:

Following is a report on the PNC commercial covers found for the period Feb. 5-March 4. This is the first time a full month report has been submitted and analyzed and further reflects the increased volume of mail at the national ladies wear mail order company in Tucson, AZ.

White House - 1-39; 2-2; 3-98; 4-207; 5-4; 6-188; 7-272; 8-68.

Mt. Rushmore - 1-17; 2-1; 3-15; 4-15; 5-5; 6-6; 7-37; 8-0; 9-1.

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Letters

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Others 29c Flower slit 1111-2; perf 2222-1; F-1111-1; Bread Wagon- 3-1.

It is obvious from the WH totals that #2 and #5 are increasingly difficult to find and that collectors of PNC commercial covers best avail themselves of what is available now. No. 8 is appearing with greater frequency. Analysis indicates distribution of the #8 rolls is widespread. I will watch this and try to make additional comments with the next report. We all wish to avoid being caught short as many of us were with the Mt. Rushmore #9. That one also had widespread distribution and then disappeared quickly. Those covers are not in great abundance.

I want to add that my friends and I went through an average of 9,500 covers a day to arrive at these totals, six days a week for the entire 30-day period. Of the PNC totals above, 40 percent of them are damaged and not collectable. Most of the damage is caused by poor perforation separation by the sender, only a very few are damaged by the postal process.

Dick Koenig
P.O. Box 31872
Tucson, AZ 85751

From a source in Midland, Texas

To the Editor:

Between Dec. 21, 1992 and Feb. 19, 1993 this is a rundown of the commercial covers found in the mail of a large source in Midland, Texas.

White House - 1-2; 2-4; 3-23; 4-56; 5-5; 6-8; 7-37; 8-45.

Mt. Rushmore - 1-2; 2-0; 3-9; 4-1; 5-0; 6-0; 7-3; 8-1; 9-0.

29c Flower - Reg. perf. 2222-8; Slit perf.-1111-1; 2222-1.

F Flower - 1222 -1; 2222-1.

Eagle & Shield - A 22112 -1.

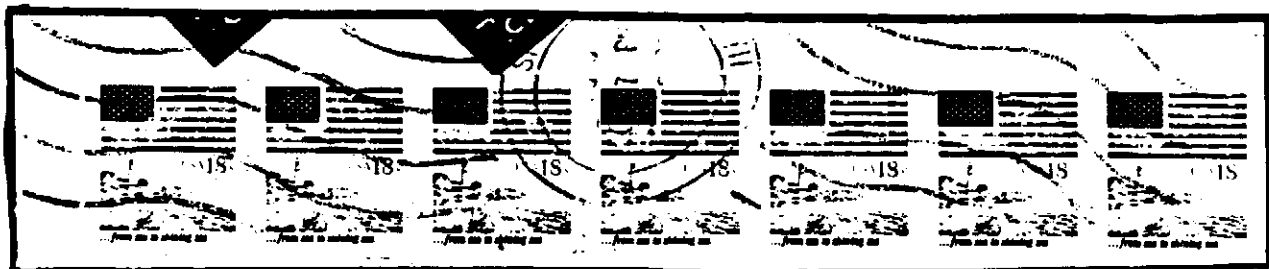
5c Canoe - 1-1.

Cameron Walker
3802 Mark Lane
Midland, TX 79707

PNC meeting May 1 in Oklahoma City

Plate Number Coil Collectors are planning a meeting at OKPEX May 1 in Oklahoma City, OK. The meeting will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Central Plaza Hotel. The show runs April 30-May 2. Raymond Janz 2421 Carlton Way, Oklahoma City, OK 73120-3544 is the contact.

FOR SALE



18c Flag Plate No. 6 strip of 7

Still on piece

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Three or four monthly installments possible

Contact:

Bob Reece Jr.

P.O. Box 511520

St. Louis, MO 63151

Basics: Centering

Tom Maeder

Well centered stamps look more attractive on an album page, and command a better value upon liquidation. Dealers, of course, ask a higher price for better centered material.

Even after twelve years of PNC collecting, there is still not a universal standard on grading. Coils, especially from the Cottrell press, present special problems.

When I was a young collector, coil line pairs were graded by the position of the perfs. The joint line was secondary. Wouldn't centered perfs also mean a centered joint line? Not necessarily. A Cottrell printing locks two separate 180°-curved plates together around the printing drum. Where the two plates meet at 180°, the plates may be locked tight, producing a pencil thin joint line as extra ink slops into the groove. At 360°, the plates may be joined more loosely, producing a wider line (or in some cases, what looks like two separate parallel pencil lines). This placement produces a situation where the perfs may be XF on one side of the joint line, and shift suddenly to VF on the other. How do we grade such a strip?

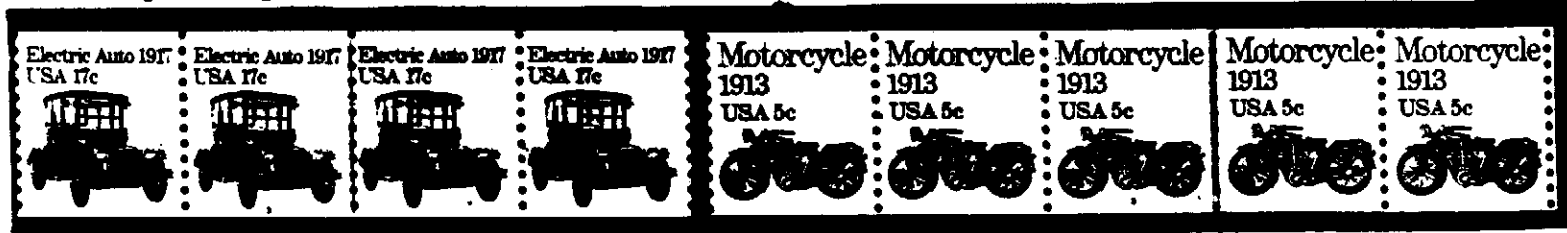
Then there is the problem of a strip with perfectly centered perfs and joint line, but the strip is centered high or low. How is it named?

We can have objective and subjective definitions. All dealers use objective definitions, but they aren't the same from dealer to dealer. Most judge in terms of the joint line. Some use F, VF, XF depending upon how much of the line is within the perfs. Some use F, F-VF, VF, XF, S; some simply F-VF, VF-S. The former leaves little room for fudging; the latter leaves a lot of room.

Once you are used to a specific dealer, you will know what you get when you place an order. In the meantime, you have the perfect right to return material for a refund if you are not pleased. If a dealer won't do that, you need a new dealer.

The PNC³ Auction Director has taken great pains to develop a comprehensively objective standard for both design and line. It is as good as having a photograph of the strip (see Mar., 1993 issue, page 53).

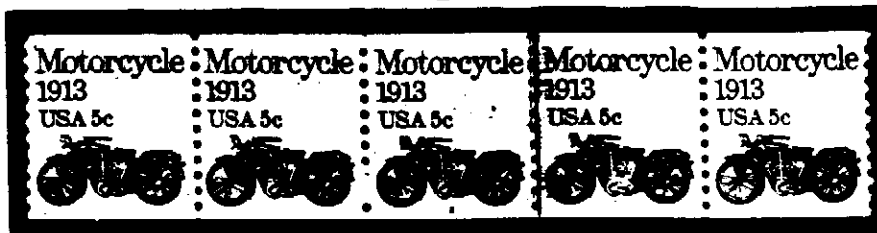
Then there is the subjective definition: if the strip pleases your eye, it's a good one.



a.

b.

- a-left of the joint line, perfs lean left; right of the line, they lean right.
- b- XF line; VF perfs.
- c- F line; XF perfs.



c.

PNC³ membership, support for Coil Line continue to increase

Membership in the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club continues to increase, as does advertising support for our journal, *Coil Line*.

Although the membership figure listed elsewhere in this issue is below that listed in February, the new number reflects those dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of 1993 dues. As of March 1 the renewal rate for 1993 was 91.1 percent. The renewal rate a year ago was 87.6 percent, according to Treasurer Gene Ernst.

For comparison, last July we listed 526 members.

Advertising revenue in recent months has increased dramatically. This revenue helps to offset the increasing cost of publication. Sustaining the advertising and increasing it from present levels is important to the club. Support Coil Line advertisers whenever possible.

Members might be interested to know that Andrew Sanford, who has advertised in recent months, is the club's youngest member at age 14.

It should also be noted that the name of Araz Stamp Co. was spelled incorrectly in an ad in last month's issue. The ad appears again this month. The editor apologizes for the error.

PNCers to meet at Plymouth

Plate Number Coil collectors will be meeting at the Plymouth, MI, Champs of Champs Show Saturday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The group will host two special guests from Ohio (it isn't football season, after all). Joann Lenz reports she has been authorized to issue safe travel permits to these two Buckeyes. Guess the Coil Line editor will have to travel north at his own risk.

Wayne Youngblood, newly appointed editor of *Scott's Monthly*, will be the featured speaker on "U.S. Tagging Varieties" with special emphasis on PNCs.

Mr. E, the world renowned professor of pandemonious prestidigitation, will share his own unique perspective on the adventure of PNCing.

The show is held at Plymouth Central Middle School at Church and Main Streets in Plymouth, MI.



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9/1/92

COIL DESCRIPTION	PS3	PS5	COIL DESCRIPTION	PS3	PS5
1898Ab 3, 4, 5, 6.....	1.00	3.25	1906 17 Auto		
2123 3.4 PC 1, 2.....	1.00	3.25	Type C 1, 2.....	5.00	5.00
1900 5.2 Sleigh 1, 2....	3.50	7.00	Type C 3, 4.....	1.50	2.00
3.....	70.00	95.00	Type C 5, 7.....	5.50	7.00
5.....	50.00	70.00	1907 18 Surrey 1.....	37.00	55.00
1900A 5.2 PC 1, 2, 3, 4,			2 9, 10.....	1.50	2.00
5, 6.....	4.00	6.00	3, 4.....	33.00	42.00
1901 5.9 Bicycle 3, 4...	5.50	8.50	7.....	7.00	12.50
PC 3, 4.....	7.00	11.00	11, 12, 15, 16.....	4.00	5.70
5, 6.....	35.00	46.00	1891 18 Flag 1.....	40.00	180.00
1902 7.4 Buggy 2.....	3.50	5.00	2.....	7.50	19.00
PC 2.....	.80	1.25	3.....	100.00	650.00
8.4 Wheelchair #3.....	4.00	7.00	4.....	2.50	6.00
2129 PC 8.5 Truck 2...	1.40	1.50	5.....	2.50	3.00
1903 9.3 Mail Wagon			6.....	875.00	1850.00
1, 2.....	4.50	8.00	7.....	7.00	10.00
3, 4.....	7.00	22.00	1908 20 Pumper 1.....	15.00	80.00
5, 6.....	100.00	150.00	2.....	75.00	670.00
PC 1, 2.....	5.00	8.50	6.....	1.25	2.00
3, 4.....	10.50	20.00	7, 8.....	20.00	85.00
8.....	50.00	85.00	6, 13.....	1.00	1.50
2130 PC 2.....	.50	.70	11.....	9.00	50.00
1904 10.9 Cab 1, 2.....	5.50	14.00	1895 20 Flag 1.....	2.75	38.00
PC 1, 2.....	10.50	15.50	3.....	1.25	1.50
PC 3, 4.....	100.00	125.00	4.....	20.00	350.00
12c B Press 1.....	1.55	1.90	6.....	30.00	70.00
2133 12.5 PC 2.....	1.00	1.20	8.....	1.50	5.00
1906 17 Auto 1, 2, 3, 4	.80	1.25	2, 11.....	3.00	4.00
6.....	3.00	5.00	PC 14.....	17.00	20.00
7.....	1.25	1.50	O135 20 Official 1.....	7.00	25.00
PC A 3, 4.....	1.25	1.50	2155 22 Flag 7, 14.....	2.75	6.50
Type A 6, 7.....	2.00	3.00	3.....	5.50	26.00
Type B 3, 4.....	6.00	9.00	13.....	1.60	2.40
Type BA 5, 6.....	20.00	25.00	2005 Consumer 1, 2...	11.00	120.00
Type 5AB, 7AB, PS10.	5.00	7.00	3, 4.....	11.00	58.00
Type B 5, 6.....	2.00	3.00	O139 22 D Official 1....	15.00	38.00

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Rob Washburn
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Skowhegan, Maine 04976

This month's article is about the 3.4c School Bus coil. It was issued on June 8, 1985 in Arlington, Virginia. Plate numbers 1 and 2 exist both tagged and precancelled. The plate numbers appear every 24 stamps in a roll. This coil stamp was issued to meet the 3.4c non-profit carrier route sort rate which was in effect from February 17, 1985 until December 31, 1985. The stamp was authorized as false franking until March 31, 1987.

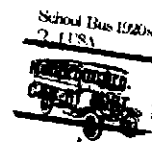
The earliest known usages of 3.4c School Bus PNCs are as follows:

<u>Plate Number</u>	<u>Earliest Known Usage On Cover</u>
1 tagged	6/8/85
2 tagged	6/8/85
1 precancelled	12/31/86
2 precancelled	3/?/86 (backstamp)

All of the above covers, except the #2 precancelled, are collector prepared covers. All known tagged 3.4c PNC covers were collector prepared. As for the precancels, very few are known (less than 10 of each number). One can expect to pay at least \$15-\$20 each to get one, but finding one will be tough!



Cesar Chavez



An important message inside
"for your health...and ours."
Cesar



There was one new EKU cover report this month...18c Surrey #12, now 8/13/81.
Next month, I'll cover the 4.9c Buckboard.

Cover of the Month

WILLIAMSON SAFE CO.

5631 STATE ROUTE 73
HILLSBORO, OHIO 45133

29c

Diebold, Inc.
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Canton, OH 44711

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The above cover featuring the 29c Flag Over Mt. Rushmore No. 7 shows an interesting auxiliary marking explaining the damage to the stamp. (Cover courtesy of Ron Farrar.) (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.)

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Prepared by John Greenwood

As revised Dec. 15, 1992

0 = Exists Imperf

- = Not known imperf

STAMP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
18c Flag	-	0	0	0	0	-	-									
Miscut	-	-	-	-	0	-	-									
20c Flag	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Miscut	-	0	0	-	-	0		0	0	0	-	-	0	-		
Untagged	-	-	-	-	-	-		0	-	-	-	-	-	-		
22c Flag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	-	0	-
Miscut	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0		-	-	-	-	-	0	-
17-22							0	0	0	0	-	0				
Miscut							0	0	-	-	-	0				
25c Yosemite Blk.	-	0	0	0	0		0	0	0							
Miscut	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
25c Yosemite Pre	-	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Miscut	-	-	0		-	-	-	-	0	-	-		0	0	-	
29c Mt. Rushmore	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0							
Miscut	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	-	-							
29c White House	-	-	0	0	-	0	0									

Cotrell Press - Transportation

1c Omnibus	-	-	-	-	0	0										
2c Locomotive	-	-	0	0				0		0						
4c Stagecoach	0	0	-	-	-	-										
4c Stage PC			-	-	0	-										
Miscut			-	-	-	0										
5c Motorcycle	0	0	-	-												
5.9c Bicycle PC			0	0	-	-										
9.3c Mail Wagon PC	0	0	0	0	-	-										
10.9c Cab PC	0	0	-	-												
14c Ice Boat	0	0	-	-												
17c Elec Car	0	0	0	0	-	-	-									
Miscut	0	0	0	0	-	-	-									
17c Elec Car PC	-	-	0	0	-	-	-									
Miscut	-	-	0	-	-	-	-									
18c Surrey	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	-	-
20c Pumper	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	0
Miscut	0	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cotrell Press - Misc.

20c Consumer	0	0	0	0												
Miscut	0	0	0	0												

Non-Cotrell Press - Transportation

1c Bus Block	-	0														
4c Stage Block	0															
4c Carriage	0															
5c Canoe PC	0															
6c Tricycle PC	-	0														

Gap 5R

8.4c WHLCH PC	0	-	-		
10c TRAC TRL PC	0				
10.1c Blk PC	0	-			
Red PC	-	0			
12.5c Push PC	0	-			
13.2c Coal Car	0	0			
16.7c Popcorn	-	-			
Miscut	0	-			
17c Dog Sled		0			
Miscut		0			
20c Cable Car Blk	-	0			
21c Railroad	0	-			
23c Lunch Wagon		0	0		
25c Breadwagon	0	0	0	0	0
Miscut	-	0	0	0	-
Imperf-Btwn	-	0	-	-	-
\$1 Seaplane	0				

Gaps 13L, 3R

Gap 4L

Non-Cotrell Press - Misc.

10c Eagle	A43335
18c Washington	1121
Washinton PC	33333
20c Official	1
22c D	1, 2
25c E	1111, 1222, 2211, 2222
Miscut	1111
25c Honeybee	1, 2
Miscut	1, 2
25c Official	No number
29c F	1111, 1222, 2211, 2222
Miscut	1222, 2222

Top E Bars Miscut

5.9c Bike PC No # (Line Gap)
20c Flag No #
22c Flag No #
25c Breadwagon No #
25c Bee No #
25c Yosemite No #
29c Rushmore No #

Top Horizontal & E Bars Miscut

22c Flag No #

Bottom horizontal Bar Miscut

22c Flag	17
29c F stamp	1111

Bottom Horizontal & Vertical Bars Miscut

25c Yosemite Pre No #	
25c Breadwagon	3

PNCs (W/2 miscuts)	151
+Miscuts (W/O 2 only	
known miscut)	48
+Imperfs between	1
+Extra Gap	1
+ No #	1
+Mistagged	1
+Miscuts w/top E Bars	
& Cotrell Line	1
+TopE Bars No #	7
+Very Low W/#	3
+Too low for #	1

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Mixture report

From Ron Maifeld, Amelia, OH

The following is the result of searching four lots of U.S. definitive mixtures received from Bob Reece in Nov. 1992. The lots were advertised as: Special Mix #1 with U.S. definitives from 1981 to 1982, unsearched with PNCs- purchased 2 10-lb. lots at \$32.50; U.S. mix #1, mostly recent unpicked common definitives, will contain...precancels, PNCs, and others-purchased 1 10-lb. lot at \$28; ***NEW*** U.S. mix #27 which Bob calls a mission mix since the organization that normally sorts for him did not get to work on these (approx. 550 pounds). This mix contained a little of everything, 27 foreign, about 5% commemoratives, Christmas, hi-value up to \$2, common and PNCs-purchases 10-lb at \$45.

The special Mix #1 yielded the most variety with all but 6 of the fractional coils listed below, and the single example of the numbered Toledo Brown.

U.S. Mix #27 lived up to its advertising and provided a good variety of everything and filled in quite a few gaps in my used commems collection, but I was disappointed with the small number of PNCs. There were two nice coil freaks included, however, that made the mixture more palatable.

Of all the mixtures, the cheapest of the bunch, U.S. # 1, provided the most PNCs at 183. Most of these were flags, although this mixture yielded the Bread wagon #1, two Yosemite #15s and four unnumbered Toledo Browns.

The final count of PNCs from the 40 pounds of mix came to 515. This amounts to 13 PNCs per pound, which is less than what I normally get, but these figures are skewed by the presence of the 'mission' mix.

Purple machine cancels were noticeable lacking in the mixtures and the total number of purple PNCs found amounted to only 7 copies.

As I reflect on these mixtures, and indeed other mixtures of the past, I sometimes wonder if I might not be better off by ordering my used PNC needs from a dealer's list. There is a lot of time involved in sorting through a 10-lb. mixture, a good deal of eye strain, a serious stack of buck up front, plus the soaking and drying, etc., etc. On the other side of the coin are those wonderful discoveries that you rarely can find on a dealer's list or for the most part at a bourse dealer.

I guess I'll get another order together.

Following is the breakdown of the items garnered from the mixtures:

1c	Omnibus (2225) #2 block tag	1
4c	Stagecoach PC (1898Ab) #6	1
4c	Steam Carriage (2451) #1 overall	1
	#untagged	1
5c	Canoe (2453) #1	1
5.2c	Sleigh PC (1900a) #5	1
5.9c	Bicycle PC (1901a) #3	1

7.6c	Carreta (2255) #1	1
8.3c	Ambulance (2128) #1	1
8.4c	Wheel Chair (2256) #1	4
	#2	2
9.3c	Mail Wagon PC (1903a) #5	1
	#6	1
10c	Tractor Trailer (2457) #1	2
12.5c	Pushcart PC (2133a) #1	1
13.2c	Coal Car (2259) #1	1
16.7c	Popcorn Wagon (2261) #1	3
17c	Electric Auto (1906) #2	1
	#3	1
	#4	1
18c	Wash.Mon. PC (2149a) #33333	3
20c	Fire Pumper (1908) #1	1
	#3	1
	Purple Can. #4	2
	Purple Can. #7	1
	#9	1
	Purple Can. #10	1
	#11	1
	#13	2
20c	Cable Car (2263) #1 blk. tag	1
	#2 blk. tag	4
21c	Railway Mail Car (2265) #2	1
23c	Lunch Wagon (2464) #3	1
24.1c	Tandem Bicycle (22660) #1	1

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Special of the month

5.9c Bicycle
Tagged, Plate No. 1, 2

	PS-3	PS-5
F-VF	4.00	11.00
VF	5.00	13.00
XF	6.00	16.00

9.3c Mail Wagon
Tagged, Plate No. 3, 4

F-VF	13.00	27.50
VF	15.00	32.50
XF	18.00	---

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Mixtures

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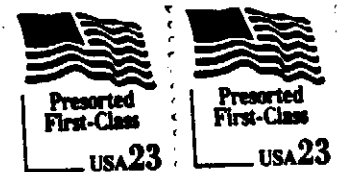
25c	Bread Wagon (2136) #1	1
	#2	7
	#3	6
	#4	12
25c	Honeybee (2281) #1	8
	#2	10
29c	Flower (2525) Slit perfs #S1111	3
	#S2222	2
Alphabet Series		
22c	D (2112) #2	6
25c	E (2279) #1111	11
	#1211	3
	#2222	1
29c	F (2518) #1111	10
	#1211	1
	#1222	15
	#2222	39
Flag Series		
18c	Sea to Shining Sea (1891) #2	1
20c	Flag over Supreme Ct. (1895) #1	2
	#2	6
	#3	3
	#4	3
	#5	5
	#8	7
	#9	3
	#10	8
	#11	1
	#12	7
	#13	1
	#14	3
	Purple Machine Cancels #3	2
	#5	1
22c	Flag Over Capitol (2115) #1	2
	#2	4
	#5	6
	#7	1
	#8	4
	#16	2
	#18	3
	#19	2
	#20	1
	#22	4
25c	Flag / Yosemite (2280) Blk. #3	3
	#4	8
	#5	5
	#8	7
	Phosphored #1	1
	#2	4
	#3	4
	#7	5
	#8	5
	#9	40
	#10	12
	#11	16

	#13	13
	#14	18
	#15	3
29c	Flag / Mt. Rushmore (2523) #1	23
	#2	7
	#3	17
	#4	12
	#6	4
	#7	40
	Toledo Brown #7	1
	#9	1

Can anyone explain these 'doubles'

Carl Wicklund of McAllen, Texas, has provided two photocopies of covers with a double use of 23c Presort stamps. Illustrated (by cropping) is one with a Minneapolis spray cancel.

The other copy was sent by American Express, and has no cancel. Carl didn't indicate the contents of either cover was 'heavy.' Could someone have put a roll marked Eagle and Shield stamps on a machine and not realized what was being used? Other ideas?



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**SOMETHING OLD
IS
BACK IN 1993
LONG STRIPS**

Line strips of six and plain strips from #441 thru #1947 dry gum, precancel, small hole, large hole, etc.

F&M STAMPS

4617 23rd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140
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PNC exhibitors plans for 1993

MISSOURI AmeriStamp Expo '93, One Frame Maximum Stamp Show April 23 - 25, 1993, will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kansas City, MO. Information from Dr. Peter P. McCann, P.O. Box 7088, Shawnee-Mission, Kansas, 66207-7088.

DEAN HAWK, CLASSIC VEHICLES OF THE U.S. TRANSPORTATION SERIES

BILL DiPAOLO, THE HONEYBEE COIL
MAY 1993

NEW YORK NEW YORK SPRING 1993 POSTAGE STAMP MEGA-EVENT
Sponsored by the Philatelic Foundation, The Collectors Club (New York), in cooperation with American Stamp Dealer Association and the American Philatelic Society. The show will be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center on May 5 to 9, 1993 in New York City.

BILL MC MURRAY, TOMORROW'S CLASSICS (U.S. FLAG & TRANSPORTATION COIL ISSUES OF 1981)

JUNE 1993

WISCONSIN TOPEX 93, WAUKESHA COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, Grand Milwaukee Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This show will be held from June 11-13 and the following exhibit is on standby if exhibits are needed.

MARY ANN OWENS, U.S. TRANSPORTATION SERIES COILS FROM A THEMATIC VIEWPOINT

OCTOBER 1993

CONN THAMESPEX 93, Sponsored by the Thames Stamp Club the show will be held at Mitchell College in New London, CT on October 24, 1993

GARY DAVIS, POSTAL USAGE OF PLATE NUMBER COILS (PNC) 1981 TO 1992

1993 shows requesting PNC³ awards

OHIO

APRIL 17-18

McKINLEY STAMP CLUB--62ND ANNUAL STAMP EXHIBITION will be held at the American Legion Canton Post 44, 1439 Cleveland NW Canton, Ohio. Information from Dan Carrier, 4219-20th St. NW, Canton, Ohio 44708

WISCONSIN

APRIL 24-25

WISCOPEX 93, Sponsored by the Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, Howard Johnson's, Hwy 51 and Co. Tk. NW, Wausau, Wisconsin, Information from William Grosnick, Sr., P.O. Box 71, Wausau, Wisconsin, 54402-0072

Membership

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospect should contact the Chairperson of the Membership Committee, Joann Lenz, 37211 Alper Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48312 with the objection. The committee will investigate and recommend for or against membership.

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Change of address:

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Beds, UK LU7 7AB

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P.O. Box 530847
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The correct Zip Code for W. John Noscardin is 08536.

Donations:

John Tison, \$18.50 in postage
Clinton Anspach, \$3.00 cash
Toufic Daniel, \$25.00 cash

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FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BID: 2993a 20c
Consumer Imperf, PS-3, #1VF+ (Min. bid \$75.00).
Photocopy on request. Bids close April 30, 1993.
Paul M. Dixon, 2023 41st St. N.E., Salem, OR
97305.

FOR SALE, A FEW USED singles and mint strip
PNCs: STS Flight covers; small mixtures of blocks,
plate #, zips, etc. Foreign mixtures; common covers;
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miscellany. SASE for list. Aaron Sobel, 1124 100th
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WANTED PNC COMM. COVERS with purple
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