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Letter from the PNC³ President:

Board decides it will provide our membership list for a fee

PNC³ is six years old. Dues have remained the same through that period, even though there have been two postal rate increases. The Board has voted to leave the dues unchanged for 1994. The Board is proud of holding the line, even though the \$10 dues does not cover the cost of printing and mailing 12 issues of *Coil Line*.

We have hustled for other forms of income. The Secretary receives occasional requests for copies of our mailing labels. After several months of discussion, the Board has decided to provide the labels for a fee.

This may be a sensitive issue to some of you. No one wants to feel like a commodity. The typical request for labels has come from dealers who could copy the addresses from the roster printed in *Coil Line* last June, but prefer the labels so as to save labor. If you prefer that your name and address never appear on the sold labels, that is certainly your right. If that is your wish, please notify Secretary Joann Lenz, 37211 Alper Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48321-2203.

Club membership is approaching 700. We have members with varying collecting interests and varying levels of expertise.

We invite you to share your knowledge, and ask your questions, via *Coil Line*. Editor Brown is happy to hear from you. He is also eager to hear suggestions on what you would like to see on these pages. Write to him.

Tom Maeder

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Elusive 18c Flag No. 6 in mix

PNC³ member George 'Tad' Richards II has found an elusive 18c Flag No. 6 in a mixture. "All those years of picking and it finally happened when I least expected. A 10lb. mix from Fred Miller, Brooklyn, N.Y., cost \$28. The mix was mostly recent but the occasional Surrey, Pumper and Lighthouse came up, no numbers save for a No. 10 Surrey. As I neared the end, up came this little devil (above). It was on a manila cut-square with green diamonds, standard business stuff.

There were also more strips than usual and all but one had the number in the middle! Anyone wishing Miller's address need only write to me giving me the name and address of their favorite supplier in exchange. Box 1661, Duxbury, MA 02331."

Using Denson values, George put a value of \$500 on the used Flag No. 6 and \$263 on the rest of the mix. There were no No. 5 Mt. Rushmore or White House stamps.

Letters

Stampshow was tremendous experience; think about holding a Regional Meeting

To the Editor:

Stampshow was a tremendous experience for all PNC3 members who attended. It was great to meet many with whom I had been corresponding with and talking on the telephone with these past few years. The sharing and learning experience was exponential and I am still assimilating the input. My thanks to all those who attended, especially to Gene and Nancy Ernst who did all the planning and organizing of the PNC Annual Meeting, other meetings and the informal "hospitality" table at the show.

That table was the focal point for all PNC3 members and there were always two or more discussions being held on most any PNC topic from printing presses, PC mats, paper varieties, finds, varieties, and EFO's. All PNC3 members should experience this type of activity.

Attend a local PNC3 Regional Meeting. Better yet, [plan to have one at an area stamp show. It is guaranteed that all will have a marvelous time sharing and learning. Contact me for further information about planning a PNC Regional Meeting.

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There are lots of way collectors can help encourage youngsters to collect stamps

To the Editor:

I read your article (September Coil Line p.157) on the assistance to local stamp clubs with the same feeling. I can only let you and others in on the way to help locate sources of stamps to donate. I have been for years searching through approximately 40,000 commercial covers locating PNCs on cover and tagging varieties. The rest I have been dumping. Recently I began taking the scrap envelopes to a recycling center where I have made friends with some of the dock workers. They don't want the stamps on the envelopes to be recycled.

Now I am looking at truckloads that arrive daily that are loaded with all kinds of collectibles. I have permission to take a barrel of envelopes home, remove all the stamps I wish to save and return the envelopes when I finished. What a gold mine!

Why can't collectors in other parts of the country do the same and clip some of the material for local kids to help them get started? I wish someone had done me a favor like I'm doing for the local clubs. I sell clipped stamps on single paper for a small amount of what they are worth for my time to cut them. I can usually donate 100 of any new issue within weeks of the issue date and keep the fire burning in these new collectors' hearts. I felt the need to write in complete

agreement with you and hope you have started others to follow your advice.

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Searching thousands of commercial covers leads to roll of 3,000 of 18c Flag No. 2

To the Editor:

I work for a bank service company and I get all their contract payment envelopes, about 9,000/month. It takes about two months to get 10 pounds of stamps. I remove the stamps from the envelopes each day after work. It takes about two hours to remove stamps from 1,300 covers that come in on the first of the month, after the first week they thin out to 200 a day and the 15th they are back up to 1,000 a day. I leave the PNCs on the envelopes and sell them with the bulk stamps. Stamped envelopes and foreign covers are added to the unit. The same people send their payments every month, one fellow sends in his payment with a one cent tagged stamp. Last month they got him for 28 cents postage due. I see a lot of stamped covers where the uncanceled stamps have been cut off the old envelope and glued on the new envelope. Also stamps on the other three corners and return address on the right corner and the cancels ends up in some of the strangest places on the envelope.

Recently an 18c Flag stamp and a 13c Bell came through on cover. So I wrote a letter to the return address offering to purchase the remaining stamps and the guy called me back. He wasn't a collector but said he would sell me the stamps. We agreed to the price over the phone but when I met him the price had gone up. I paid the price because I didn't want to lose these top quality stamps. The centering was just perfect. He said they were in an antique desk that he had bought. They must have been in the desk 10 years. I would guess that a couple of hundred stamps from the roll of 3,000 are gone. The plate number is two.

From the amount of covers that I have checked the PNCs are very limited. Checking for two months, my list of 29c White House is No. 3-2; 4-6; 5-3; 6-13; 7-7; and 8-8. Dick Koenig is right, No. 1 & 2 are in decline. That seems strange to me because I have about 18 PNC5s No. 1 & 2 on hand and just had an offer of 20 PNC5s No. 2 and No. 4 at face and turned that down.

The bank covers come from all over the world, even a couple from Somalia. I sent one of those to Rob Washburn and I have other strange ones to send him when I find the time.

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Lenz Paper, BEP & Stats.

By Alan Thomson

The BEP letter that Joann Lenz made public at STaMpsHOW contained several interesting statements. Two of them corroborated items that the PNC Study Group had previously deemed to be true. The special paper was indeed a contract bid sample AND it was used only to print 29c Flag over Mount Rushmore stamps.

The latter point makes it clear it is incorrect to say that any other stamp is printed on Lenz paper, even if the tagging does appear solid.

The reply deals extensively with the different processes involved in producing what we have been calling "mottled" and "solid" phosphored paper. Two new terms have been coined to distinguish between the two processes. "Embedded phosphor" (replacing pre-phosphored/mottled) and "surface phosphor" (replacing phosphor coated/solid) are now the more accurate and descriptive names. Lenz paper remains a unique type of surface phosphor paper.

Perhaps of greater interest is the BEP revelation that approximately eight rolls of the paper were put on press. This figure leads to an entertaining derivation of numbers that tell part of the story about plates #2 and #6 on Lenz paper.

Eight rolls of paper represent 168,000 feet of web. We know that both plates were made for the C/D presses and that each plate was (is) 18 rows wide. This knowledge comes from the fact that all Lenz stamps have come from rolls of 500 or 3000, despite the BEP statement that "The primary intent was to print... stamps so that coils of 100 and 500 could be made." The Bureau does, however, acknowledge that rolls of 3000 were made. The circumference of the common sleeve used on these two presses is 3.46 feet; or in other words one revolution (one impression) requires just under three and one-half feet of web.

With that figure in hand we can compute the total number of impressions possible in our known length of web. It comes to 48,555. An 18 row printing would yield 41,951,520 stamps and a maximum of 873,990 stamps with a plate number. That's a very low total.

If we were to assume that all production was in rolls of 3000 (which it was not), the

maximum rolls made comes to 13,965.

These production numbers must, however, be taken with a grain of salt. Theoretical calculations must be adjusted for printing waste and other losses. We have no way of knowing whether all the rolls were actually delivered to USPS, and most likely never will have a reliable figure.

Although evidence is surfacing that these stamps had fairly wide distribution, not many have been found by collectors. After all is said and done, how many fall into collectors' hands is the bottom line. They're scarce and the paper on which they're printed is unique.

COIL LINE

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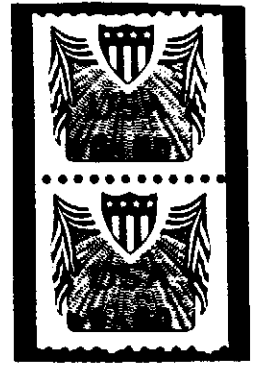
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Variable Ramblings

Tom Maeder



Coming to a Post Office Near You?

The Norman, OK technician received a letter from headquarters on Aug. 19 reminding him that Aug. 21 would be the 1-year anniversary of his machine. Consequently, on that date he should unplug his machine and repack it in its original container for shipment. The Norman postmaster wanted to contest the decision, and a conference call with Carolyn Murphy in Washington was made on Aug. 24. Outcome: pack the machine.

News of this prompted collectors living near machines to query their technicians. The EKA GARD experiment is not ending; the contract has been extended for another year. Apparently no new machines will be added, but some will be moved around. Norman's, Oklahoma City's, and at least one from Miami have been removed. They are going to Chicago for overhaul, and then to somewhere, but it is not yet revealed where. One may be bound for a post office near you.

The EKA GARD Machine

The EKA GARD machines are getting something of an upgrade. A new "face plate" has been shipped to the technicians. Among other things, it has color coding for the command keys (one color for weighing, another color for stamp purchases, etc.). The screens will display a new format. A new program, of course, was supplied for this purpose. Further, the new program allows for the purchase of no more than twenty stamps per transaction. The technicians formerly had discretionary power to set any maximum wished. Nationally, this had ranged from twenty to fifty. That discretionary power no longer exists.

UNISYS

Commencement of the UNISYS field testing is already 12 months late. The September, 1992 beginning was delayed; so was the re-scheduled March, 1993 inauguration. They still are not ready. Reportedly, there are still too many bugs in the printer.

On paper, the UNISYS machine looks superior to the EKA GARD. Unisys has these features which EKA GARD does not:

- 1) color monitor.
- 2) will accept a debit/credit card.
- 3) will accept (and give change with) 5 denominations of coins rather than 3: 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, \$1. EKA GARD accepts 5¢, 10¢, 25¢; returns 1¢, 5¢, 25¢.
- 4) capacity to escrow and return up to 15 bills.
- 5) will print labels with service indicators and/or 5 or 9-digit zip code bar codes.

- 6) capacity to hold two 3000-rolls of stamps rather than one.
- 7) anti-theft sensors with visual, audible, and digital alarms.
- 8) complies with Federal standards for access for the handicapped; EKA GARD does not (the scale is too high off the floor).
- 9) optional mail drop module.

Sounds great, but where are the machines? The latest has it that they will be deployed in the Washington-Baltimore area in late September, and be operational the first week in October.

Line Drawn in the Sand

In August, a Linn's issue had two letters to the Editor relative to the VRC machines. One letter described 19 centers with faulty printing which had been vended from Monterey Park, CA's machine. The second letter was from a New Hampshire collector who had visited the D.C. machines. His last comment was that if anyone gets any denomination less than 19¢ from a machine, hang on to it because it might be scarce.

Carolyn Murphy apparently sees Linn's. She sent what could be characterized as an accusing and threatening letter to the technicians of machines mentioned in each of the two letters. Each technician was asked to again put in writing that the machines had not been dispensing denominations lower than 19¢. One technician, who had demonstrated through the whole first year that he is a by-the-book guy, was a bit shaken by the tone of the letter.

A rumor has been circulating for three months, from sources inside the post office and from outside, that the postal inspectors have been investigating the use of the Miami machines. The rumor has it that the 1¢ program was sporadically re-inserted last Spring at odd hours, sometimes in the middle of the night. Because each machine has a modem which transmits detailed information on the use of the machine, this practice was discovered (so the story goes). Murphy says she knows nothing of any postal inspector inquiry, that it is not her job to be talking to philatelic journalists, and future questions should be directed to Robin Minard, who is a USPS information officer.

Murphy, who now has overall responsibility for the VRC projects, has made it clear that she will never authorize denominations under 19¢. She has two arguments. a) The 1 centers were being vended at a loss. b) There is no postal rate under 19¢. When asked about the 10¢ surcharge for over-sized letters, she answered, "Buy a 39¢ stamp."

Don't look for a change in policy as long as Mrs. Murphy is in charge.

The First Printing

Very small supplies of the "dull gum" first printing still exist. They are being vended only in Irvine, CA, Monterey Park, CA, Detroit and Ann Arbor, MI.

Thanks to Bob Owens, Jeff Scherer, Joann Lenz, Doug Iams, and some helpful technicians for contributions to this report.

COMMERCIAL COVERS

Installment #50

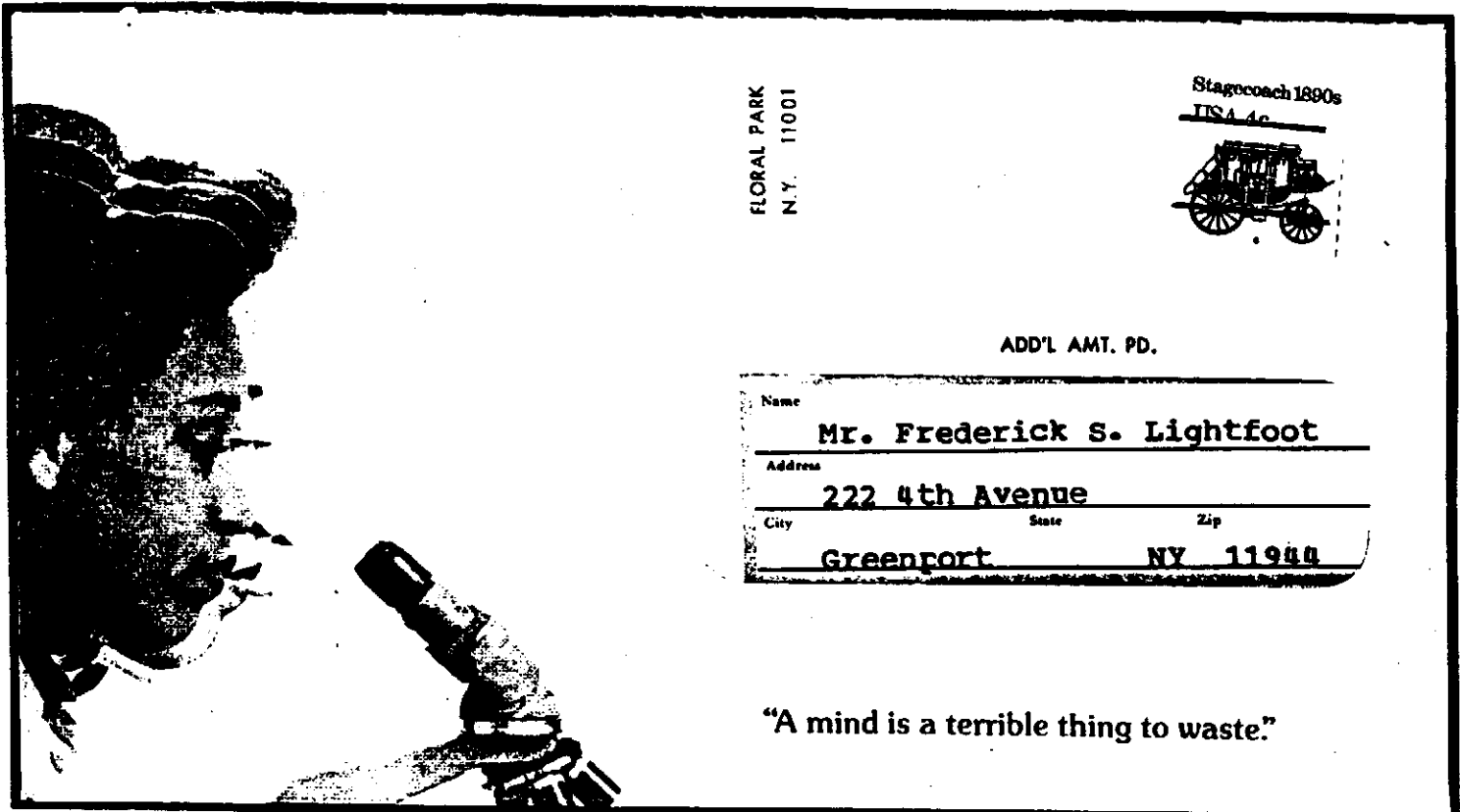
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It's hard to imagine that modern covers could be Classics. Yet when you consider Webster's Dictionary's definition of the word classic: "of the highest class or rank, having lasting significance or recognized worth", certainly many scarce PNC covers fit that definition.

This month's installment is a follow-up to my May, 1990 Commercial Covers' article on Classic PNC commercial covers. That 1990 article was primarily devoted to first class usage covers. This month's article features Classic PRECANCELLED PNC covers. (For purposes of this article, when I say precancelled, I mean to include all service-inscribed PNCs also.)

Precancelled PNCs are found on what are often called junk mail covers. Such mail includes bulk mailings, non-profit organization mailings, political mail, etc. With all the Postal Service's various rates and rate changes, including false franking authorizations, collectors are provided with a wealth of cover material to search for.

Finding a precancelled PNC used on commercial cover is not an easy accomplishment. It seems that most of today's junk mail gets tossed out with the trash. Only a fraction of the covers find their way into stamp collectors' hands, and many collectors just tear the stamps off the covers and soak them. In addition, unlike first class PNC issues, which can be acquired in quantity from an insurance or utility company, there are no such sources for large numbers of precancelled PNC covers.



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"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

I have been keeping records of known quantities of precancelled PNC covers for the past several years. My records show that precancelled PNC covers do not exist in large quantities. In fact, except for precancelled PNCs on cover after 1987, most are genuinely scarce. For instance, not a single one of the Cottrell precancelled PNCs is known on cover in a quantity exceeding 15. Perhaps all Cottrell precancelled PNC covers should be considered classics. This is especially so of 4.9¢ Buckboard #1 (one known), #2 (one known), 4¢ Stagecoach #6 (two known), 5.2¢ Sleigh #4 (two known) and #6 (two known), 5.9¢ Bicycle #5 (one known) and #6 (two known), and 9.3¢ Mail Wagon #8 (two known).

The 7.4¢ Baby Buggy #2 and 6¢ Tricycle #1 are also very tough to find on cover. Also, more recent precancelled PNC covers might turn out to be classics: 21.1¢ Letters (both numbers), 18¢ Washington Monument #11121 and #43444, and 10¢ Eagle/Shield #A12213, #A32333, and #A33334 to name a few.

The scarcest precancelled PNC cover of all is the 20¢ Flag precancel #14 of which none are known to date.

Scarce and collectible--absolutely! These "Classics" are worthy of collector interest today and no doubt will be tomorrow.

New EKV reports this month include 20¢ Pumper #1 (12/18/81), 5.9¢ Prec. #3 (6/9/85) and 22¢ D Official #1 (3/13/85).

Commercial cover update

Many PNC3 members have contacted me the past month about continuing the PNC commercial cover reports. Please understand that business and other things kept me from compiling those reports. I did say, however, in my last published report that I did not foresee any major changes in the totals for the next couple of months. To that point, I was accurate as the following report substantiates. The period reported is from Aug. 2 to Sept. 1, 1993.

29c Flag/White House - 1-15; 2-13; 3-31; 4-85; 5-3; 6-180; 7-92; 8-194.

29c Flower perf - 2222-7

29c Flower slit - 2222-1

29c Flag/Mt. Rushmore - 1-1; 4-1; 5-1; 7-3.

Even though plate numbers 9 and 10 of the White House have been reported out and about, not one had been found on a commercial cover as of this date (Sept. 6). The only mild surprise is the seven No. 2222 perfed Flower covers.

By the way, let me know if you need any of the covers that I report being found. I will send any cover or two if it is still available when requested. Please send a No. 10 or larger-sized SASE. Do remember that most of these covers are fold over thin paper No. 9 or thereabouts. They vary in size slightly and there are no window envelopes. I will choose the best cover available. This is a hard offer to beat! Send SASEs to Dick Koenig, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

Former PNC³ President urges Scott to make changes in its album pages

Former PNC³ President George Kuhn recently authored an article that appeared in *Linn's Stamp News* under the "What Others are Saying" heading. The article was published on page 16 of the Aug. 16 issue with the headline 'Stamp albums should accommodate singles.'

Kuhn, a collector for 50 years, argues that Scott is doing a disservice to collectors of U.S. stamps who prefer to collect used singles instead of mint stamps. His main point is that album pages should contain printed spaces for used singles, not just a space for a mint block, especially for se-tenant issues.

He said newcomers of the hobby are turned off because it is difficult to find used examples of attached se-tenants. He also points out that many recent issues won't fit with the borders of album pages.

"As the stamps are normally used singly, this is the way Scott should show them on its album pages.

"For collectors who prefer the attached se-tenant blocks, Scott need only produce and market special supplements each year to accommodate them. This would end the discrimination against collectors of used stamps once and for all."

Kuhn urges those who agree to write Scott to help convince the firm to make the change.

SNIPPETS

Tagged 23c USA

Once again George Leduc has come up with a pearl from his dumpster diving. He has found a Visa Card solicitation envelope with a very even and fine tagging (probably phosphored paper) on the BEP version of the USA presort stamp. He has dubbed it "fairy dust". George found several covers from the same mailing but all copies of the stamps used do not have the tagging. It may be from one of the new papers BEP is using. This stamp should not be tagged. --- George spends so much time diving he must carry a mask and an air tank. Good find.

Cottrell Press Alive and Well

At STaMpsHOW some of us had an opportunity to read Larry Haynes' notes from his 1985 visit to BEP. One sentence was startling. It said, "One Cottrell press to be saved for Smithsonian." Rich Nazar promptly got on the phone attempting to trace the press. Three days later he was successful. Press 801 is crated and sitting in a warehouse in Maryland. The PNC Study Group is attempting to find a home for this philatelic treasure so that it can be studied. It may hold many answers for us about early PNCs. Stay tuned.

Phosphored Paper Terms

After much discussion in Houston, Wayne Youngblood came up with new names for the two types of phosphored paper we have found. Replacing the inadequate "pre-phosphored paper" and "phosphored-coated paper" are "embedded phosphor" and "surface phosphor". These more adequately describe the distinctly different processes involved in treating stamp printing paper with zink orthosilicate before it reaches the printer. We hope Scott will recognize these well described differences and list stamps that differ in this way in the Scott Specialized Catalog.

PNC³ Awards

Four Club awards were given at the annual meeting in Houston for achievements furthering the collecting of PNCs. Plaques went to Ken Lawrence, Stephen Esrati, editor of *The Plate Number & GA Review*, Harold Brown, editor of *Coil Line*, and Joe

Sedivy, PNC³ auction director. All are well deserved. Congratulations.

\$1 Walks

The \$1 Seaplane coil has been found with a walking tag break on it. The plate number is still #1, but instead of the tag break being fixed at 11L or 12L, it walks from left to right. All 26 positions are possible. Breaks from 5L through 9R are in collectors' hands now. One strip with a line break has also been found. Club Treasurer Gene Ernst was the first finder of this tagging type.

PNC³ Grows Like a Weed

Our club is growing at a mind boggling rate, averaging 12 new members every month. As of September 1st we have 682 members. The *Coil Line* distribution agent is slowly drowning.

More White House

Dealer Dr. Robert Rabinowitz has found plate numbers 9 and 10 of the Flag over The White House. They were long overdue. Roll sizes are not known, but may be 100.

Finds at STaMpsHOW

In addition to the roll of 5.2c Sleigh precancels found by Rich Nazar and Gene Ernst, and the roll of 9.3c Mail Wagon precancels found by new member Scott Adams, more than a roll of the 5c Circus Wagon with only one tag break each 52 stamps was discovered. The Houston main post office had quite a selection of unusual material. And one of the bright and smiling faces behind the USPS counter joined our ranks during the show. Welcome Betty Rolland.

Did You Know...?

The 12.5c Pushcart #1 precancel was printed with two different inks. One is termed "light olive" and is brown under long-wave UV. The other is known as "dark olive" and is orange-red under long-wave UV.

More Varieties - Old

The digits on plate #13 of the 22c Flag appear at three different levels at the bottom of the stamp. Very collectable if you can find them.

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REDWOOD CORNER BY RICHARD LEARN

I am very happy for this opportunity to talk to other collectors, who like me, have sent away for their "Redwood City Postmaster's Provisionals" covers from Mr. Craig Carlton Dremann.

I have been in contact with Mr. Dremann several times since my cover arrived, and have received additional information from him on these interesting covers. One of the questions I asked Mr. Dremann was "Is there any way on the A1 or A2 design Provisionals of telling a First Day of Issue since no postmark is used on precanceled stamps?". Mr. Dremann informed me that the only covers that could be identified as being from his first mailing of Feb. 10, 1984, were those he had sent to himself with a rubber stamp address. (see above cover).

Mr. Dremann did send himself other covers on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th mailing but all of these were hand addressed. Mr. Dremann sent only 2 or 3 of these hand-addressed covers for each mailing and did not send any to himself on the 5th or 6th mailings. Mr. Dremann did this to check out the time it took the postal system to deliver his mailing.

The cover shown above is the cover sent to me. It is of the first mailing (rubber stamped, self address) and has a PNC #1 stamp. The color is forest green and is of type A1 design, a 13XU2 by Mr. Dremann listing.

I would like copies of REDWOOD CITY POSTMASTER'S. PROVISIONALS covers that members have received stating the color of the A1, A2, or E1 design. I will try and correlate the types of these covers with quantities that still exist. I would like especially to get copies of those covers that have PNC stamps. I will forward this correlated information in future issues of the Coil Line.

I will also act as a focal point for those that would like to trade REDWOOD CITY POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS covers. Send me a SASE with a copy of the REDWOOD CITY POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS cover you are willing to trade and indicate what you want in trade, and I will try to pair people up.

Mr Dremann has covers left, but only one per person or household. If you have not sent away for yours yet please do so. Mr. Dremann has 92 covers left as of 9-09-93. They are: 47 of the 1984 issues and 45 of the 1985 issue. To order your cover see the May 1993 issue of Coil Line.

Send copies of your covers to:

Richard L. Learn
154 Kendale Dr.
Safety Harbor, FL. 34695

September 1983-Pricelist #2

Description	PS3	PS5
Omnibus 1,2,5,6	.40	.45
Omnibus 3,4	.95	1.05
Omnibus B Pr. 1,2	.65	.70
Omnibus B Pr. 2 Untg.	.55	.60
Locomotive 2,3,4,6	.70	.75
Locomotive 8,10	.55	.60
Locomotive B Pr. 1	.40	.45
Handcar 1-4	.70	.75
Conestoga 1	.70	.75
Conestoga 2 Untg.*	1.00	1.05
Schoolbus 1,2	1.50	1.60
Schoolbus 1,2 PC	7.50	7.75
Stagecoach 1,2,3,4	1.15	1.25
Stagecoach 5,6	2.65	2.75
Stagecoach 3-6 PC	8.95	9.00
Stage B Pr. 1 Block	.90	.95
Stage B Pr. 1 Overall	19.95	21.00
St. Carr. 1 Tag./Untg.	.85	.90
Buckboard 3,4	1.25	1.35
Buckboard 1-6 PC	2.05	2.10
Motorcycle 1-4	.85	.90
Milkwagon 1	1.15	1.20
Circus Wag. 1 Tag.	1.15	1.20
Circus Wag. 1 Untg.	1.45	1.50
Cr. Wag. Grav. A1,A2	1.10	1.15
Canoe 1-3	1.45	1.50
Canoe Grature S11	1.10	1.15
Sleigh 1,2	9.95	10.15
Sleigh 3	168.00	199.00
Sleigh 5	154.00	165.00
Sleigh 1,2,3,5 PC	11.95	12.00
Sleigh 4,6 PC	15.65	15.75
Elevator 1	1.85	1.90
Star Route 1	2.45	2.50
Star Route 1 PC	2.05	2.10
Star Route 2 PC	3.75	3.85
Bicycle 3,4	6.00	6.50
Bicycle 3,4 PC	27.65	27.75
Bicycle 5,6 PC	90.00	96.00
Tricycle 1	1.60	1.65
Tricycle 1 PC	2.05	2.10
Tricycle 2 PC	9.95	10.00
Tractor 1, 1 Zip+4	2.65	2.75
Tractor 1 PC	4.30	4.45
Baby Buggy 2	9.50	10.90
Baby Buggy 2 PC	5.95	6.00
Carreta 1,2	2.65	2.70
Carreta 3	8.45	8.50
Ambulance 1,2	2.05	2.10
Ambulance 1,2 PC	2.20	2.25
Ambulance 3,4 PC	7.40	7.50
Ambulance B Pr. 1	4.15	4.20
Ambulance B Pr. 2	5.95	6.10
Wheelchair 1,2	2.50	2.65
Wheelchair 3	14.85	15.00
Towtruck 1, 1 PC	2.85	3.00
Towtruck 2 PC	10.40	10.50
Mail Wagon 1,2	14.15	14.25
Mail Wagon 3,4	19.50	41.25
Mail Wagon 5,6	POR	POR
Mail Wagon 1,2 PC	11.90	12.00
Mail Wagon 3 PC	25.95	26.25
Mail Wagon 4 PC	16.25	16.50
Mail Wagon 5,6 PC	3.30	3.40
Mail Wagon 8 PC	175.00	187.50
Canal Block 1	2.10	2.25
Canal PP Dry/Shiny 1*	3.35	3.50
Tractor Trailer 1	1.75	1.90
Oil Wagon 1	2.85	3.00
Oil Wagon 1 PC,2 SI	2.40	2.50
Oil Wagon 2 PC,3 SI	2.85	3.00
Hansom 1,2	12.00	37.50
Hansom 1,2 PC	35.80	36.00
Hansom 3,4 PC	POR	370.00
Caboose 1, 1 PC	3.95	4.15
Caboose 2 Untg.	2.35	2.50
Stutz Bearcat 1-4	1.50	1.65
Stanley St. 1,2	2.10	2.25
Stanley St. 1,2 PC	2.65	2.75
Stanley St. B Pr. 1	17.00	18.00
Pushcart 1, 1 PC	2.85	3.00
Pushcart 2, 2 PC	4.35	4.50
Patrol Wagon 1	3.55	3.75
Coal Car 1,2	3.55	3.75
Iceboat 1,2	2.80	2.75
Iceboat 3,4 B Pr. 1	3.55	3.75
Tugboat Block 1,2	2.85	3.00
Tugboat Overall 2	3.55	3.75
Popcorn 1,2	3.95	4.15
Auto 1,2,3,4,5	2.75	3.00
Auto 6	17.85	18.00
Auto 7	4.95	5.25
Auto 3,4,5 PC A	4.25	4.50

Description	PS3	PS5
Auto 6,7 PC A	10.25	10.50
Auto 3,4 PC B	18.95	20.25
Auto 5,6 PC B	14.85	15.00
Auto 5,6 PC BA	37.25	37.50
Auto 1,2 PC C*	5.85	6.00
Auto 3,4 PC C	7.25	7.50
Auto 5,7 PC C	22.00	22.50
Dogsled 2	2.85	3.00
Racecar 1, 1 PC	3.55	3.75
Surrey 1	85.00	101.25
Surrey 2,5,6,8	3.55	3.75
Surrey 3,4	69.00	82.50
Surrey 7	29.50	30.00
Surrey 9,10,11,15,16	13.95	14.25
Surrey 13,14,17,18	4.95	5.25
Pumper 1	22.50	180.00
Pumper 2	150.00	975.00
Pumper 3,4,13,15,16	3.95	4.15
Pumper 5,9,10	3.15	3.30
Pumper 6	12.95	13.00
Pumper 7,8	55.00	210.00
Pumper 11	33.00	85.00
Pumper 12,14*	7.25	7.50
Cable Car Block 1,2	3.55	3.75
Cable Car Overall 2	4.95	5.25
Fire Engine 1	4.35	4.50
Railroad Mail Car 1,2	4.35	4.50
Lunchwagon 2,3 (3 ty.)	3.95	4.15
Tandem Bicycle 1	4.70	4.90
Breadwagon 1,2,3,4	3.50	3.75
Breadwagon 5	4.25	4.50
Seaplane 1	5.00	7.00
18e Flag 1	130.00	425.00
18e Flag 2	16.50	45.00
18e Flag 3	380.00	POR
18e Flag 4	8.85	9.00
18e Flag 5	4.50	5.40
18e Flag 6	POR	POR
18e Flag 7	35.50	36.00
20e Flag 1	7.50	88.50
20e Flag 2,8,11	3.00	13.50
20e Flag 3,12	3.00	5.95
20e Flag 4	45.00	POR
20e Flag 5,9,10,13,14	3.00	4.15
20e Flag 14 PC	59.50	60.00
22e Flag 1,7,13	13.25	13.50
22e Flag 2,8,12,15,16	3.95	4.15
22e Flag 19,22,T1	3.95	4.15
22e Flag 3	13.50	57.00
22e Flag 4,5,6,10,11	6.25	6.45
22e Flag 17,18,20,21	6.25	6.45
22e Flag 14	29.95	30.00
23e Presort A111,212	3.85	4.05
23e Presort A222 (FT)	3.85	4.05
23e Pre. A112,122,333	4.95	5.25
23e USA 1111,S111	2.95	3.25
23e USA A1111,2222	3.35	3.50
25e Flag Bk. 1,7	6.25	6.40
25e Flag Bk. 2,3,4,5,8	4.25	4.50
25e Flag Bk. 9	9.95	10.50
25e Flag PP 1	49.95	50.00
25e Flag PP 2,3,7,8,9	4.15	4.50
25e Flag PP 10,11,13	4.15	4.50
25e Flag PP 14	4.15	4.50
25e Flag PP 5,15	10.25	10.50
25e Flag PP 6	12.50	12.75
29e Rush. 1,2,3,4,6,7	4.75	4.95
29e Rushmore 5,8	7.25	7.50
29e Rushmore 9	9.95	10.50
29e Grv. 11111,22211	3.75	3.95
29e Whitehouse 1-10	3.50	3.75
D Eagle 1,2	5.25	9.00
E Earth 1111,1222	2.75	3.00
E Earth 1211,2222	4.95	5.25
F Flower 1111,1222	3.50	3.75
F Flower 2222	3.50	3.75
F Flower 2211	6.25	6.75
F Flower 1211	24.95	25.50
E/S 11111,S11111	2.35	2.50
E/S A11111,A11112	2.10	2.25
E/S A21112,A22112	2.10	2.25
E/S A22113,A43325	2.10	2.25
E/S A43326,A43334	2.10	2.25
E/S A43326,A43426	2.10	2.25
E/S A54444,A54445	2.10	2.25
E/S A77777,A88888	2.25	2.40
E/S A21113,A53335	2.80	3.00
E/S A34426,A88889	2.95	3.15
E/S A33333,A89999	3.35	3.50
E/S A99999,A99999	3.35	3.50
E/S A33335,A43324	3.50	3.75
E/S A34424	6.25	6.50

Description	PS3	PS5
E/S A12213	19.35	19.50
E/S A33334	99.75	99.75
E/S A32333	210.00	210.00
W. Mon. 1112,3333	2.85	3.00
W. Mon. 11121 PC	6.50	6.75
W. Mon. 33333 PC	2.85	3.00
W. Mon. 43444 PC	7.35	7.50
Fish. Bl. A1111,1212	2.95	3.25
Fish. Bl. A2424	2.95	3.25
Fish. Bl. A5555,5556	2.95	3.25
Fish. Bl. A1112	7.35	7.50
Fish. Bl. A5555 Untg.	9.50	10.00
Consumer 1,2	33.00	225.00
Consumer 3,4	33.00	127.50
Letters 111111	4.25	4.50
Letters 111121	4.95	5.25
Letters 111111 PC	4.25	4.50
Letters 111121 PC	4.95	5.25
Honeybee 1,2	4.15	4.50
29e Fw. Roul. S1111	3.10	3.50
29e Fw. Ether S2222	2.95	3.25
29e Dry VRC 1	7.00	7.50
23,29e Shiny VRC 1	7.00	7.50
20e Official 1	13.50	65.00
D Official 1	45.00	75.00

The trade value of your PS5s:

	Full Trade	Half Cash
Under \$30 List	40%	60%
Over \$30 List	50%	75%
Over \$100 List	60%	83%

If you have extra PS5s you're looking to get rid of, I'll be happy to take them in exchange for my PS3s or PS5s.

Trading occurs two ways.

1.) A "full trade" is one in which we trade strips without the exchange of money.

2.) A "half cash" trade is one in which you send strips with a trade value up to half the value of your total order. For example, if your order is worth \$100, you could send in material with a trade value up to \$50 and pay the rest by cash, check, or postage.

Trading Rules:

- Only PS5s are taken in trade. Condition must be at least F-VF, meaning that lines must obviously touch, the numbers must be clear of the bottom, and on non-Cottrell issues the designs must be well clear of the perfs. XF copies are worth 135% of normal trade value (multiply trade value by 1.35), but if they are not XF in all respects they'll be returned.
- You must price and itemize all of the strips that you send.
- Discounts apply only to the cash part of the trade if you plan to do a half cash trade.
- Ship a maximum of 10 of one number.
- I'll issue a trade credit for any part of the trade I am unable to complete.
- Although it is unlikely, I reserve the right to refuse a trade.

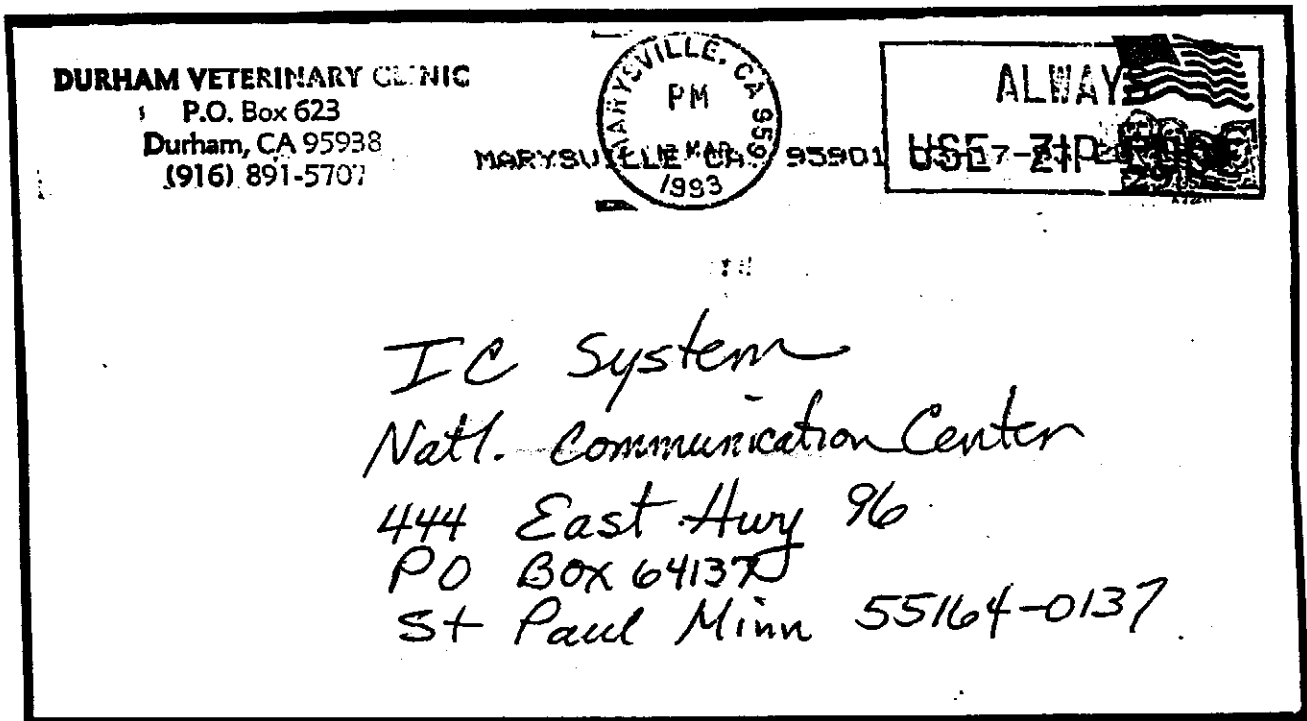
Terms:

VF add 15%, XF add 30% (*200%).
 Discounts: 10% off over \$75, 15% off over \$150.
 Postage payments accepted: PCs at 93%, Mint at 85%, and 29e's at 90% (colls only, please).
 Add \$1.50 postage and handling on orders under \$20.
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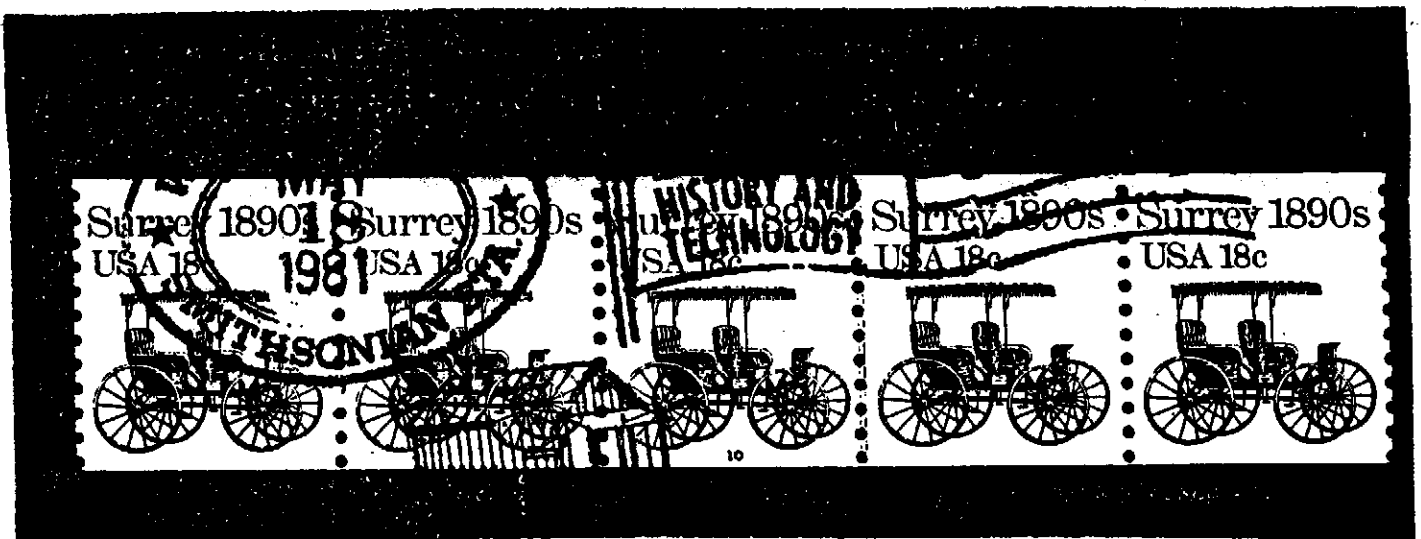
Buying:
 I'm buying PS5s at this time. Write for my fair offer. THANK YOU!

Andrew Sanford
 P.O. Box 2305
 Providence, RI 02906

COVER OF THE MONTH

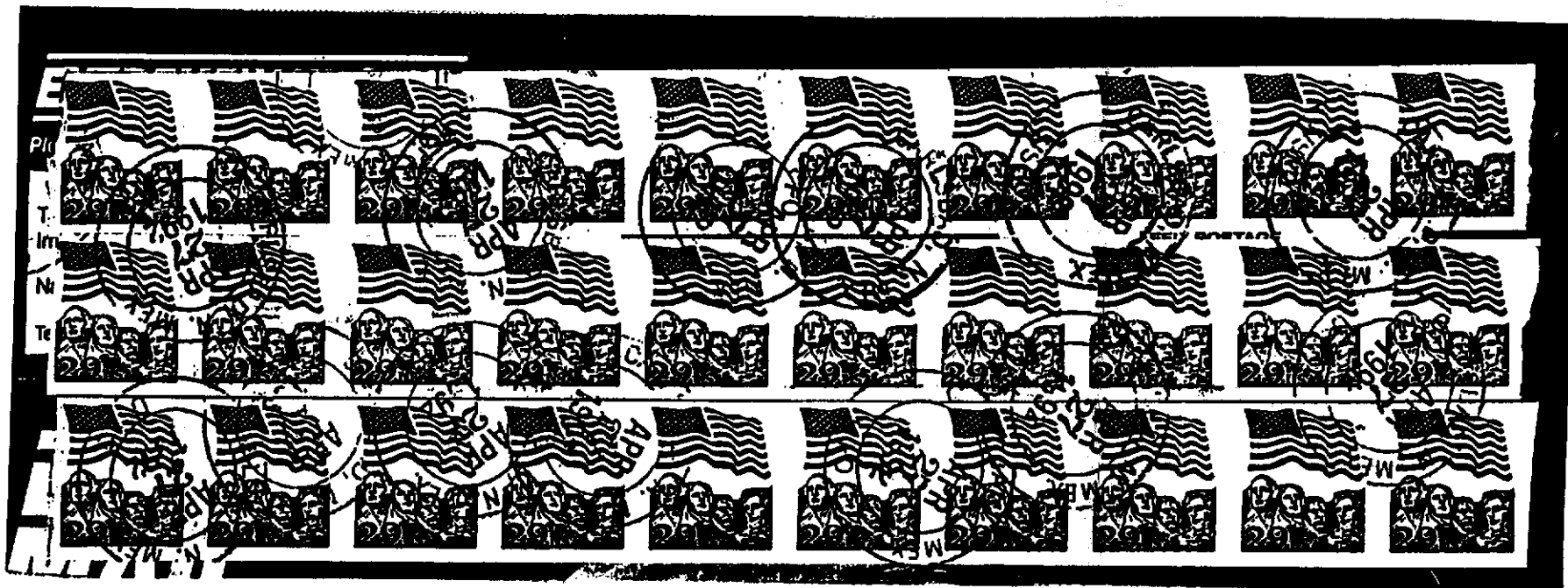


The above cover features a seldom seen 29c Flat Over Mt. Rushmore gravure #A22211. It appears to be a commercial cover and is tied by both a Marysville, CA machine cancel, as well as an ink jet spray cancel. (Cover courtesy of Mike Lipson.) (If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.)



EKU for 18c Surrey No. 5

Gerald Blankenship of Crosby, Texas, has submitted this photostat of an 18c Surrey PS5 No. 10 with the Washington, D.C., Smithsonian Sta. May 18, 1981 cancel. It has been photographically cropped from the page. This is the earliest known use for this plate number. He purchased it from a collector in the Washington, D.C. area this summer. Gerald is president and membership chairman of the American Society for Philatelic Pages and Panels (A.S.P.P.P.) Information about the club is available from him at P.O. Box 475, Crosby, Texas 77532.



Imperf Plate No. 7 on cover

Member John Tison, Newport Beach, CA, started his summer off on a good collecting note, finding this example of imperf 29c Mount Rushmore stamps on cover. This cropped cover shows three strips of 10 stamps. The plate number can be found partially obscured by the hand cancel on the fifth stamp in the top row. Tison said finding an imperf like this used is difficult, with a plate number, well....

PNC EXHIBITOR PLANS FOR 1993

SEPTEMBER 1993

NEBRASKA OMAHA STAMP SHOW 1993, Sponsored by the Omaha Philatelic Society at the Holiday Inn Central, Omaha, Nebraska September 3-4, 1993.

BILL MC MURRAY; TOMORROW'S CLASSICS (U.S. Flag & Transportation Coil Issues of 1981)

PENN KEYSTONE FEDERATION STAMP SHOW at the York, PA fair grounds on Sept 24-25, 1993

EVERELL CHADWICK; THE ELECTRIC AUTO

OHIO AIRPEX XVIII, Dayton Stamp Club Annual Exhibition at the Dayton Exhibition Center, 5th & Main Sts., Dayton, OH, September 24-26, 1993

GARY DAVIS; PRECANCEL GAPS OF THE 4.9c BUCKBOARD

BILL MC MURRAY; TOMORROW'S CLASSICS (U.S. Flag & Transportation Coil Issues of 1981)

DEAN HAWK; U.S. TRANSPORTATION COILS 1981-1985

STARPEX XXXIII Sponsored by the Stark County Stamp Club at the Sachsenheim Club, 5211 West Tuscarawas Street, Canton, Ohio, September 25-26, 1993

DEAN HAWK; U.S. TRANSPORTATION COILS 1987-1991

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

DEAN HAWK; TRANSPORTATION SERIES 1981 TO 1985

ALPHONSE D. PONZILLO; UNITED STATES GREAT AMERICAN SERIES

EVERELL CHADWICK; THE ELECTRIC CAR

MISSOURI ST. LOUIS STAMP EXPO '93, Sponsored by area stamp clubs will be held at the Frontenac Grand Hotel, 1335 South Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, MO October 1-3, 1993

BILL MC MURRAY; TOMORROW'S CLASSICS (U.S. Flag & Transportation Coil Issues of 1981)

PENN NEPEX at Clarks Summit United Methodist Church Rt 307 at Grove St., Clarks Summit, PA on October 30, 1993

EVERELL CHADWICK; THE ELECTRIC AUTO

I would appreciate any exhibitors sending me their plans to exhibit so we could list in Coil Line to alert collectors in the area that PNC exhibits will be on display. BILL 8/30/93

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AUGUST 21, 1993

PLATE NUMBER COIL COLLECTORS CLUB(PNC³)

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm by Vice President Gene Trinks in the absence of President Maeder. It was held in the room 1 of the Astroarena, Houston, TX the site of STaMpsHOW '93. A total of 50 persons were present including 36 PNC³ members. Board members in attendance were Gene Trinks, Gene Ernst, Dick Koenig, and Joann Lenz.

Joe Agris presented one of his slide shows which covered various PNC topics.

Achievement Awards were presented to:

Ken Lawrence and Steve Esrati

(in absentia to) Harold Brown and Joe Sedivy

The minutes of the August 29, 1992 membership meeting were accepted as read.

Joann Lenz asked those present if any would be interested in a tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing perhaps in conjunction with a stamp show and/or visit to the new Postal Museum. Lenz will investigate possibilities.

Richard Nazar, the new editor of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Catalog, showed sample pages of the new edition. Nazar explained that a revision of the numbering system is an effort to clarify entries. He could not give a date to expect final copy.

Many prizes were awarded to attendees in a drawing; the prizes were:

PS/10 PC 5.2c # 3 & 5 gap 5L from Gene Ernst and Rich Nazar

PS PC 9.3c gap 5R from Scott Adams

2 copies of Agris's Transportation Issues from Joe Agris

1991 Plate Number Coil Collectors Catalog from Gene Ernst

17 strips of either 2c Locomotive or 5c Motorcycle with tag breaks

PS/5 untagged Fishing Boat #5555

Toledo Brown S/5 and S/3 from Dick Koenig

18c #7 Flag PS/5 from Sam Houston Philatelics

Lenz paper #6 PS/5 from Jim Perry

Steve Esrati offered a complimentary copy of the current TPN to those who are not presently subscribers.

After the members and guests introduced themselves and shared collecting interests, Trinks thanked the host committee for the fine arrangements and hospitality. The meeting then adjourned in favor of trading and fellowship at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Lenz

· These two pages are the continuation of the Code and Classification System of Dr. Frank Shively Jr., which was started earlier this year in *Coil Line*.

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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 Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 with the objection. The committee will recommend for or against membership.

New applicants:

Samuel Sherwood Day
6968 Eastwood Ave.
Alta Loma, CA 91701

John W. Himes
P.O. Box 4080
Bellflower, CA 90707-4080

Howland (Scott) K. Adams
P.O. Box 100
Rexford, NY 12148

Randall V. Prewitt
4735 Delwood St.
Mobile, AL 36619

Vincent R. Haupt
129 Apple Ct.
Luling, LA 70070-9621

Thomas A. Bauch
2764 Mohican Blvd.
Akron, OH 44312

Stanley H. Roe
12872 Church Lane
Cordova, MD 21625

Rita Alvisi
P.O. 263
Elverson, PA 19520

Jeff Scheer
13697 Sycamore Dr.
Whittier, CA 90601

Betty B. Rolland
5227 Perry
Houston, TX 77021

Lorraine Galloway
3416 Alabama Ave.
Alexandria, CA 22305

Ray Fox
3807 NW 69 Terrace
Coral Springs, FL 33065-2227

Alex Rogolsky
6301 Poindexter Ln.
Rockville, MD 20852

David Barnes
11250 E. Placita Molina
Tucson, AZ 85749

If all applicants are accepted, membership will reach 687. New membership this year is 110.

Changes of address or phone number

Eric Russow
8127 Oakwood Drive
Urbandale, IA 50322

Jerry B. Grove
PSC 251 Box 718
APO AP

Ads

COMMERCIAL PNC COVER CLOSEOUT! 32 different. Includes: Complete set 'F' Flowers; set Flag Over White House except No. 1; Rushmores except 5&8; 10.1 Oil Wagon No. 3. One lot available! \$65. Others offers on request. The Dahlstroms, Box 5545, Evanston, IL 60204-5545.

WANTED: XF-S PS7 10c Eagle & Shield No. A32333. Trade: (3) PS7 VRC 1c No. 1's (2) PS7 VRC 2c No. 1's; (1) PS7 VRC 5c No. 1; (100) VCR's No numbers, various lengths. All dull gum F/VF. Write Geroge W. Martin, P.O. Box 10962, Burbank, CA 91510-0962.

HAVE ACQUIRED A ROLL of 3000 18c Flag No. 2. Will sell or trade strips of any length you desire. Especially interested in 18c Flag No. 1, 3, 6 & 7. Also have other PNC 5s & covers for sale or trade. Used PNCs too. Robert Hull, 2318 2nd Ave., Seattle, WA 98121.

FREE NATIONAL PRECANCELS LIST. Eight pages fully illustrated. No. 10 SASE please. Will buy or trade my PNC for precancels. Need #1414a-8a, #1288-9, 1584-5, 1591, 1596, 1606, 1608, 1610 precanceled with parallel lines only & others. Moser, 1409-13th Highland, IL 62249.

PNC3 AUCTION RESULTS FOR #9 CLOSED JULY 23, 1993

Remember that tie bids went to the bidder with the earliest post mark. We had 77 bidders in this auction from Canada to Mexico & Puerto Rico and several military APO's. 18 of these bidders did not win a lot. And again a few members paid no attention to min. bids so they lost lots they wanted.

UNSOLD LOTS ARE NOT LISTED HERE.

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
1	50.00	63	2.50	119	9.50	192	10.00	248	5.50
2	13.00	64	2.75	120	155.00	193	6.00	249	2.25
3	32.00	65	11.00	121	140.00	194	5.50	252	4.00
6	26.00	66	5.00	122	17.00	195	5.50	254	37.00
8	23.00	67	6.00	123	16.00	196	5.50	256	7.50
9	4.00	68	8.00	124	21.00	197	5.50	258	12.00
10	2.50	69	8.50	125	21.00	198	6.50	259	13.00
11	2.75	70	25.00	126	1.00	199	10.00	260	11.00
12	4.00	71	22.00	128	8.00	200	6.50	261	10.00
13	4.00	72	6.00	130	16.00	201	6.50	262	6.50
15	3.00	73	1.00	131	45.00	202	5.50	263	26.00
16	2.25	75	8.00	132	60.00	203	5.50	264	9.00
17	7.00	76	55.00	133	40.00	204	6.50	265	9.00
18	.75	78	15.00	139	27.00	205	6.50	266	12.00
20	5.00	80	2.75	141	14.00	206	6.50	267	8.50
22	7.00	81	4.25	142	15.00	207	1.50	269	4.25
23	8.00	83	13.00	143	15.00	208	12.00	270	10.50
25	20.00	85	7.50	144	8.50	209	4.00	271	10.50
26	25.00	86	31.00	146	20.00	211	15.00	272	8.00
27	8.00	87	9.00	151	10.00	214	10.00	273	7.00
28	26.00	88	2.00	152	10.00	216	20.00	274	11.00
29	60.00	89	4.00	153	8.00	217	20.00	275	12.00
32	3.00	90	21.00	155	12.00	219	22.00	276	8.50
35	2.50	91	24.00	157	8.00	220	7.50	277	5.00
36	10.00	92	3.00	158	17.00	221	6.50	282	140.00
37	5.00	94	11.00	159	8.00	222	5.00	285	19.00
38	6.00	95	6.50	164	10.00	223	6.00	287	9.50
40	22.00	98	17.00	165	12.00	225	5.00	288	9.00
44	4.75	100	8.50	166	16.00	226	17.00	290	12.00
45	17.00	101	6.50	167	12.00	227	18.00	291	13.00
46	11.00	102	6.50	169	3.75	228	3.00	292	11.00
47	5.00	103	26.00	170	30.00	229	4.25	293	7.50
48	1.50	104	2.25	174	9.00	230	7.50	294	5.50
49	2.00	105	2.25	175	12.00	232	34.00	295	7.00
50	2.00	106	3.25	179	4.00	233	8.50	296	6.00
51	2.00	107	1.75	182	3.25	234	6.50	297	12.00
53	6.00	109	2.75	183	350.00	236	4.00	298	12.00
54	9.00	110	1.75	184	110.00	237	25.00	299	5.50
55	82.50	111	9.00	185	1.00	239	5.00	301	14.00
56	9.50	112	4.75	186	14.00	242	5.50	302	14.00
57	9.50	113	7.00	187	15.00	243	4.00		
58	15.00	114	15.00	188	12.00	245	60.00		
60	9.50	115	6.50	190	10.00	246	60.00		
62	2.50	116	3.00	191	10.00	247	12.00		

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THE 18¢ FLAG COIL STAMP

The 18¢ Flag coil stamp, issued on my 68th birthday, was one of a 4-stamp set (sheet, se-tenant booklet, and coil). Three of the stamps each illustrated a different line from the song "America the Beautiful" while the fourth was to round out the value of the booklet.



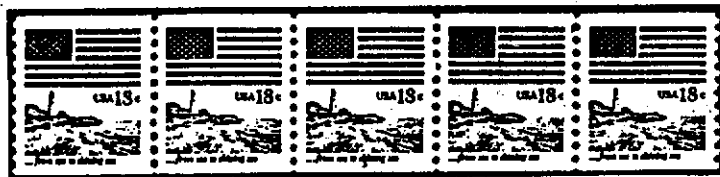
The coil stamp was printed in red, blue and purple ink with block tagging and was the workhorse for the 18¢ letter-rate period and replaced the 15¢ coil of the Americana series.

As promised, the new plate numbering system for coil stamps went into effect with this issue. They were printed on the "B" press using a printing sleeve, hence there were no line markings. A small single digit sleeve number was placed at the bottom of every 52nd stamp. A total of 7 sleeves were used in the printing.

With no precedent to follow, collectors were confused as to what configuration to collect. While a few opted for pairs, one with and one without the number, others opted to collect strips of three with the plate number on the center stamp. A smaller group opted for strips of 5 with the plate number on the center stamp. Later, as strips of 5 became more popular, early issues were hard to find in that configuration. Sleeve No. 6 has proved to be the scarcest PNC of all, mint, used or on cover. Mint strips of 3 now retail near \$1,000 while mint strips of 5 retail near \$2,000.

The first-class postal rate went to 20¢ on November 1, 1981 and this stamp was withdrawn from Philatelic sale on July 31, 1982.

The 18c Flag "... from sea to shining sea" Coil Stamp



THE 18¢ SURRY TRANSPORTATION COIL

This 18¢ stamp was the very first in the popular Transportation Coil series. It shows an 1890's buggy that evoked memories of the "Surry With the Fringe on Top". It would help the 18¢ flag coil carry the first-class mail load.

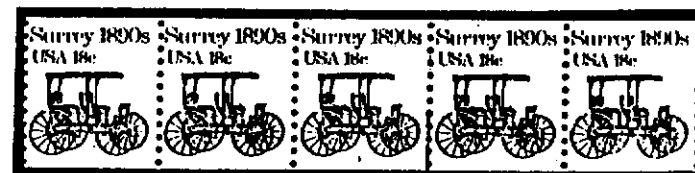
Issued May 18, 1981, at a discontinued postoffice at Notch, Missouri, opened for that one day for the first-day ceremonies. I will never know why I did not attend that First Day. Mrs. Lechinsky of the Wasola, Mo. postoffice was there and got me one of the first-day programs.

The stamp is printed in brown with overall tagging on Cottrell presses. On the Cottrell press, two plates are joined on the printing cylinder. Ink at this joint causes what is known as a 'joint line'. Previous issues were collected as 'line pairs'. On the new issues with a plate number, which occurs on the first stamp to the left of the 'joint line', questions arose as to how to collect them. Pairs with the line in the center, or strip of 3 with the numbered stamp in the center. Eventually strips of 3 or 5 with the numbered stamp in the center won out, but there are still line pairs with the number on the left on the market.

While the 18¢ flag coil would only furnish, at the most, two plate number strips in each roll of 100, the 18¢ Surry would contain at least 4 numbered stamps, with two plate numbers alternating at 24-stamp intervals.

A total of 24 plates were prepared for the 18¢ surry, but only the first 18 were sent to press. Most are plentiful but Nos. 1, 3, 4 & 7 seem to be scarcest.

The stamp was withdrawn from philatelic sale February 28, 1986, but there were still millions in postoffices around the country, until late 1988 when all remaining were ordered destroyed.



Member spreads PNC 'Gospel' while editing his club publication

This page contains a reduction of a two-page spread that member Everett F. Wheeler put together in the Nov. 7, 1992 issue of *Stamping Around Northern Arkansas* the club newsletter of the Mountain Home Area Stamp Club. His PNC articles have been a regular feature of the newsletter, of which he is editor.