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50 attend PNC³ Annual Meeting

Talk, sharing, programs and prizes occupied 36 members and 14 guests during the annual meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club in Houston, Texas, Saturday, Aug. 25.

The meeting was held during STAmPsHOW '93 sponsored by the American Philatelic Society.

Reports indicate PNC³ Treasurer Gene Ernst deserves a big thank you from everyone for his efforts in handling the arrangements. His wife, Nancy, also spent time helping out at the APS desk.

Gene Trinks chaired the short business meeting, which quickly gave way to Dr. Joe Agris and one of his PNC-related programs, followed by discussion, sharing and passing out numerous door prizes.

As usually happens when this group gets together, interesting PNC items are found among the dealer stocks. At least two of those finds ended up as door prizes.

Ernst and Rich Nazar found a set of 5.2c Sleigh precancels Nos. 3 & 5 Gap 5L and new applicant Scott Adams found a pair of 9.3c Mail Wagon precancels Nos. 5 & 6 Gap 5R. Scott was one of four guests who applied for membership at the show and several others indicated plans to apply for membership.

Other door prizes were a Mt. Rushmore No. 6 (Lenz Paper) strip of five from Jim Perry; 17 strips of the 2c Locomotive and 5c Motorcycle with tagging breaks from Gene Ernst, non-plate number strips of the Toledo Brown from Dick Koenig, two copies of "Transportation Issue Plate Number Coil Stamps" from author Dr. Joe Agris and an XF 18c Flag No. 7 strip of 5 from Sam Houston Philatelics. (If we missed anyone, let the editor know so that proper credit can be given).

Everyone who attended received a VRC strip of 5 from an anonymous donor and a strip of 4 of the perforated test coil by Stamp Venturers courtesy of Gerald Blankenship.

Among the finds at the show were a roll of 500 of the \$1 Seaplane with walking tag gaps from 5L to 6R and rolls of 500 of the 10c Canal Boat overall tagged with dry gum.

The PNC³ Board also met at the show. A report on that meeting and minutes of the Annual Meeting will probably be

published in the October *Coil Line*.

Regional Committee Chairman Dick Koenig told the board he is contacting shows about hosting Regional Meetings and is also encouraging members in areas where meetings have not been held to consider the activity.

The 1994 Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the APS STAmPsHOW to be held in Pittsburgh, PA in August.

BEP reports on 'Lenz Paper' varieties

As this issue of *Coil Line* was being completed, Joann Lenz reported receiving information from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing about what has become known as the Lenz Paper variety of the 29c Mt. Rushmore Plate No. 6.

She said the report does attest to the fact there are two different papers involved. Beyond, the report is still being studied.

New membership applications printed

New membership applications for the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club have been printed. A copy of the application is attached as the last two pages of this issue. This may be reproduced to help members do a little recruiting. Make copies and leave them at stamp shows or shops. The application will probably be made a part of *Coil Line* twice a year as space permits.

Application forms are also available from PNC³ Secretary Joann Lenz.

New postal machines may show in Oct.

Members in the Baltimore, MD, and Washington, D.C. areas might want to start watching for the new Unisys PARAMAX Postage and Mailing Centers in late September or early October.

Although a final USPS decision was still being awaited in late August, one source indicated the machines set up could start late in September with possible operation in October.

Letters

Participation sought in Oregon stamp show

To the Editor:

On behalf of the organizational committee for PIPEX 94 I would like to invite members of PNC3 to participate in the show. PIPEX is sponsored by the North West Federation of Stamp Clubs and moves annually among five U.S. states and four Canadian provinces. It will be held May 27-29 (Memorial Day Weekend) in Eugene, OR.

To encourage Plate Number Coil exhibits we are reserving 30 15-page frames in the exhibit. These frames will be held until March 15, 1994. The prospectus will be available September 1 from the address below. We can also arrange a room for a regional meeting if you would like to get together.

Larry Crain
P.O. Box 963
Medford, OR 97501-0069

More information on used Lenz Paper stamps

To the Editor:

As a result of my article on used copies of the Lenz Paper stamps, I got a number of letters and phone calls offering new information and one correction.

The correction is that the cover bearing a No. 6 that I reported was from Michigan with no other details reported was actually from Manchester, NH and has a 12/5/91 "Star Trek" cancel.

The new information is a No. 10 cover with a No. 6 stamp cancelled 10/5/91 in Sacramento, CA, a cover with a No. 2 cancelled 11/10/91 in Seattle, WA, and two off-cover No. 2's. The two used No. 2's are undated. One has a wavy line cancel and the other a "dolphin" cancel. The later was used some time before 11/14/92.

I had previously reported three off-cover No. 2's that were known to come from one of the Pacific states. The report of the cover from Seattle suggests those may have come from Seattle.

That brings the total reported by PNC3 members to 12 used No. 2's and 13 used No. 6's. Of course, more are probably held by non PNC3 members.

The only new mint report I received was of a single strip of the No. 6 being found in a dealer's stock on one of the known No. 6 areas.

No one reported any information on the Toledo Brown No. 1. Although I would prefer to be able to publish information TB No. 1., I'd be interested in getting any information on or off the record about mint or used copies.

Thanks to Steve Crown, Leonard Mead, Les Sheldon, Andrew Short and Camilla Wolf.

Doug Iams
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Other contributors to Lenz Paper article

To the Editor:

In addition to all of people whose names appeared in the June Lenz Paper article, I'd like to thank Bob Novak, Doug Iams and Jerry Clark for their assistance and the information they provided.

My apologies for this tardy recognition. Again, my thanks to all of you.

Alan Thomson
P.O. Box 91
Northwood, NH 03261

Domestic Mail Manual answers the question

To the Editor:

Regarding Rob Washburn's "Cover of the Month" on page 139 of the August *Coil Line*, section 143.175 of the Domestic Mail Manual requires that letters bearing precanceled stamps on single-piece mailings must have a "First Class Mail" endorsement below the postage.

Since no such endorsement appears on the cover, the USPS was correct to assess postage due and return the letter to the sender.

Richard Beecher
2641 Locksley Place
Los Angeles, CA 90039

Ads

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Wholesale lot of PNC covers. Approx. 50,000 covers from the 18c Flags to the 29c White House. Thousands of better items, 18c Flags No. 3, 18c Surrey #3, 4, 15, 16, etc. Extended terms available. Contact Bob Reece Jr. P.O. Box 511520, St. Louis, MO 63151 or call 314-487-1201 anytime.

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WANTED: FIRST DAY CEREMONIAL programs for the \$1.00 Seaplane. Need all possible tag gap positions and location combinations of same for seminar for FDCCS convention in Florida. Will buy at above market price. Bruce Menia, 751 Elm Ave., Selkirk, N.Y. 12158-1213, HP 518-439-7135.

NEW MEMBER WANTS TO trade used PNCs. Please send SASE for have and want lists. Thank you. Glen Thiesfeld, 3409 Carol Ave., Yakima, WA 98902.

Sense & Nonsense

By Nomen Clature

What's in a name? Sometimes quite a lot. And sometimes there are a lot of names for the same thing, or a name is borrowed and used where it really shouldn't be. Communication is difficult at best, and when we all don't speak the same language it becomes even more difficult.

Some names develop through convention but some are nothing more than a logical extension of common word meanings. The following is meant with a touch of humor as a guide to some plate number coil jargon.

We've all seen references to "wet" and "dry" gum. Even the USPS refers to "dry" gum in its paper specifications. Strange. All gum is dry until somebody wets it, and then it's destroyed from a philatelic point of view. What we really mean to do is describe what we see on the back of a mint stamp and that is DULL gum or SHINY gum. These are both descriptive and good conventions. A problem is rearing its ugly head, however. There is a new gum that is neither dull nor shiny, so what do we call it? Perhaps SATIN will fit nicely in between.

One of the most ubiquitous terms in our specialty is a description of a strip of coil stamps with a plate number. Why do we stray from a very accurate label abbreviated as PS5 (or whatever number) and drag in PNC5? "Strip" (the S in PS) is an old standby and tells us what we're really talking about.

And how does this phrase strike you? "A PS5 with no number" Self-contradictory? It couldn't be more so, but it frequently appears in auctions and sales. As Howard Cosell said with less than perfect grammar, "Tell it like it is." A strip of five is what we have here and S5 says that nicely.

Ever since tagging became a popular item there has been confusion about what an interruption in overall tagging is called. Here the term "break" evolved simply to distinguish it from the precancel bar interruption called a "gap". They should be separate - TAG BREAK and PRECANCEL GAP.

Cottrell tag breaks have provided some amusing innovations. When these varieties were first discovered, the shapes suggested the terms "screwhead", "clip" and "bar". The causes of the first two turned out to be directly related to these names. They are from cuts made in tagging mats to accommodate a screw or a clip. The Plate Number Coil Catalog adopted these names and they function well. Do we need inventions such as "upside-down T" (clip), or "half moon" (screwhead)? They only serve to confuse.

Counting tagging breaks can lead to a severe loss of communication. While precancel gaps and Honeybee seam lines are counted by perforations starting at the "line" (a zero position), constant plate varieties and tag breaks are counted by stamps with the numbered stamp designated as 1L. There are no half values. If the break is perfectly centered on a perforation, a description should say so with "on perf 2L-3L" (or whatever the position is).

Finally, have you ever stopped to think about our universally used description of the Cottrell line centering? We all say "the line touches the perfs" or "the line is centered on the perfs", as if the line moved. Once those plates were fastened to the press the resulting lines couldn't move, but the perfs surely did. This terminology is firmly entrenched and it's unlikely to change. Perhaps it shouldn't.

Language is strange stuff.

Redwood City cancels still available

As of Aug. 16, 98 examples of the Redwood City cancels remained available for collectors. For details on how to obtain an example, see the May issue of *Coil Line*. Ground rules remain the same—one per member.

Exhiting update

- APRIL 23-25 AMERISTAMP EXPO 93, Sponsored by the Collectors Club of Kansas City, MO.
- VERMEIL WILLIAM DiPAOLO; The Honeybee Coil
- SILVER KEN LAWRENCE; English Frama Stamps from the Beginning to the End.
- SILVER KEN LAWRENCE; The Key PNC.
BRONZE
- JUNE 11-13 TEXPEX 1993, Sponsored by the Southwest Philatelic Foundation in Dallas Texas.
- VERMEIL BILL MC MURRAY; Tomorrow's Classics (U.S. Flag & Transportation Coil Issues of 1981), also the American Philatelic Society Award of Excellence post 1940 and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor.
- JULY 23-25 AMERICOVER 93, Stamp & Cover Fest, Sponsored by the American First Day Cover Society at Boxborough, Mass.
- SILVER DR. JOSEPH AGRIS; Rates, Rhyme, Reason; Transportation Coil FDC's.
- SILVER GRACE E. MARCHESE; Official Souvenir Pages, Freaks, Errors & PNC's; showing the best position for each plate number known on Souvenir pages.

Shows requesting PNC³ Awards

NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 3-5

MERPEX XVII, Sponsored by the Merchantville Stamp Club, this show will be held at West Jersey Masonic Center, Berlin-Haddonfield Road in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Info can be obtained from the Merchantville Stamp Club, Box 2913, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

PENNSYLVANIA

SEPTEMBER 24-25

KEYSTONE FEDERATION STAMP SHOW, Keystone Federation of Stamp Clubs.. This show will be held at the York Fair Grounds, Horticultural Building, 334 Carlisle Ave. York, PA 17404. Info is available from John C. Hufnagel, P.O. Box 85, Glen Rock, PA 17327

OHIO

SEPTEMBER 24-26

AIRPEX XVIII, Dayton Stamp Club, This is an APS WSP show and has open exhibits. Data from Dayton Stamp Club, Attn: Martin Richardson, P.O. Box 1574, Dayton, OH 45401 This show will host a Regional Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club.

Shows requesting PNC³ Awards (Continued from previous page)

CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 9-10

HUMBOLDT STAMP SHOW, Sponsored by the Humboldt Stamp Collectors Club in Eureka, California. Data from Don Podratz 341 Wells Drive, Eureka, CA 95503

CONNECTICUT

OCTOBER 24

THAMESPEX 93, Thames Stamp Club, This show is held at Mitchell College in New London, Ct. Data from Bill McMurray, P.O. Box 342, Westerly, RI 02891

ARIZONA

JANUARY 7-9

ARIPEX 94, Sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs to be held at the Mesa Community Center, Mesa, Arizona. This is a WSP Show and they are making us welcome, we will be having a PNC³ Regional Meeting and we are looking for speakers on any level to hold seminars on PNC's. In addition they are going to have a special 1 frame show of 50 frames. This will be set up much like K.C., MO with one exception, there is only 1 category of competition, just OPEN competition and the fee for this is \$25.00. This is being made known to PNC³ members first before it is being released to the press. Info on the above may be obtained from Mike Swartz, P.O. Box 50502, Phoenix, AZ 85076

With USPS changing focus collectors need to fill the gap

The pages of the philatelic press in recent months have been full of news about the demise of the Ben Franklin Stamp Club program. In recent weeks the focus has been on the apparent abandonment by the United States Postal Service of the October National Stamp Collecting promotion.

Much of the reaction has been full of lament and predictions of doom for the stamp collecting hobby.

Frankly, stamp collectors ought to recover these USPS fumbles to take the initiative to promote philately. If the USPS wants to come along for the ride, fine. Perhaps we as collectors have been too willing to let someone else do the job we ought to be doing at the grass roots level.

We ought to take time to contact our local schools and find out where stamp clubs exist and see if help is needed. The "help" might not amount to more than seeing the club has stamps from your duplicates or basic supplies. I can't be the only collector with boxes and piles of stuff sitting around that someone else might consider a "treasure."

This isn't the time to lament the apparent apathy of USPS to collectors, not to mention some of its better customers. It's time to take on the challenge of promoting a hobby we enjoy.

Remember, someone got you interested and it probably wasn't USPS.

Special of the month

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COVER OF THE MONTH

AT&T

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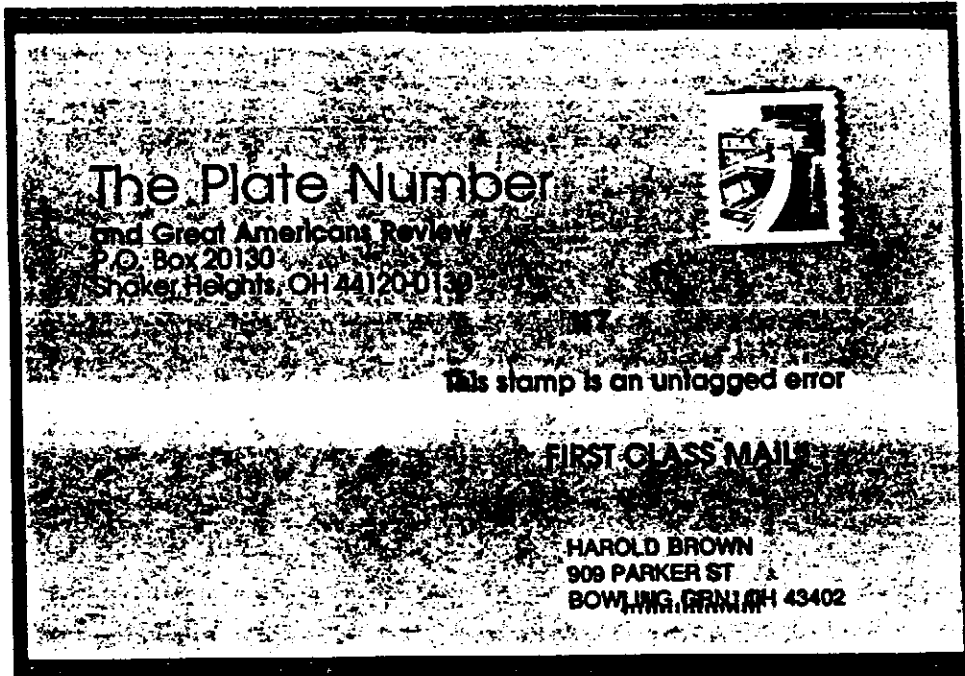
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The above cover featuring the 23c USA #A2222 is tied by an auxillary marking, and has a yellow 12/10/92 post office label on it. (Cover courtesy of Charlie Merrill.) (If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.)



Make no mistake about it!

Steve Esrati, editor and publisher of *The Plate Number and Great Americans Review*, is franking his current renewal notices with copies of the untagged 19c Fishing Boat stamp. And, just to make sure collectors/subscribers don't toss the notice, points out above the address "This stamp is an untagged error." There is no hint of a cancellation on the cover but there is a postal sorting mark "N7" above the message from Steve.

ON THE EXHIBIT TRAIL

PART VII

Bill McMurray
P.O. Box 342, Westerly, RI 02891

This month we feature the work of Margaret Stanchfield and her exhibit, "Honeybee Coil Stamp". Her exhibit was awarded a National Silver at PIPEX 92 which was held in the state of Washington.

Margret has requested that Coil Line provide where a good exhibition is occurring for coil collectors to show their exhibits and where PNC3 Regional Meetings are being held.

Currently we have a problem co-ordinating the activities necessary to publish this information in a timely manner. This includes the shows that have requested our PNC3 Awards and invited us to exhibit, with a local PNC3 member, who would act as the point of contact at the show, and request approval for a PNC3 sanctioned Regional Meeting.

By the time this is all accomplished and published in Coil Line the closing date for exhibiting has already past and there is no time to respond. ThamesPex 92 was a year in the making and we still had conflicts with the meeting room.

Any PNC3 members who are involved with a club show and would like to be the point of contact to have a Regional Meeting, PLEASE write Dick Koenig, PO BOX 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751-1872

Below I will continue my response to the StampShow 91 Judges comments from Part II.

COMMENT: Frame 5 page 1, "Imperf pair pays 33c Airmail rate" incorrect, Overpays 1 cent!

RESPONSE: Concur will correct to note overpayment.

Part VIII will feature the work of Richard Lucia and his exhibit, "Twenty-Cent Fire Pumper".

HONEYBEE COIL STAMP



Autographed by the prolific BPE designer, Chuck Ripper

The Honeybee stamp was a printing challenge for BPE: the first U.S. coil stamp to combine 2 different printing processes for the design and a third for tagging, and done on several press combinations.

First, background, flowers, leaves and frame were printed by flat-image lithography. Second, the black bee image was added by line-engraved intaglio. Last, tagging was printed by raised-image letterpress.

Coordination problems of all these presses resulted in more varieties and EFOs than usual. Shown here:

Presses C and D
Plate Numerals 1 and 2
Seam Line Positions
Seam Line Colors
Stamp Color Variations
Tagging
Packaging

EFOs: Imperforate Strips
Paste-ups
Miscuts
Frame Line Shifts including MISSING FRAME
Doctor Blade & Blanket Imperfections
"Blades of Grass"
Widened 25USA
Bee Image Shifts including MISSING BEE
Other Color Shifts

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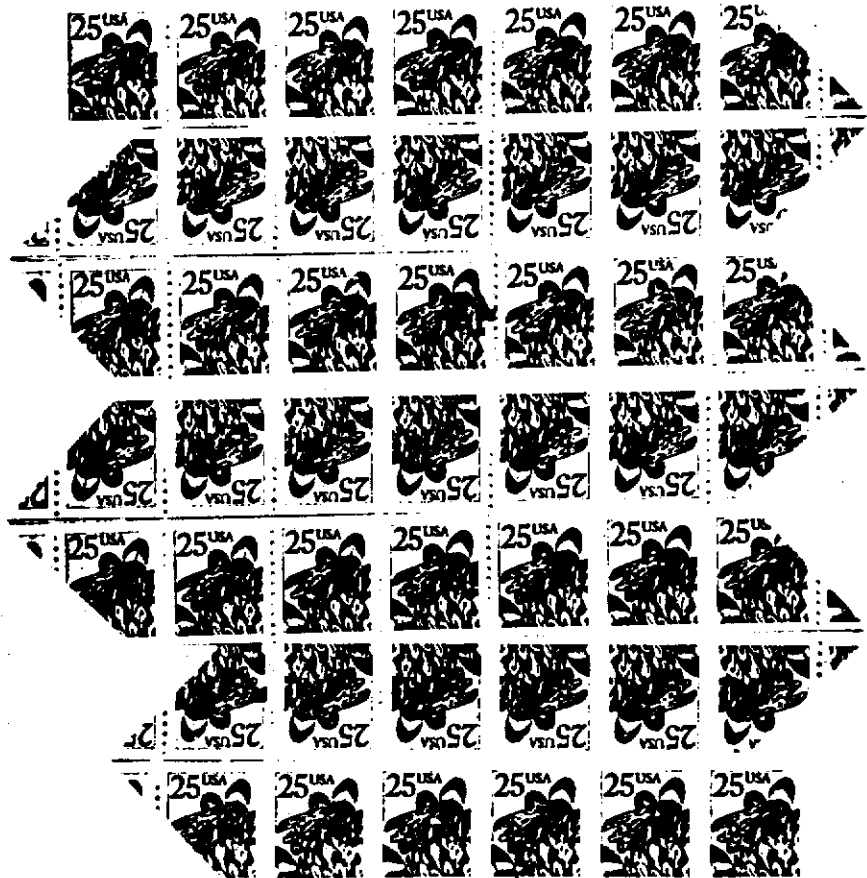
Conclusion and Bibliography

Presses: C

Three presses were used interchangeably due to the need to print other stamps on the same presses at that same time. Intaglio plates #1 & #2 were used with both C & D presses.

Intaglio C Press printed the bee & plate # after Goebel Optiforma Offset Press lithographically printed the remainder of the stamp.

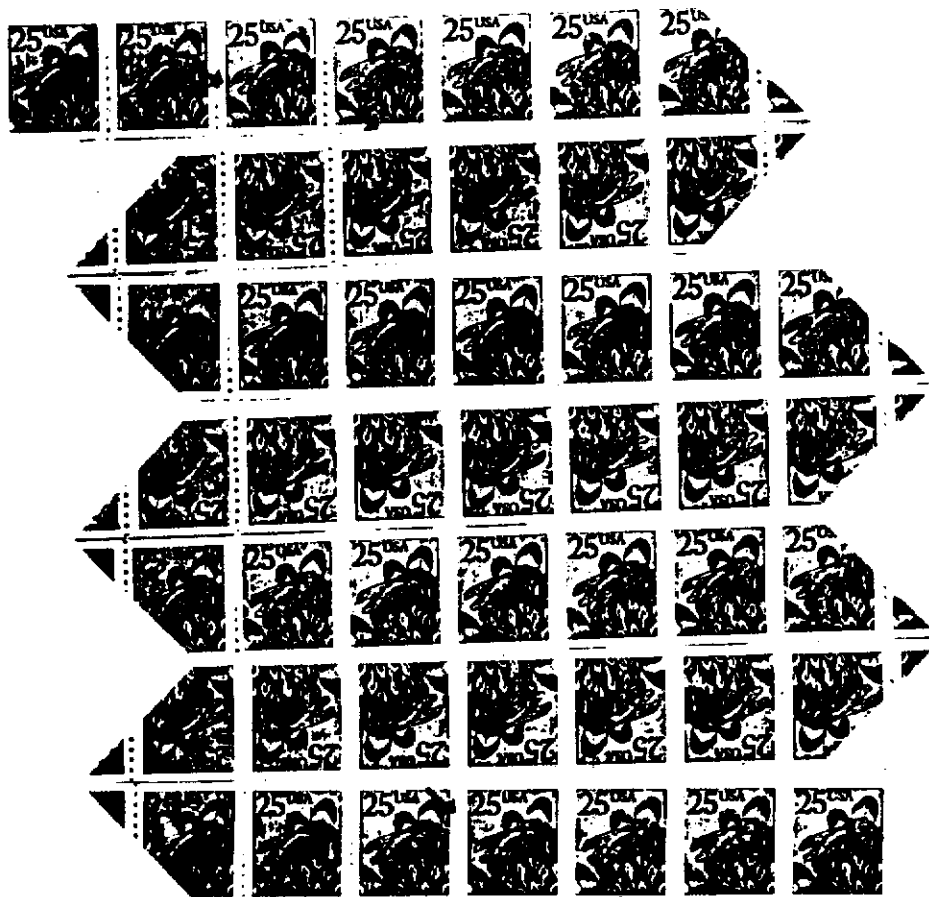
Since Goebel Press seams occur every 25 stamps and Intaglio C Press numerals occur every 48, seams & numerals change relative positions. Usual space between designs is 4mm but C Press seam width is 4.2mm.



Arrows: numerals every 48 stamps, 4.2mm seam every 25.

Presses: D

The combination offset and intaglio D Press printed the entire stamp. Seams occur every 24 stamps, numerals every 48, same relative position. D Press seams are 3.9 to 4mm wide compared to 4.2mm for C Press seams.



Arrows: numeral every 48 stamps, line every 24, seam 3.9mm.

Plate Numeral Varieties

Six intaglio plates were prepared. Only #1 and #2 have been sold. At least 68 offset plates were used. Those numbers are not printed.

The original plate #1 numeral was 0.8mm tall. With the bee centered vertically, the numeral, which was printed with the bee, registered partway up in the stamp design.

Original uncut numeral 1.

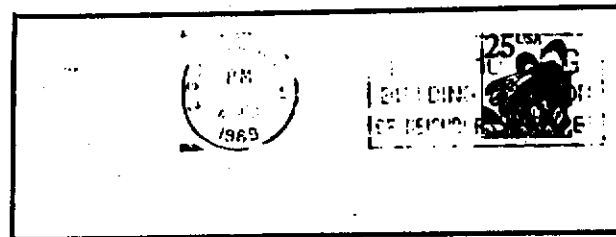
0.5 x
0.8mm



To shorten numeral 1 so that it printed below the frame line, metal was pushed up manually from the stem of the 1 to fill in the serif, producing twenty small numeral 1 variations. A few are shown below.

A slightly shortened 1 with a portion of the original serif.

0.40 x
0.75mm



Straight stem with irregular top.

0.45 x
0.60mm



Seam Line Positions: Plate #1, C Press

Single yellow seam lines, positions 0R to 4R.



0R



1R



2R



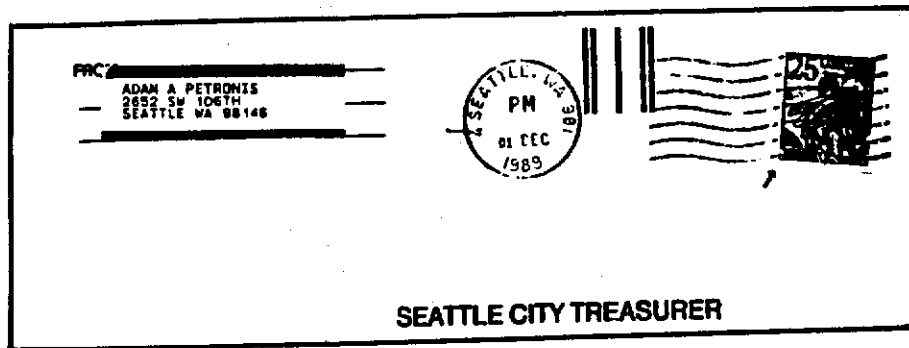
3R



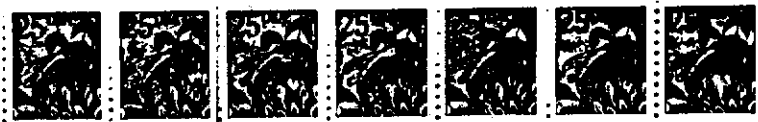
4R

Seam Line Positions: Plate #2, D Press

1L on cover, 2L to 5L on Plate Number Strips.



2L



3L



4L



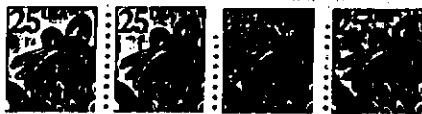
5L

Seam Line Color

Seams of both plates and both presses have zero to four lines of various combinations of magenta, cyan, yellow and black.



First line is orange (yellow & magenta), second line is cyan.



Two cyan lines.



Top of first line is green (Yellow & cyan), bottom is brown from added magenta. Second line mostly magenta.



The first line is cyan. The second is lavender grey (cyan & magenta).



Light black, magenta & cyan, side by side.



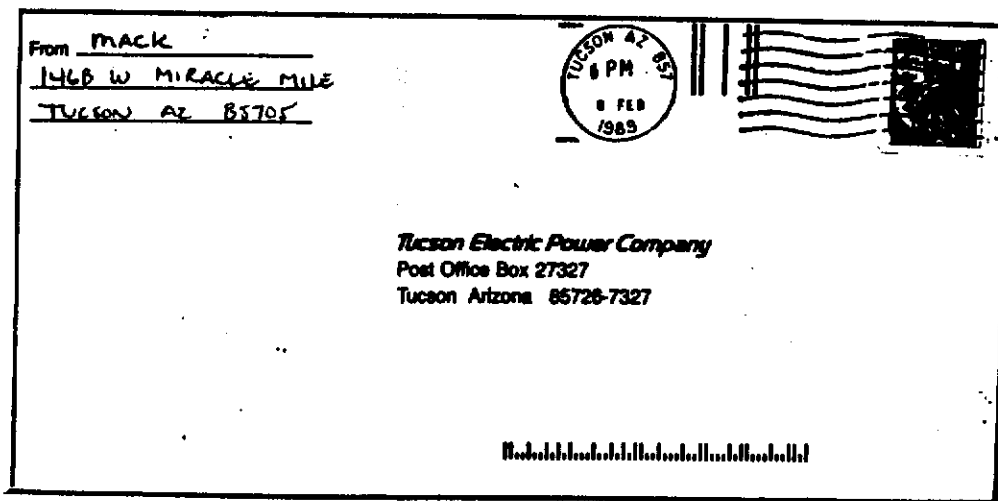
Cyan, yellow (seen under magnification) & black lines equally spaced.

EPO: Frame Line

MISSING FRAME LINE and 25USA.



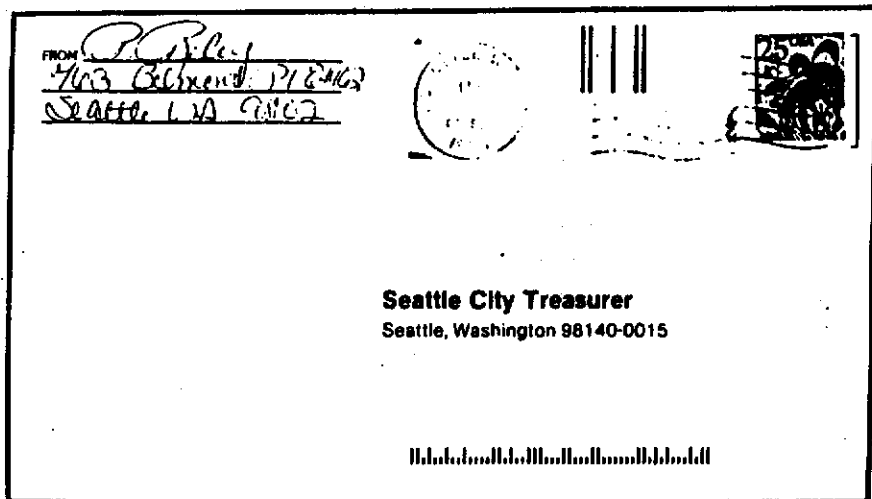
Line shifted right 0.8mm.



Frame line shifted up 0.4mm left of seam line. No shift on right.

EPO: Bee Image Horizontal Shifts, Plate #1

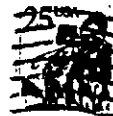
Bee image right shift.



Numerals and bee image were printed together so they moved together.

Color Shifts

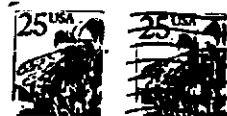
The PMS yellow shifted 3mm left, the frame line shifted 1.3mm left, and the bee's image shifted right, leaving white areas behind the leaves, the bee's back and legs.



Again the PMS yellow is shifted 3mm left of the other colors, leaving white areas to the left of leaves, bee's back and the right frame line but the other colors are fairly well aligned.

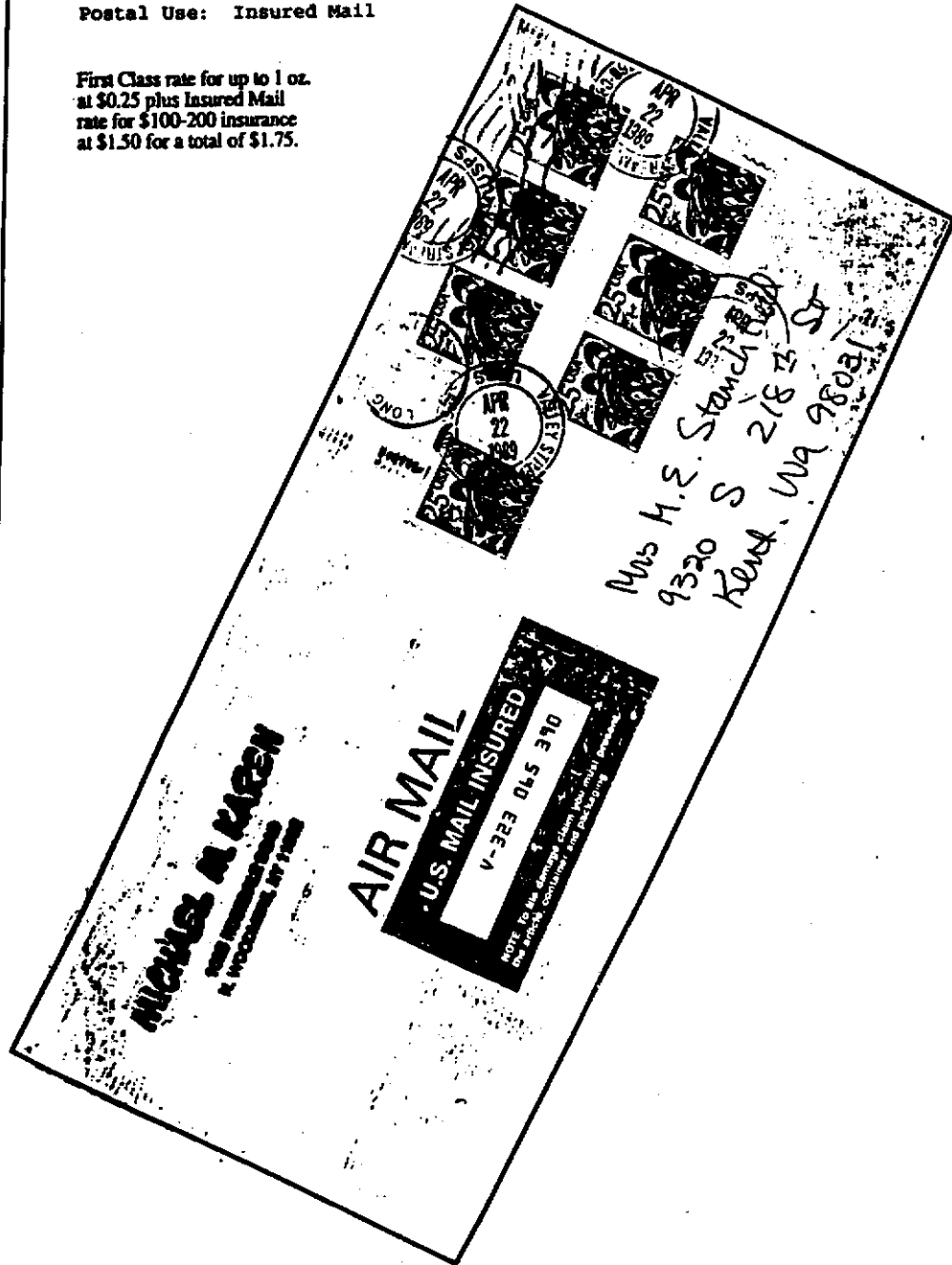


Process yellow is shifted 2.8mm right, leaving the leaf's left sides' bright blue and the bee's back white streaked.

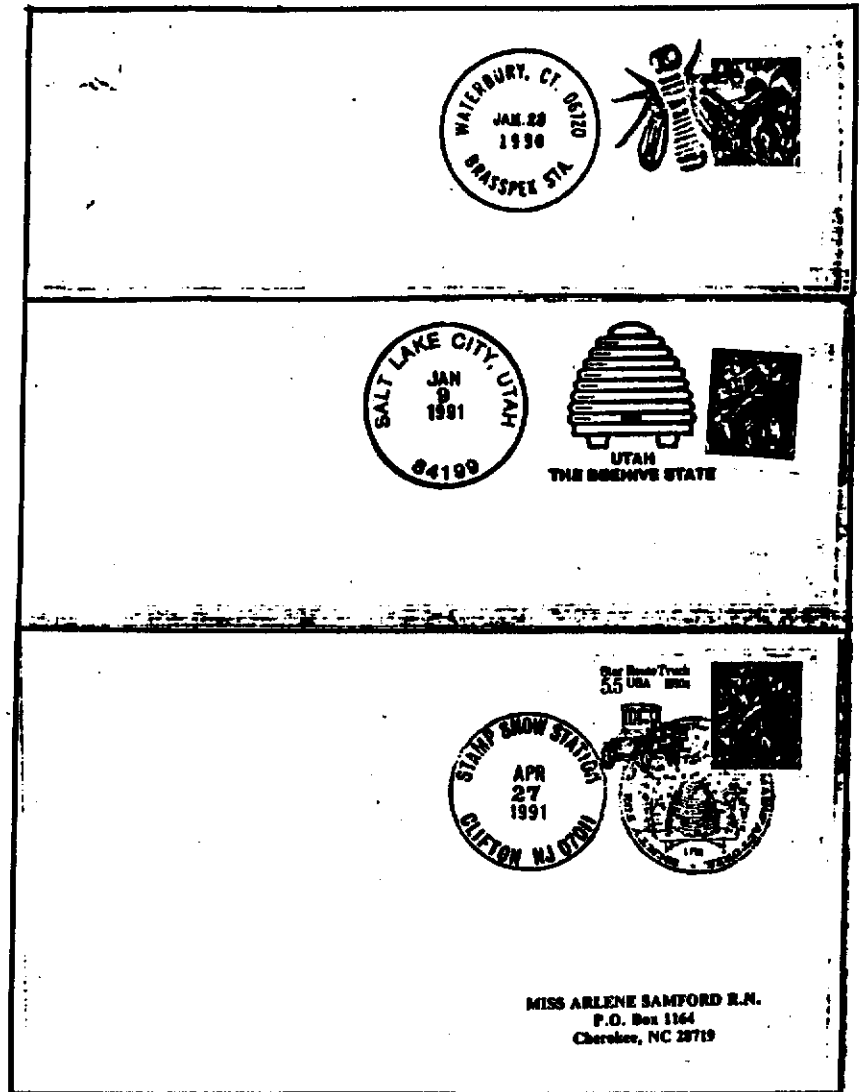


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New applicants:

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John Deskin
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Membership will reach 673 if all current applicants are approved.

This issue of *Coil Line* may reach you later than usual because printing was delayed to accommodate the timing of the Annual Meeting.

COIL LINE

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Changes of address: Should be sent to and membership applications are available from Joann Lenz, Secretary, 37211 Alper Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48321-2203.

Dues: Are \$10 per year (\$15 if First Class mailing of Coil Line is desired, \$15 for Canada and Mexico and \$20 for all others) and should be sent to Gene Ernst, Treasurer, 15522 Windy Cove, Houston, TX 77095-1908.

Advertising rates: are \$42 for a full page, \$22.50 for one-half page and \$12 for one quarter page per issue. A check or money order payable to PNC³ must be submitted with the advertising copy. All copy should be sent to the editor, arriving no later than the 10th of the month.

Members: are entitled to two, 40-word ads per year at no charge. Word ads are available at six cents per word per month to nonmembers or those members who have used their free ads.

If you're wondering whether you can benefit from membership in the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC³), consider these features which have attracted over 600 PNC enthusiasts so far:

NEWSLETTER

Each month you will receive the club journal, COIL LINE, containing news and updates on topics of interest to PNC³ members. Regular features include an active "letters" column, reports on the latest coils available, articles about exhibiting and PNCs on cover, as well as a classified section. Ads by PNC specialist dealers frequently offer special discounts to PNC³ers. Each year members get 2 free ads in COIL LINE's classified section.

AUCTIONS

Mail auctions of PNC material are held periodically. This is an excellent opportunity for members to dispose of duplicates; auction buyers acquire items at below retail prices. Active bidding in auctions held to date shows that desirable stamps are available at attractive prices.

DISCOUNTS

Some dealers in PNCs offer courtesy discounts to members of PNC³. Such discounts are often available in addition to other discounts offered. Check with the individual dealer for exact offer. Provide your PNC³ membership number at the time of the order for verification of eligibility. Also, a \$2.00 discount on a subscription to Steve Esrati's comprehensive magazine, *The Plate Number*, is available to PNC³ members.

TRADING/CORRESPONDENCE

What better way to make friends among collectors with like interests than to join this friendly group? List your name among those desiring trading partners, and you will find fellow members with similar PNC interests eager to correspond and help you build your collection. Among PNC³ members are some of the foremost experts in the hobby. A willingness to share knowledge is one of the first and finest goals in this fast-paced specialty area. You can be among the insiders in the search for the latest coil rarities or newest coil numbers and help establish the data base on which industry pricing experts depend.

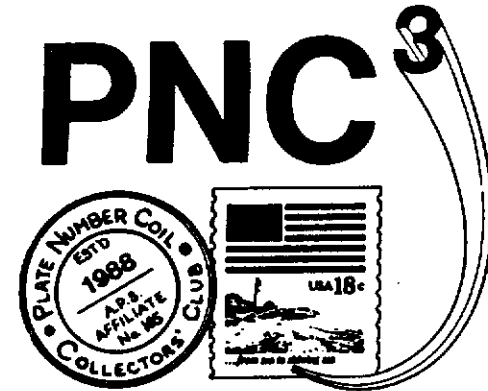
REGIONAL MEETINGS

The club actively promotes fellowship among members by scheduling regional meetings at popular stamp shows held around the country. It gives club members a chance to meet and share the fun, joy, and knowledge of PNC collecting, as well as take time for trading to upgrade collections. With hundreds of PNC³ members around the country, each regional gathering is likely to attract a nucleus of club members; the popularity of PNC collecting assures that a number of new candidates for membership will be introduced to PNC³ and the many benefits of membership.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual membership meeting is usually held in conjunction with the APS Stampshow.

The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club



Club & Membership Information

CHECK INTO PNC³!!!

Do you enjoy collecting
Plate number coils (PNCs)?

Have you been at it for years
or are you just getting started?

PNC³ MAKES IT MORE INTERESTING!!!

Would you like to know more
about the basic and fine points
of finding, collecting and
even selling PNC's?

JOIN PNC³ NOW!!!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The application should be submitted, along with the first year's dues, to the Club Treasurer. The name of the applicant will be published in the next issue of the club journal, COIL LINE, for review by current members. Upon acceptance into membership, the applicant will receive a membership number and card, and will then be eligible for discounts from PNC dealers who offer discounts to members of PNC³. This membership approval process may require up to three months for completion. Applicants will receive issues of COIL LINE at time of application and during the membership approval process.

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year, payable by the end of December for the following year.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Enclosed are my dues for membership in the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC³). I understand that the full amount of my remittance will be returned to me, if my application is not accepted.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Stamp Dealer? _____

My membership number(s) in the following philatelic societies are listed:

APS BIA AFDCS ATA Other societies (specify)

Personal reference (or PNC³ sponsor) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Philatelic reference _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This application is NOT ACCEPTABLE without all the above information.
I agree to abide by the club's Bylaws and Code of Ethics.

Signature _____ Date _____

Check here if you do not wish your name and address published on the annual roster.

PNC collection interest(s) MINT: PS5 _____ PS3 _____ PSI _____ USED: Singles _____ Strips _____

VARIETIES: Precancel gaps _____ Plate/mat _____ EFOs _____ Paper _____

COVERS: Commercial _____ First Day _____ OTHER: _____

Make check payable to PNC³ and mail to the treasurer: Eugene Ernst, 15522 Windy Cove, Houston, TX 77095
The dues structure listed below includes a \$2 initiation fee:

Application received during	United States	Foreign
January-February-March	\$12.00	\$22.00
April-May-June	9.50	17.00
July-August-September	7.00	12.00
October-November-December	14.50*	27.00*

*Rate covers a fifteen month period.

Junior dues of \$5.00 (anytime of year) include the initiation fee.

NOTE: The Club Journal is mailed Bulk Rate Domestically, First Class Foreign. First Class Domestic Mailing is available for an additional fee of \$5.00.

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Date received _____ Member number _____