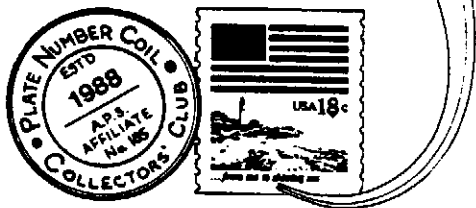


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PNC³ Annual meeting Aug. 20 in Pittsburgh

The 1994 Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will be held Saturday, August 20 from noon to 1:50 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Pittsburgh Vista Hotel.

The club's annual board meeting will precede the annual meeting at 10 a.m.

Among the activities slated for the Annual Meeting will be the formal announcement of the new officers. Ballots were counted by Richard Beecher and Bill Peacock following the close of the election July 8.

Additional club business will be handled as required. There will be plenty of time for sharing and trading. If past Annual Meetings are any indication, the trading and selling of material and swapping of information will continue long after adjournment.

The Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with the American Philatelic Society's Stampshow 94 and 108th convention at the nearby David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

For those who arrive Thursday or early Friday, a First Day ceremony is planned Friday August 19 for the \$5 Washington and Jackson stamp. The stamp is based on an essay proposed for the 1869 series.

There are dozens of other seminars and society meetings scheduled, along with a USPS Postal Station, souvenirs and special cancellations, and more than 120 dealers from the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Europe.

This is a World Series of Philately event and there is also an open exhibition featuring pages from outstanding exhibits.

You do not need to be an APS member to attend.

Will the number attending be larger than the 54 who showed up at the Regional Meeting at Plymouth in April?

Agris shows added to TPA library

The Texas Philatelic Association's slide program now includes Dr. Joseph Agris' presentations on Transportation Coils and Other Related Plate Number Coil Issues. The five one-hour segments each contain 80 slides.

The TPA will be providing the shows for use by members.

The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club also has these shows on hand and the Ken Lawrence-APS slide show. For those interested in obtaining any of the shows for local club meetings or shows, contact Dick Koenig at P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

If you're near Cincinnati August 6 and 7

Stop in at CINPEX, sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society. The show is held in suburban Sharonville at the Scarlet Oaks Vocational School. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Although this isn't a regional meeting site this year, look for PNC³ members like Pat Buse and Ron Maifeld, who are active local club members. You might also find some of the folks from the Detroit area in attendance. Wear your PNC³ pins. You never know where you might see a member!

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Letters

Stamp Camp, BEP and NAPEX

To the Editor:

After attending Stamp Camp at the American Philatelic Society headquarters in State College, PA, Kurt and I drove to Arlington, VA, for the NAPEX show. We got there Friday, June 24 and took a special tour of BEP that had been arranged by Charles Yeager and offered on a first-come basis to Bureau Issues Association members.

Was that a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Right on the floor next to the printers, coilers and other machinery, we saw the new F Press which was first used to print the Columbian sheets and since then the 29c and 52c Love, Norman Rockwell, 4c Flanigan, Silent Screen and some plate of the White House. It has the capability of using four offset and three intaglio sleeves. The intaglio sleeves are interchangeable on the C, D and F presses.

Since this tour was a special favor to Charlie, I doubt if I will be able to get one arranged for PNC3 as I had mentioned I would try to do at the annual meeting in Houston. BEP has extended its regular tours for the summer months, but it is my understanding that this is about a 20-minute tour that lets observers see the currency printing section of BEP from an elevated escalator.

Plate printers were at the show at a table next to the BIA table. They were available Friday through Sunday to answer questions people had about stamps and varieties. One of the printers had worked on the Cottrell presses and offered much input about the printing of the Transportation Coils. Rich Nazar has some diagrams that he is to copy and send to those of us at the meeting who were raising questions and listening to answers.

On Saturday morning there was an open meeting of the PNC Study Group with about 20 people in attendance. Nazar chaired the meeting.

Topics of discussion were:

- Progress on the PNC Catalog: Rich showed a copy of what is finished. He stated the catalog is finished except for the Transportation Coils and he hopes for completion by the end of 1994.

- Jerry Clark stated that the Salt Lake City philatelic clerk has available for sale plates 2, 5, 6, 8, 13 and 14 of the 18c Surrey. Orders may be made for strips (scrap included) from USPS, 1760 W. 2100 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84199-9811 (make sure to include your check or money order). Ken Lawrence suggested folks look for even older coils like the 6.3c Liberty Bell.

- Rich showed an extraordinary miscut imperf slice of six that had on the left the 25c Bread Wagon and the right the 22c Flag Over the Capitol. The example was sent by John Greenwood. (The strip is illustrated in

color on the bottom of the front page of the July 25 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* and Lawrence explains its origin in his monthly Plate Number Coil column inside that issue). The printers at the show remembered this a test of the optiforma press for the Honeybee Coil.

- It was learned by those attending the BEP tour that the "F" press was used for a two-day run of White House stamps and four different sleeves were tried but the numbers used are not available. Since the 4c Father Flanigan indigo was also run on this press it was suggested that the indigo varieties in the White House might have been a trial after the Flanigan. Plate printers at NAPEX asserted that a sample of the "dark" blue White House from plate No. 7 submitted by PNCer Rick Staiger most likely resulted from use of the wrong ink.

- PS varieties of the White House and the newest version of the Tractor Trailer were donated by Mike Lipson as door prizes.

I also attended the USPS/Writers meeting June 27 in Washington, D.C., representing PNC3. There was a report of the meeting in the July 11 issue of *Linn's* but following are some other discussion items:

- On plate number reports, Azeezally Jaffer of USPS said that starting in 1995 the reports will be generated at the end of the quarter when stamps are printed. A sample stamp production information report sheet was distributed for input. He said he would look into previous missing reports and cost may be a factor.

- Richie Schulman asked about getting PNCs, booklets, etc. by number on orders from KC-USPS and was told it would be referred to KC person not at meeting.

- Lawrence asked about status of Transportation Coils and was told a decision would be made by the end of the year.

- Dr. Robert Rabinowitz asked about putting plate numbers on the outside of the boxes and was told this was too expensive.

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Computer-vended postage

To the Editor:

Not "everyone" calls computer-vended postage "variable rate coils." For the past couple of years, *Linn's* writers have avoided that terminology, although the advertisers continue to use it. The *Linn's* editorial style is to call them variable-denomination coils.

I am surprised that neither Steve Esrati nor your "Snippets" columnist noticed, since they both made such a fuss about using proper terminology.

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Railroad tracks on 5.2c Sleigh

To the Editor:

I saw the "Snippets" item on the Railroad Tracks in the July issue of *Coil Line*. I recently sent a PS5 of the 5.2c Sleigh #1 to Bruce Menia with the lines running through as described, so I would imagine there are more #1s and #2s around on that issue. Bruce also said the lines were thicker than ones he had seen previously on other Cottrell press issues.

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Commercial cover report S. New England

To the Editor:

Commercial cover report from Southern New England for covers postmarked May 20 through June 28, 1994

29c Flag/White House - 1-2; 2-29; 3-5; 4-7; 5-7; 6-6; 7-165; 8-46; 9-4; 10-22; 11-169; 12-143; 13-35; 14-3; 15-72. Total - 715.

Others - 1c Omnibus (RE) 2-1; 2c Locomotive 4-1; 15c Tugboat, PS2, 1-1; 19c Fishing Boat, PS2, A1111-2; A5556-1; 25c Bread Wagon, 4-1; 20c Flag/Supreme Court, 5-1; 25c Flag/Yosemite, 10 (P)-1; 29c Flower (Perf) S2222-3. Total -12.

Coil Line July 1, 1994, P.118, Snippets has an item about Flag/WH #15 quality. I found quite a few on cover, most are nicely cut and perfed. Also have two PS5s from my local P.O. that are quite nice, not quite XF.

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Commercial covers-Great SW Outback?

To the Editor:

The August PNC commercial cover report from the Great SW Outback shows the same trend as previous months. No. 9 has still only been found on large rolls. However, the scarcity of No. 9 on cover may ease a bit as reports indicate a resurgence of mint rolls of 500 from several sports around the USA. The Old Pueblo Philatelic Center in Tucson, AZ has (as of July 3) eight VF-XF rolls and many rolls of F-VF (tad high). The clerk welcomes mail orders.

Following is the report from June 3 to July 2 from the national ladies wear mail order company in Tucson. The report for May 3 to June 2 the follows. It was omitted due to space limitations last month.

29c Flag/WH - 1-0; 2-12; 3-2; 4-12; 5-9; 6-32; 7-277; 8-118; 9-0; 10-64; 11-144; 12-88; 13-94; 14-1; 15-3; 16-1.

Reports indicate Nos. 15 and 16 have wide distribution.

29c Flag/WH - 1-5; 2-9; 3-3; 4-10; 5-11; 6-20; 7-196; 8-115; 9-1; 10-45; 11-127; 12-70; 13-94; 14-1; 15-1.

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Suggests getting WH varieties expertized

To the Editor:

The following is in regards to unsubstantiated discoveries of the "Indigo" and "Navy Blue" White House coil stamp. The variety was discovered in Staten Island, NY, in early 1993 and subsequently purchased by Ron Kronheim of Rita Kay Quality Stamps. Both these stamps appeared on a front page article of *Linn's Stamp News* and were submitted to the BEP by Mike Schreiber of *Linn's* on behalf of Kronheim.

As of this writing (May 14) the BEP has rendered no decision as to the cause of this error. However, Kronheim also submitted copies of both colors to the Philatelic Foundation for which they have issued certificates for both. The certificate issued 2/11/94 states "Indigo" (which to the naked eye appears black) instead of blue and "We are in the opinion that it is genuine." An additional certificate of the same date says, "Navy Blue," instead of blue. "It is a genuine Scott 2609 variety of the Indigo shade."

Although the Bureau has not given their official opinion, the PF has. Therefore I am in protest to the casual use of the term "Indigo" to any White House coil stamp that seems to be a slightly different color than normal. It's true I have an interest in an official "error" declaration by the bureau, having been able to purchase stamps from the original discovery. As of this writing there have been no other substantiated finds of the "Indigo" stamp. There have been additional finds of the "Navy Blue" variety which have been confirmed by Kronheim.

A new color variety has been discovered by Joe Sedivy, PNC3 auction manager. I have examined a pair of the stamps found by Sedivy and compared them to the stamps from the original find. In my opinion, Sedivy's stamps appear violet or purple, possibly due to a contamination between the blue and red inks of the White House stamp during printing.

I urge anyone who thinks they may have discovered new finds of these color errors to submit them for expertizing to the PG, in order to preserve the value of these collectible varieties.

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SNIPPETS

New Numbers

Last month's early deadline kept the two new Tractor Trailer numbers, #11 and #22, from being listed here. Plate #16 of the White House Flag has been found. Start looking for the latest Fishing Boat strip that will probably be listed in Scott as Type III. The number will have an "S" prefix and the typography is different. The new Statue of Liberty SA coil #D1111 is available from Kansas City with USPS stock number 66611.

For Specialists

Those interested in gum types should start looking for a newly discovered matte (dull) gum type of 23c USA #1111. The original find of this number has shiny gum.

Santa Ana Pink

Last month a peculiar printing of BEP E&S #1111 was described here. Now it has a name. Finder Sam Frackman has named it the Santa Ana Pink. Yes, the red on it is just about pale enough to be called pink.

Stripping the Gears

USPS has changed direction so many times about selling full rolls of SA coils that it is grinding gears. Starting with the new Statue of Liberty coil, full rolls can be purchased by all comers. If you want any, get them now before they shift again. Sort of reminds one of the Abbot and Costello routine "Who's on First?"

Incorrect Information

The information we relayed about the location of SA coil liner perforations turns out to be wrong. Apparently the USPS did think the situation through and ordered the one row of perforations every 18 stamps to be placed between the fourth and fifth stamps to the left of the numbered stamp. That would be 5L under the Cottrell precancel gap counting system. Now numbered strips of nine are possible. We retract our critical remarks.

SA Roll Sizes

Just so you know how much you're buying, the SA roll size for all numbered issues except one is 5004. The exception is the Christmas issue and a roll of that contains 3336 stamps. The size of the stamps and the extreme spacing between stamps on that roll forced a reduction in the count. Keep in mind that the SA coils are printed at the same time as the sheetlet stamps and on the same piece of material. The printing base layout for the sheetlets governs how the coils are printed and the size of the roll.

"G" Stamp Onslaught

Get ready for the deluge of coil "G" stamps that will appear when the next rate change occurs. That may be next January or February. Plate activity reports, sketchy as they are, indicate that there will be coils for the first class letter rate, the first class presort rate, and for the bulk non-profit rates. Why "G" stamps to meet rates other than first class were printed is a mystery. The current generic E&S and Canoe stamps would meet all future quantity mailing needs and they were in place long before these contingency stamps were printed.

"F" Press

The new "F" press at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now producing stamps. It is a three color intaglio, four color offset press that has a dedicated tagging station. Its intaglio sleeve is interchangeable with the intaglio sleeves from the "C" and "D" presses, but the offset cylinders are not interchangeable with those of the "D" press. It's interesting that BEP has given this new press the number 801, which belonged to one of the long gone Cottrell presses. Why? It's because the first digit in all these press numbers indicates where the machine is physically located. The "F" press has printed some White House Flag coils, but we don't know which sleeve number(s) is/are involved. There would be no indication on the stamps themselves to tell us. Plate activity reports are the key to this.

What Happened to "E"?

BEP jumped from a "D" press to an "F" press. Where is "E"? Rumor has it that an "E" press is in the ordering process and will appear before too long. We don't know what type it will be.

Liberty Liner

The liner paper on the new Statue of Liberty SA coil is depicted in *Stamps, Etc.* as being type B; writing inverted and running from LR to UL. Keep your eyes open and see if this issue comes with more than one liner type.

Hey! Still Here

Contrary to the repeated advertising of one dealer, the surface phosphored dull gum computer vended coils are still available from some ECA-GARD machines. Just because the embedded phosphor shiny gum type was released does not mean that the original stock is depleted. We know for a fact that some machines in Michigan are still dispensing the dull gum type.

BEP Century of Stamps

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is going all out in its celebration of 100 years of stamp printing. It has hired a consultant to plan activities throughout 1994. That planner recently asked BEP visitor Rich Nazar for activity suggestions that would appeal to collectors. He immediately responded with, "Take Cottrell press 801 out of storage and install it in the BEP lobby. Put it in operation, and take vidios to show visitors." Ken Lawrence added the idea of retrieving a Stickney press from the Smithsonian and installing it too. These are great ideas and the lobby is big enough, if the floor could stand the weight. PNC collectors interested in coil production take heart. We hope it happens.

Printing Trivia

How big is a roll of paper put on a press to print coils? Big! It is approximately 21,000 feet long, with the exact footage stamped on its label. A roll that is 20.5 inches wide weighs about 800 pounds. One that is 18.5 inches wide would then weigh about 720 pounds. These two widths are the ones commonly used to print coils at BEP.

CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

KEY

07/19/94

A-100, B-500, C-3000, D-10000

EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR PAPER

SP - SURFACE PHOSPHOR PAPER

29c WHITE HOUSE

#1	A
#2	A, B, C
#3	A, B, C
#4	A, B
#5	B, C
#6	A
#7	A
#8	A
#9	B, C
#10	A
#11	A
#12	A
#13	A
#14	B
#15	A, B
#16	A

(10c) TRACTOR TLR

#11	C
#22	C

(10c) EAGLE & SHIELD

#A1010101010	B, C, D
#A1011101010	C
#A1011101011	C
#A1011101012	D
#A1110101010	C, D
#A1110111010	C, D
#A1111101010	C, D
#A1111111010	D
#A1211101010	C
#A1411101010	B, D
#A1411101011	C, D
#A1412111110	D

23c LUNCH WAGON

#2	A, B, C
#3	A, B (SP)
#3	A (EP, DULL)
#3	A (EP, SHINY)

#A1412111111	C, D
#11111	B, C
#22221	B, C
#22222	B
#22222 (DULL)	?
#S11111	D

19c FISHING BOAT

#A1111	C
#A1112	B, C
#A1212	B
#A2424	B, C
#A5555	B
#A5556	B
#A6667	B, C
#A7667	B
#A7679	C
#A7766	B, C
#A7779	B
#S111	C

23c USA

#A1111	D
#A2222	D
#A2232	D
#A2233	D
#A3333	D
#A4364	D
#A4443	D
#A4444	D
#A4453	D
#1111	B, C
#1111 (DULL)	B
#S111	D

1c OMNIBUS

#3	B, C
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3c CONESTOGA

#3	C
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2c LOCOMOTIVE

#2	C
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5c CIRCUS WAGON

A3	D
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INDIGO

White House

COLOR ERROR

See Ken Lawrence Plate Number Coil article, page 40 *Linn's* 6-27-94

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In my May 1, 1994 column, I asked for a volunteer to do an index of my cover columns. I was pleased to receive three offers to do the index. I'm grateful to Burt Robbins, Pedro Ortegon and Jessie Halperin for offering their help. Hereafter are two indexes, one by topic and the other a chronological listing of articles as they were done over the past five and a half years.

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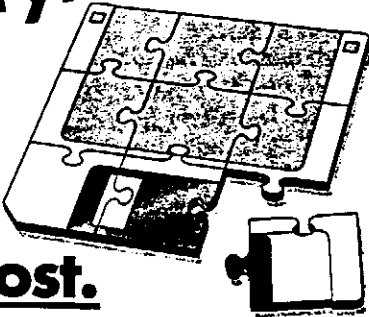
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The above cover features a 23¢ USA coil with a 10¢ Eagle/Shield coil over it. This cover, along with several others, were found by Steve Crown. He says that all of the covers he found were stamped in the same manner. Does anyone out there have an explanation? (If you have a candidate for **Cover of the Month**, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.)

The deadline for the September issue of Coil Line will be August 12. This will allow individuals involved to attend the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh Aug. 20. Thanks for your cooperation. Remember, you can fax material to 419-352-7900 any time of the day.

US Plate Number Coil Checklist Update, Again

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As you know, there has been a lot of PNC activity lately. So we figured it was about time for an updated PNC Checklist. We have corrected several errors from the last list. There is a new column showing a stamp's press type. An attempt was made to better describe tagging types. In fact the whole legend section has been cleaned up, expanded and revised. An attempt has been made to leave a blank space in some of the most likely places you may need to add new stamps before the next update comes out. The Self Adhesives now have a section of their own.

Little did I know what I was getting into when starting to delineate the various phosphorizing techniques used by our friend the USPS to mark stamps for machine detection. It turns out that there is some disagreement in our ranks over the definition and terms used to describe the tagging of stamps. As I do not claim to be an expert in the field I sought help from two fellow club members, Michael Lipson and Alan Thomson, to properly identify the tagging types for the checklist. You may remember Michael's letter printed in "The Coil Line" right after the last list was published. Alan has worked with me through innumerable revisions (mostly correcting my mistakes and doing my research) on this and previous lists. Well, it turns out that Mike and Alan are not alone in disagreeing about the "Mottled vs. Surface tagging" question(s). Then of course there is the new PNC Catalog, and it's revised numbering system. Richard Nazar, editor of the catalog seems to agree with Alan on tagging descriptions, but not on PNC catalog numbering conventions. I have a few small problems with the suffixes used in the new numbering system and have added a few twists of my own just to add to the confusion. For the list I choose to go with Alan's views for several reasons, 1) He knows a heck of a lot more than I do about tagging, 2) He was involved with how the new catalog was dealing with this issue and, 3) I think it is important to make the list reflect the catalog. It's too late to make a long story short but I am expecting at least a few letters here and at home discussing various points of view on tagging. I look forward to receiving all comments. This kind of controversy is good for the club too, lively discussion is first how folks learn and then it leads to how things get resolved.

If you collect more than one area of PNCs the checklist is designed so that you can make several copies and just label what specialty it is you wish to track. An area is provided next to the printed title to enter what ever you like, such as USED PNC Singles, PN3, MINT PN5, COVERS, etc.

I can now provide electronic copies of this spreadsheet, free for the asking, in the following formats: Excel 2.x, 3.x and 4, Lotus *.wk1 and *.wk3 file formats (graphic formatting is lost but the information is still there), and in text only format if you want to try importing the data into a spreadsheet not mentioned or a data base. From talking to Alan Thomson I think Quatro Pro users can read files in Lotus format. Just send me a self addressed and stamped Disk Mailer (typically 52 cent postage) with either a 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 inch formatted disk and state what file format you need the data in. Anyone that lets me know of an error will be provided with an updated copy of the printed list. For Excel users I can furnish a Printer Macro (and instructions on how to use it) that makes it easier to print out the spreadsheet. Sorry it won't work in Lotus. I will also be glad to try to answer any questions you might have working with or importing the file. Just write me describing your problem in as much detail as possible and include an SASE for my return answer.

Plate Number Coil Checklist

US Coil Stamps				(listed in order of denomination)																			By Steve McGourty					
Denom	Scott	PNC Cat #	P	Description	T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Transportation Series																												
1c	1897	T1-X	c	Omnibus	O	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
1c	2225	T1(B)-1	B	Omnibus, Reen	B	X																						
1c	2225	T1(B)-2 blk	B	Omnibus, Reen	B	X																						
1c	2225a	T1(B)-2 ut	B	Omnibus, Reen	U	X																						
1c	2225a	T1(C)-3 ut	C	Omnibus, Reen	U			X																				
2c	1897A	T2-X	c	Locomotive	O		X	X	X		X		X		X													
2c	2226	T2(B)-1	B	Locomotive, Reen	B	X																						
2c	n/a	T2(C)-2	C	Locomotive, Reen	U		X																					
3c	1898	T3HC-X	c	Handcar	O	X	X	X	X																			
3c	2252	T3CW-1	B	Conestoga Wag	B	X																						
3c	2252a	T3CW-2	B	Conestoga Wag	U		X																					
3c	2252a	T3CW-3	C	Conestoga Wag	U			X																				
3.4c	2123	T3.4A-X	c	School Bus	O	X	X																					
3.4c	2123a	T3.4-XP	c	School Bus, Pre	N	X	X																					
4c	1898A	T4-X	c	Stagecoach	O	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
4c	1898Ab	T4-XP	c	Stagecoach, Pre	N			X	X	X	X																	
4c	2228	T4(B)-1 blk	B	Stagecoach	B	X																						
4c	2228a	T4(B)-1 ot	B	Stagecoach	O	\$																						
04c	2451	T4SC-1 ot	B	Steam Carriage	O	X																						
04c	2451b	T4SC-1 ut	B	Steam Carriage	U	X																						
4.9c	2124	T4.9-X	c	Buckboard	O			X	X																			
4.9c	2124a	T4.9-XP	c	Buckboard, Pre	N	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
5c	1899	T5M-X	c	Motorcycle	O	X	X	X	X																			
5c	2253	T5MW-1	B	Milk Wagon	B	X																						
05c	2452	T5CW-1 ot	B	Circus Wagon	O	X																						
05c	2452a	T5CW-1 ut	B	Circus Wagon	U	X																						
05c	2452b	T5CW-AX	A	Circus Wagon	U	A1	A2	A3																				
05c	2453	T5C-X	C	Canoe, SI	N	X	X	X																				
05c	2454	T5C-S11	H	Canoe, SI	N	S11																						
5.2c	1900	T5.2-X	c	Sleigh	O	X	X	\$	\$	\$	\$																	
5.2c	1900a	T5.2-XP	c	Sleigh, Pre	N	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
5.3c	2254	T5.3-1	B	Elevator, SI	N	X																						
5.5c	2125	T5.5-1	B	Star Route Truck	B	X																						
5.5c	2125a	T5.5-XP	B	Star Route Truck, SI	N	X	X																					
6c	2126	T6-1	B	Tricycle	B	X																						
6c	2126a	T6-XP	B	Tricycle, Pre	N	X	X																					
7.1c	2127	T7.1-1	B	Tractor	B	X																						
7.1c	2127a	T7.1-1P	B	Tractor, SI NP	N	X																						
7.1c	2127b	T7.1-1P zip	B	Tractor, SI 5DZ	N	X																						
7.4c	1902	T7.4-2	B	Baby Buggy	B		X																					
7.4c	1902a	T7.4-2P	B	Baby Buggy, Pre	N	X	X																					
7.6c	2255	T7.6-X	B	Carreta, SI	N	X	X	X																				
8.3c	2128	T8.3-X	c	Ambulance	O	X	X																					
8.3c	2128a	T8.3-XP	c	Ambulance, Pre	N	X	X	X	X																			
8.3c	2231	T8.3(B)-X	B	Ambulance, Pre	N	X	X																					
8.4c	2256	T8.4-X	B/C	Wheel Chair, SI	N	X	X	\$																				
8.5c	2129	T8.5-1	B	Tow Truck	B	X																						
8.5c	2129a	T8.5-XP	B	Tow Truck, SI	N	X	X																					
9.3c	1903	T9.3-X	c	Mail Wagon	O	X	X	\$	\$	\$	\$																	
9.3c	1903a	T9.3-XP	c	Mail Wagon, Pre	N	X	X	\$	\$	X	X			\$														
10c	2257	T10CB-1 blk	B	Canal Boat	B	X																						
10c	2257	T10CB-1 ot	B	Canal Boat, DG	O	X																						
10c	2257a	T10CB-X ep	C	Canal Boat, SG	E	X	X																					
10c	2457	T10TT-1	C	Tractor Trailer, SI	N	X																						
10c	n/a	T10TT(A)-X	A	Tractor Trailer, SI	N	11	22																					
10.1c	2130	T10.1-1	B	Oil Wagon	B	X																						
10.1c	2130a	T10.1-XP bk	B	Oil Wagon, Pre bk	N	X	X																					
10.1c	2130a	T10.1-XP red	B	Oil Wagon, Pre red	N		X	X																				

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Transportation Series																												
10.9c	1904	T10.9-X	c	Hansom Cab	O	\$	\$																					
10.9c	1904a	T10.9-XP	c	Hansom Cab, Pre	N	\$	\$	\$	\$																			
11c	1905	T11C-1	B	Caboose	B	X																						
11c	1905a	T11C-1P	B	Caboose, Pre	N	X																						
11c	1905a	T11C-2P	C	Caboose, SI	N		X																					
11c	2131	T11SB-X	c	Stutz Bearcat	O	X	X	X	X																			
12c	2132	T12-X	c	Stanley Steamer	O	X	X																					
12c	2132a	T12-XP	c	Stanley Steam, Pre	N	X	X																					
12c	2132b	T12(B)-1P	B	Stanley Steam, Pre	N	\$																						
12.5c	2133	T12.5-X	B	Pushcart	B	X	X																					
12.5c	2133a	T12.5-XP	B	Pushcart, Pre	N	X	X																					
13c	2258	T13-1	B	Patrol Wagon, SI	N	X																						
13.2c	2259	T13.2-X	B	Coal Car, SI	N	X	X																					
14c	2134	T14-X	c	Iceboat	O	X	X	X	X																			
14c	2134b	T14(B)-2	B	Iceboat, Reen	B		X																					
15c	2260	T15-X blk	B	Tugboat	B	X	X																					
15c	2260a	T15-2 ot	B	Tugboat	O		X																					
16.7c	2261	T16.7-X	B	Popcorn Wagon, SI	N	X	X																					
17c	1906	T17EA-X	c	Electric Auto	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
17c	1906a	T17EA-XPa	c	Electric Auto A, Pre	N			X	X	X	X	X	X															
17c	1906a	T17EA-XPb	c	Electric Auto B, Pre	N			\$	\$	X	X																	
17c	1906a	T17EA-XPc	c	Electric Auto C, Pre	N	X	X	X	X	\$																		
17c	1906a	T17EA-XPab	c	Electric Auto AB, Pre	N			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$														
17c	1906a	T17EA-XPba	c	Electric Auto BA, Pre	N			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$																
17c	2135	T17DS-2	B	Dog Sled	B		X																					
17.5c	2262	T17.5-1	B	Racing Car	B	X																						
17.5c	2262a	T17.5-1P	B	Racing Car, SI	N	X																						
18c	1907	T18-X	c	Surrey	O	\$	X	\$	\$	X	X	\$	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20c	1908	T20FP-X	c	Fire Pumper	O	\$	\$	\$	X	X	X	X	\$	\$	X	X	\$	X	X	X	X	X						
20c	2263	T20CC-X blk	B	Cable Car	B	X	X																					
20c	2263b	T20CC-2 ot	C	Cable Car	O		X																					
20.5c	2264	T20.5-1	B	Fire Engine, SI	N	X																						
21c	2265	T21-X	B/C	Railroad Mail Car, SI	N	X	X																					
23c	2464	T23-X	C	Lunch Wagon	S		X	X																				
23c	2464	T23-3 dg	C	Lunch Wagon, DG	E			X																				
23c	2464	T23-3 sg	C	Lunch Wagon, SG	E			X																				
24.1c	2266	T24.1-1	B	Tandem Bicycle, SI	N	X																						
25c	2136	T25-X	B/C	Bread Wagon	B	X	X	X	X	X																		
\$1	2468	T\$1-1	B	Sea Plane	O	X																						
\$1	n/a	T\$1-3	C	Sea Plane	E			X																				
Flag Series																												
18c	1891	F18-X	B	Sea to Shining Sea	B	\$	\$	\$	\$	X	X	\$	\$															
20c	1895	F20-X	B/C	Supreme Court	B	X	X	X	\$	X	\$		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
20c	1895e	F20-14P	B	Supreme Court, Pre	N																							
22c	2115	F22-X	B/C/D	Capitol	B	X	X	\$	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	\$	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
22c	2115b	F22-T1	C	Capitol, phos test	S	T1																						
23c	2607	F23F-AX	A	Stars & Stripes, SI	N	A111	A112	A122	A212	A222	A333																	
23c	2608	F23US-AX	A	USA (ABN), SI	N	A1111	A2222	A2232	A2233	A3333	A4364	A4443	A4444	A4453														
23c	2608A	F23US-1111	A	USA (BEP), SI	N	1111																						
23c	2608B	F23US-S111	H	USA (SVS), SI	N	S111																						
25c	2280	F25-X blk	B/C/D	Yosemite	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
25c	2280	F25-X ep	B/C/D	Yosemite	E	\$	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
29c	2523	F29MR-X	C/D	Mt Rushmore	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										
29c	2523	F29MR-X sp	C/D	Mt Rushmore, Lenz	S		X				X																	
29c	2523A	F29MR-AX	A	Mt Rushmore	E	A11111	A22211																					
29c	2609	F29WH-X	C	White House	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Other Coil Issues										
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Denom	Scott #	PNC Cat #	P	Description	T	Plate Numbers				By Steve McGourty
Official Series										
20c	O135	O20-1	B	Official	B	1\$				
22c	O139	O22-1	B	D Official	B	1\$				
Contingency Series										
22c	2112	C22-X	A	D Eagle	B	1	2			
25c	2279	C25-X	A	E Earth	B	1111	1211	1222		2222
29c	2518	C29-X	A	F Flower	S	1111	1211\$	1222	2211	2222
Miscellaneous Series										
10c	2604	M10-AX	A	Eagle & Shield (ABN)	N	A11111	A11112	A12213\$	A21112	A21113
						A22112	A22113	A32333\$	A33333	A33334\$
						A33335	A34424	A34426	A43324	A43325
						A43326	A43334	A43335	A43426	A53335
						A54444	A54445	A77777	A88888	A88889
						A89999	A99998	A99999	A10 10 10 10	A10 11 10 10 10
						A10 11 10 10 11	A10 11 10 10 12	A11 10 10 10 10	A11 10 11 10 10	A11 11 10 10 10
						A11 11 11 10 10	A12 11 10 10 10	A14 11 10 10 10	A14 11 10 10 11	A14 12 11 11 10
						A14 12 11 11 11				
10c	2605	M10-X	A	Eagle & Shield (BEP)	N	11111	22221	22222		
10c	2606	M10-S11111	H	Eagle & Shield (SVS)	N	S11111				
18c	2149	M18-X	A	Washington Monument	B	1112	3333			
18c	2149a	M18-XP	A	Washington Mon, SI	N	11121	33333	43444		
19c	2529	M19-AX	S	Fishing Boat, Type I	S	A1111	A1112	A1212	A2424	
19c	2529a	M19-AX	A	Fishing Boat, Type II	S	A5555	A5556	A6667	A7676	A7679
						A7766	A7779			
20c	2005	M20-X	c	Consumer Education	O	1\$\$	2\$\$	3\$\$	4\$\$	
21.1c	2150	M21.1-X	A	Letters	B	111111	111121			
21.1c	2150a	M21.1-XP	A	Letters, SI	N	111111	111121			
25c	2281	M25-X	T	Honeybee	B	1	2			
29c	2525	M29-SX sl	H	Denom. Flower(Roulette)	S	S1111	S2222			
29c	2526	M29-S2222 pf	H	Denom. Flower(Perf)	S		S2222			
29c	CVP31	M29CV-1 sp	C	Computer Vend Post, DG	S	1				
29c	CVP31	M29CV-1 ep	C	Computer Vend Post, SG	E	1				
29c	CVP32	M29CV-A11	A	Computer Vend Post	E	A11				
Self-Adhesives										
29c	2791a-94a	SA29C-V1111111	?	93 Xmas Contemp (AVR)	S	V1111111				
29c	2480	SA29PC-B1	L	Pine Cone (BCA)	S	B1				
29c	2598	SA29E-111	?	Eagle (MMM)	S	111				
29c	2813	SA29L-B1	LM	Love Sunrise (BCA)	S	B1				
Legend										
Description Abbreviations			Printing Press(es) indicated in "P" column				Tagging is indicated in "T" column			
SI	Service Inscribed		A	Andreotti, Gravure	L	Intaglio, T/A	B	Block		
SI NP	SI Non-Profit Organization		B	Intaglio B	M	Miller, Offset	N	None		
SI 5DZ	SI 5-Digit Zip + 4		C	Intaglio C	S	Schiavi, Gra	O	Overall		
Pre	Precanceled		D	Intaglio D			E	Embedded Phosphor Paper		
Reen	Re-engraved		H	Champlaign, Gravure			S	Surface Phosphor Paper		
DG	Dull Gum		T	Optiforma & C or D, offset/Intaglio			U	Untagged-Intentional		
SG	Shiny Gum		c	Cottrell, Intaglio						
			BC	More than one press						
\$	Over \$20		Prices roughly applicable				Noted Stamp Printers			
\$	Over \$100		to VF PS5's				ABN	American Bank Note Company		
PNC Catalog Number:						AVR	Avery			
Series, Value, Design, (Hyphen) Plate Number, Variety						BCA	Banknote Corp. of America			
For this list the PNC numbers have been altered as follows;						BEP	Bureau of Engraving & Printing			
"X" in PNC Cat # column means more than one Plate Number,						MMM	3M			
PNC errors and constant plate varieties not listed.						SVS	Stamp Venturers			
										PN Prefix
										A
										V
										B
										None
										None
										S

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.

Membership will reach 721 if all applicants are approved.

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