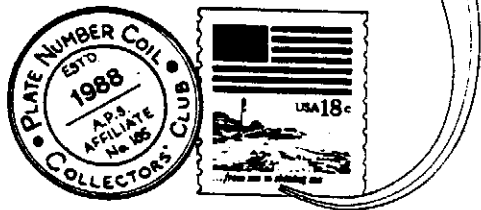


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New ECA GARD machines show up first in Detroit area

The new ECA GARD machines showed up in the Detroit-Ann Arbor, Mich., area Nov. 4. As of Nov. 15 no other sites had been reported to *Coil Line*.

Kurt and Joann Lenz made the discovery on a visit to Detroit Nov. 10. They were told the machine at the main Detroit post office was operational Nov. 8 and a similar machine had been placed in service Nov. 4 at the Renaissance Center, also in downtown Detroit.

Acting on a tip that the machine at Ann Arbor, about 30 miles west of Detroit, had also been converted, your editor made the 140-mile round trip early on Sunday Nov. 13. He was rewarded for the effort. No one was using the machine and no one disturbed him during a 30-minute session. Joann learned Nov. 14 that a second machine was in service in Ann Arbor, probably at the Liberty Street station.

Among the changes from the previous ECA GARD:

- There is a new printer and it uses a different font (type face). The speed of the printer is greatly increased. It may be a laser printer.
- The machine cuts the stamp from the roll after the last stamp transaction.
- There is new printing on the receipt, which includes the machine number.
- The screen is color and is activated by touching. The screen at Ann Arbor took fairly heavy finger pressure to activate. The bill changer rejected bills frequently.
- The screen indicates credit cards are acceptable, although that feature is not likely soon, a technician said.
- The machine is also designed to handle changes of address, which could be activated any day, a technician said.
- Up to 50 stamps per transaction can be processed.
- The machine at Ann Arbor occasionally smeared ink on some of the stamps but it was not serious. Joann said she had noticed a similar problem in the Detroit machine.

Things that had not changed:

- BEP printed surface tagged paper ... the "old solid tagged paper" was being used.

- Limit of three denominations per transaction.

Below are several illustrations of the "new" and "old" so-called VRC stamps. Notice the difference in fonts (type styles). There are now three known.

Figure 1 is from the initial use, Figure 2 showed up along with the new version of the stamp last February in Merrifield, Va. At press time Figure 3 was known only to be produced at four machines in the Detroit area.

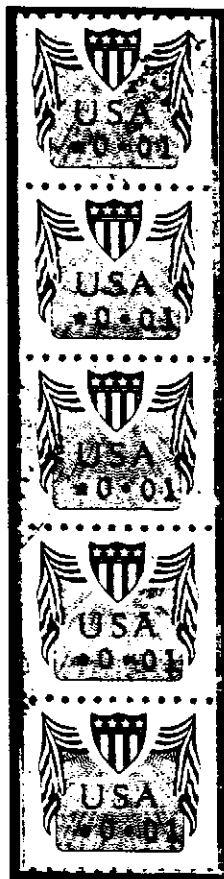


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

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On Nov. 14 Joann spoke with a technician in Detroit who said they originally thought the first new machines would be installed in Virginia. However, Detroit got the first shot. The technician thought Miami and Philadelphia would be next. Training was scheduled in Philadelphia, but hadn't been held and the technician thought it might be held in January.

On a trip to the Fort Street (downtown) Detroit post office Nov. 14, the Lenz's got out only one strip before the machine was empty. Since Joann said she reported the machine empty on Nov. 12, it seems likely someone was busy getting large quantities of strips over the weekend.

Letters

Message from PNC3 President Gene Ernst

To the Membership:

On the front of this issue of *Coil Line* you'll find the Annual Renewal Form. Once more we have been able to hold the line on our basic dues. The dues are the same this year as they have always been - \$10.00 - IF you pay by the end of the year. Otherwise, it'll cost you \$12.00.

To make our Treasurers' task a little easier, please include your membership number on both the renewal form and on your check. Your membership number is on the mailing labels used to get this and every issue of *Coil Line* to you.

If you have decided not to renew, we would appreciate knowing why you're dropping out, but, at least let us know you won't be renewing.

Life members have an "L" following their membership number. Life members need to send the Treasurer \$5.00 only if they desire First Class mailing of *Coil Line* in the coming year.

We notify members of their eligibility for Life Membership one time only - in the year that they FIRST become eligible - which is after five years of consecutive membership. All members who become eligible for Life Membership THIS year have been notified. If any member feels that they are eligible and have not received an application, please drop me a line, and I'll check your status for you.

As we go into the new year, we'll be facing a postal rate increase. Will first class be 31c or 32c? when will the rate change occur? As I write this I don't know the answers. BUT, the really big question is: HOW many plate number combinations are we going to see on the "G" stamp? The "D" has 2, the "E" had 4 and the "F" had 5. We need to let our members know what is being found! When the new rate goes into effect and you buy your "G" stamps, drop our editor a line to let him know what's in your area.

The 1994 Questionnaires continue to come in. All comments/suggestions received to date have been transcribed into a separate document and forwarded to all Board Members and Committee Chairs. During the next several months we will respond to each suggestion via *Coil Line*. One comment from the Questionnaire and a repeated one from the past at renewal time was/is: "I don't remember my membership number" - now you know where to find it, (at least once every month).

Some of the suggestions have me worried. "A PNC Checklist"? A PNC checklist was included in our August 1994 issues on pages 155-157. Are you missing the August issue? Is your address current? Remember, as a general rule, Bulk Mail is NOT forwarded or returned. A couple of months ago we changed *Coil*

Line mailing to guarantee payment of "returned mail" - however, there is no guarantee that the Post Office will return it.

For those of you who have volunteered: One (or more) of the Committee Chairs will be contacting you (if they haven't already).

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Shinny, shiny, so much for spell check

To the Editor:

I don't want to seem overly critical, but lately I have seen the term "shinny" when referring to coil stamps with the older, glossy gum. I have seen this printed a number of times in *Coil Line*, as well as in the advertisements of prominent dealers. I don't object to the term, but I do object to the spelling. Per Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary:

shinny: to move oneself up or down something vertical (as a pole) esp. by alternately hugging it with the arms or hands and the legs.

shiny: bright in appearance.

Surely we mean "shiny" when referring to the gum on a stamp, not "shinny."

Thanks for letting me get that one off my chest!

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

Editor's Note: Just another reason not to put too much faith in the spell checker. The folks using computers have to think and check a dictionary from time to time.

Available in parts of California

To the Editor:

Riverside - Closed

San Bernadino-Redlands, also sectional center Redlands BLVD. and Alabama Ave. - Has a new clerk, Hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Commemoratives only, no coils.

Orange Philatelic Center, 615 N. Bush St., Santa Ana, CA 92701. "Bill" is the clerk and the phone is 714-973-7912. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Excellent service. Lots of coils.

J.L. Meyer
20112 W. Point Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Commercial covers-Southwest area

To the Editor:

Following is the commercial cover report from the Great SW Outback ladies national mail order company for the period Oct. 2 through Nov. 1, 1994:

29c Flag WH - 1-4; 2-19; 3-4; 4-15; 5-6; 6-34; 7-308; 8-66; 9-1; 10-106; 11-283; 12-46; 13-56; 14-3; 15-68; 16-98.

It appears that #s 9 and 14 are still being found but I

Letters (from previous page)

strongly suggest to all PNC commercial cover collectors that now is the time to acquire these numbers on cover. First, they are just hard to find on cover as they are only found on the larger-sized rolls and second, there will be a rate change soon and mint rolls will be even harder to find, hence used ones on cover will be still harder to find. Check with other cover collectors and dealers.

I again repeat my offer of free PNC commercial covers for an SASE. I can send one of each of the above listed as long as the supply lasts.

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

Commercial covers in the New England area

To the Editor:

Commercial cover report from southern New England from about 127,000 covers postmarked Sept. 26 through Oct. 24, 1994.
29c Flag/WH - 1-9; 2-7; 3-0; 4-2; 5-5; 6-2; 7-63; 8-9; 9-14; 10-30; 11-179; 12-31; 13-19; 14-1; 15-93; 16-36. Total - 491.

Others: 1c Omnibus (RE) 2-1; 5c Circus Wagon A3-1; 5c Canoe 2-1; 19c Fishing Boat A1111-1; 23c Lunch Wagon 3-2; 29c Flower (Perf) S2222-6; 25c Flag/Yosemite 5 (P)-1; 29c Flag Mt. Rushmore 1-1; 2-2; 5-1; 6-1. Total - 18.

Rolly Grandahl
3 Grandview Terrace
E. Windsor, CT 06088-0137

Dremann certifies covers passed through mail

To the Editor:

The 10th anniversary of the 1984 Redwood City 0.1c Postmaster's Provisional was this year and the 10th anniversary is coming up for the 1985 Redwood City 1.5c Postmaster's Provisional next April. Meanwhile, Ken Lawrence (Nov. 1, 1994 Coil Line) "Crazy PNC Covers in Perspective" tries to rain on our big give-away party that we had last year, using disparaging words like "illicit" and suggests that Steven Suffet's covers "probably never went through the mail." As a service to all PNC3 club members who now have Redwood City Postmaster's Provisionals, I'd like to make this statement:

STATEMENT OF CRAIG DREMANN

I, Craig Dremann certify that I was given permission by Redwood City, CA, Postmaster William "Bill" Cunningham to use postmaster's provisional handstamps that indicated that 0.1c had been paid when mailing my 1984 seed catalogs, and a 1.5c postmaster's provisional handstamp when mailing my 1985 seed catalogs.

I further certify that all of the 20-weight 6-inch by 9-inch catalog envelopes ("Covers") with a 0.1c (1984) or 1.5c (1985) Redwood City Postmaster's Provisional handstamps, along with a precanceled bulk mail coil stamp attached were postally used.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Signed: Craig Carlton Dremann/ Dated 8th November, 1994

Long Beach, CA, philatelic window

To the Editor:

Following up on your request for information about what's available at philatelic windows, I can relate the following:

Angie Craig, the philatelic clerk at the Long Beach, CA, post office, routinely publishes a long list of available stamps. The list would be too long to relete here, but she currently (Oct. 31) has 27 different coils with 55 different plate numbers, 14 different self-adhesive panes with 17 different numbers and 24 booklets with 30 different numbers.

This is the best stocked philatelic counter I've ever come across! I don't know if she does mail orders but she can be reached at USPS, 300 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90801.

Richard Beecher
2641 Locksley Place
Los Angeles, CA 90039

Ads

HAVE LOTS OF MISC. Rushmore & White House #10 covers, also lots of misc. spray-on covers @ 25c each, a bit more for specific #s or towns. Have some 10c Eagle covers at \$4.00 each. Paul M. Dixon, 2023 41st St. N.E., Salem, OR 97305.

FDC FOR SALE: Farnum, Anderson, Fleetwood, Colorano, Artcraft, Artmaster & gold replicas. Gerald Nichols, 1670 Lyman Place, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

NOW AVAILABLE - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER price list #11. My price make the big dealers look funny. Send a SASE to: Andrew Sanford. P.O. Box 2305, Providence, RI 02906-0305.

MOUNT RUSHMORE LENZ PAPER #2 PS13 F-VF \$825.00 or PS 13 VF \$1,175.00. Payment plans acceptable. Ted Roberts, 91 Buddington Road, Groton, CT 06340.

AT FACE YOUR MINT postage same as cash. Use full face when ordering from my competitive PNC-5 pricelist. New issue service can be started without deposit. Always a quality strip sent. Brian McPherrren, P.O. Box 1786, Tacoma, WA 98401-1786.

MISPERFED ELECTRIC AUTOS. \$6.00/pair down the middle. PS6 set #1, 2 misperfed between "t" and "o" of auto - \$60.00. Andrew Sanford, P.O. Box 2305, Providence, RI, 02906-0305. (401) 861-7182 to reserve a set.

I HAVE DUPLICATE PS3s, PS5s, used PNCs on cover and cut from envelopes. Will sell at half Linn's Trends or trade even for PS5s that I need. If interested, send for lists. Ted Roberts, 91 Buddington Road, Groton, CT 06340.

SNIPPETS

New Numbers

No new numbers have been reported this month.

E&S Imperf Find

BEP's Eagle & Shield #22221 has been found imperforate. Two partial rolls of 500 yielded 28 cylinder combination numbers. We haven't seen an asking price for a PS6 but one dealer is offering unnumbered pairs at \$25.00 each.

Key Coil Exhibit for Sale

Ken Lawrence's gold medal winning single frame exhibit of the rarest plate number coil is for sale by private treaty. The collection of plate number 6 of the 18c Flag includes a mint XF PS3, a used strip of six, commercial covers and at least five used singles. Even a philatelic forgery is included. The price is \$17,000. net.

Stamps, Etc. Late - Improved

Although the October - December issue of USPS' quarterly philatelic catalog was over a month late reaching the public, it is vastly improved and much easier to use. Just about all older stamp issues that are still on sale are once again pictured and priced as they used to be. No longer are these older items relegated to the back of the order form or an obscure box in the back of the booklet. Most items are easily matched to the price lines through letter keying. The order of presentation through the booklet is as it should be, with books and kits appearing at the very end. The people who produce this slick paper catalog have apparently seen the light. Good job.

Wrong Stamps; Again

Some dealers still can't tell the difference between overall tagging and prospored paper. Another price list arrived and it offered a Cable Car #2 strip on "pre-phosphored" paper. No such stamp exists. Plate # 2 is either block tagged or overall tagged. It was never printed on phosphored paper. It's just as important for dealers to know what they're selling as it is for collectors to know what they are buying.

Coil Line Information

Occasionally we hear about requests from members who want special information published in *Coil Line*. One recent request was for a complete listing of known roll sizes for all PNC issues and numbers. That's a very big order and an overwhelming job to assemble. Be patient just a little while longer. That very information will be in the new PNC Catalog.

ThamesPex Exhibits

ThamesPex, the annual show hosted by the Thames Stamp Club of Connecticut, has become well known for PNC exhibits. This year's show was no exception, with four medal winning exhibits on display. The following won the indicated awards:

Honeybee Coil Stamp, Margaret Stanchfield - Gold
Markings of the 4.9c Buckboard, Gary Davis - Vermiel
The Transportation Series 1981-83, Dean Hawk - Silver
Zero Defects, Bill McMurray - Silver
All received a PNC3 Achievement Award. Well done.

Honeybee #1

Many PNC3 members do not own a 1991 edition of the PNC Catalog and have no reference to consult for better understanding of the types and varieties of plate #1 of the Honeybee coil. The new, soon to be released, catalog will cover this area in detail, but in the mean time the examples below may shed some light on the subject. Because some runs of sleeve #1 were printed on the Optiforma press for the offset portion and the C press for the intaglio engraved portion, registration of the latter was a serious problem for BEP. The first production run sleeve had each row stamped with a .75mm high figure "1". This digit proved to be too tall and usually touched or penetrated the bottom offset frame line. No .5mm stamp was available so BEP manually altered each of the 20 entries by shortening the digit, removing the top serif. The tall number and the plain shortened one are considered to be types. The shortened type with serif, also shown below, is a variety.



Original tall with full serif type



Plain truncated type



Truncated with serif variety

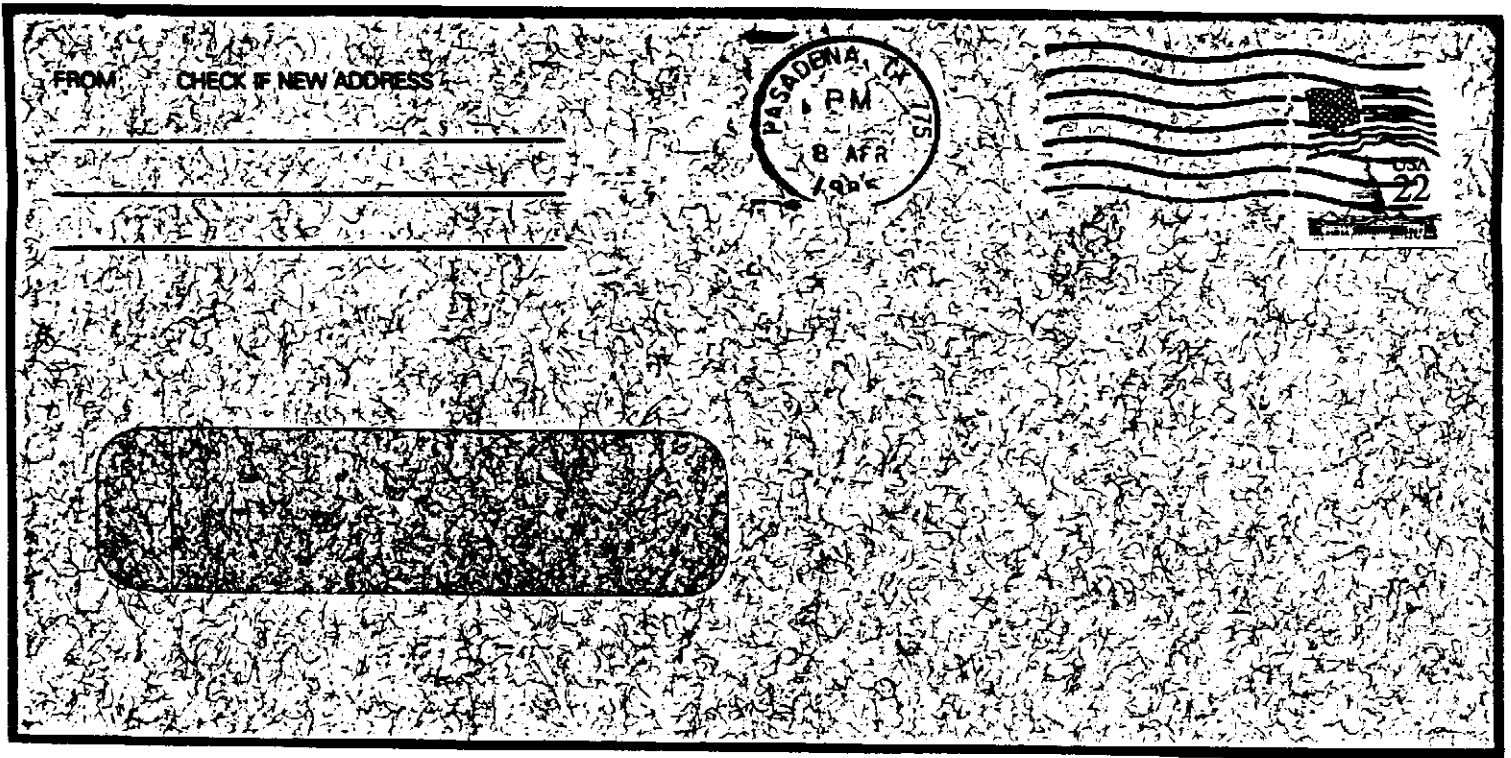
COMMERCIAL COVERS

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(207) 474-8021

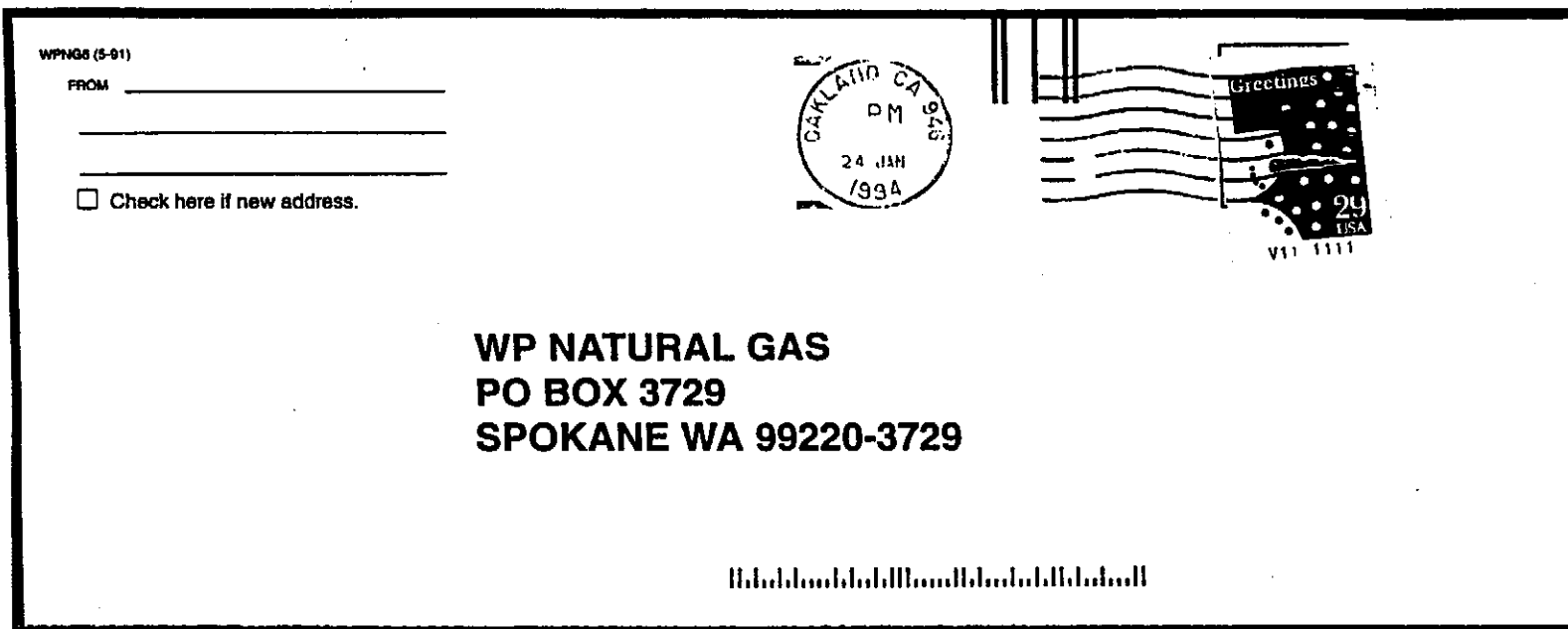
Last month's *Coil Line* contained an article by Ken Lawrence (page 193) which featured a 10.9¢ Hansom Cab precancel #2 tied by a 12/30/83 Savage Republic cancel and a 1/7/84 San Francisco, CA machine cancel. Not only is that cover a nice usage, but it turns out that that cover is the new earliest known usage for that particular plate number on cover. The question for us to ponder is whether we use the 12/30/83 Savage Republic cancel date as the EKU date or the official postal service cancellation date of 1/7/84. What do you think? Please drop me a line with your opinion, and I'll report the results to readers next month.

While your pondering that one, consider another cover owned by Dennis Chamberlain pictured on page 132 of the November, 1994 issue of *The Plate Number*. The cover has a 22¢ Flag #1 tied by a 3/22/85 handstamp and also featured a mint PS3 of the same stamp "sealed" to the envelope. The 22¢ Flag was not supposed to be issued until March 29, 1985, and Chamberlain had gotten ahold of a few strips early. He decided to "make up" a few covers proving they were issued early, so he took his covers to his local post office and was allowed to hand cancel them and then left with the covers. The covers never went through the mail-stream. Should the 3/22/85 date be recognized as the EKU date, or should the recently found cover pictured below (dated 4/8/85) be recognized as the EKU?



In my PNCs ON COVER booklet, as well as my articles in Coil Line, the EKU dates listed are for covers which were carried through the mailstream. I did not use first day cover dates because of the extended grace periods allowed for such covers. I did, however, add an appendix in my booklet for handback, souvenir and unofficial first day usage covers. I admit that the requirement of being carried through the mailstream is a bit arbitrary. Certainly contrived covers can be sent through the mailstream about as easily as being handed back. Still, the system which I've utilized seems to work best, but I'm willing to consider other ideas on the subject. What do you think?

COVER OF THE MONTH



The above cover featuring a Snowman #V111111 is a legitimate commercial usage of a very difficult stamp to find on commercial cover. (Cover courtesy of Howard Foster.) (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.)

CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

KEY

11/15/84

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

EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR PAPER

SP - SURFACE PHOSPHOR PAPER

29c WHITE HOUSE		(10c) TRACTOR TLR	
#1	A	#11	C
#2	A, B, C	#22	C
#3	A, B, C		
#4	A, B		
#5	B, C	(10c) EAGLE & SHIELD	
#6	A	#A1010101010	B, C, D
#7	A	#A1011101010	C
#8	A	#A1011101011	C
#9	B, C	#A1011101012	C, D
#10	A	#A1110101010	C, D
#11	A	#A1110111010	C, D
#12	A	#A1111101010	C, D
#13	A	#A1111111010	C, D
#14	B	#A1211101010	C
#15	A, B	#A1411101010	B, D
#16	A	#A1411101011	C, D
		#A1412111110	D
23c LUNCH WAGON		#A1412111111	C, D
#2	A, B, C	#11111	B, C
#3	A, B (SP)	#22221	B, C
#3	A (EP, DULL)	#22222	B
#3	A (EP, SHINY)	#22222 (DULL)	B
		#33333	B
		#S11111	D
19c FISHING BOAT		23c USA	
#A1111	C	#A1111	D
#A1112	B, C	#A2222	D
#A1212	B	#A2232	D
#A2424	B, C	#A2233	D
#A5555	B	#A3333	D
#A5556	B	#A4364	D
#A6667	B, C	#A4443	D
#A7667	B	#A4444	D
#A7679	C	#A4453	D
#A7766	B, C	#1111	B, C
#A7779	B	#1111 (DULL)	B
#S111	B, C	#S111	D
1c OMNIBUS		3c CONESTOGA	
#3	B, C	#3	C
2c LOCOMOTIVE		5c CIRCUS WAGON	
#2	C	A3	D

Thanks for info go to: (No changes)

New AV programs being developed

The Regional Meeting Committee is in the process of developing new audio-visual programs for the membership. Bruce Menia is working on "Tagging and Paper Types" and Dr. Joseph Agris on a sixth program in his series and a video of all six of his programs.

The RMC would like to hear from members who have ideas on other topics that they would like to see developed into a program.

Suggestions already received list EFOs, FDCs and commercial covers, along with a video of a post office operation. Send your comments and ideas to: Dick Koenig, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751

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Mailing list: Rental of the club mailing list is available. A one-time usage of labels costs \$50. Contact the secretary, Joann Lenz, for details.

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 Jim Perry, Treasurer, P.O. Box 20120, Beaumont, TX 77720.

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, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402.

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.

Below are listed all 118 lots. A fully illustrated catalog is available FREE to serious bidders. For others, I'd appreciate \$2 to defray costs of copying and mailing.

IMPERFORATE PLATE NUMBERS STRIPS

1. 1898Ae: 2c Locomotive #3 PS6. Datz \$450; MB \$200.
2. 1898Ae: 2c Locomotive #4 PS6. Datz \$450; MB \$200.
3. 1898Ae: 2c Locomotive #8 PS6. Datz \$475; MB \$250.
4. 1898Ae: 2c Locomotive #10 PS6. Datz \$475; MB \$250.
5. 1901b: 5.9c Bicycle #3.4 PS6 SET. Datz \$3,000; MB \$1,950.
6. 2604: American Bank Note Eagle-Shield. Cover Photo. This is a PS18 with 9 stamps to the left of the number and 9 to the right. Three pairs, just to the right of the number (A43335), are IMPERFORATE. Only 3 such strips exist and represent the total known imperfs on this issue. One of the strips is ink stained and thus only two fully sound ones are known. Wm. Langs' ads offer to purchase pairs at \$2,000 each. The Minimum Bid on this extremely rare transition number strip of 18 is \$8,000.
7. 2605: BEP Eagle-Shield PS6 #11111; Retail \$275.
8. 2130c: 10.1c Oil Wagon PS6; Datz \$200.
9. 1904b: 10.9c 1.2 PS6 SET. Datz \$3,500; MB \$2,600. Extremely rare as PS6.
10. 2133b: 12.5c Pushcart PS6 #1. Datz \$200; MB \$150.
11. 2134a: 14c Iceboat #1 PS6, Low but 100+% of # shows. Datz \$475; MB \$175.
12. 2134a: 14c Iceboat #2 PS6, Low but 100+% of # shows. Datz \$475; MB \$175.
13. 2265a: 21c Railroad Mail Car, PS6 #1. Datz \$950; MB \$200.
14. 2136a: 25c Bread Wagon #2 PS6. Datz \$250; MB \$170.
15. 2136a: 25c Bread Wagon #3 PS6. Datz \$275; MB \$170.
16. 2136a: 25c Bread Wagon #5 PS6. Datz \$1,500; MB \$750. Extremely scarce.
17. 1891a: 18c Flag #5 PS6, Datz \$250.
18. 1895b: 20c Flag #3 PS6, Datz \$475; MB \$300.
19. 1895b: 20c Flag #4 PS8, Datz \$825; MB \$325.
20. 1895b: 20c Flag #8 PS5, Datz \$190 as PS6; MB \$85.
21. 1895b: 20c Flag #9 PS6, Datz \$175; MB \$100.
22. 1895b: 20c Flag #10 PS6, Datz \$175; MB \$100.
- 22A. 2115a: 22c Flag #2 PS6, Datz \$325; MB \$150.
23. 2115a: 22c Flag #7 PS6, Datz \$500; MB \$350.
24. 2280a: 25c Yosemite #7 PS6 Block Tagged, Datz \$850; MB \$400.
25. 2280a: 25c Yosemite #9 PS6 Block Tagged, Datz \$850; MB \$400.
26. 2280a: 25c Yosemite #2 PS6 Prephos Tag, Datz \$175; MB \$150.
27. 2280a: 25c Yosemite #6 PS7 Prephos Tag, MB \$300.
28. 2609a: 29c White House #8 PS6, Better Number, Estimate \$350.
29. 2005a: 20c Consumer #2 PS6, Datz \$1,650; MB \$1,200. Very rare.

CONVENTIONAL NUMBER STRIPS AND GAPS

Many of the lots in the following section have been selected for uniqueness or elusiveness and are rarely seen at all in the quality presented. Bidders should take this into account in evaluating their bids.

30. 2123a 3.4c LINE GAP 1,2 XF-S PS8. Extremely rare. Retail \$820++.
31. 1900: 5.2c Sleigh 3,5 PS8 XF-S Set. Rare in this quality; Retail \$504; MB \$450.
32. 1900a: 5.2c Sleigh 3,5 Line Gap PS8 XF-S Set. Extremely Rare. MB \$1,350.
33. 1900a: 5.2c Sleigh 3,5 Line Gap PS3 XF-S Set. Est. \$600; MB \$400.
34. 1900a: 5.2c Sleigh 3,5 Gap 1L XF-S Set PS5. Extremely rare. MB \$1,350.
35. 1903: 9.3c Mail Wagon 5,6 PS8 Set XF-S. Retail \$728++; MB \$700.
36. 1903: 9.3c Mail Wagon 5,6 PS5 Set XF-S. Retail \$728; MB \$650.
37. 1903a: 9.3c Wagon #8 PS8 XF-S. Retail \$259; MB \$200.
38. 2604: 10c Eagle Shield Complete Set all 41 different American Bank Note Co. plate numbers, PS5, XF-S; Retail \$517; MB \$375.
39. 1904a: 10.9c Hansom Cab 3,4 Line Gap PS8 Set. Retail \$1,070; MB \$850.
40. 1904a: 10.9c Hansom Cab 3,4 Gap 1R PS8 Set. Retail \$1,361; MB \$1,050.
41. 1904a: 10.9c Hansom Cab 3,4 Gap 4L PS10 Set. Retail \$1,361; MB \$1,050.
43. 1908: 20c Pumper #2 PS6 F-VF; Retail \$745.
44. 1908: 20c Pumper #2 PS6 XF-S; Retail \$1,043.
45. 1891: 18c Flag #1 PS5 VF-XF; Retail \$414; MB \$320.
46. 1891: 18c Flag #1 PS5 XF-S; Retail \$483; MB \$375.
47. 1891: 18c Flag #1 PS5 XF-S Straight Edge on Rt.; MB \$175.
48. 1891: 18c Flag #3 PS5 F-VF; Retail \$850; MB \$650.
49. 1891: 18c Flag #3 PS5 VF-XF++; Retail \$1,020; MB \$775.
50. 1891: 18c Flag #3 PS3 VF-XF; Retail \$312.
51. 1891: 18c Flag #3 PS3 XF-S; Retail \$364.
52. 1891: 18c Flag #3 PS3 Fine; Retail \$260.
53. 1891: 18c Flag #3 PS3 VF-XF; Retail \$312.
54. 1891: 18c Flag #6 Mint Number Single F-VF, Retail \$1,600; MB 1,100.
55. 1891: 18c Flag Used Single, Short Perfs both sides. Est. \$250. (*6)
56. 1891: 18c Flag #6 Mint Pair F-VF, Retail \$1,600; MB \$1,250.
57. 1891: 18c Flag #6 PS3 F-VF, Retail \$2,400; MB \$1,900.
58. 1891: 18c Flag #6 PS9 XF-XE, Retail \$3,960++, MB \$3,500.
59. 1891: 18c Flag #6 PS5 XF, Retail \$4,500; MB \$3,900.
60. 1895: 20c Flag #4 PS6 VF-XF++ Retail \$715; MB \$550.
61. 1895: 20c Flag #4 PS5 XF-S, Retail \$835; MB \$650.

PLATE NUMBERS 100% ON-TOP OR NO-NUMBER LINE STRIPS

- 62. 1898: 3c Handcar #2 F-VF PS5; Scarce. MB \$35.
- 63. 2123a: 3.4c School Bus #2 PS10. Extremely rare, Estimated Value \$475.
- 64. 2228: 4c "B" Press Block Tag #1, XF-S; Estimated Value \$100.
- 65. 2124a: 4.9c Buckboard 5.6 Gap 3L PS9 XF-S Set. Retail Estimate \$420;
- 66. 1900a: 5.2c Sleigh #1 VF-XF PS5 Extremely Rare. MB \$350.
- 67. 1900a: 5.2c Sleigh #1 Unbelievable Miscut showing #1 on top along with part of Sleigh Runners, PS5. Estimated Value \$550; MB \$425.
- 68. 1900a: 5.2c Sleigh #2 PS5, same description as previous lot. MB \$425.
- 69. 1900a: 5.2c Sleigh PS8 XF-S "Missing #1", extremely rare. MB \$250.
- 70. 1901a: 5.9c Bicycle PS5 #4 VF-XF. Est. Retail \$150.
- 71. 1903a: 9.3c Mail Wagon #5 PS6 XF Very Rare, Retail \$450; MB \$250.
- 72. 1903a: 9.3c Mail Wagon #6 PS6 XF Very Rare, Retail \$450; MB \$250.
- 73. 1903a: 9.3c Mail Wagon PS7 XF "Missing #6", Very Rare, Retail \$400, MB \$200.
- 74. 1904a: 10.9c Hansom Cab #4 PS5. This may be the only PS5 example. MB \$550.
- 75. 1906a: 17c Auto #3C Gap 4L PS10, F-VF+, Very Scarce. MB \$125.
- 76. 1907: 18c Surrey #6 XF-S PS6, Retail \$175.
- 77. 1907: 18c Surrey #9 VF-XF PS5, Retail \$175.
- 78. 1907: 18c Surrey #10 VF-XF PS5, retail \$175.

THE FOLLOWING 5 LOTS ARE UNTAGGED ERRORS

- 79. 1897: 1c Omnibus #3 PS5 VF-XF, Estimate \$200, MB \$125.
- 80. 1897: 1c Omnibus #4 PS5 F-VF, Estimate \$200, MB \$125.
- 81. 1898A: 4c Stage Coach #3, PS5 F-VF, Estimate \$225.
- 82. 1898A: 4c Stage Coach #4, PS5 VF-XF+, Estimate \$270.
- 83. 2260: 15c Tug Boat #2 PS5 Almost XF, Estimate \$175.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION CONTAINS PLATE AND PERFORATION VARIETIES

Some of the fainter plate cracks are not clearly visible in copies but be assured that they all are there.

- 84. 2124a: 4.9c Buckboard #6 PS6 Buggy Whip on # stamp XF-S (there is also a much more common #4 Buggy Whip). Estimated Value #6 \$140.
- 85. 1900a: 5.2 #2 PS6 famous Sleigh Rein on # stamp, VF-XF. Estimate \$150.
- 86. 1900a: 5.2c #2 PS6 recently found cracked #2 on # stamp, VF-XF+. Estimate \$125.
- 87. 1902a: 7.4c Buggy #2 PS5, Rare Misperf on this issue, Estimate \$175.
- 88. 2255: 7.6c Carreta #2 PS5 Misperf Thru 6; very scarce, Estimate \$125.
- 89. 1903: 9.3c Mail Wagon Cracked #3 to Edge Of Coil, PS5 F-VF, Scarce mint. Est. \$100.
- 90. 1903: 9.3c Mail Continuation at Top of Cracked #3 (Smoking "g"), PS5 XF, Est. \$140.
- 91. 2604: 10c Eagle Shield, Almost Imperforate (3-4 perfs at bottom) PS5 A43335, very rare-only 14 plate number strips exist. MB \$350.
- 92. 2604: same as previous lot except PS6, MB \$475.
- 93. 2604: Eagle-Shield, rare misperf between Rate and USA; PS8 A43335, MB \$275.
- 94. 2604: Eagle-Shield, rare misperf thru "S" of USA, PS6 A43335. MB \$175.
- 95. 2130a: 10.1c Oil Wagon #2 PS6 Misperf creating a 0.1 appearance. Estimate \$125.
- 96. 2130a: 10.1c Oil Wagon #3 PS6 Misperf creating a 0.1 appearance. Estimate \$125.
- 97. 1904: 10.9c Hansom Cab "dropped transfer" (see lower position of stamp just left of # stamp); PS5 VF-XF, retail \$150; MB \$100.
- 98. 1904a 10.9c Hansom Cab "dropped transfer" #2 PS5 Line Gap F-VF; retail \$125; MB \$85.
- 99. 1904a 10.9c Hansom Cab "dropped transfer" #2 PS5 Rare Gap 1R XF-S; small stain on # stamp and tiny black mark at top of first stamp; retail estimate \$350; MB \$175.
- 100. 1904a: 10.9c Hansom Cab "dropped transfer" #2 PS6 No Gap F-VF, Retail \$125; MB \$85.
- 101. 2131: 11c Stutz #3 PS6 XF, "dropped transfer" stamp to left of # stamp. Retail \$100.
- 102. 2259: 13.2c Coal Car #2 PS6 Misperf almost thru middle. Scarce; Estimate \$225.
- 103. 2259: 13.2c Coal Car #2 PS6 Misperf thru "bulk". Estimate \$175.
- 104. 2260: 16.7c Popcorn Wagon #1 PS6 Misperf thru 1 and 6; Estimate \$125.
- 105. 2260: 16.7c Popcorn Wagon #2 PS6 Misperf thru 1 and 6; #2 rare as Misperf; Est. \$350.
- 106. 1907: 18c Surrey #1 "Lightening Rod" thru #, stamp, PS5 F-VF. Estimate \$150; MB \$100.
- 107. 1907: 18c Surrey #1 "Continuation of Lightening" on-top, PS5 XF-S; Est. \$200; MB \$125.
- 108. 1895 20c Flag #14 "Q" Variety on # Stamp PS5 XF-S; Estimate \$140; MB \$85.
- 109. 1895e: 20c Flag #14 "Q" Variety on # Stamp PS6 XF-S; Retail \$175; MB \$125.

THIS SECTION CONTAINS PAPER TYPES, TAGGING VARIETIES (LENZ) AND TOLEDO BROWN MATERIAL

- 110. 1906a: 17c Auto 3C, 4C Gap 4L PS8 VF-XF with TYPE II Paper, Tough Gap with with scarce Paper Type. Retail \$480; MB \$300.
- 111. 2523: Mt. Rushmore #2 Lenz Paper PS7 Fine; Retail \$450; MB \$325.
- 112. 2523: Mt. Rushmore #6 Lenz Paper PS5 VF; Retail \$135; MB \$110.
- 113. 2523a: Mt. Rushmore #1 TOLEDO BROWN PS7 nicely centered and RARE. MB \$2,400. This strip is now required in both the Lighthouse and Scott PNC supplements. Best Estimates are that less than 70 Toledo Brown #1 PS5s or longer exist. Collector demand may force the price of Toledo Brown #1 above that of the 18c Flag #6.
- 114. 2523a: Mt. Rushmore #7 Toledo Brown PS5, Straight Edge on Rt., XF-S; MB \$125.
- 115. 2523a: Mt. Rushmore #7 Toledo Brown PS3 VF-XF; MB \$100.
- 116. 2523c: Mt. Rushmore #7 Toledo Brown PS5 XF-S; Retail \$210; MB \$160.
- 117. 2604: Eagle-Shield Set of all 7 Different Broken Yellow #1s, A11111, A11112, A21112 A22112, A22112, A22113, and the RARE A12213, VF-XF PS5; Retail \$306. MB \$200.
- 118. 2604: Same as Lot 117 EXCEPT XF-S; Retail \$357; MB \$250.

AUCTION CLOSING ON DEC. 22, 1994. PRICES REALIZED AVAIL. IN JAN. SEND \$1.50 and a SASE.

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THE COLLECTING OF FIRST DAY CANCELS

PART III

BILL MCMURRAY

This month we will revisit Part I and the Pine Cone FDC's. The below cover prepared by Gerry Adlman was illustrated with a Pine Cone PNC strip of 5 with a MIDAPHIL '93 Station cancel. I also stated that my friend Ken Lawrence went out on a limb in his Dec 27, 1993 Plate Number Coil Article by making the statement that no genuine (U/O's) of the numbered stamps could exist.

PINE CONE PNC STRIP OF 5 WITH A MIDAPHIL '93 STATION CANCEL

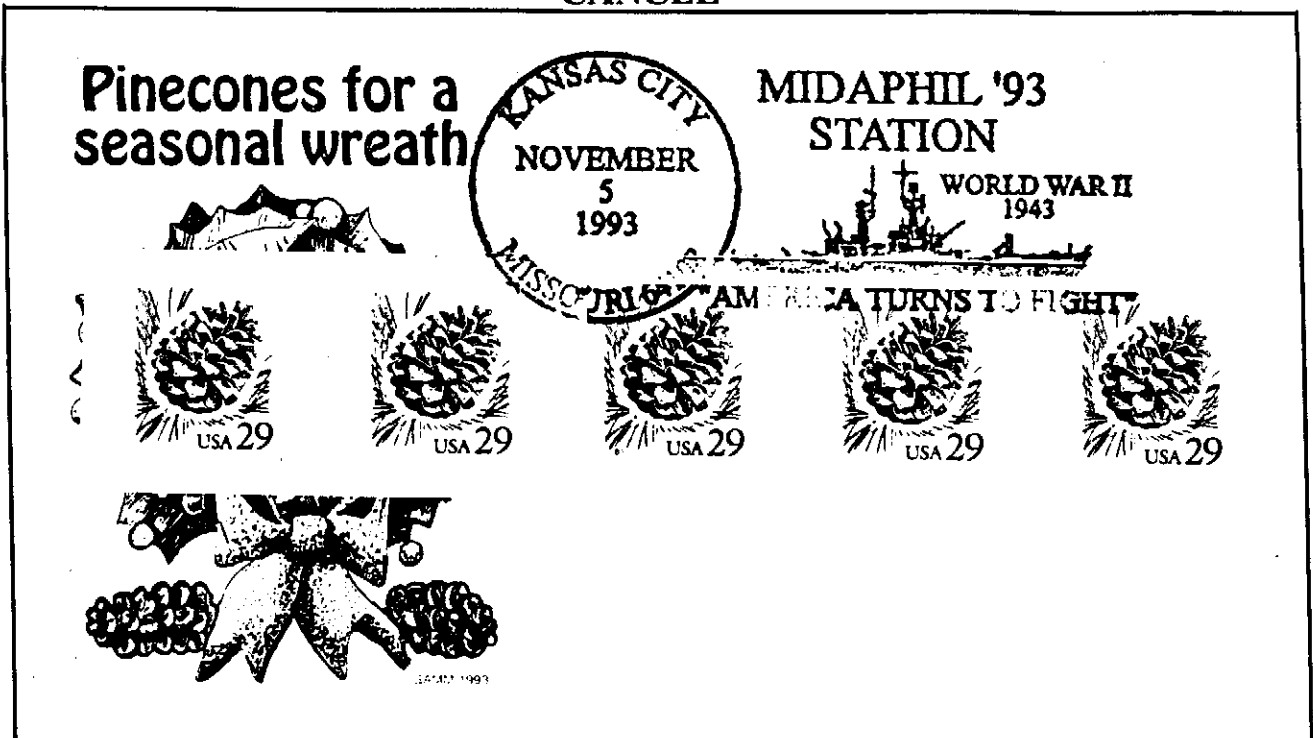


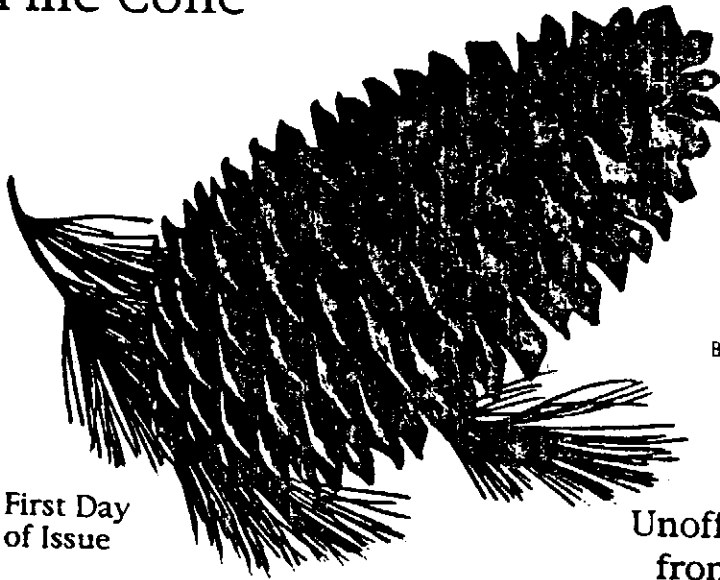
PLATE NO. B1 GAMM CACHET BY PNC3 MEMBER GERRY ADLMAN

The above cover was canceled up to 30 days after the first day of issue, which is allowed on all pictorial cancels. I was wrong to state that this cover was cancelled on the FDOL. Gerry Adlman wrote me and was very concerned and informed me that she thought everyone new that pictorial cancels could be obtained up to 30 days after the event. And she did not want to be known as the originator of impossible covers. I apologize to Gerry Adlman for any problems my article might have caused.

Consequently the Award for being the originator of impossible covers will now go to Julian & Sharon Pugh of Pugh Cachets. Their cover states "Unofficial First Day Greetings from Pinehurst, TX 77362". This hand painted cover is franked with Plate # B1 Pine Cone and tied with a PINEHURST, TX 77362-9998, magenta double ring-dater, dated NOV 5, 1993.

UNOFFICIAL FDOI HAND CANCEL

Self Adhesive
Pine Cone



First Day
of Issue



B 14 • Peel here to fold • Self-adhesive stamps • DO NOT WET



Unofficial First Day Greetings
from Pinehurst, TX 77362

PLATE NO. B1 PUGH CACHET

PINEHURST, TX 77362-9998 Magenta double ring dater,
dated NOV 5, 1993

This cover has a perfect tie-in between the cancel, "Pinehurst", the cover "Pine Cone" and the Plate No. single B1 of the Pine Cone Coil stamp. There is no 30 day grace period for this cancel to my knowledge.

OFFICIAL FDOI HAND CANCEL

pine cone FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



HAND PAINTED CACHET BY FRED COLLINS

Part IV will cover the 10c Eagle & Shield

1994 EXHIBIT AWARD WINNERS

- JANUARY 7-9** **ARIPEX 94**, Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs, Mesa, Arizona. *WSP*
- SILVER** **MARY ANN OWENS**; "UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION SERIES COILS FROM A THEMATIC VIEWPOINT" also the PNC3 President's Award and PNC3 Achievement Award.
- SILVER** **MARGARET E. STANCHFIELD**; "HONEYBEE COIL STAMP" also the PNC3 Achievement Award and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor.
- SILVER** **EVERELL V. CHADWICK**; "THE CAR - THE SECOND DESIGN IN THE TRANSPORTATION SERIES" also the PNC3 Achievement Award.
- FEBRUARY**
11-13
SILVER **SANDICAL**, San Diego County Philatelic Council, San Deigo, CA *WSP*
- SILVER** **MARAGRET E. STANCHFIELD**; "HONEYBEE COIL STAMP"
- MAY 21-22** **CIAPEX '94**, Central Iowa Philatelic Exhibition, The Inn, 11001 University Ave. Clive, Iowa 50325
- GOLD** **GARY DAVIS**; "MARKINGS OF THE 4.9c BUCKBOARD" also the American Philatelic Society Post 1940 Award of Excellence, G.Hubbell Award for the Best Exhibit by a Local Club member, the PNC3 President's Award, PNC3 Achievement Award and 2nd in U.S. Class Award.
- OCTOBER 23** **THAMESPEX 94**, Thames Stamp Club, Mitchell College, New London, CT
- GOLD** **MARGARET E. STANCHFIELD**; " HONEYBEE COIL STAMP" also the BIA President's Award for the Best United States Exhibit, the PNC3 President's Award and PNC3 Achievement Award.
- VERMEIL** **GARY DAVIS**; "MARKINGS OF THE 4.9c BUCKBOARD" also the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor and the PNC3 Achievement Award.
- SILVER** **DEAN M. HAWK**; "THE TRANSPORTATION SERIES 1981 - 1983" also the PNC3 Achievement Award.
- SILVER** **BILL McMURRAY**; " ZERO DEFECTS?" also the PNC3 Achievement Award.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ABOVE EXHIBITORS

ANY EXHIBITORS THAT EXHIBITED IN 1994 THAT ARE NOT LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE SEND ME YOUR INFORMATION SO I CAN UPDATE MY DATA BASE AND RECOGNIZE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN COIL LINE. THANKS. Bill McMurray

Membership

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospective member 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.

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MY PNC ALBUM

I'm almost done - I'm near complete.
I think I've done a royal feat.
The PNCs - from stem to stern
are housed in here, all nos. in turn.

But wait - what's this? Another one?
Oh well, why not? It's all in fun.
Now what the heck - this number's bad!
Where in the world can it be had?

Al400010101? That's really wild.
Not Jim nor Linn's can hold this child.
On page six eight - three two one four;
it's listed there and that's for sure.

An Eagle brave and with its shield
just can't be found in the whole darn field.
But that's not all; the list continues.
A Yeisley ad now lends its sinews.

Al011101112 - a brand new number.
Would SC's list cause you to wonder?
Just take a look on page fourteen.
May's 21 mag shows it real keen.

You're laughing now? There's one more zowie.
Al413111110 belongs to Howie.
A later Linn's on page 57
gives this one life - and maybe heaven.

New issues come with change repleat.
I'll not go down in stamp defeat.
I'll just keep up - even with funnies
and keep on spending all my monies.

For all the numbers - all the strife,
I'm in it now for the rest of my life!

37211 Alper Dr
Sterling Hts. MI 44312-2203



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They're here

Joann

Reduced copy of the postcard Joann Lenz used to announce the new ECA-GARD machines in Detroit.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
POSTAGE & MAILING CENTER
DETROIT, MI 48216

ID: DET PMC 1 04-24-93 4:56PM

10 @ \$ 0.19 STAMP \$ 1.90

Total Printed \$ 1.90
Total Paid \$ 5.00
Change Returned \$ 3.10

***** THANK YOU *****

Receipt from previous machine

United States Postal Service
Postage & Mailing Center
ANN ARBOR, MI 48106

ID: PMC-0007 11-13-94 10:23AM

25 @ \$ 0.19 Stamp \$ 4.75

Total Printed \$ 4.75
Total Paid \$ 5.00
Change Returned \$ 0.25

THANK YOU

Receipt from new machine

Self-Adhesive Panes

I've jumped on the bandwagon and have decided to start selling these. Unfortunately, my stock is very limited at this time. I need both common and uncommon numbers. If you have self-adhesive booklet panes to sell or trade, please let me know and we'll work something out.

NEW Santa #V1111	6.90
NEW Cardinal #V1111	9.85
Contemporary Christmas #V222-2221	6.90
Blue Eagle #M111	9.85
Snowman #V1111	9.85
Rose #S111 with 1994 Bar Code	9.85
Statue of Liberty #D1212	9.85
Pine Cone #B16	9.85
Christmas Trains #V11111	10.50
Squirrel #D22211	15.00
Love #B333-5	23.00
Eagle & Shield Red #S1111	8.50
Eagle & Shield Green #D54563	11.50
Eagle & Shield Green #D61384	32.50
10 Different Self-Adhesive Number Panes:	82.00

Discounts:

10% on orders over \$50.00, 15% on orders over \$100.00.

Terms: Please add \$1.50 postage and handling on orders below \$15.00. 10 day return privilege on all items-satisfaction guaranteed.

Please let me know how I can be of assistance.

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