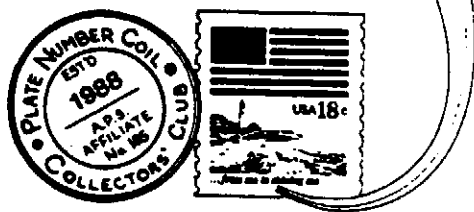


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# Coil Line

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## Transportation Coil series to end with two '95 stamps

The June 2 issue of the 32c Ferry Boat and June 9 issue of the 20c Cog Rail stamps will be the last in the Transportation Series.

Linn's Stamp News reported in its March 27 edition that Mary Ann Owens, a member of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, made the announcement March 10. The news was contained in her remarks during the First Day ceremonies for four items released at SCOPEX in State College, Pa.

She said there will be some new varieties of old Transportation Coils. A new version of the Circus Wagon was released March 20.

"It is well known that the mailers, the public and the stamp collectors like to see both a variety of designs as well as changes in designs. Starting with this rate change, each type of discount rate will have its own non-denominated stamp series. It is also planned to perhaps change the designs in each series yearly," Ms. Owens said.

Thus, a month or so after it looked as though the Transportation Series had life, the opposite is true.

## Update collecting interests and how about sharing your Internet address

On roughly an annual basis *Coil Line* includes a membership roster which features collecting interests.

If your interests are on file or have not changed in the past year, you do not need to do anything. For those who may not recall, the membership application included a chance to provide this information.

If you want to make changes, send a postcard to Joann Lenz, Secretary, at 37211 Alper Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312-2203 as soon as possible.

We'll plan to publish half of the list in the June issue and half in the July issue.

Also, if you have an Internet address you'd like to share, include that information. I have received two so far: Joann Lenz is KRXJ8.3@prodigy.com and John Horan is Photogear@aol.com.

## Washburn reports Eagle & Shield A 11 10 10 10 11 found on cover

Rob Washburn has reported finding the long-reported but previously "missing" Eagle & Shield A 11 10 10 10 11 on commercial cover.

Washburn said the cover has sent him looking for a source of the mint material. He declined to say what company had mailed the material or when it was believed to have been used.

Washburn prepares the "Cover of the Month" and the long-running "Commercial Cover Report" that appear in *Coil Line*. He is also former club president.

Washburn said he will share additional details later. He also hopes to resume his commercial cover column on an occasional rather than monthly basis.

Does anyone else have this Eagle & Shield number and not realize its apparent scarcity?

## ECA-GARD machine at Santa Ana, CA; Detroit loses VRC machine to Ann Arbor

An ECA-GARD machine using the new font previously only known at Detroit and Ann Arbor, MI, is now available in Santa Ana, CA.

California member Kevin Shah was the first to report it to *Coil Line*. In addition, as of March 5, the machine was using the dull gum variety of paper to print the stamps.

Kevin has been in the process of moving and further contact had not been made by the time this issue was ready for the printer on March 19.

In a related development, Ann Arbor, MI, has gained a third ECA-GARD machine, this one at the expense of the Fort Street station in downtown Detroit. This is the main Detroit post office.

The lone remaining Detroit machine is located at the Renaissance Center, also downtown. However, that machine has a reputation of being less than reliable, according to area members.

The Detroit and Ann Arbor machines had been the only four confirmed as operating with a new font (style of type). Ann Arbor is directly west of Detroit just off Interstate 94. Apparently the machines are enjoying a steady use from regular postal patrons.

## Letters

### Indigo Blue WH found mint & on cover

To the Editor:

I would like to report finding color variety Indigo Blue on the 29c Flag over White House. This color has been certified by the APS expertizing service as reported in *Linn's Stamp News* Sept. 26, 1994.

I found 50 mint stamps which included one plate No. 7 with a folded perf between the numbered stamp and the stamp to the left.

I also found about 50 commercial covers dated March-June 1994 including one with a damaged plate No. 7. In November 1994 I found three more covers but no more mint stamps. This find was the result of going through about 5,000 commercial covers a week from my place of employment.

I would also like to report obtaining the following G stamps via mail order.

Salt Lake City Feb. 3, 1995 - G nonprofit A2111; G presort S11111; G S1111 roulette, S1111 perf w/back number, A1111, A1112, A1211, A1212, A2212, A2213, A2214, A3433.

Santa Ana, CA, Jan, 17, 1995 - G S1111 perf w/back number, S2222 roulette, A1111, A1212, A2212, A2213, A3233, A3435, A3436, A4427, A5327, A5417, A5437.

Minneapolis, MN, Feb. 22, 1995 - G presort S1111, G S1111 perf w/back number, S2222 roulette, A1111, A1113, A1211, A1313, A2211, A3113, A3314.

Long Beach, CA - Feb. *Coil Line* listed A4517, which should be 5417.

Bill Castle  
736 Monroe St. #3  
Evanston, IL 60202-2652

### The story of a find

To the Editor:

I am trying to interest my grandchildren in stamp collecting.

I have been going to a local stamp store to go through their 2-cent stamps.

The mixture I go through is used, with very few PNCs.

Last Saturday I found three PNCs, with the last being very unexpected. It was Scott #1908a No. 8.

So you see, they are out there if you look and are lucky.

Bill O'Connor  
3706 Hackett Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90808

### Commercial covers in the Midwest

To the Editor:

I have been able to find G commercial covers through my sources in the Midwest area from Wisconsin Illinois Indiana, Missouri and Tennessee.

Numbers found and quantities are:

A1111-7; A1112-1; A1212-2; A1313-30; A2211-1; A2212-2; A2213-30; A2214-6; A3314-1; A3324-37; A3433-1; A3436-2; A5327-1; A5417-1; 1111-3, 2222-5; S1111(perf) -7, S1111 (perf and backnumbered)-1; S1111 (roul)-21; S2222(roul)-200.

I also found 1c Omnibus #2 & #3 in strips of 3; 3c Conestoga Wagon No. 1; 3c Handcar #3 & #4; 23c Lunch Wagon # 3; 22c Flag/Capitol #7; 2c Locomotive #1; F Tulip #12222; 5c Circus Wagon #A2; 10c Canal Boat #2; and lots of 29c Flag WH from 2-16 but no #18.

Ron Hayes  
2461 20th Ave.  
Monroe, WI 53566

### Older 3c coils in Nashville, TN, area

To the Editor:

I noticed the information in the *March Coil Line* regarding the use of older 3c coil stamps.

At the Donelson Station, 37214 of the Nashville office, I found the 3c Handcar in the machine Feb. 22. At the Antioch Station, 37013, I found the 3c Conestoga in the machine.

About a month ago at the Donelson Station, I was sold a roll of 100 of the 3c Francis Parkman stamp. The roll had obviously been taken off a larger roll as it was held together by a paperclip and had no packing.

Bill Ross  
130 Donelson Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214

### Likes idea of developing trading networks

To the Editor:

I would like to commend you February *Coil Line* recommendation that PNCers reach out and network. What would you think about a further improvement in helping searchers find each other. Since the July listing only describes interests and there are numerous approaches to collecting such as auction lot buying, as well as searching. I suggest that members might wish to submit a further letter code listing as PNC-5 S, where the "S" indicates "searcher" of PNC-3 OA, where the "OA" would code older an older auction lot buyer. Who knows, maybe the membership would like to list a "DD" code for "dumpster diver." We've all done it at one time or another, even though we always don't want to admit it).

You also may wish to remind readership that the ABN and BEP editions of the G-rate coils are in bubble packs with a number frequency every 24 and with four stamps showing around the outside perimeter. Searching regular post offices is much easier than in the past and more cost-effective since a roll of 100 will produce at least four PNC5 strips. When one exhausts variety in their closest driving radius, try to determine another SDO's territory by asking a small post office where they get their stamps from (city) and then search that area for additional numbers.

Judy Bruno  
P.O. Box 2849  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087-0849

### Southern New England commercial covers

To the Editor:

Commercial cover report from the Southern New England area from about 117,000 covers postmarked Jan. 26 through Feb. 23, 1995.

G 32c Old Glory - A1111-2; A1311-1; A1313-1; A1324-2; A1433-2; A2213-2; A2214-141; A3313-7; A3314-28;

# The Gs ..... Roll Sizes

## ABNC - # Interval 24

A1111	100, 500, 3000, 10000
A1112	100, 500, 3000
A1113	100
A1211	500
A1212	500
A1222	100
A1311	100
A1313	100
A1314	100
A1324	100
A1417	100
A1433	100
A2211	500
A2212	100, 500
A2213	100
A2214	100
A2223	100
A2313	100
A3113	100
A3114	100
A3314	100
A3315	100
A3323	100
A3324	100
A3423	100
A3426	100
A3433	100
A3435	100
A3436	100
A4426	100
A4427	100
A4435	100
A5327	100
A5417	100, 3000
A5427	100
A5437	100

A11111 (NONPROFIT)	500, 3000
A21111 (NONPROFIT)	500, 3000

## BEP - # Interval 24

1111	100
2222	100

## SV - # Interval below in ( )

S1111 ROULETTE (33)	100
S1111 PERF (33)	500, 3000, 10000
S2222 ROULETTE (36)	100
S11111 PFC (33)	500, 3000

## AV - # Interval 18

V11111 SELF ADH	5004
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## Letters (continued)

A3323-11; A3324-17; A3433-7; A3436-89; A4427-31; A5327-5; A 5427-110. Total -456. S1111(P)-19; S1111 (R)-73; S2222 (R) - 41. Total - 133.

29c Flag/WH - 2-17; 4-2; 7-17; 8-2; 9-2; 10-8; 11-47; 12-2; 13-2; 14-9; 15-12; 16-8. Total -128.

Others - 1c Omnibus(RE) 1-1, 2-7; 2c Locomotive 8-1, 10-4; 3c Handcar 1-4, 2-1; 3c Conestoga 1-1, 2-1, 3-1; 5c Circus Wagon A1-1, A3-1; 19c Rowboat A1111-1, A6667-1, A7766-1; 23c Lunch Wagon 3-1; 29c Flag/Rushmore 6-1. Total - 28.

Found quite a few back-numbered G 32c but none with PN. I agree with John A. Horan's thoughts in his letter in March 1 *Coil Line*. I will continue to sort for back numbers but the only collectible ones will be those with PNs. When I find the first one, it will immediately qualify for my exhibit.

Rolly Grandahl  
7 Grandview Terrace  
E. Windsor, CT 06088

## Commercial cover report from the Southwest To the Editor:

Following is the report on PNC commercial cover totals from the ladies wear mail order company Feb. 1 through 28, 1995.

29c Flag WH - 1-2; 2-23; 3-7; 4-29; 5-6; 6-13; 7-142; 8-37; 9-7; 10-112; 11-224; 12-20; 13-23; 14-6; 15-41; 16-84; 18-1.

32c Old Glory "G" - A1111-10; A1112-2; A1311-7; A1313-21; A1314-4; A1324-3; A2212-1; A2213- 15; A2214-99; A2313-2; A3113-14; A3314-33; A3324-22; A3424-22; A3433-45; A3435-1; A3436-4; A4427-7; A5327-3; A5417-3; A5427-5; A5437-1; S1111 (R)-19; S1111 (P)-13; S2222 (P)-108; BEP 1111-5; 2222-3.

There are no obvious conclusions on the potential scarcity of the "G" covers at this time. Many have not shown up on commercial cover, while a few seem to be abundant. The "G" covers are still being picked by someone at the mail order company and I am still working to solve the problem.

Anyone out there who has a 29c WH No. 18 on a true commercial cover? Dated before or after the rate change? I have heard of only six collectable covers of this PNC and all are dated after the rate change. Let us know.

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

**Don't fret, Snippets will return in the May issue. We're also going with just the "G" coil roll size chart this month. The non-"G" chart will return in May with as many of the updates on the new issues as possible.**

## Ads

FOR SALE: CVP PS5, PS7, PS9, New font printing on soon-to-be obsolete dull gum (One-half roll remained in Santa Ana on 3/5/95) Add \$1.00 per stamp for PS7, PS9. 20c F-VF \$12.95; 23c F-VF \$12.95; 32c F-VF \$14.95; 32c VF+ \$16.95; 32c XF \$20.95; All three values on PS3s \$29.95. Lowest Prices! Free bonuses with each purchase: All values scrap postage and Santa Ana PMC receipts. Satisfaction guaranteed. Hurry! Kevin Shah, 2912 Kingsley Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93304.

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WANTED: VARIABLE RATE COIL used 1-18c plate number singles. Call for price or send for offer. Kevin Shah, 2912 Kingsley Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93304.

18c FLAG #3 have two F-VF NH long strips available at \$600.00 each. Montclair Stamp Co., Box 38, Cheltenham, PA 19012 (215) 728-7836.

TRADE MY RECALLED LEGENDS pane for used single 1903 #5 or #6. Send photocopy to: Dan Forgues, 3815 Del Bonita Way, Bellingham, WA 98226-8858.

WANTED TO BUY/TRADE: 17c Electric Auto PNC commercial covers. I have many Transportation Coil, variable rate coil and other scarce commercial covers to trade. May even trade same for same. Kevin Shah, 2912 Kingsley Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93304.

WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE PNC strips. Write Jerry Miller, 122 Pebble Brook Drive, West Columbia, SC 29170 for want list. Please enclose SASE.

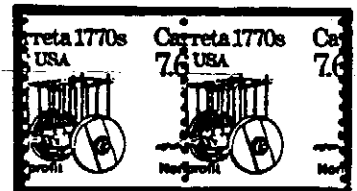
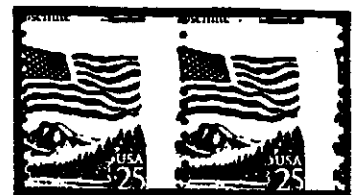
10c EAGLE & SHIELD Imperf 22221. Have 1 VF NH PNC of 7 available for \$375.00. Montclair Stamp Co., Box 38, Cheltenham, PA 19012 (215) 728-7836.

COLLECTOR HAS 1,000+ USED coil plate # singles for sale; asking \$250. Please send 32c SASE for listing. First offer/check received gets entire lot. All are catalogued and in stock pages. Call/fax or write: Jim Hooghe, 3723 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, OH (513) 293-4155 or fax (513) 293-7151.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST electric auto? I am seeking Scott #296, the 4c Pan American Auto on cover for an exhibit. If you can locate one for me, I will pay top dollar for it, or a modest reward if you can locate one. Write for details. Kevin Shah, 2912 Kingsley Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93304.

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## Trip to paper mill nets info

The following information has been put together from information supplied by Bruce Menia who spent some learning about paper manufacturing and how it relates to philatelic interests.

The following summary of paper making sequences were examined through questions answered at Byron Weston Paper Company, Crane Paper Company and the Finch & Pryne Paper Mill.

Answers to questions were provided by the president and vice president of Byron Weston Paper Company, the plant manager at Crane Paper Company, a regional sales rep for Crane and several employees at Crane Paper. Some of the more technical answers were provided by Judy O'Brien of Finch & Pryne in Glenn Falls, NY.

The main reason for asking these questions was for a better understanding the different shades of tagging on the same issue. There may some other very technical reasons that would be known by those highly-trained people in the field. It seems many of the concepts are complex and highly variable from mill to mill.

I plan to make additional trips to various paper mills. Anyone with specific questions about production and tagging application, can contact me at 751 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158-1213 or by calling me at 1-518-439-7135. Armed with specific questions I have a better chance to get the answers.

This "fact-finding" mission was done March 2 by myself along with Bill Bennett, president of SPECTRA. One of his company's product lines is sale of No. 6 envelopes of 100 percent rag material. Bennett sells over 320,000 of these envelopes a year.

There was a small problem with Bill's specifications for this products and he also needed a driver for this trip because of a slight medical problem. I drove the truck to Byron Weston in Dexter, MA. We visited the division responsible for manufacturing high-priced envelopes and other quality paper products.

Following are the questions and answers:

**Are the sulfites that are added to the paper pulp the reason that paper has either the look of dead paper or hibrite paper?**

No. To make this as short as possible, there is an ink with the trade name "Blue Ink" that is added to the paper at the production stage. The Blue Ink enhances the color whether the paper is white or not. This is done because the Blue Ink is very reactive to the UV light that is contained in normal sunlight or artificial light indoors. The sulfites are added to the pulp at the mills to assist in the removal of dirt from the pulp.

**Is the tagging material added at the paper mills before the rolls of paper are supplied to BEP?**

No. (The conversation needed a few moments to define the meaning of tagging). This process is done at the converter stage of paper making. A converter does not make paper. The converter receives rolls of paper that must be trimmed to a customer's specifications. Also, if a finishing is to be added to paper it is done at this stage.

Thus, a middle company is used to unroll paper and cut and reroll the same paper. It is at this same converter company that tagging material is added. At this point the paper is trimmed to the correct width for the BEP presses.

• Are the printed paper folds the result of the presses and machines used by BEP?

No. Prep-paper folds are not necessarily the result of any one stage of the paper/stamp production. Pre-printed paper folds could be the result of winding adjustments at either the mill, the convertor company or BEP. At any of these stages of paper making and converting the winding machine operator makes adjustments. If that adjustment is made too quickly, a fold results. If the fold exists when shipped to BEP, it will use the the products and the errors are the result.

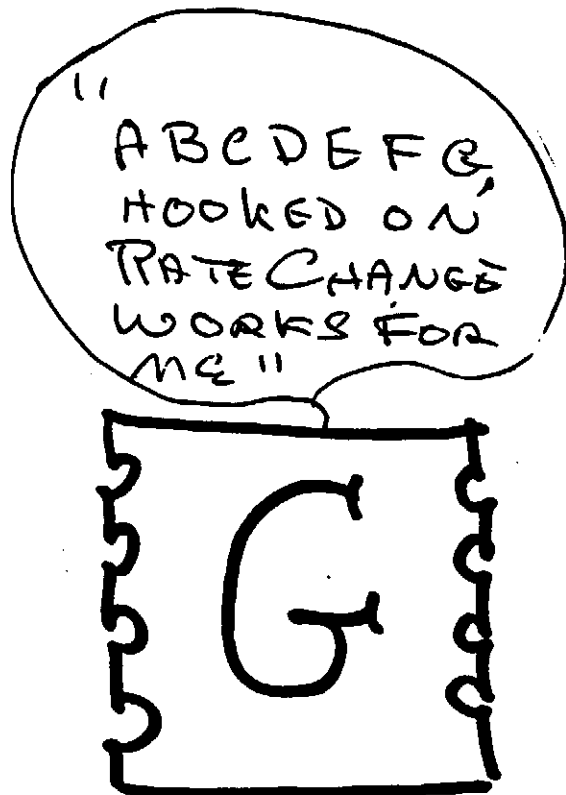
**Have you ever heard of USPS 1191A or the TAPPI manuals for the specifications for submitting paper to BEP?**

Yes, we use them every day. There is a division of Byron Paper Mills Co. that is the only supplier of paper used for printing paper currency. We have this division just down the road. We aren't able to take you into that building unless you are God. (Security reasons).

The officials were very impressed that "just a stamp collector" would be interested in this information. I also received an invitation to return and possible see the quality control area and have additional questions answered.

Menia said he is looking forward to another trip and finding out more about the process.

On the following page is a chart Menia prepared on the paper production process.



Humor by S. Sherwood Day

Logs delivered to paper mills to begin process      Certain types of logs used for the paper for stamps      Logs debarked & washed with plain water (No chemicals)

Cleaned logs are chipped and put in a "head tub"      A long boiling period in H<sub>2</sub>O creates a "slurry" to remove dirt      Sulfites or Sulfates added to act as a soap to remove dirt

Foamy skim coat on top is removed as with most of the sulfates or sulfites      Slurry in head tub picked up by wide wire screen conveyor to begin paper web      Washing and bleach-ing process begun First drying also begun

Opacity enhancing chemicals added during drying stage Amounts added vary      Dry paper rolled into large rolls for selling to "convertor" company "A"      Convertor company makes small rolls needed at BEP

Rolls meet specs of 1191A and TAPPI industrial testing      Tagging may be added as well as gum or paper finishing's      Converted rolls considered for BEP contract bid

BEP Quality Control inspectors do the required testings      Paper samples verified as fit for stamp production Contract awarded to Company "A"      Rolls shipped to BEP for printing of stamps

BEP designs the stamp/s to be printed and the colors are selected. Proof test stamps are examined under short wave ultra violet light. A PMU reading is measured. The tagging ratio is then adjusted for the final PMU level by either increasing or decreasing the ratio of tagging and lacquer for example 14:1 to 10:1 or 16:1. This is done because the "bleed through" of the opacity enhancers that were added in the paper making process at the paper mill. NOT the paper convertor company. Thus the same stamp issue will have different tagging appearances if stamps from different rolls are examined at the same time under short OR long wave uv light. So, we as stamp collectors, see Dead paper or Hibrite paper.

## Cover of the Month

911 Vandemark Rd.  
Sidney, OH 45365



# Thank you for your order...



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The above cover from Linn's Stamp News features a 9.3¢ Mail Wagon Prec. #3 coil. The stamp was placed on top of metered postage (3.2¢) so that the total postage paid the 12.5¢ third-class bulk rate (sorted to 3 or 5 zip code digits) which was in effect from 2/17/85 until 4/2/88. (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 04976-0840.)

22 Cent: Flag EFO S SCOTT 2115a

Compiled through January 10, 1995 by John Tison

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If anyone knows of any other EFO'S not on this report please contact  
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TRANSPORTATION SERIES: HANSONM CAB STAMPS  
USA 80c



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Yes, there was a First Day ceremony

Although 'The 1995 Plate Number Coil Catalog' indicates there was no First Day ceremony for the 10.9c Hansom Cab Transportation Coil, Jim Cate of Hixon, TN, has proof to the contrary. This page from the program indicates Cate was also able to get most of those who participated to sign the program. Cate also owns a unique FDC to remember the event. He's told publisher Richard Nazar of the error.

'Cabriolet'—a light, two-wheeled, one-horse carriage with a folding leather hood—a large apron, and upward curving shafts.

From the French 'cabriolet,' was derived the popular form of the name 'cab' which eventually came to denote all forms of horse-drawn and motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire. The hansom cab, a two-wheeled, one-horse, public transport vehicle, designed in 1834 by Joseph Aloysius Hansom, superseded numerous types of 'hackney carriages'—carriages for hire—which first appeared in London in 1605. During the latter half of the 19th century, the hansom cab was in widespread use. The picture upon which designer David Stone of Port Washington, New York, based his drawing originally appeared in the August, 1892, edition of the magazine, 'The Hub.' That hansom cab, built by Brewster and Company of New York City, had a blue-body with black moldings bearing light blue stripes and wheels which were 56 inches in diameter.

Mr. Stone also has designed two other Transportation Series coil stamps—one issued on February 17 featuring a high-wheeler bicycle and the other featuring a locomotive to be issued on May 20 in Chicago, Illinois.

# THE COLLECTING OF FIRST DAY CANCELS

## PART V

Bill McMurray

This month we will join the Great PNC Chase in full swing as we chase the many plate numbers of Old Glory "G" stamp in it's many varieties. Below are two unofficial first day covers, does anyone know of any different numbers on U/O First Day Covers.

### OLD GLORY "G" (32c) RATE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

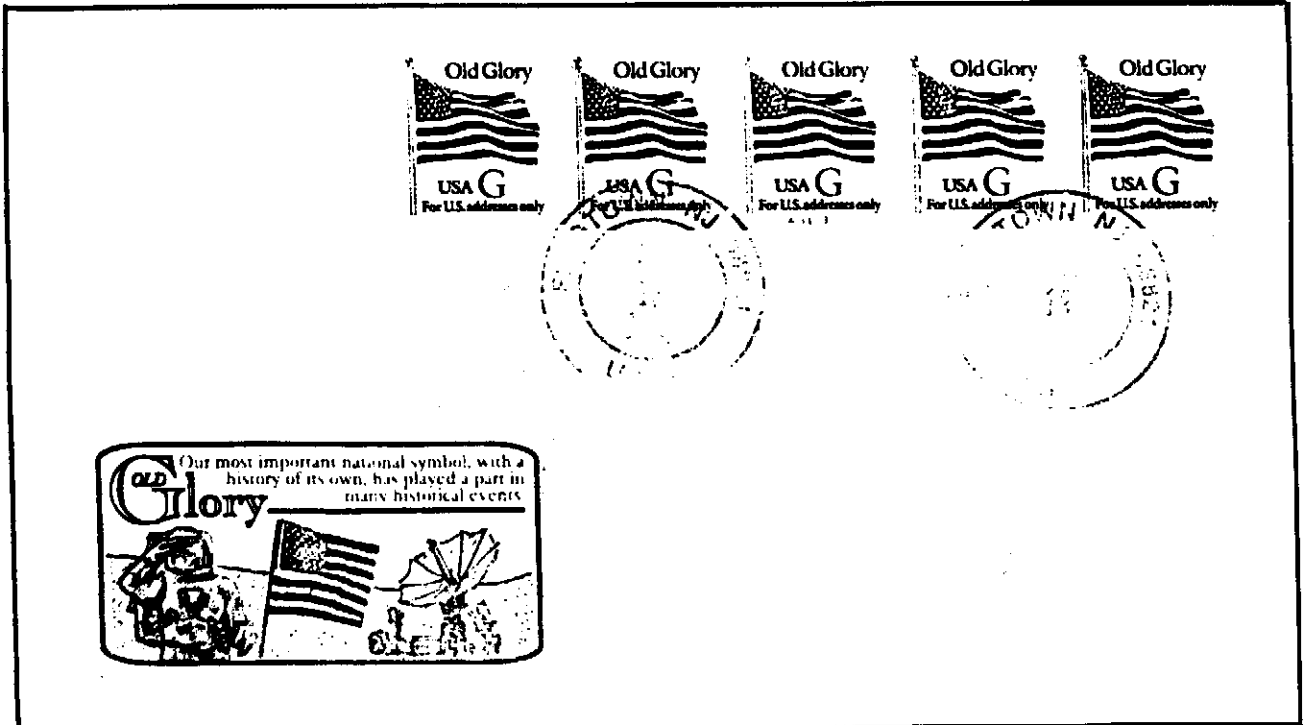


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DEC 13, 1994 Double Circle Red CDS, FLAGTOWN, NJ-GAMM CACHET

### OLD GLORY "G" (25c) PRESORT RATE

STAMP VENTURERS

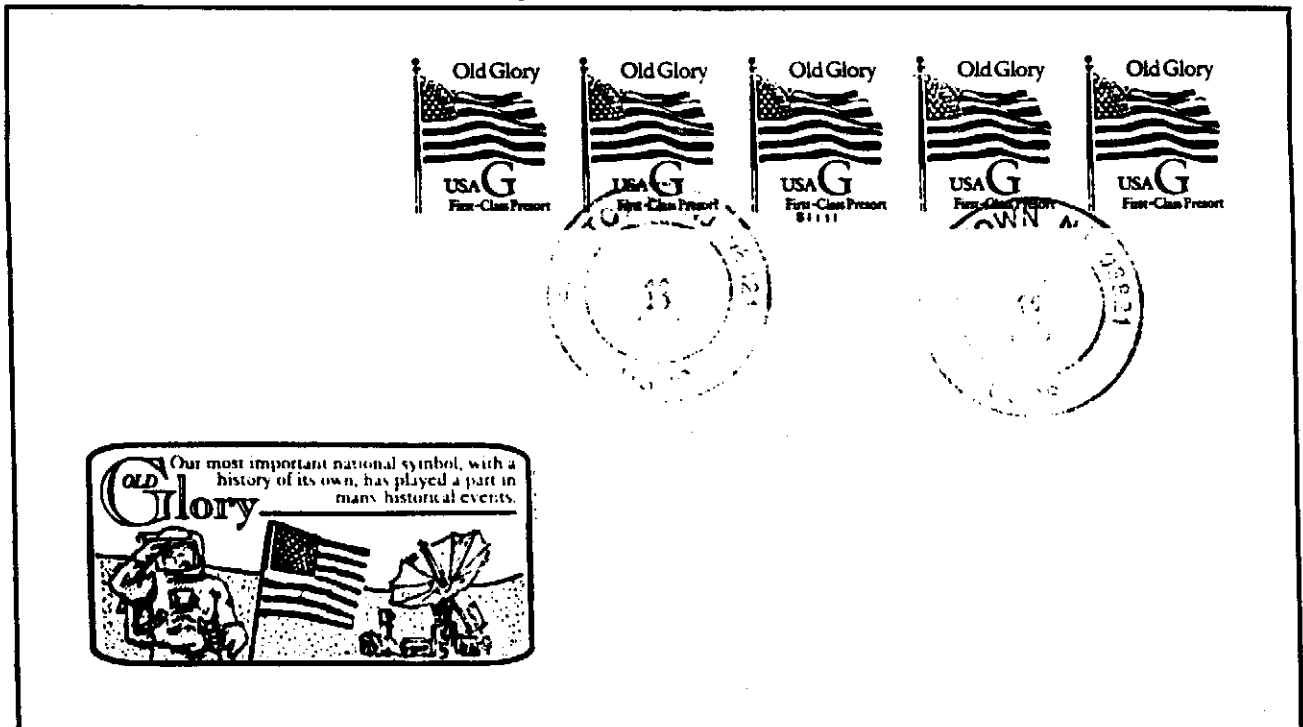
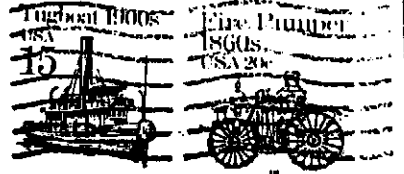


PLATE NUMBER S11111

DEC 13, 1994 Double Circle RED CDS, FLAGTOWN, NJ-GAMM CACHET

# New postcard rate brings 20c Fire Pumpers out of the vaults

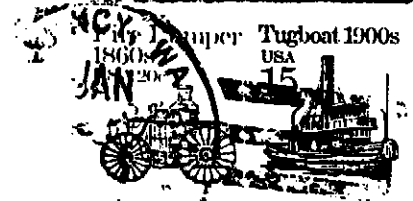
Charlie Merrill of Clovis, CA reports the new 20c postcard rate has brought the 20c Fire Pumper coils out of the vault in Quincy, WA. He provided three (below) examples franked with plate #s 15 & 16 on commercial covers. There have also been reports of Fire Pumpers showing up at other locations. None, however, seem to be the uncommon plate numbers. Reports in early March indicated the USPS wants to hike the postcard rate to 21c. If that happens the 20c Cog Railway stamp slated for June issue may not have a use.



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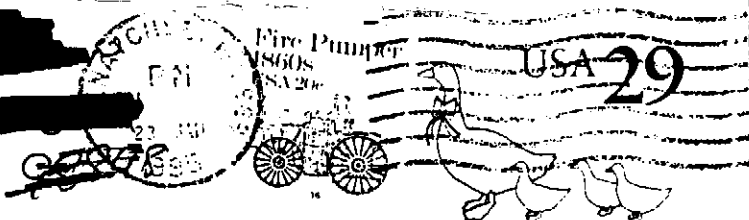
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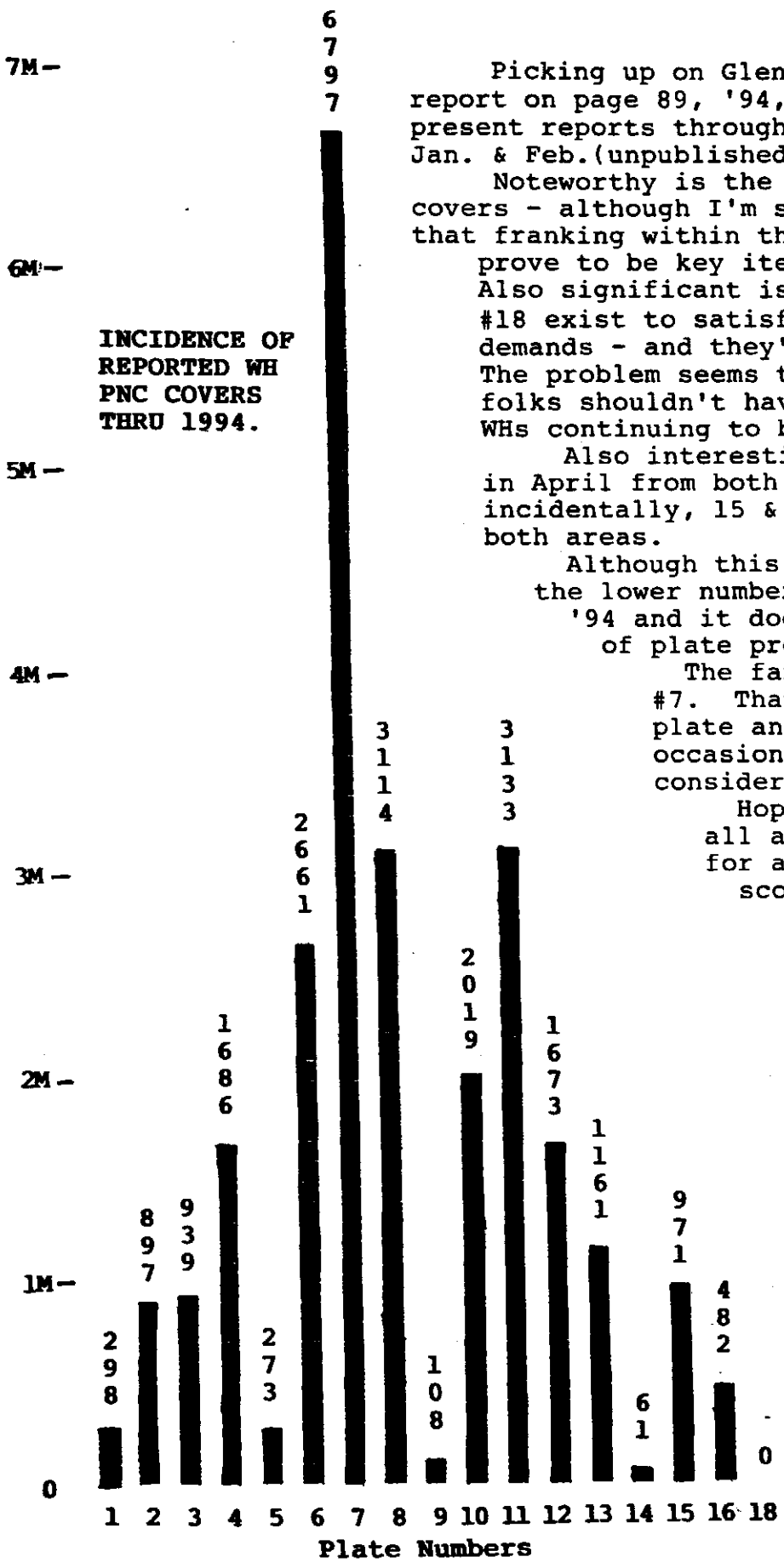
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**INCIDENCE OF REPORTED WH PNC COVERS THRU 1994.**

Picking up on Glenn Ustus' PNC covers graphic report on page 89, '94, the accompanying bars represent reports through year 1994 and include the Jan. & Feb. (unpublished) reports.

Noteworthy is the absence of any #18 reported covers - although I'm sure there must be some with that franking within the rate period. These will prove to be key items to "cover collectors." Also significant is the fact ample supplies of #18 exist to satisfy mint strip collectors' demands - and they're reported in rolls of 100. The problem seems to lie with distribution. U1 folks shouldn't have any problems either with WHs continuing to be used with additional fees.

Also interesting was the appearance of #14 in April from both east and west areas. Coincidentally, 15 & 16 were reported in May from both areas.

Although this graph is pyramidic, remember the lower numbers were about exhausted before '94 and it doesn't reflect a true picture of plate production.

The far away runner is, of course, #7. That must have been one tough plate and was probably reworked on occasions (thinking it would be the end) considering the varieties I've seen.

Hope this is enjoyed & updates us all a little. It's been in the mill for a while - even before Esrati's scolding!

Thanks to Rolly and Dick for their ever-forthcoming reports.

Dan Kauffman



Wha' hopen to the 17s? Assigned & sent to the press? Were they flawed and destroyed? Or are they still out there hiding in a back reach of a USPS cave? Don't let the "G"s get in your eyes & miss a find!

**Redwood City Seed Co.**  
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## REDWOOD CORNER BY RICHARD LEARN

THE ABOVE COVER WAS CANCELED ON FEB 10, 1994 AT THE REDWOOD CITY POST OFFICE. THIS WAS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE A1 AND A2 TYPE OF CANCELS FOUND ON REDWOOD CITY POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS COVERS.

THIS APRIL 5, 1995 WILL BE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST USAGE OF THE E1 TYPE OF CANCEL ON REDWOOD CITY POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS COVERS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE RECEIVED ONE OF THE E1 TYPE OF COVERS FROM MR. DREMANN, AND WOULD LIKE TO CREATE A 10TH ANNIVERSARY COVER OF YOUR OWN. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED.

1) PLACE A 32¢ STAMP ON THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF YOUR REDWOOD CITY POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS COVER E1 TYPE.

2) CREATE A SASE WITH SUFFICIENT POSTAGE TO MAIL BACK YOUR COVER TO YOU.

3) CREATE A LETTER TO THE STATION MANAGER REQUESTING YOUR COVER TO BE CANCELED ON APRIL 5, 1995

4) PLACE YOUR COVER, LETTER, AND SASE INTO A ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO:

STATION MANAGER  
DOWNTOWN FINANCE STATION  
REDWOOD CITY POSTOFFICE  
REDWOOD CITY, CA. 94064

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR COLLECTING AND TRADING OF REDWOOD CITY POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS COVERS.



1985 Provisional  
Design E1

# **PNC3 MEMBER EXHIBITOR 1995 PLANS**

**MARCH**      **PENNSYLVANIA: SCOPEX and Spring Meeting of the American**  
**10-12**      **Philatelic Society, State College. WSP show.**

**E.V. CHADWICK; "THE ELECTRIC AUTO"**

**APRIL**      **CONNECTICUT: MANPEX 95; Sponsored by the Manchester**  
**1-2**      **Philatelic Society to be held at the East Catholic High School, 115**  
             **New State Road, Manchester, CT**

**BILL McMURRAY; "TOMORROW'S CLASSICS" Part II**  
**(U.S. Transportation Coils of 1982 & 1983)**

**APRIL**      **OHIO: McKINLEY STAMP SHOW; Sponsored by the McKinley**  
**22-23**      **Stamp Club at 4219 20th St. NW, Canton, OH**

**DEAN M. HAWK; "U.S. FLAG COILS"**

**22-23**      **WISCONSIN: WISCOPEX 95; Sponsored by the Wisconsin**  
             **Federation of Stamp Clubs, at Holiday Inn Southeast, 3521**  
             **Evans Acres Rd. (I-900 and Hwy. 12/18, exit 142B) Madison,**  
             **WI.**

**RON HAYES; "USED 10c EAGLE 'n SHIELD PNC's"**

**OCTOBER**      **CONNECTICUT: THAMESPEX 95; Sponsored by the Thames**  
**22**      **Stamp Club to be held at Mitchell College, New London, CT.**

**ROLAND GRANDAHL; "U.S. COIL STAMPS, 1981 & LATER,**  
**FLAG, TRANSPORTATION & OTHER"**

**BILL McMURRAY; "TOMORROW'S CLASSICS' Part II**  
**(U.S. Transportation Coils of 1982 & 1983)**

**Please forward your exhibiting plans to me so I can notify the shows**  
**of our PNC3 Awards. Thanks, Bill**

## 1995 SHOWS REQUESTING PNC3 AWARDS

- JANUARY PENN.** YORK COUNTY STAMP SHOW Sponsored by the WHITE ROSE PHILATELIC SOCIETY on January 27-28, 1995 at the York Fair Grounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA. Data from John C. Hufnagel P.O. Box 85, Glen Rock, PA 17327
- MARCH** SONEX 95 Sponsored by the New Haven and Cheshire Philatelic Societies. Cheshire High School, 525 S. Main St., Cheshire CT on March 26, 1995. Data from Otto Schaffling, P.O. Box 206, Cheshire, CT 06410
- APRIL CONN** MANPEX '95 Sponsored by the Manchester Philatelic Society. East Catholic High School, 115 New State Road, Manchester, CT. April 1 & 2, 10AM to 5PM. Data from Tony Dewey, P.O. Box 1057, So. Windsor, CT 06074-7057
- WISCONSIN** WISCOPEX 95 Sponsored by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. April 22-23, 1995 at Holiday Inn Southeast, 3521 Evan Acres Rd. (I-90 and Hwy 12/18, exit 142B) Madison, WI Data from Karen Weigt, 4184 Rose Ct., Middleton, WI 53562
- MICHIGAN** THE PLYMOUTH SHOW Sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club on April 29-30, 1995 at Plymouth Central Middle School, Church and Main Sts. Plymouth, MI, Data from Show Chairman, P.O. Box 700049, Plymouth, MI 48170 \*WSP\*
- SEPTEMBER** FLORIDA WEST COAST STAMP EXPO '95 Sponsored by area Stamp Clubs on September 22-24, 1995 at the Florida State Fairgrounds, Special Events Center, at the intersection of Interstate 4 & US 301 in Tampa, Florida. Data from Bob Paulson, Exhibit Chairman, 1179 Pine Ridge Circle West, Unit A1, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 WSP Show.
- OCTOBER** THAMESPEX 95 Sponsored by the Thames Stamp Club on Oct. 22, 1995 at Mitchell College in New London, CT. Data from Bill McMurray, P.O. Box 342, Westerly, RI 02891

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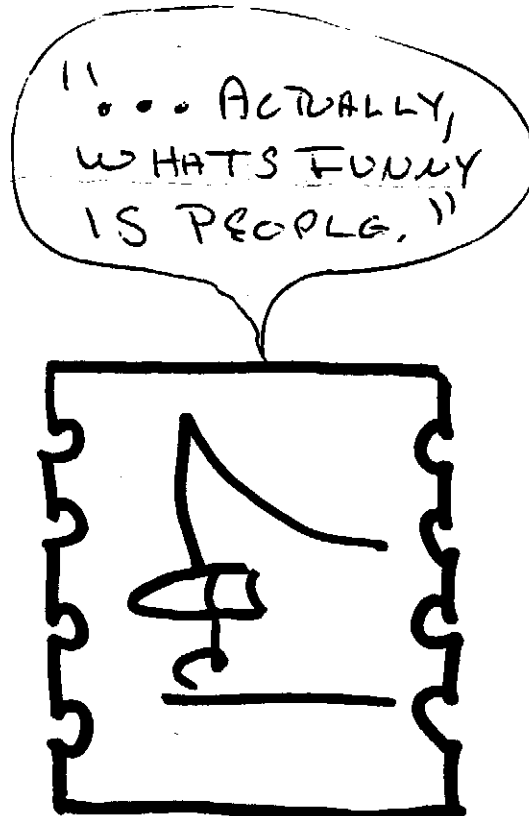


PLATE NUMBER COIL COLLECTORS CLUB (PNC3)  
 TREASURER'S REPORT  
 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, TO  
 DECEMBER 31, 1994

**1994 RECEIPTS**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$6,370.00
MEMBERSHIPS, NEW	\$912.50
PAYMENT FOR F/C POSTAGE	\$713.30
"COIL LINE" ADVERTISING	\$988.34
"COIL LINE" BACK ISSUES	\$56.00
AUCTION PROCEEDS (NET)	\$1,101.68
MEMBERSHIP LIST RENTAL	\$0.00
DONATIONS	\$25.08
OTHER	\$15.00
BANKING - INTEREST	\$101.39
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TOTAL	\$10,283.29

**1994 EXPENSES**

COIL LINE - PRINTING/MAILING	\$7,817.33
COIL LINE - EDITOR	\$69.95
APS INSURANCE	\$41.00
PRESIDENT	\$200.00
VICE PRESIDENT	\$0.00
SECRETARY	\$96.05
TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$19.40
BANKING - CHARGES	\$95.10
ESTATE COMMITTEE	\$0.00
AWARDS COMMITTEE	\$145.21
NOMINATING/ELECTION COMMITTEES	\$0.00
ETHICS COMMITTEE	\$0.00
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	\$310.86
REGIONAL MEETING COMMITTEE	\$538.51
OTHER	\$119.62
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TOTAL	\$9,453.03

1994 OPERATING FUND BALANCE

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\$830.26

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**STATEMENT OF CASH**

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1994 OPERATING FUND BALANCE	\$830.26
PREPAID 1995 INSURANCE	(\$37.00)
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1995	\$4,800.00
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1996	\$10.00
PAYMENT FOR F/C POSTAGE 95	\$469.00
AUCTION DIRECTOR FUNDS	\$100.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	\$5,132.00
"RESERVE" FUND BALANCE	\$3,932.66
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CASH BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1994	\$15,236.92

# 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.

## *New applicants:*

John Krakenberg  
25055 Good Hope Road  
Athol, ID 83801

Cathleen Schafer  
16699 275th  
Long Grove, IA 52756

Richard Anderson  
9901 Pendleton Pike #20  
Indianapolis, IN 46236

Roman Otten  
3878 Ridge Road  
Kewaskum, WI 53040

David Watkins  
P.O. Box 1061  
Okemos, MI 48805

Robert Llewellyn  
2900 Cardinal Drive  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

John Caldas  
128 Dartmouth St.  
New Bedford, MA 02740

**Change of address:**  
John T. Dahlstrom  
3305 W. Sunnyside Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60625-5409

Jerry B. Grove  
101 Old Ferry Road  
Shalimar, FL 32579

Helmut C. Neumann  
22 Pine Hill Park  
Valatie, NY 12184

Michael Albert  
9824 River J 5 Lane  
Cornell, MI 49818

*New phone number:*  
Andrew Short (914)-962-9516

## PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings

A monthly listing of scheduled Regional and Annual Meetings will be published in *Coil Line*.

Regional Meetings are to be arranged through Dick Koenig, Regional Meeting Committee Chairperson, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751. Please contact Dick as far in advance as possible. There is a "lag" time needed to ensure publication so that members can plan and join in the festivities.

**April 29 - (Please note change in date. March issue was incorrect).** Plymouth Show, Plymouth, MI. Central Middle School. Church and Main Street. Meeting from 12 to 2:30 p.m. Signs will be posted in the building. Program still being developed. Bring plenty of material to trade, etc. Contact Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Court, Troy, MI 48083.

**August 26 - Annual Meeting.** St. Louis, MO at STAMPSHOW. Details to come. Set aside a long weekend to join fellow members for all types of philatelic and fellowship opportunities. For general STAMPSHOW info contact the American Philatelic Society at P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803.

**Oct. 21 - CIAPEX-Central Iowa Philatelic Exposition,** Des Moines, IA. Contact David Phelps, 3031-64th, Urbandale, IA 50322.

## PNC programs are available

A series of slide shows and video tapes regarding Plate Number Coil collecting are available to members for use at local shows or club meetings.

For information and availability, contact Dick Koenig, Regional Meeting Chairperson, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751. The only cost involved is for shipping the program back to Dick after its use.

## COIL LINE

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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 (above).

**Dues:** Are \$10 per year (\$15 for First Class mailing of *Coil Line*, \$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.

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