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Misperfed Juke Box found on cover

Stephan G. Kravitz of Merrick, NY, recently received a mailing from AT&T that was franked with a misperfed Juke Box coil stamp.

Kravitz said the perforations fall between the "S" and the "A" in USA. he said there is a very faint purple marking in the gutter of the stamp that with a lot of imagination looks like a star, the number 1 and letters NY (illustrated).

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Still time to attend annual meeting

There's still time to find your way to St. Louis Saturday, Aug. 26 to attend the annual meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club.

The general membership meeting will be from 2 to 3:50 p.m. Check the Stampshow schedule at the Cervantes Center for the exact location. Your attendance and participation are encouraged.

The annual board meeting will be held from 10 to 11:50. The general membership will be updated during the annual meeting on any significant issues the board deals with during the morning session.

Stampshow runs Thursday through Sunday Aug. 24-27. The Holiday Inn-St. Louis is the official hotel. Special convention rates start at \$70 per night for a single. Children under age 18 are free if they stay in the room with their parents.

If the main hotel is full, the Doubletree Mayfair Suites hotel is reported to be nearby and can be contacted at 314-421-2500.

For those in the family who may not be as interested in stamps, St. Louis offers the Mississippi River, Gateway Arch, a National Video Game and Coin Op Museum, a Sports Hall of Fame, zoo and Union Station, which has been converted into what sounds like must be a shopper's paradise.

Will membership top 800 in 1995?

Membership in the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club tops 770 this month with the list of new applicants. Growth has been steady in recent months and we're pushing past the levels we ended with in 1994. There is always a drop at renewal time.

In the past month, two members have called the editor to say they're astounded there are not several hundred more members. They report having gone to shows and talked to others who have expressed an interest but don't have a membership form to encourage that interest.

Attached to the back of this issue is a copy of the membership brochure. If you're going to a show and have access to a copy machine or copy shop, invest a couple of dollars in your club and make some copies. I'll give a plug for Kinko's, which has shops all over the country. The copy costs are reasonable (7c a page here) if you run the machine yourself. Don't let the size of the machine intimidate you, the employees are generally helpful and who knows, you might even meet another collector and potential member.

When you go to the show, ask those at the registration table if there is a place to put the applications. Most shows have a place, some more convenient than others.

If you'd like, put your name and member number somewhere on the form and you'll receive credit in the recruitment contest. You don't have to put your address on the form.

A little bit of effort on the part of everyone will help increase membership.

It's hard to believe the amount of new coils this year would have scared many folks off. However, among the articles inside *Coil Line* this month is a reprint from November 1990.

Former president and *Coil Line* editor Tom Maeder wrote the article lamenting one collector who quit because the 18c Flag #6 had become unattainable due to its price. That meant the individual could not hope to have a complete collection.

Although some of the information may be dated, the basis of the article remains solid. It provides a reminder for long-time PNC collectors and good background for newer members.

One thing has become obvious over the years: There's so much stuff to collect, even within some of the subgroups, that no one will ever have one of everything let alone organize it!

Letters

Commercial covers from the Southwest

To the Editor:

Following is the PNC commercial cover report from the ladies wear mail order company for June 1 through July 7, 1995.

Incorporated into this report are the PNC commercial cover totals from David Kamp, an applicant for membership, whose covers come from a large national insurance company and the Tucson newspaper, and a member from the Los Angeles area who wishes to remain anonymous.

32c 'G' - A1111-54; A1112-6; A11113-1; A1211-2; A1212-3; A1222-36; A1311-13; A1313-66; A1314-11; A1324-12; A1417-2; A1433-1; A2212-18; A2213-47; A2214-128; A2223-3; A2313-2; A3113-47; A3314-96; A3315-1; A3323-12; A3324-93; A3423-1; A3426-3; A3433-78; A3435-1; A3436-23; A4426-10; A4427-51; A5327-67; A5417-10; A5427-84; 1111-46; 2222-18; S1111P-28; S1111R-85; S2222R-491.

32c Flag/Porch - 11111-25; 22222-4; 33333-7' 44444-3; S11111-2.

32c Ferry Boat - 3-1.

The trends for the 'G' PNCs on commercial cover still seem mixed. Many are abundant but several do seem difficult to find on cover. My suggestion is to commence writing to other club members who have expressed similar interests in the roster published in the June and July issues of *Coil Line*.

Dick Koenig
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Tucson, AZ 85751

Commercial covers - Southern N. England

To the Editor:

In the Southern New England area these PNCs were found on commercial covers from about 127,000 pieces postmarked June 2 through June 29, 1995.

32c 'G' - A1111-3 A1313-50; A1314-5; A2213-1; A2214-65; A3113-26; A3314-63; A3323-4; A3324-53; A3433-1; A3436-46; A4427-13; A5327-5; A5427-87; 1111-2. Total - 425.

S1111(P) -39; S1111(R) -47; S2222(R)-202. Total - 288.

32c Flag/Porch - 11111-16; 22222-18; 33333-19; 44444-4. Total - 56.

29c Flag White House - 2-7; 11-8.

Others - 14 various values used as make-up for 32c First Class rate.

Grand total - 812.

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New commercial cover report from Kansas

To the Editor:

The following report is from 29c White House covers pulled from the mail in the past eight months and 'G' covers in the last six months.

32c 'G' - A1111-33; A1112-11; A1211-1; A1212-4; A1222-5; A1311-13; A1313-50; A1314-9; A1324-29; A1433-4; A2212-1; A2213-34; A2214-82; A2223-1; A2313-1; A3113-38; A3114-4; A3314-88; A3315-1; A3323-11; A3324-88; A3423-4; A3426-1; A3433-42; A3435-1; A3436-29; A4426-10; A4427-29; A5327-41; A5417-15; A5427-36; A5437-1; 1111-101; 2222-56; S1111(P)-40; S1111(R)-60; S2222(R)-415.

29c White House - 1-8; 2-37-3-78; 4-38; 5-10; 6-95; 7-324; 8-82; 9-22; 10-187; 11-194; 12-42; 13-54; 14-27; 15-55; 16-141; 18 - 2 (21 Dec. Mojave; 31 Dec. Van Nuys; 2 May, San Diego).

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Leavenworth, KS 66048

Chart tells story of 'G' commercial covers

To the Editor:

I've developed a chart of ABN 'G' numbers found on commercial cover by our member reporters since January. As you can see there seems to be a large majority of numbers that remain tough to find after five months. I've recently found an A1211 cover, the first one I know of being reported.

I hope Richard Nazar will release to us the printing info he received from ABNC so that we can compare printing totals with what has shown up thus far.

(The chart is on page 127).

Charlie Merrill
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Clovis, CA 93611

Daughter's wedding and philately

To the Editor:

My daughter's wedding was scheduled for June 24 in the Los Angeles area, and honestly I had nothing to do with the date. This, of course, was the weekend of the Mega Event, so my wife and I arranged to arrive in time for me to attend the first day ceremony and get a program with the new \$3 (priority mail) stamp.

My main interest was the USPS area. There were long lines, but I was able to get coil stamps for the new Rose and Flag over Porch self adhesive issues, along with the #3 Ferry Boat and #1 Cog Railroad. They also had a great number of other older issues, but were very inefficient and had to unroll every coil to find the number.

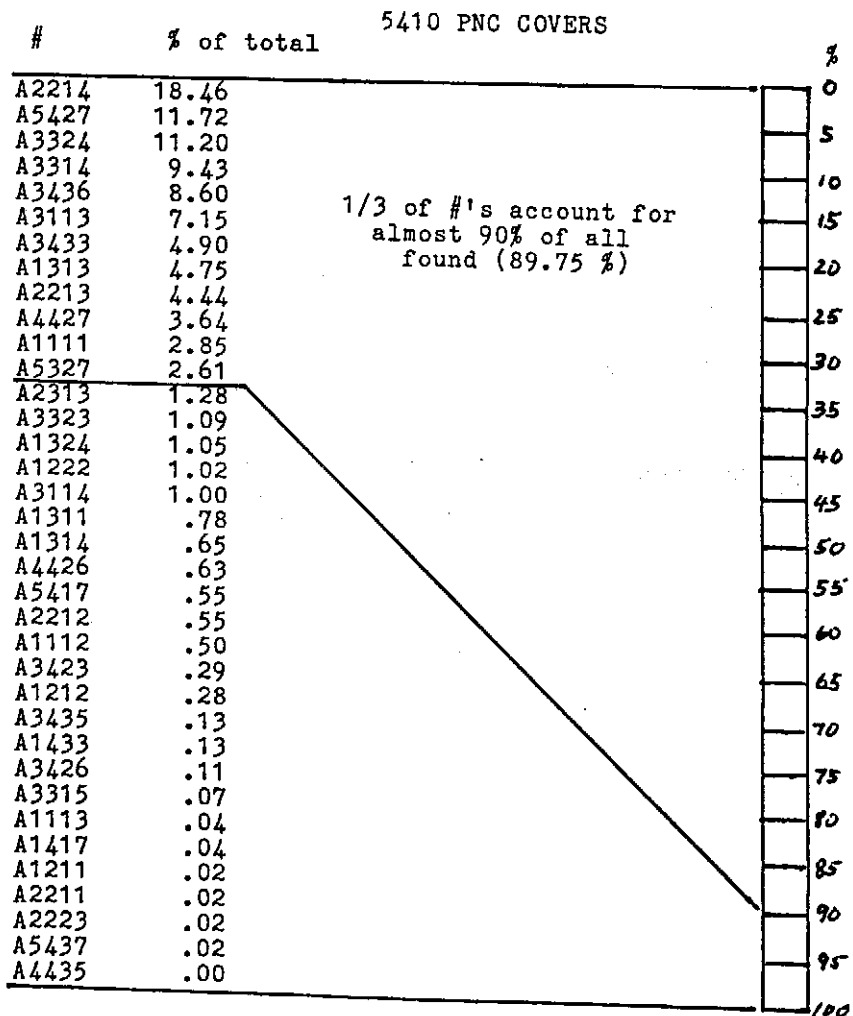
The best part of my story is that after the wedding we went to Portland and of course, I had to take a look at the philatelic window in the main Post Office. I had a long visit with Sandy, who works in a separate room away from the other clerks. She was the best organized postal clerk that I have ever encountered. She actually knew her inventory of plate numbers. Not only that, but she sells coil

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coil plate numbers in strips of 20, or 10 when numbers are printed every 14 stamps. She even showed me how she disposes of the scrap. The left over stamps are glued onto 8.5 by 11-inch cardboard sheets that they use for fillers when mailing. Stamps of the same denomination were put on separate sheets and were sent out for destruction. The strips she had for sale were already stripped from the coils ahead of time so there was no time lost for the customer. When she handled my order, she pointed out she had some #18 White House flags. She apologized for them being a little off center, but I was glad to get them. She spent a lot of time with me and I bought some more strips before other customers showed up and I departed.

If anyone is interested, Sandy will send a complete list of all the stamps she has for sale, not by the USPS number but by Scott number. Her address is Portland Postique, 715 NW Hoyt St., Portland, OR 97208-9615.

Tom Haire
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SNIPPETS

New Numbers

No new numbers have been reported this month.

TPN to End

Stephen Esrati has indicated that he intends to cease publishing *The Plate Number and Great American Review*. His Internet statement said that the November 1995 issue would be his last. We understand Esrati's situation, but must say that this is indeed a sad day for PNC collecting. *TPN* has been the pioneer and premier technical journal for plate number coil collecting. It has led the way from its very first issue in February 1986 right down to the present. It will be missed. All serious PNC collectors thank you, Stephen, for many years of a job well done.

Coil Line Back Then

Several months ago Secretary Joann Lenz suggested that it might be a good idea if some of the better *Coil Line* articles from years past be reprinted. There has been a significant change in membership over the last five years and some of the old articles might be of interest to newer members. We agree and would like to suggest that this project start with a second run of Tom Maeder's "Supply, Demand and the Problem of Completeness" which appeared in the November 1990 issue. Tom's article has some timeless advice to offer, and takes a very level headed approach to collecting stamps no matter what specialty you choose. It's worth rereading by the oldtimers as well.

PS Form 3547 Examples

Coil Line distribution agent Alan Thomson has copies of PS Form 3547 as shown on page 114 of the July issue that he will send upon request. Please include a #10 SASE with 32c postage affixed. The supply is extremely limited and the cards will be sent on a first come first served basis. If the supply runs out, your name will be placed on a waiting list based on post mark date of the request. Only one card per member. Please be patient as it may take months for new cards to arrive.

Which Side First?

Have you ever wondered which side of a line engraved multi-color coil stamp leads as the stamp is printed on the web of paper? Is it the right side or the left? Wow! What a question. Your reaction is probably, "Who cares?" Perhaps you should, because there is something to be learned from the answer. The answer is not that one particular side always leads. It can and does vary with the design of the stamp and where the selective ink colors are applied to each stamp image on the sleeve. What determines the orientation is the ink wiping process. A direction of travel is determined before the sleeve is ever made and is based on the likelihood of one color ink being wiped into another. Whichever direction of travel, right to left or left to right, that is least likely to mix the inks is the one chosen. Being aware of this can help in understanding inking EFOs and extraneous color lines on some stamps. Where single color line engraved stamps such as the 32c Ferryboat are involved, choosing an orientation is unimportant.

Is "G" Hunt Over?

Despite the fact that "G" coils have been on over-the-counter sale for over six months, while about three months is the norm for non-denominated letter stamps, many post offices are getting new supplies with plate numbers those offices have never had. The public doesn't like "G" coils and much prefers any self stick stamp. Will the excess be turned back in? Some believe the "G" will be used again during the next rate change, with a new value assigned. A staggering quantity was printed. American Bank Note alone delivered the following:

Rolls of 100 - 27,468,000
Rolls of 500 - 840,000
Rolls of 3,000 - 73,600
Rolls of 10,000 - 3,000

Our advice is: don't quit looking till the ABNC coils disappear from post offices. You might find a tough number. However, don't bet on the "G" being used again and start hoarding. It's a very poor investment even if revaluation takes place.

Gum Names

Names of water activated adhesives that have been used on recent US stamps continue to cause confusion and misunderstanding among collectors. Whenever there is more than one name to describe a different appearing gum, misunderstanding is right around the corner. We've seen three visually distinct kinds over the years, one of which is fairly recent. The only name that seems to have universal acceptance is "shiny". At the opposite end of the scale we hear "dull" or "dry". To us, "dry" is a nonsense term. All gums are dry until they are moistened by accident or intent. Further, dry is not an antonym of shiny, but dull is. Let's drop that "dry" stuff. In the middle we are offered an even bigger choice. At various times the names matte, gloss and satin have been used to describe that "in the middle" gum that has a subdued sheen but is neither shiny nor dull. A trip to the dictionary reveals that all three word definitions contain either the word dull or the word shiny. Tough choice. Arbitrarily, we'll vote for gloss. It seems to carry the most descriptive connotation. Can't we get together and all use shiny, gloss and dull?

Coils Going Off Sale

The Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center plans to remove many coil stamps from sale on August 27. Here's the list:

10c Tractor Trailer, intaglio, rolls of 500 and 3,000
19c Fishing Boat, SVS, rolls of 500
19c Fishing Boat, ABN Type I, rolls of 500 and 3,000
19c Fishing Boat, ABN Type II, rolls of 500 and 3,000
10c Canal Boat, B press, rolls of 100 and 3,000.
1c Omnibus, B press, rolls of 500 and 3,000
3c Conestoga Wagon, B press, rolls of 500
4c Steam Carriage, tagged, rolls of 500 only
4c Steam Carriage, untagged, rolls of 500 only
29c Flower, SVS stick pack (slit perf), rolls of 100
29c Flower SVS bubble pack (slit perf), rolls of 100
Going, going, gone

SUPPLY, DEMAND, and the PROBLEM of COMPLETENESS

Tom Maeder

I have a collecting friend who sold his whole PNC collection in frustration in 1985. When 18¢ Flag #6 passed the \$1,000 mark, he concluded that he would just as soon have none. There were only 115 different PNC numbers then, and with the exception of a few of the 18¢ Flag numbers, most were still around in post offices.

The number of PNC collectors was relatively small. I remember when someone found some 5.9¢ #5/6 in a post office, early dealer D. John Shultz remarked that the discovery of two rolls of 3,000 of any plate number would be enough to satiate national demand. In 1985, he was probably right.

Today the number of active PNC collectors is probably twenty or thirty times the number in 1985. The PNC newcomer does not seem to have the completeness hang-up, and shouldn't. Plate number coil collecting has reached a certain maturity. The 5.2¢, 5.9¢, 9.3¢, and 10.9¢ have the same emotional appeal for me as a 19th century classic. Demand has increased, and there are not enough 18¢ Flag #6's to go around (or tagged 9.3¢ #5/6, and so forth).

If 25,000 Linn's readers collect PNC's (as their reader survey suggests), not 5% of them could ever have a complete collection of PS5s, even if money were no obstacle. So what? Are more than 5% of revenue collectors complete on the first, second, and third revenue issues? More than 5% of envelope cut square collectors? Private perf coil collectors? What happens when you get complete? Boredom, probably. As PNCs enter their second decade, the so-called "Dirty Dozen" tough numbers will fade as an ever-shrinking percentage of the existing total of plate numbers.

Even in PNC collateral areas, the same challenge of completeness exists. For period of use commercial covers, fewer than 10 examples of 18¢ Flag #6 exist on cover. No examples of 18¢ Flag #7 or Surrey #17 and 18 in period-of-use have even surfaced. Yet for the 25¢ Yosemite, commercial covers exist by the thousands. A commercial cover collector can be nearly complete, but the early issues will remain elusive.

I would venture to say that for any given PNC number, more examples exist as mint PS5 than exist as period-of-use used singles on cover. Many more. As demand increases for these covers, supply will really be squeezed.

A kind of reverse process has occurred on constant plate varieties. It was an exciting thing at first. The author first discovered, named, and reported the 4.9¢ "Buggy Whip." There was a craze to acquire them tagged, and in all the precancel gap positions. Different gripper cracks later appeared, and the finders all had fun naming them. It was considered to be the finder's prerogative. After the gripper cracks, gouges and pits and scratches in the plates began to be noticed. Several hundred have now been identified.

On a 432-subject Cottrell plate, the plate number appeared

in 18 positions. A crack, gouge, pit, or chip occurred in but one position. In the author's opinion, identifying, studying, plating, and cataloging these varieties has been a worthy endeavor. Yet the collecting of them seems to be waning. For constant plate varieties, the problem of completeness takes on a new dimension; no one seems to be sure what complete is, as new reports surface weekly.

In any case, the PNC sub-specialties are numerous, and it is always fun to hear the devotees wax poetic on their own areas of interest. I wish my friend had stayed with it. To sit in 1990 with a complete collection of PS5s (less one strip) would have made him the envy of many.

PNC3 MEMBERS EXHIBIT PLANS FOR 1995

**AUG. 24-27 MISSOURI: STAMPSHOW 95 at the Cervantes Convention Center
St. Louis sponsored by the APS**

RON HAYES; "10c Eagle & Shield"

**SEPT. 22-24 FLORIDA: FLORIDA WEST COAST STAMP EXPO at the Florida
State Fairgrounds, Tampa, Florida, Intersection I-4 & US-301.**

**BILL McMURRAY; "TOMORROW'S CLASSICS (US FLAG &
TRANSPORTATION COILS OF 1981)"**

**OCTOBER 22 CONNECTICUT: THAMESPEX 95; Sponsored by the Thames
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)**

DEAN HAWK; "UNITED STATES FLAG COILS"

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

Paste up on plate number

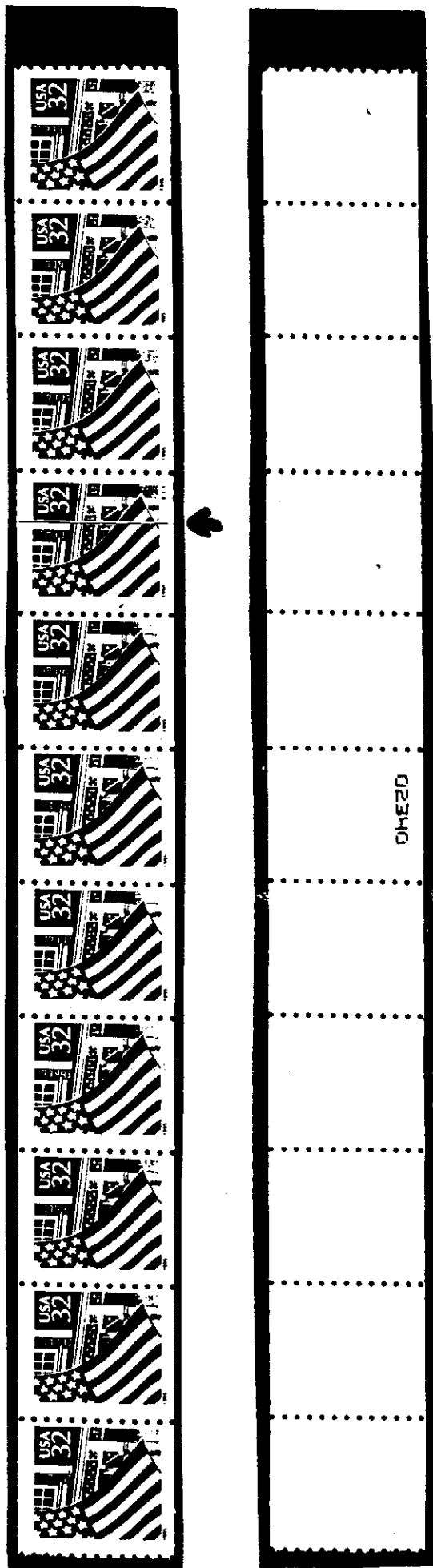
From Tom Haire
 112 Fern Creek Dr.
 Flat Rock, NC 28731

Recently when I was passing through Washington, D.C., I stopped in at the philatelic window in the Museum Post Office.

When I ordered a strip of the Flag over Porch, the clerk noted a defect and I told him it was only a paste up.

As you can see, the joint is at the plate number. On the back, one side of the splice is clearly seen, but the other side can be seen with magnification right where the black dot can be seen.

The stamps on the right side of the splice are in good register right to left, but left of the splice they are off center. The plate number is S11111.



CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES			
		KEY	07/10/95
		A-100, B-500, C-3000, D-10000	
		EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR PAPER	
		SP - SURFACE PHOSPHOR PAPER	
32c FERRYBOAT		(15c) TAIL FIN	
#2	A	#11111	C
#3	A	#S11111	D
32c PORCH FLAG		(25c) JUKE BOX	
#11111	A	#111111	B, C
#22222	A	#222222	C
#33333	A	#S11111	D
#44444	A		
#S11111	D		
23c LUNCH WAGON		(10c) EAGLE & SHIELD	
#2	A, B, C	#A1010101010	B, C, D
#3	A, B (SP)	#A1011101010	C
#3	A (EP, DULL)	#A1011101011	C
#3	A (EP, SHINY)	#A1011101012	C, D
		#A1110101010	C, D
		#A1110111010	C, D
		#A1110101011	C
		#A1111101010	C, D
		#A1111111010	C, D
		#A1211101010	C
		#A1411101010	B, C, D
		#A1411101011	C, D
		#A1412111110	D
		#A1412111111	C, D
		#11111	B, C
		#22221	B, C
		#22222	B, C
		#22222 (DULL)	B, C
		#33333	B, C
		#S11111	D
		#S22222	D
20c COG RAILWAY			
#1	A, B, C		
5c CIRCUS WAGON			
#1	B, C		
#1	B, C (UNT)		
#A1	D		
#A2	D		
#A3	D		
#S1	D		
(5c) BUTTE			
#S111	C, D		
(10c) AUTO			
#S111	B, C, D		

Thanks for info go to: R. Rabinowitz

Splices and back numbers

By Gary Davis
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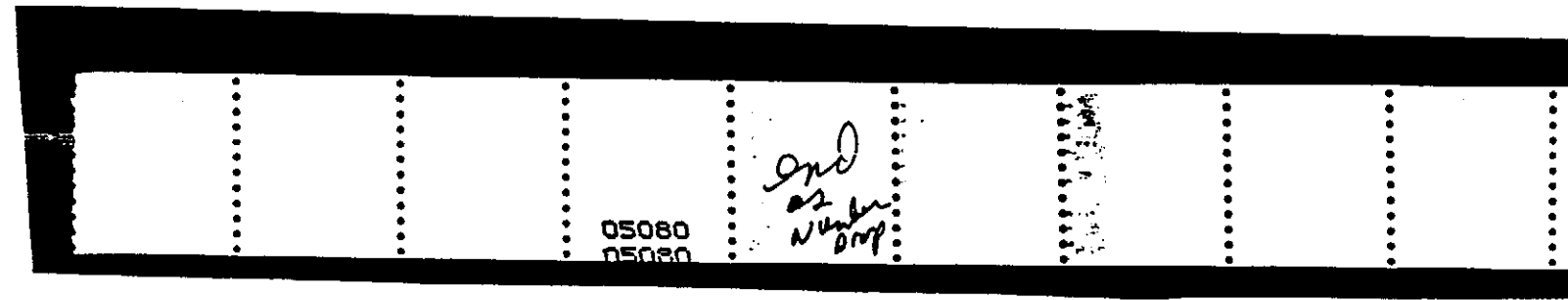
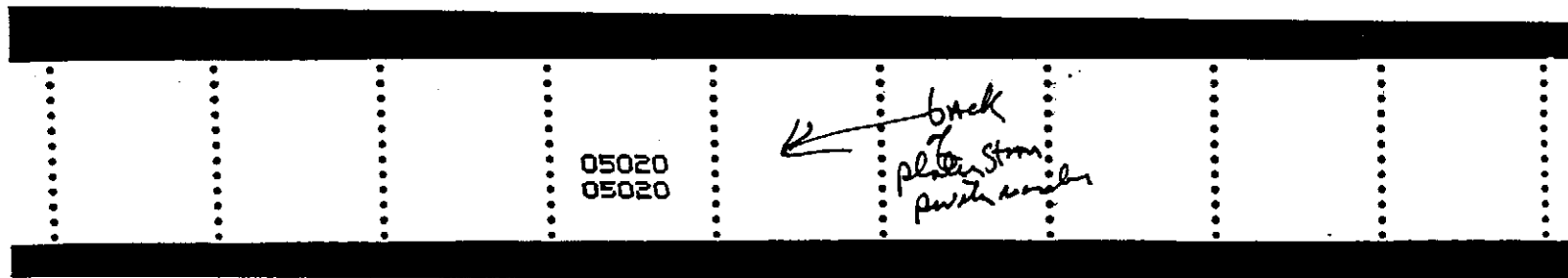
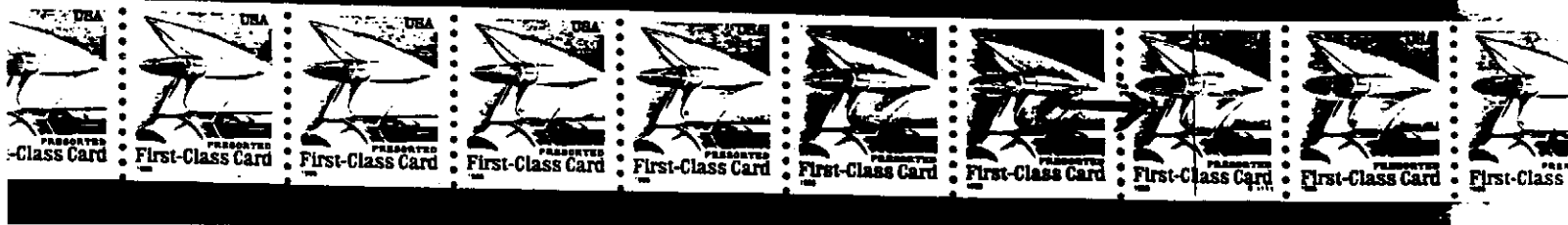
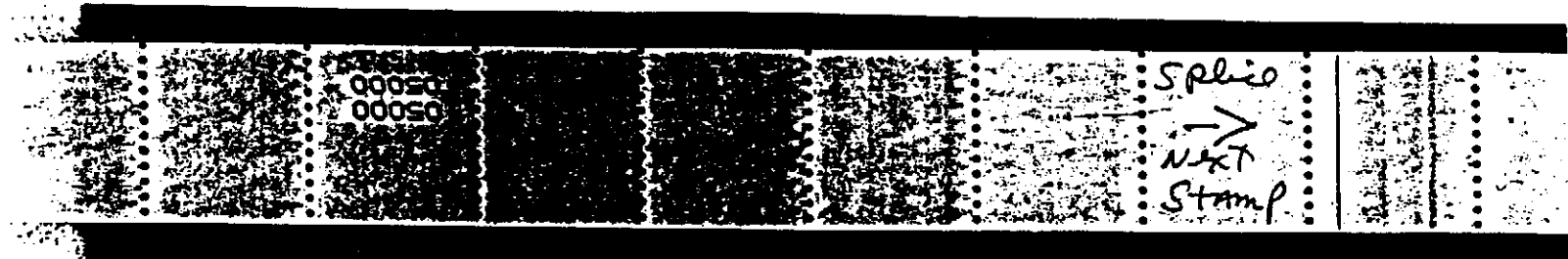
Just a quick report I'd like to make about a find on a roll of 3,000 Tailfins in Des Moines, Iowa.

The roll was positioned so that a back number fell on the plated stamp. There was a splice on one of the plated stamps that did not have a back number. This, by the way, did not change the format of the back number sequence.

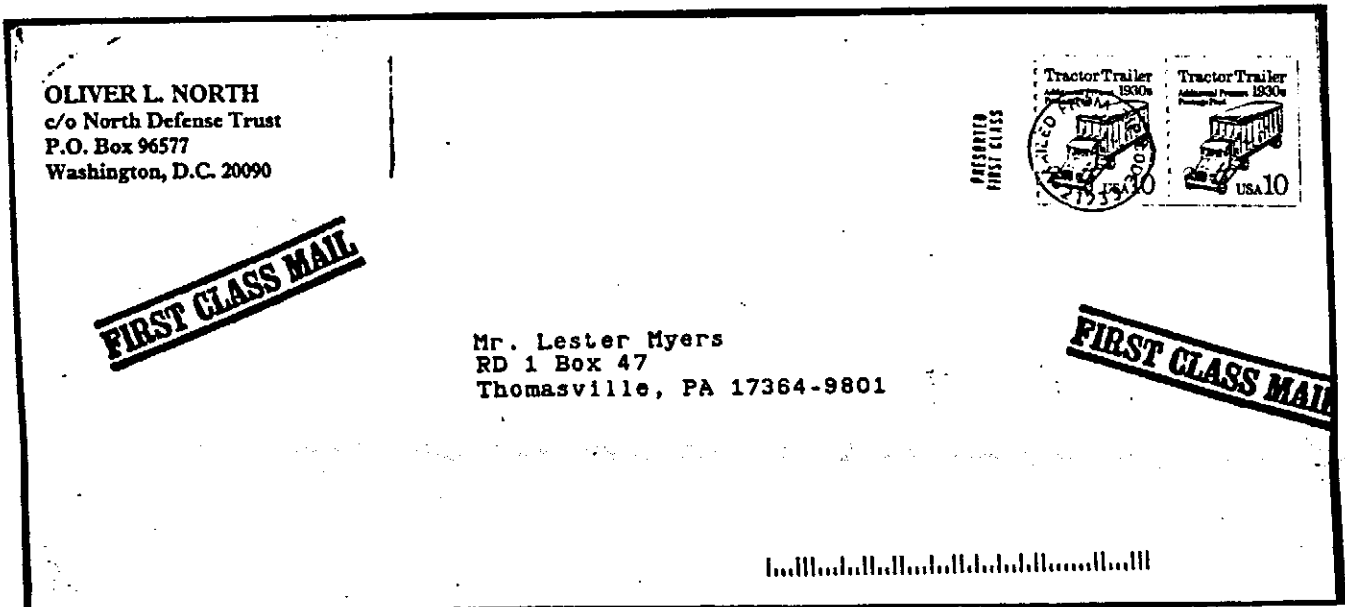
Just as interesting is the fact that the back numbers slipped back and forth throughout the group of stamps I purchased. There was one plated stamp with two back numbers directly in the center of the stamp. The numbers then moved back down to the bottom of the roll and finally, one number disappeared completely.

Below are photocopies of the splice, the plated stamp with the two numbers and another stamp where the second number is starting to disappear.

Has anyone seen anything like this?



COVER OF THE MONTH



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



The above cover featuring a pair of the 10c Tractor Trailer is a truly commercial cover. The stamps are tied by a red private postmark. (Cover courtesy of Ken Cherry.) (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.)

Self adhesive oddity

Carl Wicklund of McAllen, Texas, has supplied this photocopy showing a black perforated piece over the existing stamp. The black portion is actually reddish in color and looks like a negative film used in photography. It has the exact image of the that portion of the stamp underneath.

Wickland said that on the diagonal of the cut film there is a fine white line on the stamp where there is no ink.

Anyone with an explanation of what has happened on this sheetlet?



©USPS 1994 ● Peel here to fold ● Self-adhesive ● DO NOT WET



ALL PNC3 F-VF

Only \$2.00 each

2523 #4, 7

2609 #1,4,6,7,8,10,11, 13

2892 'G' S2222

Cash or check-no trades

Walter J. Prehm
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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.

Membership will reach 772 if all applicants are accepted.

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PNC³ 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.

August 5 - CINPEX, Cincinnati, OH, 3 p.m. Contact Steven Unkrich, 5886 Cheviot Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247.

August 26 - Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO at STAMPSHOW. Details to come. 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.

Jan. 6, 1996 - ARIPEX, Mesa, AZ. Contact Dick Koenig, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

Feb. 3, 1996 - Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, Sarasota, FL. Contact Tom Haire, 112 Fern Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731-9512. After Nov. 1, 16725 Bobcat Drive SW, Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

May 18, 1996 - PIPEX, Salem, OR. Contact Larry Crain, P.O. Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170.

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.

Dick's phone number is now 520-886-7754. Area code is new.

COIL LINE

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President: Gene Ernst, 15522 Windy Cove Dr., Houston, TX 77095 (713) 855-0146.

Distribution: Alan Thomson, P.O. Box 91, Northwood, NH 03261. Mailed under Bulk Rate permit No. 1, Northwood, NH 03261. Back issues are available but please write to Alan in advance detailing what you would like to obtain. Please include an SASE. There is a charge to cover costs.

Changes of address: Should be sent to and membership applications are available from Joann Lenz, Secretary, 37211 Alper Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48312-2203.

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.

Advertising rates: Are \$42 for a full page, \$22.50 for 1/2 page and \$12 for 1/4 page per issue. A check or money order made payable to PNC³ must be submitted with the advertising copy. All copy should be sent to the Editor, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402-2107.

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

Membership

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Life members:
The following became life
members at the beginning of 1995.
There are now 54 life members.

Glenn Aichele
Kurt Brown
Raymond Buse
David Clark
Kim Cuniberti
Douglas Damaschino
Richard Day
Stephen Dubina
Kenneth Guinn
Dean Hawk
Ron Hoehn
Bruce Menia
Charles Morton
Richard Nazar
James Perry
Glen Roberts
Eric Russow

Leslie Sheldon
Alan Thomson
John Tison Jr.

Ads

FOR SALE: TOP OF the web to you.
BEP gravure #11111 miscut with
partial #s on bottom, no number at
top. Six only, plate # strips of seven,
\$35 each. 1 end of coil pair with
numbered stamp, knife cut right
edge, make offer. George P. Leduc,
#61 Franklin Dr., Brooklyn, CT
06234.

LETS TRADE! ENJOY THE fun of
trading with fellow members and
correspondents. Get needed coils.
Send list of duplicates and needs.
Will reply ASAP PS5s and used
singles. Bill Ross, P.O. Box 140690
Nashville, TN 37214.

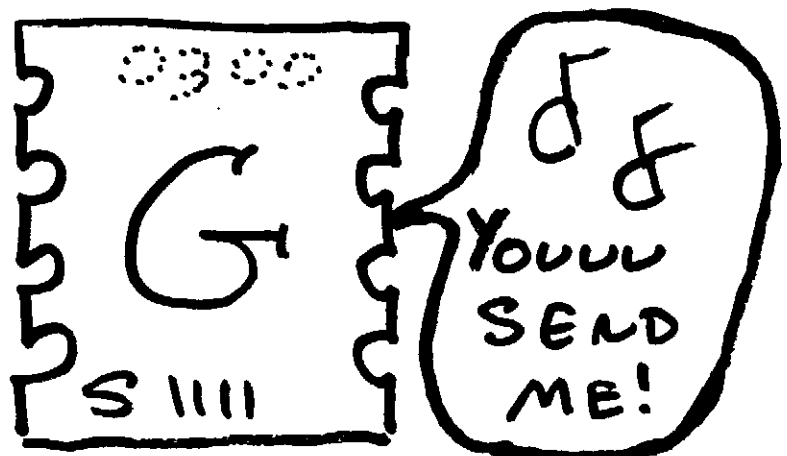
CAL RIPKEN BURGER KING
nine-card set \$8. Gold set \$15. Both
\$20. Scarce regional set. Great gift
for youngsters. G rate PNC PS5s
accepted at 120 percent face value.
Larry Thibodeau, POB 158, Hunt
Valley, MD 21030-0158. 410-667-
8728.

FOR SALE: LARGE QUANTITY
mint, NH, PS3, PS5, VF to XF.
Some up to 75 percent off dealer
prices. Please send SASE for detailed
list. Bob Colum, 563 N. Ridgefield
Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06610.

WANTED MODERN U.S.
commercial covers: 20c Flag
Precancel, 21.1c Letters Precancel,
32c G #A4435, 10c Eagle/Shield
#A33334, 19c Fishing Boat PNCs
on postcards, PNCs to foreign
destinations, all better PNC covers.
Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840,
Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

WANTED: STAMP MACHINES,
gumball and nut machines, trade
stimulators. Also, U.S. postal cards
with early illustrated advertising.
U.S. postal artifacts. Can trade strips
from Unisys for the postal cards, if
desired. Wayne Hise, 813 Elden St.,
Herndon, VA 22070.

I WANT TO THANK everyone who
has been trading PNCs with me. I
welcome any new contacts who wish
to trade the new "G" coils or other
new issues. I have all but four of the
"G" coils or other new issues. Jerry
Miller, 122 Pebble Brook Dr., West
Columbia, SC 29170. 803-359-9886
after 6 p.m. or E-mail me at
PNCJerry1@aol.com



By Sherwood Day

MY EXHIBIT PLANS FOR 1995/96

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EXHIBIT
TITLE _____

SHOW (1) NAME _____
SPONSOR _____
DATES _____
ADDRESS _____

SHOW (2) NAME _____
SPONSOR _____
DATES _____
ADDRESS _____

SHOW (3) NAME _____
SPONSOR _____
DATES _____
ADDRESS _____

SHOW (4) NAME _____
SPONSOR _____
DATES _____
ADDRESS _____

NOTE: I will write the shows you list and make the PNC3 Awards available to them and I will notify Coil Line of your plans so PNC3 members in the area will get a chance to view your exhibit. Please send completed form to Bill McMurray, P.O. Box 342, Westerly, RI 02891. I realize these are only plans the exhibit might not be accepted.

THANKS, BILL

CHECK INTO PNC³!!!

Do you enjoy collecting
Plate number coils (PNCs)?

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

PNC³ MAKES IT MORE INTERESTING!!!

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

JOIN PNC³ NOW!!!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Stamp Dealer? _____

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

APS BIA AFDCS ATA Other societies (specify)

PNC³ sponsor (or Personal reference) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Philatelic reference _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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

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

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

COVERS: Commercial _____ First Day _____ OTHER: _____

Make check payable to PNC³ and mail to the treasurer: James Perry, PO Box 20120, Beaumont, TX 77720
The dues structure listed below includes a \$2 initiation fee:

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

*Rate covers a fifteen month period.

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

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

FOR CLUB USE ONLY

Date received _____ Member number _____

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

NEWSLETTER

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

AUCTIONS

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

DISCOUNTS

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

TRADING/CORRESPONDENCE

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

REGIONAL MEETINGS

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

ANNUAL MEETING

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

The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club



Club & Membership Information