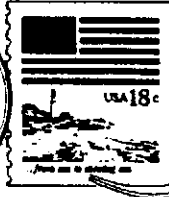
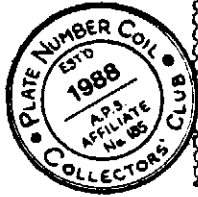


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It's time to renew memberships

Before you could read these words, you had to lift up or remove the 1996 membership renewal form.

Whatever your next move, don't put the renewal notice out of your mind until after the holidays. A delay in renewal will cost you money and probably also cost the club a reminder notice.

There's a \$2 penalty for renewals paid after Dec. 31, 1995.

Please follow the instructions on the form. Mail the payment to James Perry, P.O. Box 20120, Beaumont, TX 77720.

If you decide not to renew, please let Jim know. That way, he can save the bother of sending additional notices. Also, if you choose not to renew, please let Jim know the reason why. He'll pass the information onto the appropriate officers. The club can only solve problems or improve if the officers know what's on your mind. PNC³ does not want to lose anyone.

Warm up in Sarasota in February

Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition Feb. 2-4 will include a Plate Number Coil Collectors Club meeting Saturday, Feb. 3.

Tom Haire suggests planning your business or pleasure trip now to include this show. He recommends advance airline and hotel reservations at that busy time of the year.

Tom could also use a couple of volunteers to man the PNC desk or assist at the meeting. Please write or call Tom at 16725 Bobcat Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908, 941-433-1084.

Where are the #6 Conestoga's?????

While you're preparing your holiday cards or just paying those December bills, why not write a friendly letter to Postmaster General Marvin Runyon?

Ask that the 3c Conestoga Wagon #6 coil stamps be made available through the Philatelic Fulfillment Center in Kansas City. These have been made available only to the Disabled American Veterans and one or two dealers who apparently have connections no one else can establish. Inside this issue is a photocopy of a DAV cover with a #6 coil that was obtained by a member. Spread a little holiday cheer and help get this stamp released to the general public. -Harold Brown

USPS has new form for precancel use

There's a new form for those of us who wish to use our 'scrap' precancel stamps on first class mail.

You now need to ask your friendly postal clerk for Form 3615. This form replaces 3620.

USPS will be phasing in use of the new form over the next six months, according to information in the Oct. 26 *Postal Bulletin*. Some post offices may not have the new form and nothing is to be final until those forms are available everywhere.

The form will handle authorizations for precancel use, bulk precancel mailing, bulk presort mailings, business reply permits, permit imprints and merchandise return permits.

Form 3615, titled *Mailing Permit Application and Customer Profile* will require the customer's name, signature, address, phone number, date and a contact person if the permit is being sought in the name of a firm.

No change is being made in how precancels may be used. The permit requires that mail franked with precancels be given to a clerk in the post office and not be placed in street collection boxes or in the slots at the post office. There is no fee to use the stamps.

Good luck. The old form has caused confusion at some places in the past. One can only wonder what will happen with the new form.

Auction report #14 on back page

The prices realized from Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Auction #14 make up the back page of this issue of *Coil Line*.

There were 83 bidders in this auction with 66 members winning at least one lot. Of the 456 lots offered, 275 were sold and three lots were withdrawn.

Auctioneer Joe Sedivy reports the hot lots were again the PSS and longer strips and the used material.

A consignment sheet for the next auction will be included with a later issue.

The continued success of the auctions depends upon the willingness of members to set realistic minimum bids on consignments and on the prompt payment on the part of winning bidders. If you bid in the auctions please remember that if your offered lots you would expect prompt payment. To the successful bidders, enjoy the new stamps in your collections!

Letters

What's on the minds of PNC³ members?

To the Editor:

What do people think about Dr. Rabinowitz's "Changes in PNCs" Troubling article in the Oct. 16 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*? I find myself in rare agreement with him—a plate number interval of 14 stamps is ridiculous.

What do people think about the current designs? I hate the Juke Box, Tail Fin and Auto and am not excited by the Flag over Porch.

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'G's surprisingly plentiful during October

To the Editor:

The following were found on commercial covers during October from local newspapers and a national insurance company.

32c G - A1111-15; A1112-2; A1211-1; A1212-11; A1222-7; A1313-5; A1314-2; A1324-3; A2212-4; A2213-9; A2214-18; A2313-2; A3113-4; A3314-9; A3323-3; A3324-6; A3423-2; A3433-16; A3435-2; A3436-1; A4426-1; A4427-11; A5327-10; A5417-2; A5427-6; 1111-29; 2222-6; S1111P-12; S1111R-17; S2222-69.

32c Flag over Porch - 11111-279; 22222-54; 33333-317; 44444-85.

32c Ferryboat - 2-34; 3-57; 4-11; 5-1.

29c White House - 15 misc. numbers.

You may recall I predicted that one out of every eight or nine first class PNCs found on commercial cover would be an ABN 'G' in the month of October. Of the PNCs on commercial cover in this report, 152 out of a total of 1,138 covers are ABN 'G' PNCs (13%). Therefore, it appears as though my prediction of between 11 and 12.5% was slightly lower than what was actually found in the month of October. The occurrence of ABN 'G's on commercial cover will likely dip below 10% in the coming month.

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Checking out commercial covers-Southwest

To the Editor:

Following is a report on PNC commercial covers from the ladies wear mail order company for Oct. 1-31.

32c G - A1111-7; A1112-1; A1212-1; A1222-4; A1313-7; A1314-5; A1324-10; A2212-2; A2213-7; A2214-9; A2313-2; A3113-7; A3114-20; A3315-1; A3323-4; A3324-12; A3433-5; A3436-8; A4426-5; A4427-9; A5327-10; A5417-3; A5427-14; 1111-11; 2222-2; S1111P-7; S1111R-27; S2222R-124.

32c Flag over Porch - 11111-97; 22222-69; 33333-150; 44444-61.

32c Ferryboat - 2-15; 3-17; 4-2.

The ABN and BEP 'G's are fading fast and it's time to contact other commercial cover collectors to complete your collection. Most of the 'G's are relatively easy to locate on cover as distribution of mint rolls seemed area specific in many cases. A few do seem difficult and one, A4435, almost impossible. Completion is not the point, it's the fun and enjoyment of the quest one gets while contacting other PNC³ members around the USA.

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Commercial covers from southern New Eng.

To the Editor:

In the southern New England area these PNCs were found on commercial covers from about 173,000 pieces postmarked Sept. 29-Oct. 26.

32c G - 1111-4; 2222-2; A1211-1; A1222-2; A1313-10; A1324-2; A2213-1; A2214-27; A3113-9; A3314-17; A3324-11; A3436-12; A4427-2; A5327-2; A5427-19. Total -121.

32c G - S1111(P)-34; S1111(P) with back number -4; S1111(R)-21; S2222(R)-109. Total -168.

32c Flag over Porch - 11111-104; 22222-111; 33333-454; 44444-21. Total-690.

32c Ferryboat - 2-5; 3-39; 4-35; 5-3. Total-82.

29c Flag/WH - 12 miscellaneous numbers.

Others - 6 various values. Total -7. Grand total-1,080.

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Constant plate markings on 'G' stamps

To the Editor:

I'd like to report several plate marking on the 'G' coils. These marks were constant throughout the roll, locations are referenced to the numbered stamp being 0:

BEP #1111 2L -black (or gray) spot just under flag above last s of addresses.

11R - blue marl 2 mm below r of address; black or gray dot just above UR corner of flag; faint black or gray dot about 2 mm above o of Glory. All three marks on same stamp.

ABN A3423 - 6L -red diagonal above left half of U of USA.

A3315 - 5R gray dots 1 mm to left of flag pole about 3mm up from bottom of pole.

In addition to these added markings, I also noticed instances of missing or weak printing at constant locations. Perhaps of most interest is the fact that I was able to locate flaws in the black printing in the same locations on rolls of A3426 and A4426 (which share the

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same black plate #6), indicating they came from the same rows.

The flaws are as follows:

Numbered stamp - at 11:00 of O of Old.

1R -UL corner of F of For, LR of U and LL of S of USA.

1L 0 LL of n of only, LR of U of U.S.

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The Omnibus 'Smudgy'

By S. Sherwood Day

When the untagged #3 1c Omnibus first came out, dealers were sending them back to Kansas City and collectors were searching for a clean plate number example. It was suggested that clean, clear plate numbers might be going for a premium. I think it was an example of 'LIFO,' last in, first out. The smudgy was also coming from the post office vending machines. Now they have disappeared and clean examples are all we are seeing. There is no shortage of supply.

In looking at the Smudgy, the dominate defect appears to be a ding on the bottom tip of the 3, extending it to look like a bulb, or rocking horse rail. It printed a little lighter. Occasionally the top printed the same way. Sometimes they didn't print at all, giving the number a truncated look, as if a portion had been cut off. I find many variations and combinations, all on the same roll. Of over 250 examples, the most frequent is the bottom rail extension. The least prevalent are the truly truncated top and bottom rails. The majority of the strips have a combination of these defects.

One roll was found that was most unusual. Only the outline of the plate number was printed, leaving the inside white, while there is a large purple stain inside the number and a smaller one to the right. The exterior stains are quite prominent, highlighting the negative image characteristics of the number itself.

It seems to generate some strong opinions among the 'experts.' One called it highly collectable, while another trashed me over it. However, it remains my favorite.

Enlarged, hand-drawn examples follow:



Clean,
normal



Top or bottom
rocking horse

From the same
roll of 3,000



Negative
image



Truncated

Smudgy (Continued)

I have used several different longwave lamps to study the 1c Omnibus.

For standardization purposes I have settled on the Raytech LS-7 .35 amp plug-in model. All the later Omni's have at least two variations. The untagged #2, however, has three main categories, which I will call purple, yellow brown and white.

The purple has light and dark variations, the white if fairly even and the yellow brown has a wide range of intensities, sometimes appearing to be two groupings, depending on the lamp used.

The block tagged #2 separates well into two groups, yellow and white. The untagged #3 separates into yellow and bluish white, sometimes appearing purple but with no trace of yellow.

The Goose Story

Next fall when you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in a 'V' formation, you might be interested in knowing what science discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a 'V' formation the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. *People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.*

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. *If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.*

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. *It pays to take turns doing hard jobs.*

The geese honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. *An encouraging word goes a long way.*

Finally, when a goose get sick or is wounded by a gun shot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down and help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, and they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with the group. *If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.*

Author unknown

(Member Everett Wheeler included the above in his Nov. 4 issue of *Stamping Around North Arkansas* with the Mountain Home Area Stamp Club).

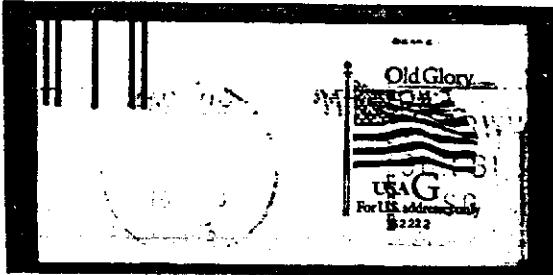
Finds

Don Eastman has found a roll of 100 of the Porch Flag that was supposed to be culled and destroyed but reached the public. The BEP roll with plate number 22222 was slit horizontally in the same manner as the White House Flag indigo roll found in the fall of 1994. All four plate number strips are slit within the PS5, but the cut is not continuous. An inspector detected the varying degrees of red ink smear and marked the section for destruction. The roll has been split into four pieces which are now in private collections.

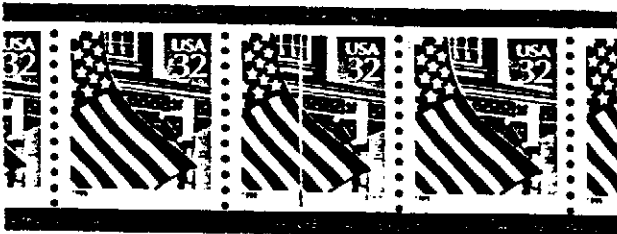
New plate numbers have been cropping up during the past two months. In addition to Conestoga Wagon #6 and Ferryboat #5, now Juke Box #212222 and Porch Flag #45444 have been found.

Once again gum type comes into play. George Leduc has found Ferryboat #3 with gloss gum rather than the shiny gum that appeared on the first finds of that number. Since shiny gum seemed to be the standard type for the Ferryboat, collectors should be aware that plate #5 exists with gloss gum. Does it also exist with shiny gum? If you have a #5 strip with shiny gum tell us about it.

Dick Koenig has found another interesting cover. This one has a Stamp Venturers' rouletted "G" stamp from plate #S2222 that has a number at the bottom and half a number at the top. The web slitting was not only high but the stamp row from which the example came was 1/2mm taller than normal. A cropped photo copy of the upper right corner is shown below and bears a Toledo, OH, postmark. The return address on the cover is Bowling Green.



Sherwood Day has come up with an interesting splice that was purchased from the West Covina, CA, Post Office. It's from a Stamp Venturers' roll of 10,000 of the Porch Flag and the 34 stamp strip is spliced right through the middle of the plate number S11111 stamp. The splicing material is stamp paper and its gum matches the gum on the rest of the strip. The back counting numbers are in order, going from 06010 to 06040. A photo copy is shown below.



CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

KEY

11/20/85

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

EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR PAPER

SP - SURFACE PHOSPHOR PAPER

32c FERRYBOAT

#2 A
#3 A
#3 A (GLOSS)
#4 A
#5 A (GLOSS)

(5c) BUTTE

#S111 C, D

(10c) AUTO
#S111 B, C, D
#S222 ?

32c PORCH FLAG

#11111 A
#11111 C (SHINY)
#22222 A
#33333 A
#44444 A
#45444 A
#S11111 D
#V11111 5000 SA

(15c) TAIL FIN

#11111 C
#S11111 D

(25c) JUKE BOX
#111111 B, C
#212222 C
#222222 C
#S11111 D

23c LUNCH WAGON

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

(10c) EAGLE & SHIELD

#A10101010 B, C, D
#A1011101010 C
#A1011101011 C
#A1011101012 C, D
#A1110101010 C, D
#A1110111010 C, D

20c COG RAILWAY

#1 A, B, C
#2 A

#A1110101011 C
#A1111101010 C, D
#A1111111010 C, D

5c CIRCUS WAGON

#1 B, C
#1 B, C (UNT)
#A1 D
#A2 D
#A3 D
#S1 D

#A1211101010 C
#A1411101010 B, C, D
#A1411101011 C, D
#A1412111110 D
#A1412111111 C, D
#11111 B, C
#22221 B, C
#22222 B, C

3c CONESTOGA

#1 A, B, C
#2 C
#3 C (DULL)
#3 C (SHINY)
#6 D

#22222 (DULL) B, C
#33333 B, C
#S11111 D
#S22222 D

Thanks for info go to: G. Leduc, J. Lenz

'Stamp People'

About 50 members have returned the 'Stamp People' questionnaire that was sent out with the October *Coil Line*. A couple of page a month of *Coil Line* will be devoted to your replies. If you haven't joined in and wish to after reading some of the profiles, send the 'appropriate replies' to the Editor.

Name: Dave Dubois

Occupation: Chevron service station operator.

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: Another clerk was filling in for the regular clerk at the main Seattle philatelic window when I was looking for needs PNCs. He showed me what he had, except for a small roll in the back of his drawer. When I asked about it, he said the stamps were 'no good.' But I looked anyway. Turned out to be a strip of imperf 5c Circus Wagon (no plate number) but with a splice with red tape. I had never seen this before. One of my better trips to the USPS.

Favorite PNC stamp (and why): 20c Fire Pumper because of attractive color and design. I recently added Plate No. 2 to my collection. Very elusive.

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: Running my business.

Secret vice: Playing poker.

Name: George E. Jacobs

Occupation: Retired United Methodist clergy.

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: Receiving the 'original' Legends of the West sheet from the USPS 'lottery.'

Three words that best describe me: Joyful, optimistic, open-spirited.

Pet peeve: Messy people who mess up the Earth.

Favorite PNC stamp (and why): The 2c Locomotive in the Transportation Series. I just like trains!

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: Fishing or doing something out of doors.

Secret vice: Chocolate or anything sweet, including my wife!

People would be surprised to know: How many individual stamps I have in my 'accumulation.'

My favorite stamp story: My entrance into collecting when I was 12. My 7th grade geography teacher spent some time in Panama during the summer and when school started she asked me if I would like to have an envelope with a Panama stamp on it. I accepted it, still posses it. It is an embossed stamp. I've never found it in a catalog.

Name: Kenneth E. Guinn

Occupation: Mail carrier

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: Finding not one but two 18c Flag 1891 with Plate No. 6 on them.

Three words that best describe me: A quiet man.

Pet peeve: Unwanted solicitation, including those who

want to trade their garbage.

Favorite PNC stamp (and why): Any flag stamp, past to present.

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: I don't study and only collect what my customers give me. I dance, ski, hike and gamble.

Secret vice: My wife.

Name: Bill Ross

Occupation: Insurance agent.

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: Joining PNC3 and finding so many people willing to help someone inexperienced and also trading with me.

Three words that best describe me: Selfish, lazy & self-centered.

Pet peeve: Postal machines.

I would like to meet: Richard Petty.

Favorite PNC stamp (and why): 'G' because there are so many and they came along after I started collecting PNCs.

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: Fish, hunt & watch NASCAR races.

Secret vice: Too many to mention.

People would be surprised to know: I collect stamps.

My favorite stamp story: A friend griped about a roll of 29c Mt. Rushmore stamps he recently purchased. He was made because no holes were in them and they didn't tear straight. I now have the imperf roll.

Name: John E. Albertstodt

Occupation: Construction electrician.

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: Getting a used #1891 Plate No. 6 for \$40 from an auction.

Three words that best describe me: Punctual, impatient & outspoken.

Pet peeve: Delays in mail or people being late.

I would like to meet: Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

Favorite PNC stamp (and why): 5.2c Sleigh. One of the first issued and I think, one of the best designs.

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: Also collect plate blocks and singles of U.S.

Name: Sherwood Day

Occupation: Unemployed machinist.

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: Finding a light print 7.6c Caretta in my used singles, then finding 3 PS 5's in my collection.

Three words that best describe me: Intense, cheap & spec.

Pet peeve: Torn plate numbers in the trash.

I would like to meet: The cancel machine in a dark alley.

Favorite PNC stamp (and why): BEP Juke Box. They have lots of different CPV's, especially on 22222.

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What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: Nothing at all.

Secret vice: Procrastinating.

People would be surprised to know: How much good stuff gets thrown away.

My favorite stamp story: I have a box at the main post office. Last week I found an unopened letter addressed to me in the trash at the branch post office. It had a request for my price list. I wonder how many incoming checks have been thrown away.

Name: Ed D. Sorokin

Occupation: Retired.

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: I found a plate strip of 3 of #1891 used while at work. The receptionist used to save me all incoming mail.

Three words that best describe me: True stamp nut.

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: Also collect U.S. used singles and Philippine used singles.

People would be surprised to know: How satisfying and relaxing stamp collecting is.

My favorite stamp story: I used to collect U.S. plate blocks way back in the 1930s. When I left home to go into the service (3/5/41), naturally I left my stamps at home. While in Oahu, Hawaii, imagine my surprise when I got a letter from home with some of the 2c Reds as postage. After all, why should they have to go to the post office when she had books of stamps already there. I was a little shocked at first but as we were preparing for our first combat mission, I just forgot it. I spent 30 months overseas and made seven campaigns. When I returned home I again started collecting plate blocks and later used singles.

Name: Robert L. Geary

Occupation: Data analyst, retired U.S. Navy.

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: Receiving a recalled Legends of the West sheet. Most of the time I fall into the 'if it weren't for bad luck I'd have no luck at all,' category, so this was a pleasant break from tradition.

Three words that best describe me: Serious, cautious, stubborn.

Pet peeve: People telling me 'everybody else does it.'

I would like to meet: Ken Lawrence.

Favorite PNC stamp (and why): Ferry Boat. The color and fullness of the design, perhaps. Also, my partiality towards things nautical.

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: Other than working I enjoy aerobics and other healthful activities and travel.

Secret vice: Daydreaming about time travel (i.e. wishing I had more time for collecting or studying PNCs.).

People would be surprised to know: My humorous side.

My favorite stamp story: In 1973, while in the Azores, I was utilizing a 'local' guide to show me around. I insisted we visit the local post office so I could use some Portuguese stamps on some post cards I was mailing back to the USA. At the post office, my guide was insistent on helping me apply the stamps to the post cards. To my horror, he grabbed a nearby glue pot and put a big glob of glue on the post card and slapped the stamp on it. It seemed to me that this was detrimental to the stamps, as well as probably making the stamps hard to soak off for collecting purposes, not to mention creating an unattractive area on the card that could pick up dirt and smudges in the wet glue. I grabbed the remaining post cards and told him I would lick the stamps myself and put them on. A slight pulling/pushing match ensued, with him claiming the stamps wouldn't stick and the post cards would never reach their destination, without gluing the stamps on. I finally convinced him that it would be my way or no way and the rest of the cards were mailed sans glue. Just a week ago, I came across the card I sent to my mother. I'm happy to report the stamps are still intact, without the 'benefit' of the glue.

Name: Joseph E. Schramek

Occupation: Retired but not old enough for Social Security.

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience: Completing the Transportation set of PNC 5's both regular and precancelled. Have all Flags except the 18c 'For Amber Waves of Gold' set. Also, joining PNC3.

Three words that best describe me: Honest, dedicated, dreamer.

Pet peeve: Dealers who hoard certain PNC numbers.

I would like to meet: The Pope and our President.

Favorite PNC stamp and why: The 5.2c Sleigh coil. That is when I started getting serious about collecting PNCs.

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: Working on my U.S. stamp collection and meeting with the retirees from Western Electric.

Secret vice: Buying costly stamps.

People would be surprised to know: I was a stamp collector when I was 8 or 9 years old.

My favorite stamp story: In my early stamp collecting years, buying a mint, never hinged set of Zeppelins in superb condition for \$120. I also bought the Battle of White Plain souvenir sheet mint NH in XF condition for \$27. Sold them in 1967 when I got married. I still am dreaming about owning a MNH set of the Zeppelins.

About 50 members have returned their questionnaires. Hopefully, the stories on these two pages will spur others to add to that total. The editor plans to spread the replies out over the next few months. The questionnaire was part of the October *Coil Line*. If you no longer have it, just follow the format on these two pages. Thanks.

Philatelic mail vs. commercial covers

By Kenneth D. Cherry
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In response to your 'Editor's Mail. . . ' column in the October *Coil Line* I would share the following regarding commercial covers. Rob Washburn's *PNC's on Commercial Cover 1990* defines a commercially used PNC cover as a 'cover using a PNC which has been carried through the mailstream, except those covers with FIRST DAY OF ISSUE cancellations.' This would seem to support your point that the covers in your article did pass through the mail and were business communications and commercial covers.

I have several bulk rate PNC covers with *Linn's Stamp News* on the corner card. They contained subscription requests. Because they come from a stamp publication, are they considered philatelic in nature of true commercial covers. I choose to regard them as non-philatelic covers.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn someone else has a show box full of 'VRC' or is it 'VDC' of 'CVP' covers? Whatever. To my way of thinking there are several things that make these covers interesting besides having plate numbers. 1) Early dates of use. 2) Examples of low values (2c-18c) on cover. 3. Examples of the various rates, 19c, 23c, 29c, etc. 4. Font and format varieties.

Since collector demand for these coils was high and the sources of supply limited the lines at machines early on were largely filled with dealers, dealer agents and collectors cranking out plate strips and large quantities of 1c scrap. I think finding a commercial cover from a non-philatelic source dated in 1992 would not only be difficult but a wonderful find, since most of the early examples of VDC postage ended up on collector-dealer mail.

In looking over your presentation of covers in the October *Coil Line* I notice in Fig. 5 you say the date of your cover is 8-25-92. Look again! There is also an 8-21-92 hand stamp. That's one day after the first day of issue, which makes this a very early issue.

Figs. 4 & 8 show examples of low values and the Fig. 2 cover bears an 8-27-92 early use date. While 1c values are common, how many 2c-9c values have you seen used. I think most of the early low values will only be found on collector-dealer mail. I have been trying to find examples of the 1c, 2c, 5c, 9c, 10c, 11c and 17c. Therefore, I find your Fig. 2 and 8 covers to be most interesting examples of low value use.

Beside early dates examples of various rate uses eg: 19c post cards, and 23c second ounce rates would be interesting too. Examples of the new formats 'endwise' & 'sidewise' and the various fonts would all be worth including.

Enclosed are photocopies of some of my no plate number VDC covers. I would be interested in corresponding with other members who collect or might wish to trade VDC covers.

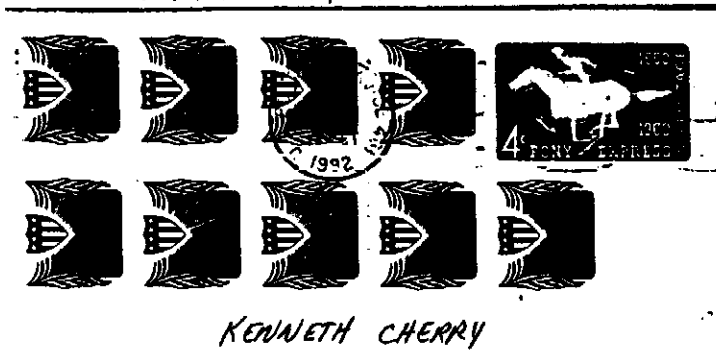
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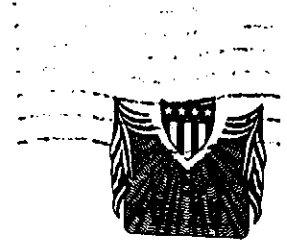
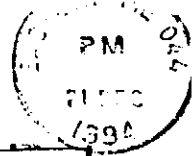
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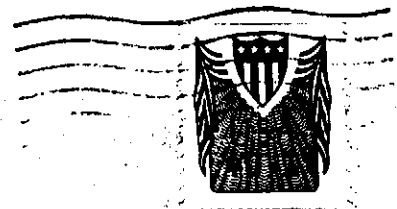
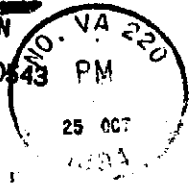
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DIFFERENT FONTS



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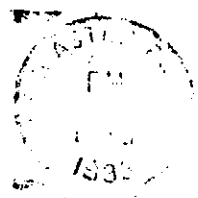


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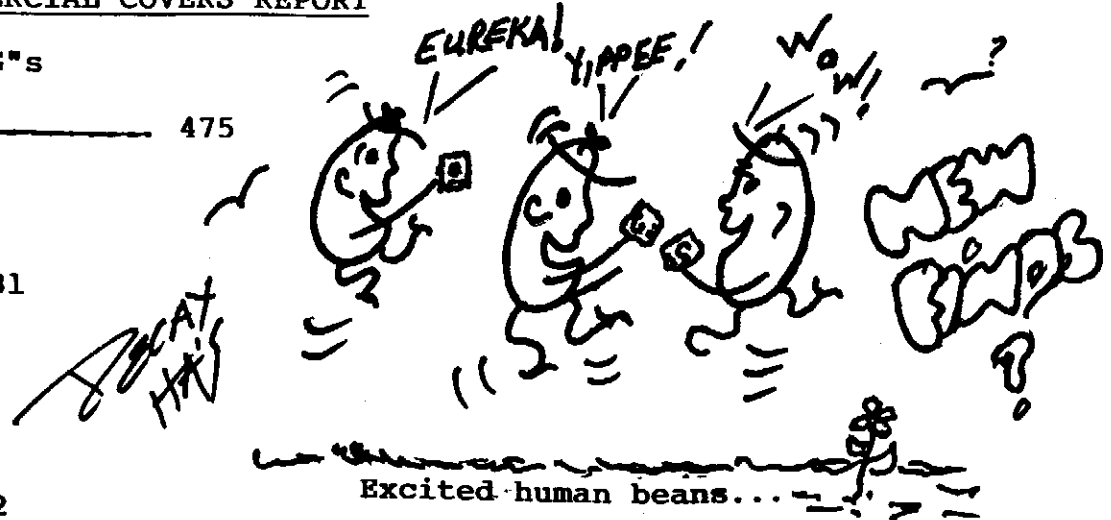


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INCIDENCE OF COMMERCIAL COVERS REPORT

Non-Denominated "G"s

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A1112	_____ 83		
A1113	. 4		
A1211	.. 19		
A1212	_____ 61		
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A5427	_____ . 941		
A5437	.. 22		
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3	97
4	28
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Cog Rail	
1	0
Conestoga	

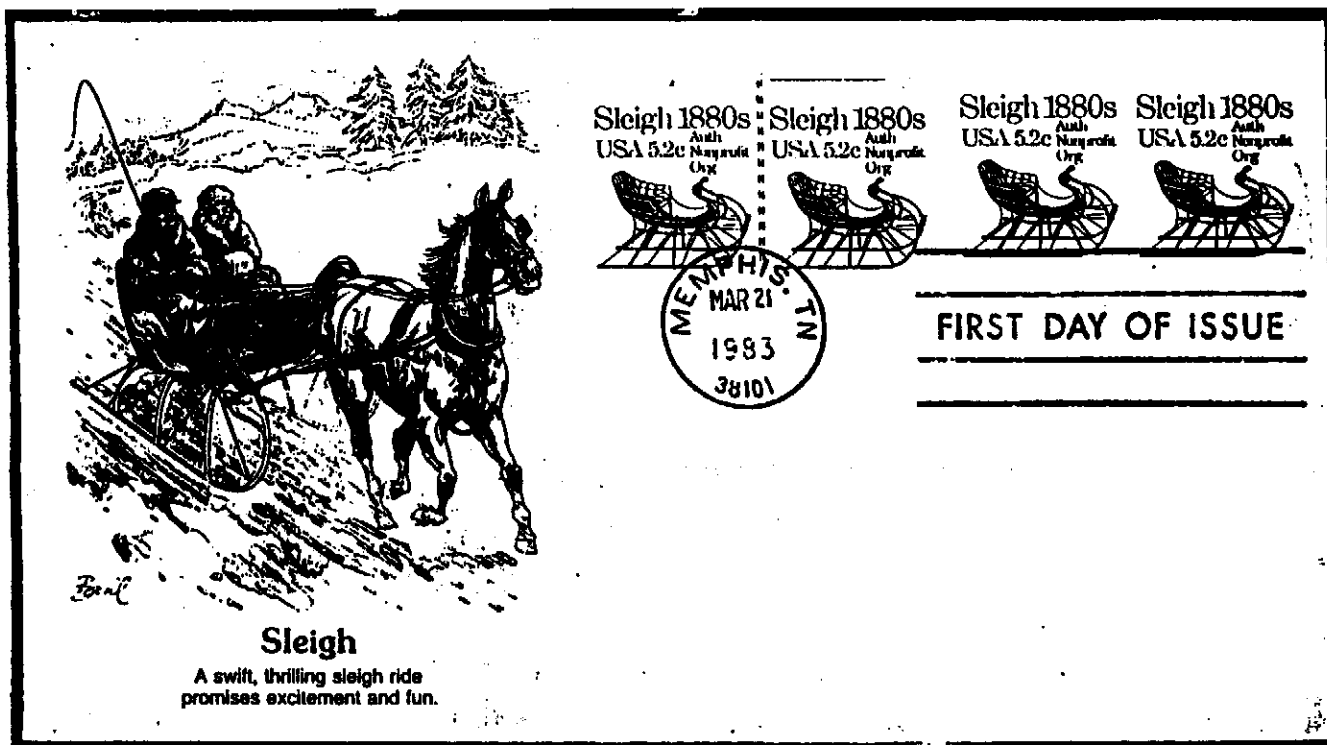
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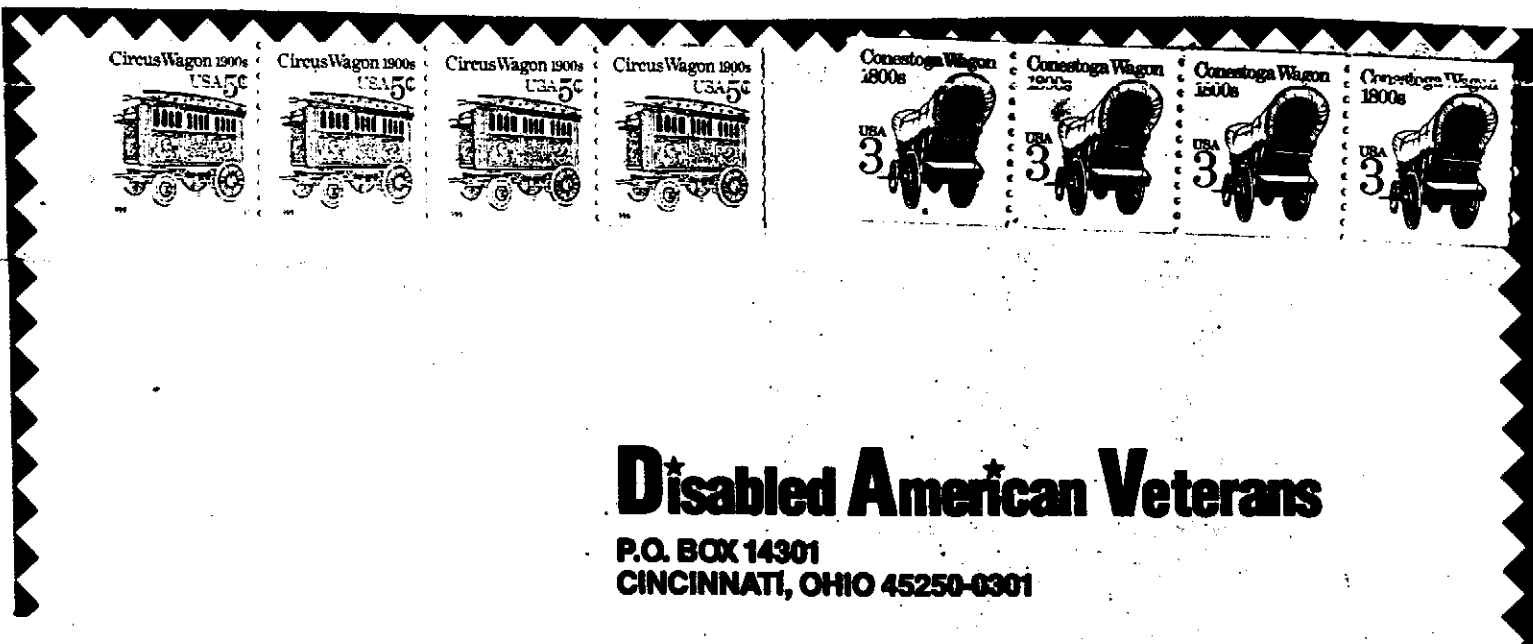
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S11111.	3
V11111.	1

The last report (ppl40) comically inquired about the Ferry Boat coils. Well, they've sailed in on this summation which includes all reports through the Nov CL issue plus regional findings from a CA disposal co. billing returns. The far away runner is the SV rouletted S2222, much like the WH #7..

COVER OF THE MONTH



The above first-day cover of the 5.2¢ Sleigh #2 features a sleeve number completely at the top. (Cover courtesy of Robert Hawk.) (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.)



Disabled American Veterans

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Circus Wagon S1 and Conestoga #6 on same cover

Member Carl Wicklund, McAllen, Texas, reports a friend of his received the above cover in a solicitation from the DAV on Oct. 19. The Circus Wagon S1 and Conestoga #6 are on the first stamp of both strips. Since Carl's friend is not an avid PNC collector, the two negotiated a trade and Carl now owns the cover. It pays to have friends and a little luck!

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 787 if all applicants are accepted.

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Canada

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.

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 for use at winter meetings

A series of slide shows and video tapes regarding Plate Number Coil collecting are available to members. Dick Koenig, Regional Meeting Chairperson, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751, reports that interest in using the programs has dropped off sharply in recent weeks.

The shows are excellent programs for local club meetings as well as at larger shows.

There is very little effort involved in setting up and showing the programs and a written script is provided.

For those interested in hosting Regional Meetings, the RMC has information and guidelines available. Dick will be happy to answer questions and guide you along. The club can also put you in contact with other members in your area who might be available to help organize the meeting.

The only cost involved is for shipping the program back to Dick after its use.

Dick's phone number is 520-886-7754.

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E-mail -KRXJ83A@prodigy.com

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Ads

25c Yosemite phos. tagged F-VF or better PS3 strips, #3, #13, #14 just \$1.50 each. The new Variable Rate Coil 20c, 23c or 32c F-VF or better PS5 strips, #1 shiny gum, large font, \$5 each. John Himes, P.O. Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630.

WILL SELL by auction (complete lot only) my Plate Number Coil collection plus duplicates (mint & used). Send 55c SASE to: Tom Leeder, 656 W. End Ave., Carthage, NY 13619 for details and content.

CONSTANT PLATE variety Cog Railway 'June Bug' 1R PS7, \$7; E/S 22221 ;Bluebird' \$6; E/S 22222 'Bluebird' \$6; E/S 'Extra 1' \$5; Trade or cash. David Kemp, 509 S. Grinnell, Tucson, AZ 85710.

SELF ADHESIVE 'Don't Lickum, Just Stickum' collector will trade self adhesives or plate number coils for self adhesive sheetlets. Write Robert A. Hawk, 1358 Sanderson Ave., Scranton, PA 18509 or 717-347-8461.

PLATE STRIP 3 collection, 2 album set with 449 mint strips. All strips VF-XF and f m 1981-1993 including ma / tag and gum varieties except 1891-6, 1904a-3 and 1904a-4. \$3,000 #10 SASE gets list. Mike Stefun, Box 854, Montrose, CA 91021-0854.

Thamespex Regional Meeting

Thamespex '95, sponsored by the Thames Stamp Club, New London, CT, was held Oct. 22 and hosted a PNC3 Regional Meeting.

Bruce Menia was on hand to share his new slide program on the 21 types of the \$1 Seaplane on Ceremony Programs.

There were 13 people in attendance with 11 being members.

Roland Grandahl provided door prizes for all in attendance.

Several PNC exhibits were displayed at the show, including Bill McMurray's 'Tomorrow's Classics - U.S. Transportation coils of 1982 & 1983; (Vermeil, AAPE Award of Honor, PNC3 Presidents Award, PNC3 Achievement Award, Frank Marx Award-Best Exhibit by Thames Stamp Club Member); Dean Hawk's 'U.S. Flag Coils 1969-1992 (Silver, PNC3 Achievement Award, AFDCS Award); Alphonse Ponzillo's 'Transportation Coils on FDC Cachets (Silver-Bronze, AFDCS Best FDC Exhibit Award, PNC3 Achievement Award; and Grace Marchese's 'U.S. Souvenir

Pages - EFOs & PNCs (Vermeil, PNC3 Achievement Award, Most Popular Exhibit Award, AFDCS Award).

Submitted by:
Tony Bruno
P.O. Box 147
New London, CT
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Ads

WANTED: INFORMATION on where I can purchase Great American 10c Red Cloud #2176b (untagged) and #2176c (Red Color). Will reimburse postage costs. W.C. Bawden. 608-175 Pulberry St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2M 3X6. (Make sure to use proper postage to Canada)

Now is the time to renew your membership. The renewal form is attached to this issue of *Coil Line*.

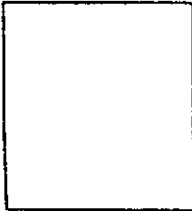


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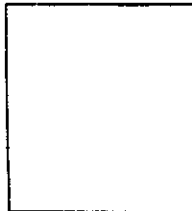
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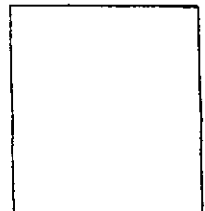
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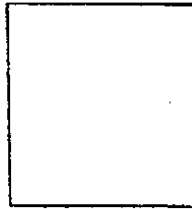
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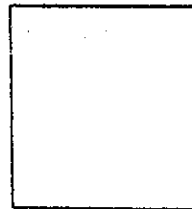
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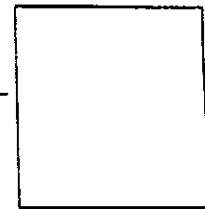
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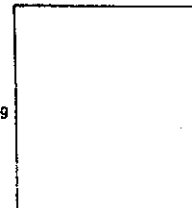
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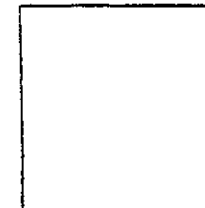
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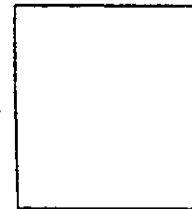
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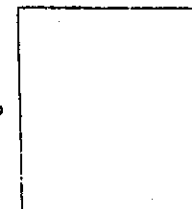
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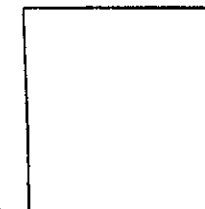
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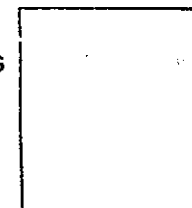
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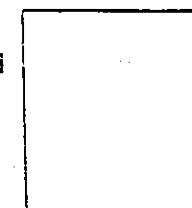
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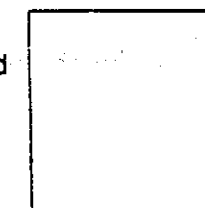
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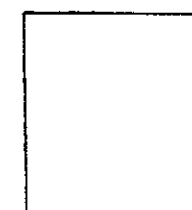
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profit rate
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worth 5¢



Others:

- (1) "G"-rate Official Mail stamp
- (2) two versions of the "G"-rate make-up stamp

This YOUTH ACTIVITY page was created by Karen Weigt of Madison, Wisconsin. The A-F stamp page in the Summer 1995 CACN also was prepared by Karen.

PNC 3 AUCTION RESULTS FOR #14 CLOSING DATE SEPT.30, 1995

Remember that ties go to the earliest post mark. I do take phone bids, but I still need your signed bid sheet to validate your bids. We had 83 bidders this auction with 66 winning at least one lot. Of the 456 lots offered 275 were sold and three lot were withdrawn. Lot numbers 222 and 271 because they were misdescribed and 402 because the consignor failed to indicate a \$200.00 min bid. again the hot lots in this auction were the PS-5 and longer groups and used material.

UNSOLD LOTS ARE NOT LISTED

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
3	\$3.50	86	\$22.00	145	\$2.00	225	\$19.00	290	\$6.00	397	\$27.00
4	\$4.50	87	\$24.00	146	\$3.50	226	\$18.00	291	\$6.00	401	\$3.50
7	\$35.00	88	\$23.00	147	\$1.50	227	\$7.00	293	\$25.00	403	\$16.00
14	\$6.50	89	\$16.00	148	\$2.75	228	\$11.00	299	\$10.00	408	\$2.50
20	\$22.00	90	\$15.00	150	\$2.00	229	\$8.50	301	\$10.00	410	\$2.50
22	\$17.00	91	\$4.00	152	\$11.00	231	\$8.00	312	\$5.00	413	\$8.00
25	\$2.75	92	\$14.00	155	\$3.00	232	\$12.00	313	\$12.00	414	\$3.00
33	\$16.00	94	\$28.00	156	\$7.00	233	\$9.50	314	\$14.00	416	\$2.50
36	\$10.00	95	\$3.00	158	\$3.00	234	\$9.50	320	\$8.00	418	\$3.00
37	\$10.00	96	\$8.00	159	\$2.50	235	\$2.50	321	\$70.00	419	\$6.00
41	\$30.00	97	\$6.00	160	\$1.00	236	\$23.00	323	\$6.00	422	\$35.00
42	\$5.00	98	\$7.00	162	\$5.00	239	\$5.00	324	\$60.00	423	\$35.00
43	\$470.00	101	\$7.00	163	\$7.00	240	\$3.00	328	\$225.00	425	\$6.00
44	\$9.50	102	\$7.00	165	\$11.00	241	\$5.00	330	\$9.00	426	\$6.50
45	\$4.25	103	\$10.00	166	\$10.00	242	\$5.00	331	\$6.00	427	\$4.50
46	\$8.00	104	\$7.50	167	\$3.00	243	\$6.00	334	\$9.00	428	\$5.00
47	\$4.50	106	\$45.00	168	\$1.00	244	\$3.25	335	\$11.00	429	\$6.00
49	\$33.00	107	\$33.00	170	\$1.00	245	\$6.00	336	\$15.00	430	\$5.00
50	\$36.00	108	\$36.00	171	\$4.25	246	\$5.00	337	\$11.00	431	\$4.00
52	\$7.50	109	\$6.00	173	\$7.00	249	\$3.00	338	\$12.00	432	\$4.00
53	\$6.50	110	\$8.00	174	\$8.50	250	\$4.00	340	\$46.00	433	\$12.00
55	\$7.50	112	\$8.00	175	\$8.00	251	\$6.00	342	\$15.00	434	\$22.00
57	\$7.00	113	\$7.00	179	\$6.00	252	\$5.50	350	\$4.00	435	\$37.00
59	\$18.00	114	\$15.00	181	\$8.00	253	\$5.00	353	\$140.00	437	\$3.25
60	\$21.00	116	\$19.00	183	\$9.00	254	\$5.50	358	\$10.00	438	\$5.00
61	\$9.00	117	\$4.50	184	\$11.00	255	\$6.00	363	\$4.50	439	\$5.00
62	\$6.00	118	\$7.00	185	\$4.00	257	\$5.50	364	\$6.50	440	\$16.00
64	\$10.00	119	\$4.00	187	\$2.00	258	\$6.00	367	\$2.00	444	\$5.00
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67	\$34.00	122	\$5.00	189	\$9.00	260	\$6.00	370	\$3.75	446	\$10.00
68	\$36.00	123	\$75.00	192	\$4.25	261	\$6.00	371	\$5.00	447	\$10.00
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72	\$22.00	127	\$9.00	195	\$11.00	265	\$29.00	378	\$7.00	452	\$30.00
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79	\$9.50	137	\$8.50	210	\$2.25	280	\$100.00	390	\$5.00		
80	\$10.00	138	\$9.00	214	\$8.00	283	\$4.00	391	\$4.00		
81	\$25.00	140	\$11.00	215	\$1.50	284	\$9.00	392	\$4.50		
82	\$34.00	141	\$8.00	216	\$14.00	285	\$400.00	393	\$4.00		
83	\$31.00	142	\$2.00	217	\$2.00	286	\$9.00	394	\$5.00		
84	\$13.00	143	\$1.25	218	\$1.50	287	\$160.00	395	\$10.00		
85	\$50.00	144	\$1.25	220	\$1.50	288	\$350.00	396	\$3.50		