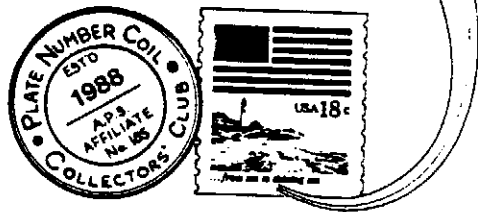


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Just in time for your holiday spending - It's the 'G' coil!

Santa Claus, also known as the U.S. Postal Service, has given Plate Number Coil Collectors a gigantic holiday gift. In keeping with the season, the gift promises to be expensive, some of the parts will no doubt be difficult to find and stress levels will probably be in need of some holiday spirit(s). What's even worse is that the only directions are 'go to the post office and see what's available.' Hopefully, the clerk you approach won't already be stressed out with holiday mailing.

One wonders why USPS couldn't have waited until mid-January to raise the rates, if only to cut down on the holiday confusion.

As of December 15 no less than 28 plate numbers had been confirmed on the new 'G' coil stamp (American Bank Note, Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Stamp Venturers) and some searchers were expecting no less than 45 different numbers.

Because of the vast numbers of new plate numbers, how about making a New Year's resolution (and then keeping it) to let *Coil Line* know what's in your area and if you are willing to help out others by trading what's available. We'll work the trades out amongst ourselves. Just remember to agree to buy or trade the 'scrap' postage and none of us will get stuck with more than enough stamps to get through to the 'Z' stamp, sure to be in America's future.

In the meantime, use the club roster published last summer to create a list of trading partners. Remember friends, this is FUN.

Alan Thomson is already at work on a roll size chart for the February issue. When you confirm a number, send him a post card listing the size of the roll at P.O. Box 91, Northwood, NH 03261. Alan has already warned the roll size chart will probably expand to a full page in the February issue. At some point in the new year we'll drop the White House listings.

There have also been reports (*Linn's Stamp News*) that we may see three new Transportation coils in 1995. Details are scant. But keep your eyes and ears open for information. We should have lots to keep us busy and broke in 1995.

Dull gum ECA-GARD all gone?

It appears the dull gum variety of stamps being vended by the ECA-GARD machines in Ann Arbor and Detroit, MI, has been used up.

Since about Dec. 1 the machines have been dispensing the shiny gum variety. Reliable reports indicate dealers and agents kept the machines busy late in November. One domestic dealer reportedly spent about \$30,000 gathering stock and a foreign dealer was reported spending extra time in the States waiting for the shiny gum to show up.

It may be that the 'scrap' will be worth a premium and your editor has stopped using it to pay bills.

Joann Lenz reported Dec. 13 that the machines may be showing a few signs of heavy use. One Ann Arbor machine was taking only coins on a weekend visit and others in the area have been out of service on several visits. Your editor hasn't been back to Ann Arbor. It's the wrong time of year for him to be spending much money on stamps.

1995 to bring a few CL changes

Coil Line will be instituting some changes starting with this issue. Most are designed to pack more information into the space. This month the biggest change will be seen on the Membership page, which has been switched to a three-column format. The two-column listing left a lot of unused space. Also on the page this month is a brief listing of Regional Meetings and the date of the Annual Meeting. This will be updated monthly. Please think months ahead in planning these meetings and contact Dick Koenig (see membership page) to set up the details.

The postal rate increase is going to make it imperative to keep the maximum issue size at 20 pages (one ounce).

We'll still plan to update the PNC Checklist at least once during 1995. No doubt there will be another flurry of new plates later in the year when the next "Flag Over . . ." stamp is issued. The Collecting Interest roster will probably be broken into two or three months to stay under 20 pages and still cover the PNC hobby. Look for this update during the summer months.

Meanwhile, become an active club member. Help out at a meeting, write a letter or an article for *Coil Line*! Happy New Year and happy hunting.

Letters

Message from PNC3 Awards & Exhibition Chairman Bill McMurray

To the Membership:

The President Gene Ernst has requested that each Committee Chairman write a letter to the membership and explain the workings of their committees. The mission of this committee is to promote the collecting and exhibiting of Plate Number Coils and to recognize all individuals that help promote our mission. To promote exhibiting and collecting of PNC's our club makes available at no cost to any open show the following awards: PNC3 President's Award Certificate, PNC3 President's Award Ribbon, and PNC3 President's Award Plaque for WSP shows and to smaller shows when more than three PNC exhibits are shown. This award is for the Best PNC exhibit. In addition we offer the following: PNC3 Achievement Award Certificate, PNC3 Achievement Award Silver Pin. The President's Award is selected from the Achievement Award Winners. Currently in the works is the addition of a PNC3 Achievement Award Ribbon to attach to the frame to bring visible recognition to the exhibitor at the show. The committee maintains a data base of all known PNC exhibits and requests the exhibitors to give advance notice of their exhibiting plans. The purpose of this is two fold, first to make our PNC3 awards available to the show and second to publish in Coil Line where PNC exhibits are going to be on display. This would give our membership advance notice of where they can learn more about their speciality. In addition we try to support PNC3 Regional Meeting shows with PNC exhibits. Also I have asked the exhibitors to send me a copy of their title page of their exhibit

and some of the pages which appear in a ongoing series in Coil Line, "On the Exhibit Trail". This allows the membership to see the many different exhibits and what our exhibitors are doing and hopefully will encourage other members to start to exhibit. I would like to take this opportunity to request that any member who is working on a exhibit or knows of a exhibit with PNC's please let me know so I can add the information to our data base. Also we would like to recognize the accomplishments of all exhibitors of PNC's by publishing a listing of Award Winners in Coil Line. So I would like to ask each and every member to be on the outlook for PNC exhibits when they attend any stamp shows and try and obtain as much information as possible about the exhibit and owner and forward that info to me. Also if you know of a show that will have PNC exhibits let me know and I will make our awards available to that show. Space permitting our editor was going to add to this issue a PNC Exhibitor Plans for 1995 and a PNC3 Show Awards request. This way our committee has 760 members. Any member who notices a PNC exhibit listed as a Award Winner in any of the Philatelic Press please forward that info to me also. During the year I accept nominations from the membership to recognize non-officers of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club for their Achievements during the year in promoting the collecting of PNC's. These nominations our presented to the PNC3 Board. The Awards our presented at the PNC3 Annual Meeting at StampShow.

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Letters (Continued)

Information on stamp stock pays off

To the Editor:

I have put Bill Castle's letter in the 10/94 *Coil Line* to good use.

I have been able to order 5c Circus Wagon A3, E&S A1110101010, A11111101010, A1411101010, A1412111110, 23c USA A3333, A4364, A4453 from Salt Lake City (With help from Jerry Clark), and 23c USA A4443 from Des Plaines, IL, none of them available in Southern California.

In each order I enclosed the Styrofoam provided by Kansas, using postage of 39c. The coils arrived in perfect shape.

I am still looking for E&S A88889, A89999, A1011101010, A1211101010, 19c Fishing Boat A7679 and 23c USA A2232, A2233, A4444. If any reader could share a possible philatelic window with these items, please drop me a line (postage will be refunded).

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Eca-Gard update from Irvine, CA

To The Editor:

As of Nov. 29 at noon the machine had not been replaced by the newer model. In fact, it was still using the original gum variety. I'm not sure if it is being properly maintained, however, because the clock in the internal computer had not yet been set back for Pacific Standard Time. The receipts print one hour ahead of the correct time.

However, I did notice something new about this machine. Casual patrons have a hard time tearing a single stamp from the roll due to the way the machine vends stamps. Thus, a decal has been applied in large white letters just above the stamp dispensing slot and a similar decal has been applied just below the stamp dispensing slot. These decals both read "1. Grasp the Stamp Firmly. 2. Pull Stamp Upwards & Too the Right."

I was amazed that the word "to" was misspelled as "Too." I wonder if similar decals have been applied to the other Eca Gard machines across the country. I hope not because I'd like to think that the Irvine machine service people made up this decal and just didn't have anyone check their spelling. Can anyone verify this?

The Irvine machine has often shown up on lists as being located in Santa Ana. In truth, there is no machine in Santa Ana, and there never was a machine in Santa Ana. The maintenance personnel were initially stationed in Santa Ana, but the machine has always been in the Irvine facility at 15642 Sand Canyon Avenue. The only other Southern California machine is in Monterey Park at 245 W. Garvey.

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Red Eagle variety on Flag over White House

To the Editor:

There is a variety of the White House coil which has a "red eagle" atop the little flag pole over the White House. This eagle is supposed to be blue in the design but on some stamps it is red.

Dean Hawk of Ohio first made me aware of this. So far it has been confirmed on plates #6 (Ernst), #7 (Covey), #10, 11, 16 (Hawk and Covey). It's an interesting find that may have been reported elsewhere. I would like to hear from other *Coil Line* readers about different plate numbers with the "red eagle" variety.

I have only counted stamps where the eagle is entirely red with no blue. I have seen some with a red/blue mix on the eagle. I have seen others where the little flag over the White House is partially red. Is there a variety out there with the whole little flag over the White House red without a trace of blue?

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Omnibus variety found, preliminary report

To the Editor:

Recently I made a "find" that I had not experienced in 65 years of stamp collecting. The stamp involved is the 1c Omnibus. I was in the process of exchanging information in regards to the PCI labels with Bruce Menia. I mentioned it to Bruce and he wished to see it based on the description I wrote of. He wished to photograph it under high magnification and make a satisfactory slide of it to have for the PNC3 and to verify its existence.

No the Omnibus is not upside down but those people who have seen it agree that it is quite a tremendous "find." Be on the alert in a future issue of *Coil Line* for additional details.

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Commercial covers-Southern New England

To the Editor:

This is a commercial cover report from Southern New England from about 125,000 covers postmarked Oct. 24 through Nov. 28, 1994.

29c Flag/WH - 1-0; 2-17; 3-0; 4-2; 5-7; 6-4; 7-64; 8-10; 9-13; 10-23; 11-208; 12-20; 13-14; 14-11; 15-70; 16-34. Total - 497.

Others: 1c Omnibus(RE) 2-1; 3c Conestoga Wagon (PNS3) 3-1; 5c Motorcycle (PNS3) 2-1; 5c Circus Wagon (PNS3) A3-2; (PNS2) A3-1; 19c Fishing Boat (PNS2) A5556-1; 22c Flag/Capitol 201; 23c USA, PFC, A2222-1; F (29c) Flower 1111-1; 29c Flower (Roul) 1111-; 2222-1; 29c Flower (Perf) S2222-3. Total -14.

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Letters (Continued)

Commercial covers from the Southwest

To the Editor:

Following is a commercial cover report from the ladies wear national mail order company for the period Nov. 2 to Dec. 1, 1994.

29c Flag WH 1-1; 2-7; 3-2; 4-3; 5-7; 6-10; 7-160; 8-28; 9-1; 10-71; 11-168; 12-19; 13-31; 14-1; 15-44; 16-64.

The monthly total is down as the toll free order number makes inroads into the mail volume.

Commercial covers remain available but please do not ask for #s 5, 9 or 14 as there is already a long waiting list that is unlikely to be filled because of the rate change.

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Lots of interest, lots of stuff to collect

To the Editor:

In the November 14. issue of *Linn's Stamp News* an article speaks to the use of U.S. Transportation coils on return envelopes. Donald J. Holly Jr. sent in a cover that was to be sent back to St. Labre Indian School of Ashland, MT, with a contribution. The return envelope was franked with three Conestoga stamps and two Canal Boat stamps. He was aware of the DAV mailing and was considering beginning a collection in this phase of coil collecting. There are many organizations doing this and it makes for an interesting collection.

Among the covers I have found are ones from *Money Magazine*, Congressman Dornan, *Entertainment Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Fortune*, Heritage Foundation, *Parenthood*, *Straighttalk*, Southwest Indian and Asian Relief, Right to Life and Habitat for Humanity.

This is another example of coil collecting. Plate Number Coil collecting is far from dead and is in fact more of a sleeping giant that is waking up from its slumber.

I believe the "family tree" of PNC collectors is very much greater than we suspect.

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Now is time to make 1995 slide show plans

There are many dates available for use of all the club's slide programs for January on through the summer of 1995.

Plan on spreading the word about PNC collecting by showing any of these programs in the club library.

All programs have complete scripts and all slides are sequentially numbered with the script. This takes little effort and is easily done.

Programs have no rental fees and can be obtained by member request, with the only cost being postage back to the library. Contact Dick Koenig at P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

Ads

WANTED: STRIP OF THREE, mint, uninged Scott #1305Ei 15c Oliver Wendell Holmes coil, perf 10 vertically, 1979 issue Die II. Will pay whatever and reimburse postage. Have tried everyone, everywhere. W.C. Bawden, 608-175 Pulberry St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R2m3X6.

ANN ARBOR OR DETROIT person sought to purchase coils from ECA GARD machines. Earn \$\$\$\$. Frank R. Covey, 16 Grandview Dr., Macomb, IL 61455-9075. Phone 309-837-5218.

140 PURPLE MACHINE CANCEL covers 1976-1983. No PNCs. Goor geographical and slogan type variety. Some earlier/later uses than reported in Washburn-Ditsch book. Best offer. Ken Lawrence 814-237-3095. As soon as possible.

WILL PAY REASONABLE PRICE for a Scott #2 two post Specialty Binder (green) slip cover. Must be in good condition. Will pay shipping. Call or write first with price. Thomson. P.O. Box 91, Northwood, NH 03261. 603-942-5461.

WANTED; PNC COILS & older issues in long strips and rolls, imperf, miscut, ets. John Tison, P.O. Box 8775, Newport Beach, CA 93658. Buy, Sell or Trade. Fax 800-255-3141.

WANTED; EARLY STAMP MACHINES, gumball & nut machines. Also: U.S. postal cards, mint or used with early interesting advertising. U.S. envelope, entries or cut squares. Wayne Hise, 813 Elden St., Herndon, VA 22070.

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

EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED to two free 40-word ads per calendar year. These do not accumulate so make use of the ads each year. Additional ads (of any length), can be purchased at 6 cents per word per issue. All ad copy must be in the hands of the editor by the 15th of the month before publication. The only known exception to this deadline as of this issue is Feb. 10 for the March issue.

**Please note:
The deadline for the March
issue will be Feb. 10. Copy
must be in hand on that date.
Thanks**

SNIPPETS

New Numbers

As predicted, there is a last minute release of a White House Flag number. Sleeve #18 has been found. This could mean #17 exists. Although it has been known for some time, we have not previously listed here plate number V1111 for the new self-adhesive Santa coil. The number interval on this issue is 12. The discovery of a new font from the Eca Gard PMC has created a new and collectable PNC strip, even though the plate number remains 1. Strips obtained thus far are surface tagged with dull gum. Be on the alert for this same font to appear on the embedded tagging, shiny gum paper that also bears plate 1.

Salvaging Sleeve #3

In the April 1994 *Snippets* there was an item about the apparent deterioration of Lunch Wagon sleeve #3. There may be more evidence of that. Eugene Liu has found a roll of this number with the 1L stamp exhibiting heavier printing of the inscription "Lunch Wagon 1890s". The bolder characters are easily seen in the photocopy reproduced below. The variation is constant. Could this be a re-entry from an attempt to prolong sleeve life? Any comments?



New ECA GARD Update

The new PMC discussed on last month's front page has already undergone a change. The maximum number of stamps that can be obtained during one transaction has been increased from 50 to 99. The limit of different values in one transaction remains three.

Finally, Mint Copies

Thanks to an expensive and time consuming effort on the part of Kim Cuniberti, the tagged error of the 23c USA #1111 has been found. Two years ago George Leduc discovered this stamp used on cover. Since then many used copies have surfaced, but mint strips eluded all of us. Some of us fell by the wayside during the search. Kim hung in there. Perseverance pays off.

The Catalog Is Here

By the time you read this the long awaited PNC catalog may already be in the hands of those who ordered early. Editor Rich Nazar tells us the release date is December 22 and he is planning to start mailing the next day. If the catalog weighs less than two pounds, he will be sending pre-publication orders by priority mail. He wants to use this method of mailing to try to compensate for the month of delays that the printer has experienced. The catalog has 316 pages, over 350 illustrations and consists of the introduction, five stamp sections and one section of checklists and tables. You'll like it.

PNC Exhibitors

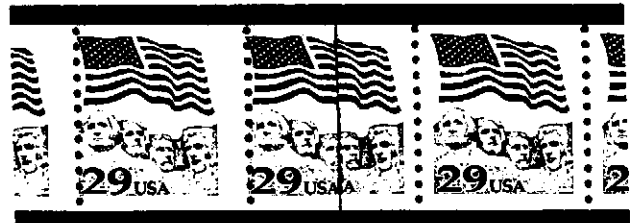
PNC3 has members from 47 of the 50 states (none from SD, VT or WY) and 21 states boast at least one individual with a PNC exhibit. That is the number provided by Bill McMurray who's in charge of monitoring this subject. Here is a table showing the "by state" count.

AL - 1	MD - 1	OR - 1
CA - 2	MI - 3	PA - 5
CT - 2	NC - 1	RI - 1
IA - 1	NJ - 1	TX - 1
IL - 1	NY - 1	VA - 1
KS - 1	OH - 3	WA - 2
KY - 1	OK - 1	WI - 1

Pennsylvania stands out, followed by Ohio and Michigan. If you have a PNC exhibit, or are working on one, and have not notified Bill, let him know. Write to him at P.O. Box 342 Westerly, RI, 02891.

Rushmore Splice

Post offices are rushing to unload all 29c stamps due to the impending rate change. Several southern California offices have put rolls of 3000 of the Mt. Rushmore Flag #5 in their lobby machines. Member Sherwood Day has been feeding these machines and came up with a fine splice example. The reproduction below shows a BEP butt splice that was made after printing. The stamp with the splice is wider than normal and shows elongated flag stripes, a double image of Teddy Roosevelt, and two "A's" in USA. The splice was probably made during the perforation process. Rather than rethread the Huck coiler with a new web, the new roll was fastened to the old one, which is represented by the stamps to the right of the splice. The less than precise joint, using web paper and magenta glue, caused the initial perforations on the the new roll (stamps to the left of the splice) to be displaced to the right. Subsequent adjustment probably pulled the perforations back in line. The splice is also offset vertically about 1mm. Day reports the dispensing machine passed the no number strip through with no jamming, confirming that the perforation row intervals are normal. There were 17 other rolls with this same splice but most of the one per roll examples have probably found their way into postal oblivion.



"G" Coil Is Raining Numbers

ABNC has done it to us again! This is written before the December first day of sale date for "G" stamps, but some of us have seen them and the numbers they bear. The ABNC version is on embedded phosphor paper with matte gum and has a number interval of 24. There are 25 known ABNC numbers. Two Stamp Venturers' numbers, probably with a 33 interval, and with back numbers every 10 stamps, have been seen. One BEP number is known. That brings the total at this early date to 28. There will probably be many more.

THE COLLECTING OF FIRST DAY CANCELS

PART IV

Bill McMurray

This month we will visit the 10c Eagle & Shield bulk rate stamp. This stamp has the record for the largest number of different plate numbers known on First Day Covers with the Official First Day Cancel, 23 different numbers. Nineteen of these numbers were found during the grace period and obtained their cancel during the grace period which ended on February 29, 1992 with the First Day of Issue being December 13, 1991. Consequently different Cachet Makers produced complete sets of 19 covers of strips 3 and 5. Artmaster produced 20 sets each of strips of 3 and 5 on the Artmaster Cachet and 10 more on their other cachet for a total of 50 sets. PNC3 member Larry W. Graf has done a survey as reported in First Days and accounted for 105 full strip sets of 19 and 5 sets with single pnc's for a minimum of 110 sets of PNC FDC's.

But as we now know plate number A32333 was found during this period and sold with normal mark up to cachet makers who included it in their set of 19. Today this mint strip retails in the \$200 range with a quantity of 1920 strips reported to date. Because of these factors having a FDC with A32333 in your collection is nice but it is of equal rarity to about 15 of the other numbers from the set of 19.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY OF ISSUE HAND CANCEL

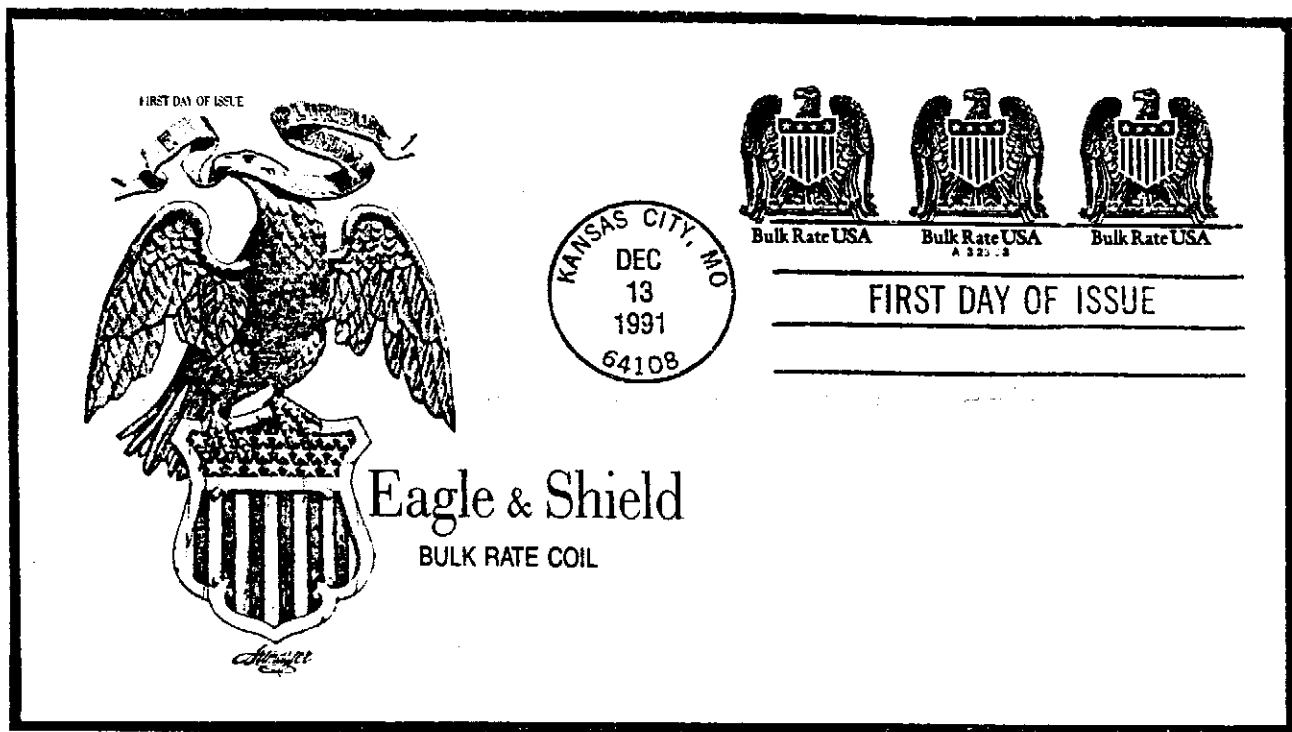


PLATE NO. A32333 KANSAS CITY, MO - ARTMASTER CACHET

The plate numbers that make up the sets of 19 are as follows:

1. A11111	6. A22112	11. A43324	16. A43426
2. A11112	7. A22113	12. A43325	17. A53335
3. A12213	8. A32333	13. A43326	18. A54444
4. A21112	9. A33333	14. A43334	19. A54445
5. A21113	10. A33335	15. A43335	

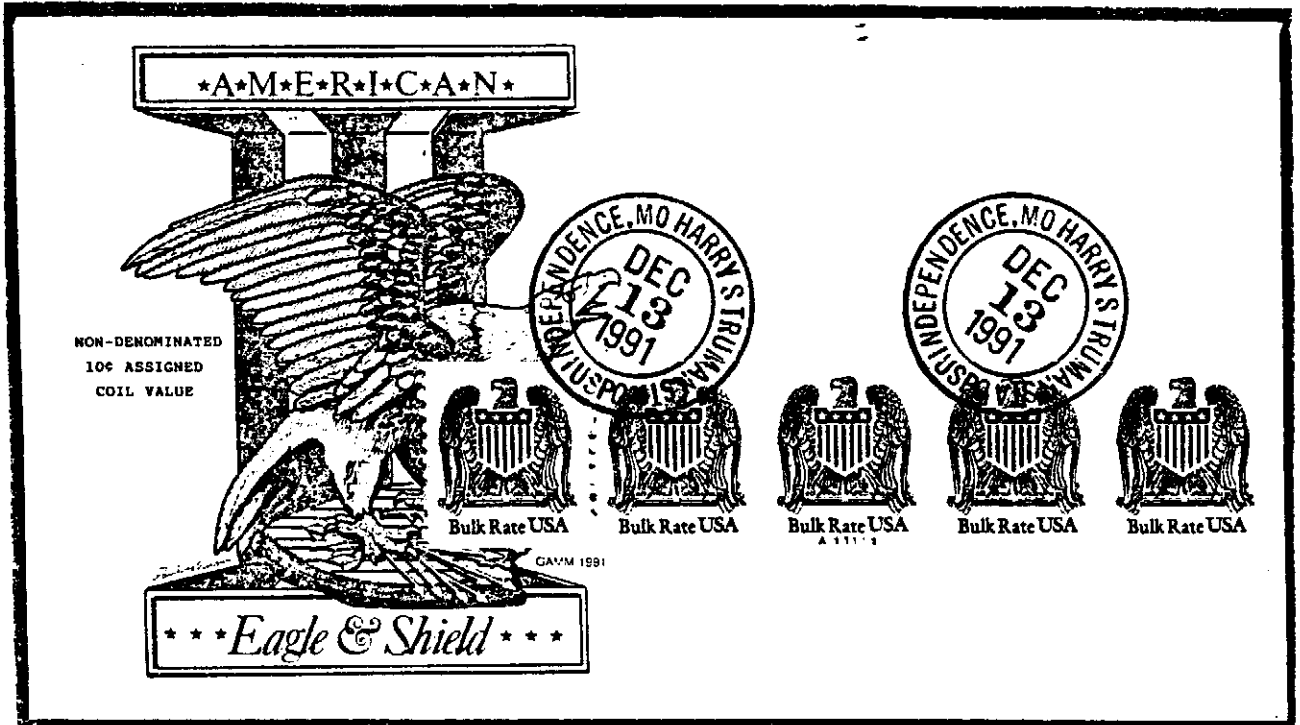
There are a total of 23 plate numbers known on FDC's and the remaining numbers are:

20. A33334	21. A34424	22. A34426	23. A77777
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These First Day Covers were cancelled as replacement covers after the grace period had expired. It has been reported that 10 each of A33334 and A77777 along with 17 each of A34424 and A34426 exist. Also reported by American Bank Note Company as printed but not found to date is Plate Number A12113.

Since we now have over 41 plate numbers it is very possible that new FDC's could turn up with Official First Day of Issue Cancel. I prefer Unofficial first day of issue cancels and I have been only able to find Plate Number A11111 serviced with a non-slogan cancel on the actual first day of issue December 13, 1991.

UNOFFICIAL FIRST DAY OF ISSUE HAND CANCEL



**PLATE NUMBER A11111
HARRY S. TRUMAN STATION, INDEPENDENCE, MO
BLACK CANCEL, GAMM CACHET**

UNOFFICIAL FIRST DAY OF ISSUE HAND CANCELS

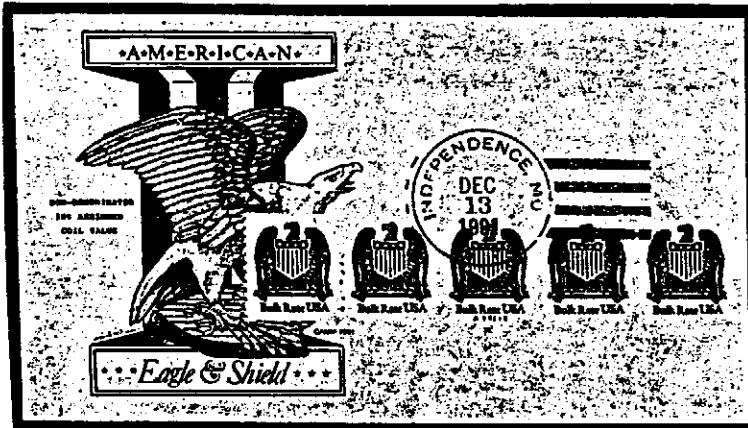


Plate No. A11111
Black CDS with Killer Bars
Independence, MO - Gamm Cachet

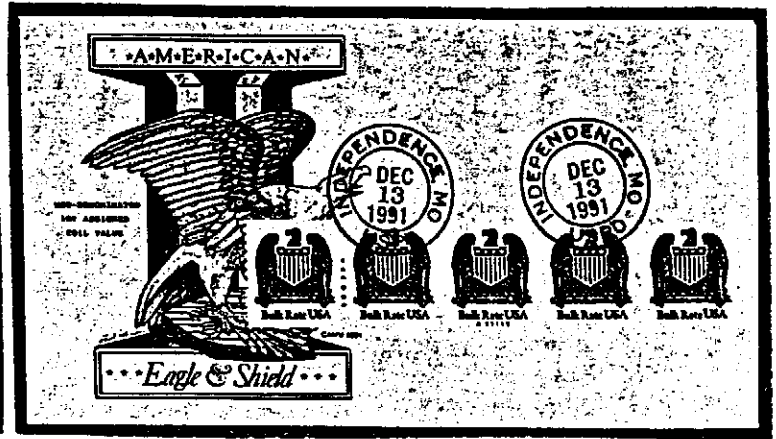


Plate No. A11111
Black Double Circles CDS
Independence, MO - Gamm Cachet

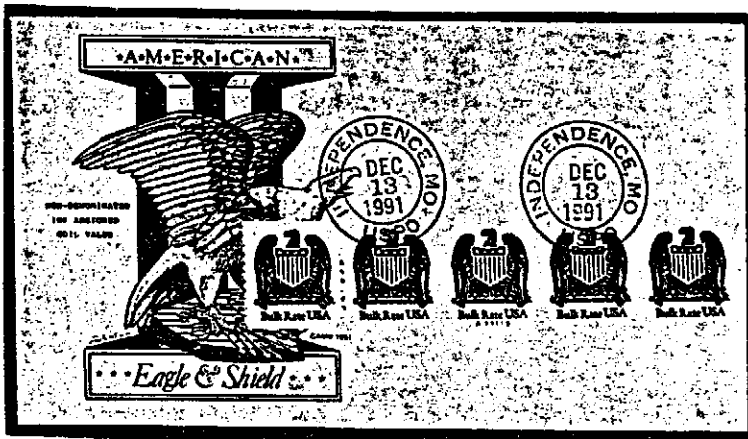


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Magenta Double Circles CDS
Independence, MO - Gamm Cachet

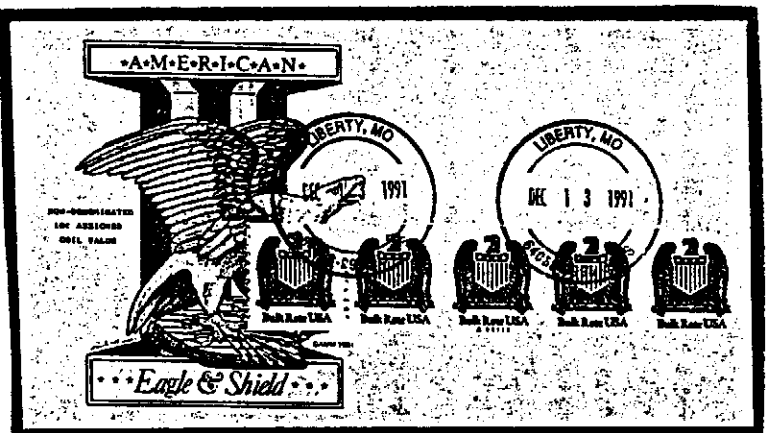


Plate No. A11111
Red Double Circles CDS
Liberty, MO - Gamm Cachet

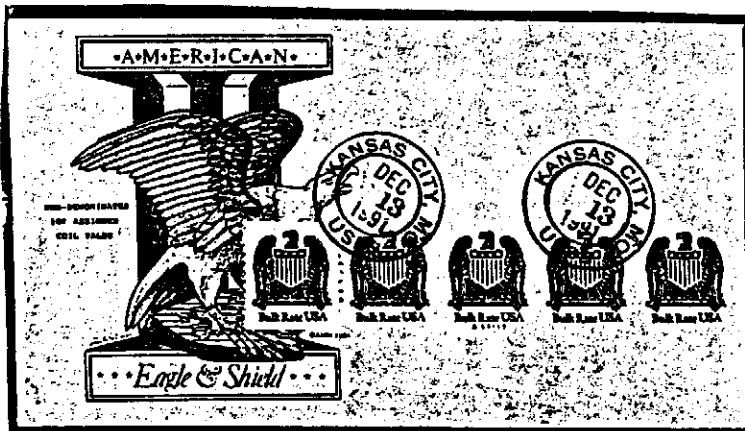


Plate No. A11111
Black Double Circles CDS
Kansas City, MO - Gamm Cachet

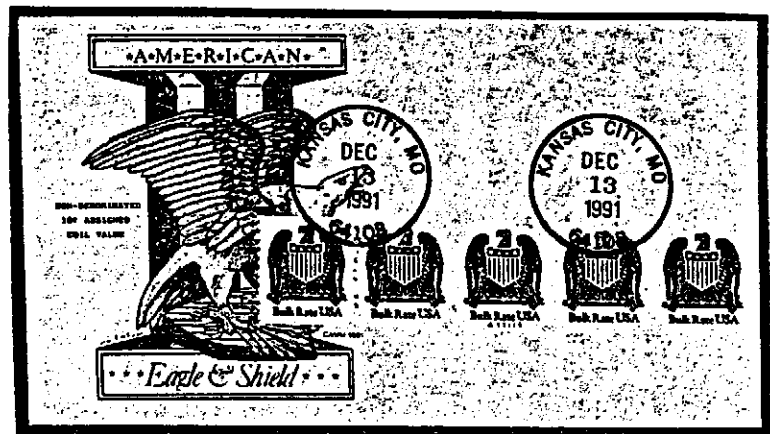
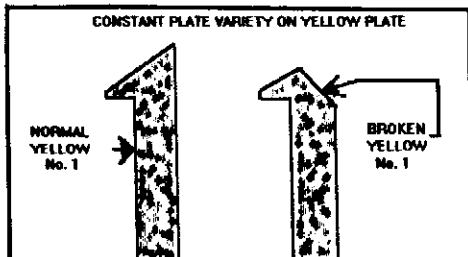


Plate No. A11111
Black Large CDS
Kansas City, MO - Gamm Cachet

BROKEN YELLOW PLATE NUMBER 1 CONSTANT PLATE VARIETY

Another collectable feature of the 10c Eagle & Shield coils is the broken yellow no. 1 constant plate variety. This stamp was printed in five colors, blue, red, green, yellow and black. There was a separate plate for each color and each plate has 19 rows of stamp impressions. One row of the yellow plate has a broken 1 as



illustrated in the figure to the left. Finding First Day Covers with this variety adds to the fun of the Great PNC Chase. This variety appears on all the plate numbers with a number 1 in the fourth position. Example: A111(1)1. Below is three covers that I found with this broken yellow number 1 variety. I am interested in hearing

from any collector that has the following plate numbers with the broken yellow number 1 with a First Day of Issue cancellation, A11112, A21112, A21113 and the key plate number A 12213.

BROKEN YELLOW NO. 1 CONSTANT PLATE VARIETIES ON FDC'S



PLATE NO. A11111



PLATE NO. A22112



PLATE NO. A22113

Part V will cover the 18c Flag.

CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

KEY

12/10/94

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

EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR PAPER

SP - SURFACE PHOSPHOR PAPER

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

Thanks for info go to: R. Nazar, B. Castle

Machine Canceling Followup

By Alan Thomson

There are some additional pieces of information about facer/canceler operation that were not available when my article about machine canceling was written for the October issue of *Coil Line*.

After my fact finding post office visit, it occurred to me that I had failed to make an important test of the untagged Circus Wagon stamps printed with reactive red ink. Joann Lenz kindly supplied a sufficient quantity of the stamps to make two slightly overpaid covers bearing six stamps each. With these covers I returned to the mail processing plant where the floor manager ran them through the normal canceling process before the day's operation began. The covers were rejected by both the AFCS and the Mark II cancelers, indicating they detected no tagged stamps. It becomes apparent that the reactive ink is of insufficient intensity to trigger the machines. He then manually fed them through the Model G Flyer canceling machine where they received a proper mark. Remember that the Model G has no detecting capability.

The manager, Mr. Brian Houle, was then kind enough to describe the procedure followed and certify it on the back of the covers.

During this experiment something else came to light. Experienced cover collector may deem this old hat, but it's new to me. Cancelations from the phosphor detecting automatic cancelers and the manual Model G are different. The difference lies in the size of the circular date stamp (CDS). The diameter of the automatic machines' CDS is 23 mm while the manual machine's diameter is 20 mm. This gives us a simple test as to the origin of a machine cancel.

Again my thanks are extended to Brian Houle for taking time from his busy schedule to satisfy the curiosity of stamp collectors.



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Dear PNC3 Member,

The above ad will soon appear in several philatelic publications. I hope the story is as fun to read as it was to write. Like my first report, "The Upside-down Yellow Number" is intended to make a major impact on stamp collecting.

As a special offer to PNC collectors who buy my new report, I will include a copy of the first PNC document, "The Great Philatelic Treasure Hunt" for \$2.00. This prediction of the rise of PNC collecting sold in 1983 for \$10.00, and has not been available at any price for over eight years!

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Sincerely,

Dennis Chamberlain

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Starting with this issue 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.

January 14 - Unofficial Regional Meeting at ORCOPEX, Anaheim, CA. Group meets at noon in the Spaghetti Station across from the Sheraton Hotel from noon to 5 p.m. Bring material to trade. Tom Maeder is in charge.

January 27-29 ARIPEX - Tucson Convention Center, Tucson, AZ. The meeting will be Sat., Jan. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. Seminars, trading and sharing stories. Be there and be warm!

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

COIL LINE

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PNC3 AUCTION RESULTS FOR #12 CLOSING DATE NOV. 19, 1994

Remember that ties go to the earliest post mark. I do take phone bids, but I still need your signed bid sheet to make your bids good. We had 61 bidders this auction with 54 bidders winning at least one lot. Of the 380 lots offered 249 sold. PS-5 strips sold the best, as always, in our auctions.

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LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
2	\$18.00	125	\$6.00	185	\$6.00	256	\$5.00	323	\$5.50
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4	\$6.00	127	\$7.00	188	\$2.00	259	\$5.00	325	\$4.00
7	\$75.00	128	\$1.00	189	\$4.75	260	\$2.00	326	\$15.00
12	\$0.75	129	\$2.00	191	\$3.50	261	\$1.75	327	\$30.00
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20	\$44.00	132	\$6.50	195	\$1.50	266	\$5.50	330	\$6.50
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105	\$28.00	171	\$9.00	239	\$3.00	309	\$4.00	379	\$20.00
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122	\$3.00	182	\$6.00	251	\$7.50	320	\$23.00		
123	\$4.50	183	\$18.00	254	\$3.25	321	\$5.00		
124	\$5.00	184	\$5.00	255	\$3.75	322	\$4.00		

PNC3 MEMBER EXHIBITOR 1995 PLANS

JANUARY 27-29 **ARIZONA: ARIPEX 95**, Sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs, Tucson Convention Center, Tucson, AZ. WSP show and PNC3 will host a Regional Meeting.

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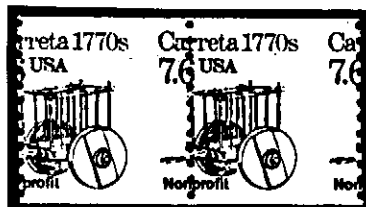
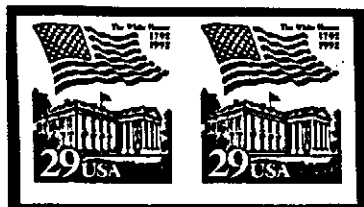
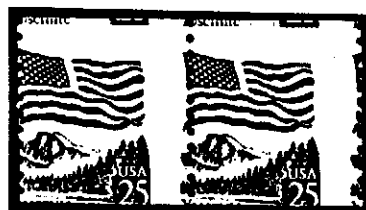
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Remember your 1995 renewal was due by Dec. 31, 1994 to avoid a \$2 late payment penalty.

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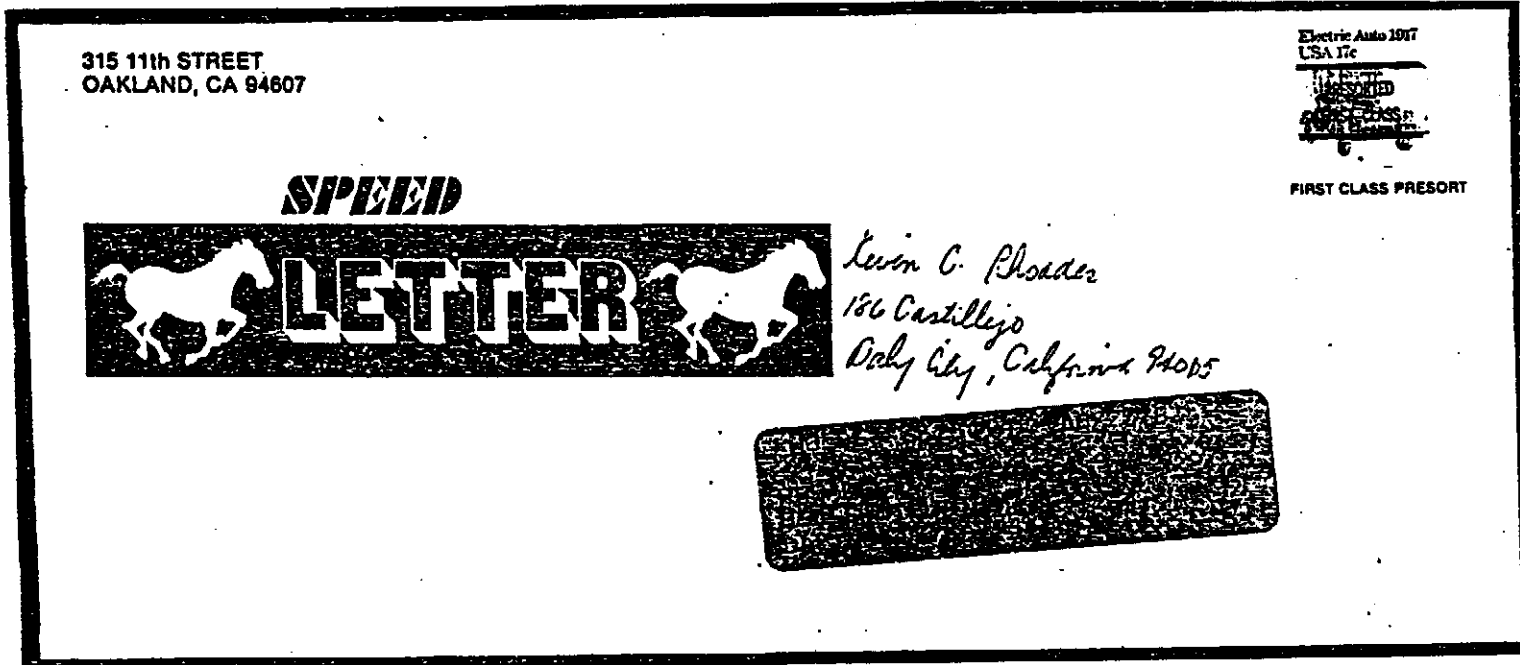
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THANKS, BILL

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