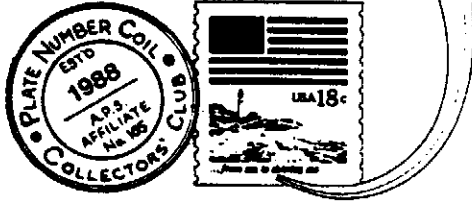


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Many members report in; with support & requests

By Harold Brown
Coil Line Editor

OK! That's a start.

It seems that I do have your attention, at least more of you than I thought. Thanks for reporting in. My postal person has earned her keep this month and my phone has been a bit busier than usual.

Many have returned the questionnaires attached to the October issue of *Coil Line* and I'll begin to use those in the coming months. I have included one particular questionnaire in this issue because it went beyond the basics and provides some interesting information. Most of the other questionnaires will be set in type by myself on quiet evenings after the election. My job with the local newspaper, among other things, involves reporting on city government. This happens to be the year for a mayor's race and five of the seven council seats are up for a vote. It's a busy time and I haven't been able to spend as much time working through the questionnaires as I had hoped. I'll use a few each month starting in December, depending on how many other contributions to the editorial content show up.

Questionnaires remain welcome. Send them in any time.

Several people have requested an update of the Plate Number Coil Checklist, published about 18 months ago. I had hoped that would be ready for this month but it won't happen.

Steve McGourty, who did the previous work, indicates that all of the 'G' stamps and other issues have burnt him out and he does not intend to do an update.

What your editor (and many members) need is a volunteer or small group of members willing to take on this project. Steve will provide what information he has. His work was done on the Microsoft Excel program, meaning whoever takes on the chore would probably want to have that computer program. The other alternative would be to start over on another database program. I don't have the computer expertise to know if the Excel format can be used on other databases.

Anyone interested in helping out on this project should contact the editor as soon as possible. Hopefully, there are a couple of members willing to work on this project. There may be some who has set up a different checklist. Let's hear from you. Many members want this checklist, especially those who have joined since the last one was published.

Among the items received were three color photographs from the annual meeting in St. Louis. Carl Wicklund provided the photos and hoped they could be used in *Coil Line*. I'd love to be able to include photographs but the process needed to get decent reproduction is beyond the budget at this points.

Carl has labeled one photo 'Triple Threat.' He's sitting with President Gene Ernst standing on his left and Ron Hayes on his right. Another photo shows Secretary Joann Lenz talking with an unidentified member and several other members apparently engaged in trading sessions or swapping personal stories about the big stamp that got away. The third shows dealer Al Haake talking with another unidentified member.

One page of this issue of *Coil Line* contains the official minutes of the annual meeting. Be sure to check the membership page for upcoming regional meetings and also make note of the annual meeting next August at Stampshow in Orlando, FL. That seems like the wrong time of the year to head for Florida for an Ohioan but who knows what might happen.

If you attend a regional meeting, feel free to send in your comments, impressions, whatever. All reports will be considered official by the editor. We all have different impressions of these sessions. Multiple reports are encouraged and expected. Those who have attended any of these meetings will understand what you're writing about and those who haven't attended or don't understand will just have to attend and find out for themselves.

I'd love to fill this front page up with specific information about Plate Number Coils. I hope you'll find something to share.

For those planning ahead, the December issue will contain membership renewal information for 1996. Dues will remain the same. Along with that renewal, make a pledge to get involved, attend a regional meeting, the annual meeting, especially if it's in your vicinity. Stampshow has a lot to offer.

It seems hard to believe but the holiday season is close at hand. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. I'm thankful for the membership. Let's hear from you!

Letters

Southwest commercial covers proliferate

To the Editor:

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

32c G - A1111-51; A1112-9; A1211-4; A1212-10; A1222-27; A1311-3; A1313-3; A1314-3; A1324-2; A2212-20; A2213-6; A2214-31; A3113-1; A3314-12; A3323-1; A3324-5; A3426-2; A3426-2; A3433-12; A3435-1; A3436-2; A4427-19; A5327-9; A5417-3; A5427-10; A5437-1; 1111-36; 2222-15; S1111P-35; S1111R-24; S2222-131.

32c Flag over Porch - S1111-1; 11111-301; 22222-57; 33333-230; 44444-37.

32c Ferryboat - 2-13; 3-40; 4-3.

The 'G' PNCs on commercial cover are fading out but how fast? In an attempt to quantify this, I have compared the number of ABN 'G' PNCs against the total number of PNCs found on commercial cover. For the purpose of this calculation, only stamps intended as first class postage were considered. Below is a listing of the percent of ABN 'G' PNCs versus all first class letter rate PNCs found on commercial cover by month since June.

Month	ABN 'G'	Tot. FC PNC	%ABN 'G'
June	235	382	61.5
July	339	740	45.8
August	369	953	38.7
September	245	1,061	23.1

In the month of September, one out of every four or five PNCs found on cover was an ABN 'G' plate number. If the current trend continues, only one out of every eight or nine first class rate PNCs found on cover will be an ABN 'G' number by the end of October. Geez, say goodbye 'G's'

David E. Kemp
509 S. Grinnell Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85710

Staying out of the sun checking SW covers

To the Editor:

Following is a report on PNC commercial covers from the ladies wear mail order company for Sept. 1-30.

32c G - A1111-5; A1211-2; A1212-2; A1222-2; A1311-3; A1313-8; A1314-2; A1324-6; A2212-2; A2213-11; A2214-20; A2223-1; A3113-10; A3114-1 A3314-33; A3323-3; A3324-12; A3423-1; A3426-1; A3433-5; A3436-6; A4427-12; A5327-10; A5417-7; A5427-6; 1111-19; 2222-7; S1111P-12; S1111R-37; S2222R-159.

32c Flag over Porch - 11111-61; 22222-41; 33333-71; 44444-43.

32c Ferryboat - 2-7; 3-5.

Every once in a while an older PNC is found on cover. I was pleasantly surprised to find this last month a perfect 20c Fire Pumper #7 along with two 6c Eisenhower commemorative stamps. One finds all sorts of great stamps while sorting through bags of envelopes. I urge

readers of these reports to develop commercial sources, those who receive many envelopes and join in on the fun, and also report your findings to *Coil Line*.

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

Commercial covers from the Northeast

To the Editor:

In the southern New England area these PNCs were found on commercial covers from about 101,000 pieces postmarked Sept. 1-28.

32c G - 1111-7; 2222-2; A1222-1; A1313-11; A1314-1; A2213-1; A2214-25; A3113-17; A3314-20; A3323-4; A3324-17; A3436-20; A4427-5; A5327-1; A5427-36.

32c G - S1111(P)-25; S1111(P) with back number -2; S1111(R)-34; S2222(R)-157.

32c Flag over Porch - 11111-71; 22222-75; 33333-310; 44444-20.

32c Ferryboat - 2-3; 3-12; 4-17.

29c Flag/WH - 14 miscellaneous numbers.

A4435 found on cover in Washington survey

To the Editor:

This report covers the time since the 'G' stamps were issued through Sept. 12. The report includes one A4435 cover, still one of less than about a dozen that have been reported. These covers are regional.

A1111-28; A1112-9; A1212-1; A1311-3; A1313-40; A1314-1; A1324-2; A1417-50; A1433-3; A2212-36; A2213-198; A2214-18; A2223-1; A2313-5; A3113-6; A3314-12; A3315-5; A3323-3; A3324-8; A3423-1; A3426-5; A3433-29; A3435-1; A4426-1; A4427-5; A4435-1; S1111P-67; S1111R-317; S2222R-621.

Howard Foster
2503 S. Tekoa
Spokane, WA 99203

Why not a Question and Answer column?

To the Editor:

Why not a question and answer column.

I have a question.

Today, I bought a roll of the 32c Ferryboat (100) at a nearby post office. It is still sealed in the bubble pack. What caught my attention is that the roll looks normal, white strip intact, but at the opening end are two Ferry Boat stamps folded along the perforations.

My questions:

- 1) Has anyone else found an example like this?
- 2) Should I open the pack and see what's in it?
- 3) Could the USPS (or someone else) have added two stamps to bring the pack up to 100?

Also, has an even value club exchange ever been considered? I have only been able to find 8 'G's' in this area. Is it possible or is it a nightmare waiting to happen?

I have lots more questions than answers.

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Letters (from previous page)

Frank L. Beck
Box 252
Little Chute, WI 54140

(Editor's Note: A question and answer column has been suggested before. All member have to do is mail in their questions. The editor will list the questions or in some cases refer them to members who would be qualified to answer. Fire away. Also, an exchange was tried a couple of years ago and all most members wanted to trade were common strips. It was discontinued).

Incidence of 'G' stamps in a 25-pound mix

To the Editor:

This report deals with the results of sifting through a 25-pound mission mix on paper. The report is dated Oct. 3.

A1111-3; A1112-1; A1311-5; A1313-3; A1314-2;
A2213-4; A2214-1; A3113-10; A3314-10; A3324-7;
A3422-1; A5427-1; 1111-3; S1111R-3; S2222-25.

J. Carson
5225 Hunters Ridge #725
Ft. Worth, TX 76132

Members places his mixture report 'on-line'

To the Editor:

Hi, this is an open letter to all PNC3 members that I can contact on-line. I collect mint strips of 5 and used singles. Right now I am focusing on the used singles. Recently I went through two, four-pound mixtures of definitives. I averaged about 80 PNCs per mixture, mostly 'G's' and White Houses/ I'll send a breakdown to anyone interested, including who I purchased the mixtures from.

Also, does anyone have an updated list of PNC3 members on-line? You can reach me at Chasques@aol.com.

Howie Chaskes
162-01 Powells Cove Blvd.
Beechhurst, NY 11357

Non-PNC topics suggested for Coil Line

To the Editor:

I may be wrong, but I believe most PNC collectors have interested beyond PNC3. I started to collect them because I was a collector of joint line pairs. I think *Coil Line* could include articles of interest on other collector areas, and that it would benefit the publication. I did not include an article because it is not PNC related.

I'll start a little deviation by placing one of my free 40-word ads that is not PNC-related—about Alaska postmarks. (See membership section for ads).

Harold F. Dautenhahn
12 Melody Drive
Rochester, IL 62563

USPS issuing too many stamps

To the Editor:

The problem I have saving U.S. Postage stamps is that the U.S. Postal Service is issuing too many stamps.

Because I enjoy stamp collecting I save 1) U.S. souvenir sheets; 2) A plate block of each new stamp; and c) A PNC5 of each coil stamp.

This is becoming very expensive for me. I have lot of fun developing my own FDC for all stamps.

So, cost is becoming a factor because of the large number of issues. I am up in the air as to what to continue collecting.

Approximately four years ago I began collecting specific U.S. State duck stamps. This has narrowed my early costs.

Robert Collum
563 N. Ridgefield Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06610

(Editor's Note: Robert's letter also included some supportive comments for the editor and others who do the basic work for PNC3. Thanks. As to the 'what to collect,' I've taken the approach that I'll collect coils and then limit other U.S. collecting to what I like. For instance, the WWII sheets, the Civil War sheet, the Rickenbacher stamp and some of the self adhesive sheets, especially when I come across a number that seems to be tough to find.)

Regional meeting at SESCAL was great

To the Editor:

The PNC3 Regional Meeting at SESCAL was great. I enjoyed meeting again all those whom I knew from previous meetings and all those whom I had previously only talked with over the telephone or had exchanged correspondence.

Also, meeting with those members who I did not know was a highlight.

I wanted to talk to all who attended but time in the room was a factor and we had to vacate. My apologies to the club member who donated many PC-PNC commercial covers to be given out to those who attended. Please write me and let me know who you are so I may thank you properly. It was a lot of fun and very enjoyable. Special thanks to Jewell Meyer and Dwight Buschlen for organizing and planning the meeting.

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Tucson, AZ 85751

Jumpstart story provided needed boost

To the Editor:

I enjoyed reading the clever front page article in the October *Coil Line* titled 'Missing persons report filed. . . for inactive members. Thanks for the jumpstart out of a lethargic state. Hopefully it came in time to prevent irreversible mental stagnation and crystallization. Perhaps a kick or two in the future will prevent reversion.

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Letters (from previous page)

I would like to thank the many contributing members, especially Gene Ernst and Dick Koenig for their tireless attention to the details of PNC collecting that help keep us all well informed and especially for their being my best customers for PNC First Day Covers painted in watercolors. Also, I thank them for another enjoyable year of correspondence.

At the St. Louis Stampshow meeting, Gene handed out about 25 of my FDC lists to members. I thank him for this effort and regret that I was not able to attend. He would very much like a count of the sales resulting from the recipients of the lists. Over a month has passed and I, embarrassingly, have only an empty handed report to show. Are these people truly lost, too?

My own exposure to FDCs came first, a decade before I became a stamp collector, when at a New Year's Eve party, the hostess upon hearing that I did Tole painting on bread boards and metal ware, brought their collection of art on covers for me to see. I spent the rest of the evening completely absorbed in many FDC albums. It was no surprise that once I joined the hobby, cachetmaking would shortly follow as a toil of love.

Shirley Corp
6962 Mink Hollow Road
Highland, MD 20777

Coils available at Long Beach, CA window

The following list was supplied by Bill O'Connor from Angie Craig, philatelic sales clerk at 300 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90801. All stock is subject to change. She may be contacted at 310-983-3052 from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time, leave message, she'll call back.

1c Omnibus - 3, 5/6
2c Locomotive - 8/10, 2/6
3c Conestoga Wagon - 1, 3 (dull)
4c Steam Carriage - 1
5c Circus wagon - 1, S1 (1995) A2 (Untagged)
5c Motorcycle - 1/2
5c Milkwagon - 1
10c Canal Boat - 1
15c Tugboat - 2
19s Fishing Boat - A7667, A5556; S111
20c Cable Car - 2
20c Cog Railway - 1
23c Lunch Wagon - 3 (Shiny gum)
29c Mt. Rushmore - 6, A11111 (gravure)
29c Flag/ White House - 2, 5, 9, 10, 11
32c Flag/Porch - 11111, 22222
32c 'G' - A2212, A1111, A1313, A5327, A5417, A4427, A5327.

32c Ferry Boat - 2, 3
\$1 Seaplane - 3

Several back number combinations are available on the 5c Butte, 5 Circus Wagon, 10c Automobile, 10c Eagle & Shield, 15c Auto Tailfin and 25c Jukebox. Check for availability. She asks that orders be for a minimum strip of 20.

CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

KEY

10/10/95

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

EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR PAPER

SP - SURFACE PHOSPHOR PAPER

32c FERRYBOAT

#2 A
#3 A
#4 A
#5 A

(5c) BUTTE

#S111 C, D

(10c) AUTO

#S111 B, C, D

32c PORCH FLAG

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

(15c) TAIL FIN

#11111 C
#S11111 D

(25c) JUKE BOX

#111111 B, 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

#A1010101010 B, C, D
#A1011101010 C
#A1011101011 C
#A1011101012 C, D
#A1110101010 C, D

20c COG RAILWAY

#1 A, B, C

#A1110111010 C, D
#A1110101011 C
#A1111101010 C, D

5c CIRCUS WAGON

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

#A111111010 C, D
#A1211101010 C
#A1411101010 B, C, D
#A1411101011 C, D
#A1412111110 D
#A1412111111 C, D
#11111 B, C
#22221 B, C

3c CONESTOGA

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

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

Thanks for info go to:

Dating PNC precancel covers & distinguishing fakes

By Ken Cherry
43 W. Constitution Ave.
Spring Grove, Pa. 17362

This is in response to Michael Bourgault's questions about dating PNC precancel covers and telling legitimate covers from fakes.

The first issue we need to address is just what it is one is collecting when you collect precancel covers such as those illustrated in his October *Coil Line* article.

Precancel stamps on cover by definition are stamps that do not require canceling, in fact their purpose is to save the post office the time and labor involved in canceling these letters. Consequently, most examples of such covers bear no post office applied cancelation, so a properly used cover normally has no cancelation.

It is only when one wishes to show that a cover is a period of use cover, or an example of false franking that dates become important. The problem then becomes: How do we date covers not normally canceled?

One can write dates received on covers which come to you in the mail, however since such documentation can be so easily faked it is not likely to be trusted by other collectors or show judges.

Another method of dating precancel covers is to find a date printed on the envelop or on the contents. For example, a letter with the month and year printed on it. Or an envelope or letter bearing a "reply by" date. While such dates may indicate the letter was mailed before the "reply date" it does not offer an actual use date. In recent years I have found precancel covers with inscriptions reading "entered into the mails on . . ." with a precise date. I have seen some exhibits which have used dated contents' documentation to distinguish between proper and false franking. (See *Coil Line* 2/93 p.29).

Some precanceled covers do bear mailer's permit cancels which are not applied by the post office but by the mailer. While authorized by the post office they are not regarded by many collectors as having equal status as an official post office cancelation, especially when determining EKU (Earliest Known Use) date. (See *Coil Line* 6/95 p.95).

The introduction of dated ink jet spray cancels does afford one way for precancel covers to have a date of postal usage applied and is a recognized post office marking. This cancel, however, was not intended for use on precanceled mail but on metered mail and so its presence must be considered unintentional or accidental.

Yellow dated labels used to show addressee address changes may also help date a cover's use.

Ironically, the most highly prized precancel cover is one which bears a dated post office cancel, which collectors accept and recognize as a legitimate indication of postal usage, but which is an unintentional or accidentally applied cancel.

It seems to me that an undated collection of precancel PNC covers, ie. ones showing typical examples of usage, ought to be just as proper a way to collect covers as those with atypical cancelations. Dates only become important when you wish to show a cover as a proper period of use cover and/or distinguish it from a later example of false franking.

But many collectors prize the dated cover and so seeking out examples of dated covers is what makes precancel cover collecting exciting and fun for many.

With regard to ways to prevent people from making fake covers-our best bet is to expose the fakers when discovered so others don't buy or trade with them. Besides this, we need to be informed and careful buyers.

Careful examination of covers we consider purchasing:

- Checking for signs of removed stamps, or the PNC being soaked and reapplied with glue.
- Checking to see if the stamp on cover was in use when the cover was sent through the mail. (This assumes the cover can be dated). (See *Coil Line* 2/90 p.10 and *Coil Line* 3/94 p.44).

The following three pages show several examples of PNC commercial covers and how the covers can be or are being dated by the author.



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what happens to
this dog?

Found 9/18/93



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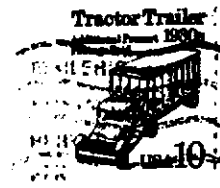
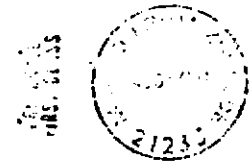
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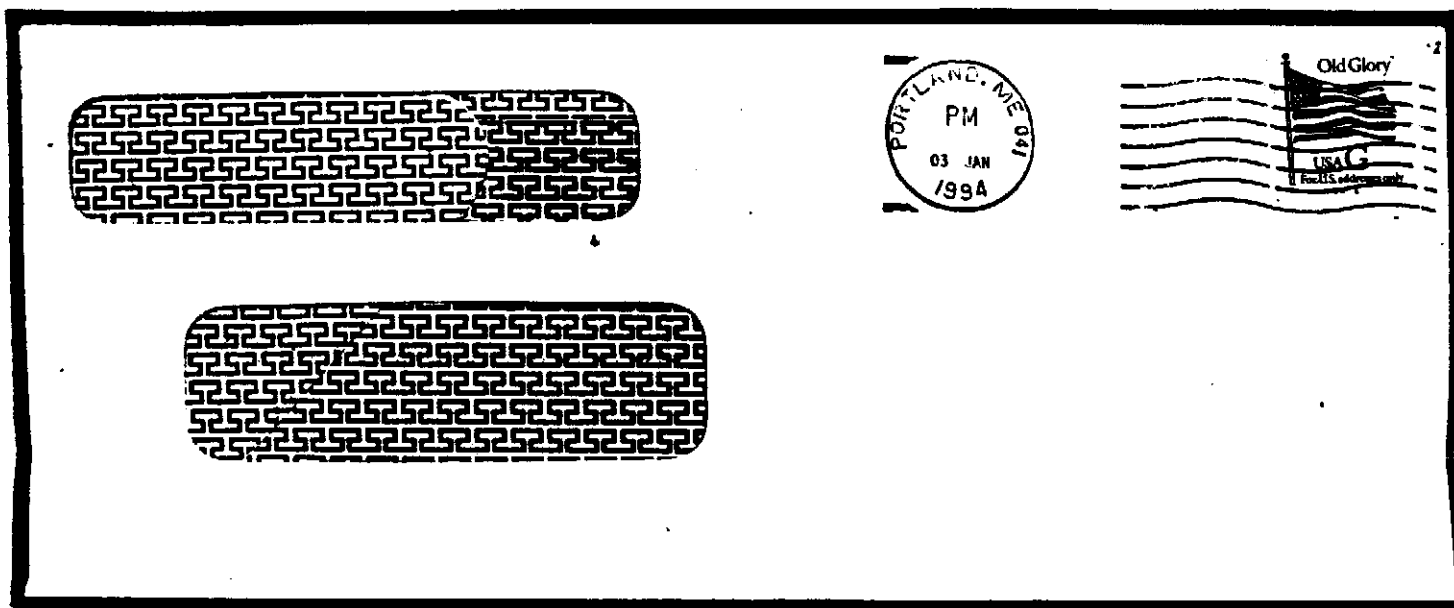
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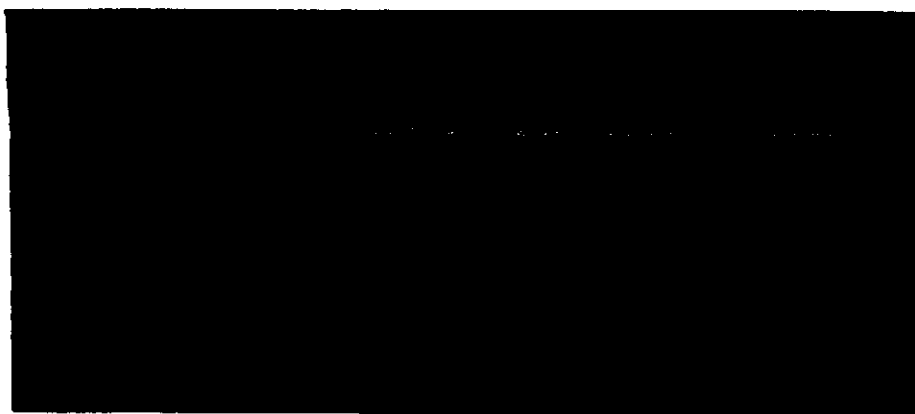
COVER OF THE MONTH



The above cover featuring the 32c G #A3436 is tied by a 1/3/94 Portland, Maine cancel which is about 11 months before the stamp was issued. I suspect that this cancel has a year-date error, and that the correct date should be 1/3/95. (Cover courtesy of Rick Lancaster, Maine-ly Modern Philatelics.) (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.)

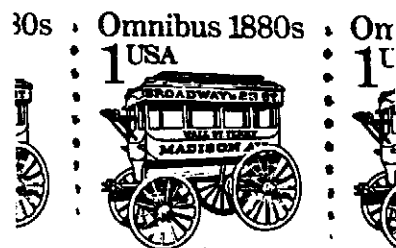
2225 P#4

MNH Cat. Price .70 Selling Price 60c



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STYLE 107 B



Above is curiosity provided by Eugene Savitt. At right is a copy of the stock card with the description Scott 2225 plate number 4. The price is 60c. This plate number is not known to exist. The image at the left is of the number stamp and does not show much of the number. Eugene believes it might be the top of a 1 with a plate flaw. Any other ideas?

MEMORANDUM

From: Shirley Corp
6962 Mink Hollow Rd.
Highland, Md. 20777

Date: October 5, 1995

To: Harold Brown, Editor
909 Parker St.
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

In Re: COIL LINE October issue 'Stamp People'

Name: Shirley Corp

Occupation: Cachetmaker and Homemaker

Memorable PNC or philatelic experience:

Awhile ago waiting my turn in line at a local Post Office to purchase new issues, the person ahead of me voiced his wife's annoyance at having to cut each stamp off a roll of the White House coil. Before using up the whole roll, his wife decided she spent enough time cutting stamps, thus the reason for the man waiting in line to trade for perforated stamps. My lucky day was joyfully complete once I purchased the remaining imperf roll from him which still had one finely centered PNC/5 of plate #7.

Three words that best describe me: Shy Philatelic Organized

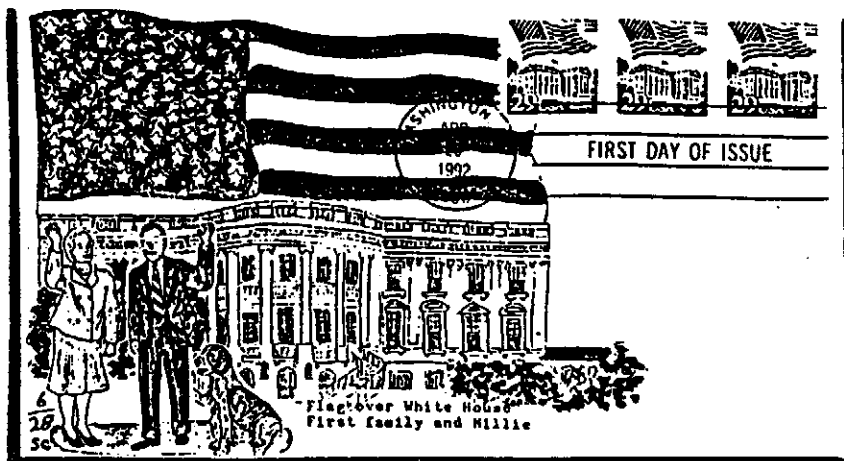
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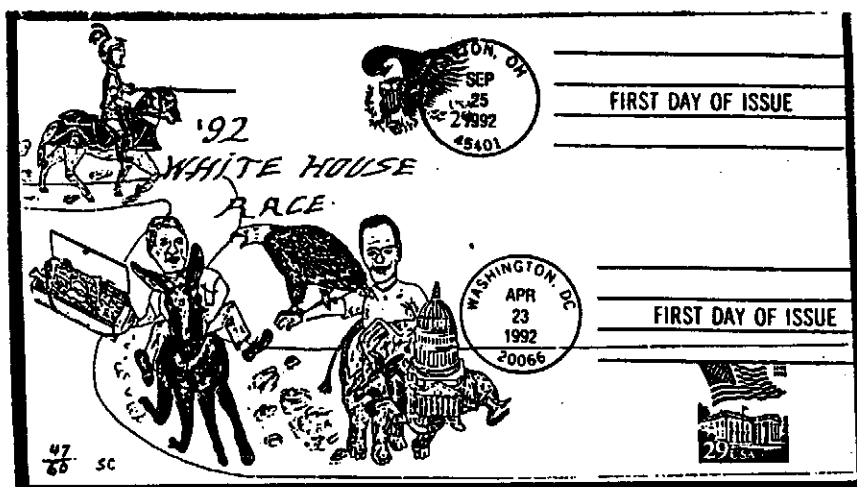
If and when I have the opportunity to travel to stampshows, I would like to meet all who collect my FDCs. I depend so very much upon my husband who doesn't share my hobby interests so I'd have better luck talking to a wall than convincing him in going to a stampshow.

Favorite PNC stamp (and why): .29 White House coil

The USPS released this coil during a presidential election year and with it my imagination went wild with cachet ideas for a FDC but I forced myself to limit the cachets to two as shown by the following photocopies.



In honor of the former first family



A comical campaign cover.

What I do when I'm not collecting or studying PNCs: When I'm not busy with cachetmaking, I read novels by Clive Cussler, Robin Cook, John Sandford, Michael Palmer, Dean Koontz, Sidney Sheldon, Stuart Woods and others. I also like to work in the garden and yard.

Secret Vice: Lying to my husband about what I spend on stamps.

People would be surprised to know: I drive an old beat-up '73 Plymouth because I have constantly spent the transportation budget on philatelic materials.

My favorite stamp story: I'm struggling to complete a large PNC/5 collection of the Eka-Gard VRCs from the Brentwood P.O. in the District, but I seldom am able to purchase more than 5 plate strips per visit before the machine runs out of stamps, jams or has been programmed for frequent R & R. The revised font printer seems to favor printing the .20 and .23 and .32 rates, but balks at the unheard of ones. On one visit, instead of the usual shutting down when I requested an odd rate, it complained with a loud noise and proceeded to noisily print oddities with the entry printed anywhere from top to the lower perfs. It printed about seven 48 stamp plate strips before quitting for R & R. Each strip of 48 stamps had less than half that qualified for way-off oddities and most showed damage holes from failure of the stamp feed-through mechanism.

Shirley Coys

PLATE NUMBER COIL COLLECTORS CLUB (PNC3) MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AUG. 26, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Gene Ernst. It was held in room 126 of the Cervantes Convention Center, St. Louis, the site of Stampshow '95. A total of 46 persons were present including 39 PNC3 members. Board members in attendance were Gene Ernst, Dick Koenig, Jim Perry, Joe Sedivy, Gene Trinks, and Joann Lenz. Due to a family emergency Tom Maeder was unable to attend.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to dispense with reading of the 1994 minutes since they had been published in Coil Line.

President Ernst made the following announcements:

1. The dues structure will remain the same for 1996.
2. Elections will be held next year.
3. The next annual meeting will be at Stampshow in Orlando, 1996.
4. When new pins are available, there will be an announcement in Coil Line.

Gene also announced that there were twenty-three door prizes donated; he described each and said that when a name was drawn, that person could choose from the prizes available.

In response to a question of how to collect the coils that now have back numbers, the general consensus was that it is a matter of personal choice although many collectors are collecting with the back number on the same stamp as the plate number. Others collect them on some stamp away from the plate number and then fold that stamp over so both the back number and plate number are visible. It was mentioned that the ink from the back number might "bleed" through the paper. Few collectors present had actually experienced that so far.

Time was allowed for a trading session which was followed by the door-prize drawing.

Gene called upon Bill McMurray, Chair of Awards and Exhibition Committee, to present the PNC3 Achievement Awards. Bill announced these awards:

- Rollie Grandahl - regular reports of plate numbers on cover
- Rich Nazar - publication of the PNC Catalog
- Robert Rabinowitz - accounts about PNCs in Stamp Collector and other publications

Bill added that exhibitors should make him aware of when/where exhibiting so he can forward club awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann Lenz, Secretary

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 782 if all applicants are accepted.

New applicants:

Ron Freedman
2807 E. Grandview Circle
Mesa, AZ 85213-4207

Eugene H. O'Neal
3203 Falcon Lane #208
Wilmington, DE 19808-4343

M. Archie Hirashima
1379 Forty-Second Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94122-1210

Changes of address:

Robert S. Rowe
5800 Pine Dr.
Sebring, FL 33870-7484

George E. Jacobs
1070 W. Jefferson
Franklin, IN 46131

Anthony Maves
148 County Road NN
Spring Valley, WI 54767-9103

Thomas Leeder
656 W. End Ave.
Carthage, NY 13619-1041

William King
13 Eton Road
Toms River, NJ 08757-4446

Death:

Robert McQuail on June 10, 1995.

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

A series of slide shows and video tapes regarding Plate Number Coil collecting are available to members. 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.

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E-mail addresses:

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Ads

I HAVE NUMEROUS PNC strips, mint and used, also a few covers. Please send a list of needs and extras to Joe B. Knight, Box 1338, New Bern, NC 28563

BEAUTIFUL hand-colored PNC FDCs, EFO FDCs currently available: Flag over Porch imperforate pair with normal plate number single for comparison on Anagram H/C FDC-5 made. \$300 each. SASE for list to Anagram, 6301 Poindexter, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone 301-309-6637.

LARGE QUANTITY OF GOOD used PNC singles for sale at reasonable prices to PNC3 members. All F-VF or better. No damaged junk. Send your want list, I'll tell you what I have and the price. Will consider taking your used singles accumulation in trade for some specific items. SASE appreciated. John Himes, P.O. Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630.

MY BETTER MINT PNC strips of 3 (Also some LP as used singles & PS 5) will trade for PNC strips of 5 (many common including duplicates). Send for list. Jay Maisel, Box 2714, Gardena, CA 90247.

ALASKA POSTMARKS ON decorated cards \$2.50, red postmarks \$3, black and red \$3.50; 45mm with interior deval \$5; interior island and bird, \$5; two color single postmarks, \$6. Varieties and prices for SASE. Dautenhahn, 12 Melody, Rochester, IL 62563.

WANTED: FIRST DAY COVERS with tied coil wrapper labels. Will buy or trade. Have mint and used plate number strips and PNC-FDCs to trade. Please write to: Robert

Rowe, 5800 Pine Drive, Sebring, FL 33870-7484.

NEED 1891 Plate No. 6 strip of 5 or longer (7 preferred). Have many hard to find strips of 5 to trade in combo with cash. Dave Dubois, 13519 30th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98125.

Tip on removing coil stamps to preserve back numbers

Steve Crown suggests using a few drops of stamp lift fluid on a stamp. Let the fluid work for about 10 seconds, then use a pair of stamp tongs to slowly begin to peel the stamp from the cover.

He reports a 95 percent success rate without degrading the intensity of the ink used to print the back number. He said to allow the stamp to air dry 30 to 40 minutes before placing it the collection or stock book. Sometimes the stamp curl a bit but can be pressed out with a book or other flat object.

His best find is a Butte stamp with two numbers on the back.

30 at Regional Meeting held at SESCOAL Oct. 7

Thirty Plate Number Coil Collectors Club members attended a Regional Meeting Oct. 7 at the Los Angeles Wyndham Hotel at Los Angeles International Airport.

Hosts for the meeting were Jewell Meyer, Dwight Buschlen and Dick Koenig.

John Tison gave a talk on EFOs and showed many examples and copies from his collection.

Koenig gave a talk on collecting precancel/service inscribed PNC commercial covers and fielded questions from the floor about PNC collecting in general.

Great door prizes were donated by Tison, Meyer and Buschlen.

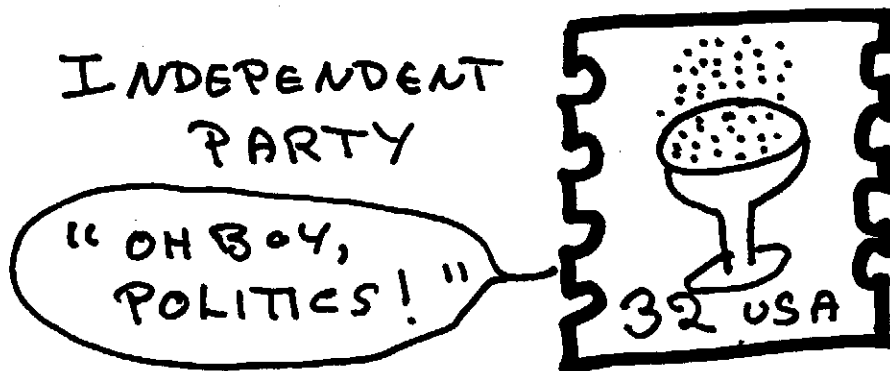
Show and Tell time included a great selection of Bill Wallerstin's collection of EFOs and Jimmy Galceran's covers.

A lively trading session closed out the meeting. The repeated comment was 'See you next year.' A great time was had by all.

-Dick Koenig



Chuck Maloney provides this PNC, postmarked in Guam Aug. 18, 1995



By Sherwood Day