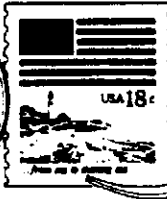
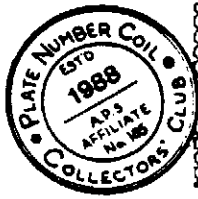


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## Annual meeting Aug. 24 at Stampshow in Orlando

Members of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will gather for the 1996 annual meeting on Saturday, August 24. The general membership meeting will run from 1 to 2:50 p.m. in the Orange County Convention Center, which is also the site of Stampshow, the annual meeting of the American Philatelic Society.

The PNC<sup>3</sup> board will meet from 10 to 10:50 a.m.

The show hotel is the Omni Rosen, which is adjacent to the convention center. The phone is 1-407-354-9840 or 1-800-THE OMNI. Rates were only guaranteed for reservations made by July 21-but it won't hurt to ask.

Other hotels in the area are The Peabody (1-407-352-4000), said to be an "expensive" hotel; a Days Inn Civic Center, a block away (1-407-352-8700); and the Clarion Plaza Hotel, also a block away (1-407-352-9700). There are supposed to be 20,000 hotels rooms within a five-minute drive of the center.

There are numerous hotels in the Disney area and if you don't mind a little bit longer drive, you may be able to find some inexpensive rooms along the Florida Route 192 strip in the nearby Kissimmee-St. Cloud area.

If you have questions about the area, two members have volunteered to try to help out. They're NOT offering lodging but may be able to give you some good ideas. Orlando area roads are busy but your editor hasn't lost too many of his remaining hairs driving around the area on recent vacations.

Donald Tallman at 1-407-847-5489 can be phoned or faxed. Donald said his wife, Ernabelle, or himself will be glad to answer questions.

Lionel Garlini, 1-407-957-4519, would also be able to help answer questions. He won't be able to attend the show because of his job.

Thanks to both. Hopefully, this will start a trend to help those of us attending annual meetings in unfamiliar places.

As this issue was being finished up, some of the airlines were announcing another round of special fares. It might be worth checking to see what you can find.

## Shiny, glossy, dull: Your input needed

Dick Koenig continues to seek member input on terminology-definitions for the visual gum types-shiny, glossy and dull.

Though many members have written to voice approval, several have suggested other terms that merit further discussion.

Several members have suggested that shiny and glossy are too similar and offered semi-gloss or satin for glossy.

Let Dick know your choice of any of the following three sets of terms for visual gum types.

- 1 - Shiny, gloss, dull.
- 2 - Shiny, semi-gloss, dull.
3. Shiny, satin, dull.

"I am looking forward to hearing from as many members as possible. A consensus is needed," Koenig said.

He may be contacted at P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

## Is Avery another ABNC?

Here it is only one month into the issue and there are already five cylinder combination numbers for the self adhesive 5c Mountain printed by Avery Dennison. All these numbers have appeared only on rolls of 10,000.

Is Avery going to be like the American Bank Note was with the Eagle & Shield? The SA Mountain is Avery's first direct production coil for mass use and this flood of numbers does not bode well for collector and dealer alike. Even though the nominal value is 5c, keeping the cost somewhat under control, the roll size makes PNCs for all numbers difficult to find.

Why is it that Stamp Venturers manages to do similar printing of large rolls and use only one set of cylinders? Does it have some technical knowledge the other producers don't? Hang onto your hats, and find a bigger scrap postage box.

-Alan Thomson

#### Inside this month:

Members will find lots of letters, a discussion of the 'perforations' on the new self adhesive coils, a look at the 19c Fishing Boat on commercial cover, a copy of the permit needed for use of precancelled stamps as first class postage, a compilation of reported PNCs on commercial cover and the last four pages of the collecting interests of club members.

## Letters

### Follow up on 5c 'G' rate coil properly used

To the Editor:

I am writing to share information received by me from our members in reply to my letter published in the April *Coil Line* about examples of the 5c 'G' rate coil properly used on commercial cover.

Two of our members contacted me, Richard Beecher and Tom Goetz. Mr. Beecher indicated that he had seen no examples of this coil on commercial cover and felt since the postal service had difficulty selling this item due to the availability of comparable values and given the fact the the 'G' issues would soon be withdrawn from sale and either destroyed or stored, chances would be slim of finding one on commercial cover.

Mr. Goetz reported he found an unnumbered single used on an APS mailing sent to a stamp club. His was the only example on commercial cover shared with me.

I want to thank both for their help. If anyone comes upon another 5c 'G' single properly used on commercial cover please write or send a photocopy to Rob Washburn as a candidate for cover of the month.

I read with interest your report on Wayne Youngblood's presentation at the Plymouth Show. I hope more of this kind of sharing will appear in future uses of *Coil Line*. All of us who are unable to attend a show in person are still able to benefit from this kind of reporting. There is one more than we might add to Mr. Youngblood's list of unusual things to look for and that is 'dates.'

The 1995 PNC Catalog lists EKU (Earliest Known Use) dates for PNC's and Rob Washburn has been tracking newer issues in his *Coil Line* articles on Commercial Covers. Most recently in the May issue is a list of EKU dates for 'G' coil plate numbers. One never knows when you will come upon an EKU date while going through a pile of PNC covers. The cover illustrated on p.57 of the May issue was discovered by me while going through a stack of covers at a show. I found it before Rob Washburn's list appeared, but bought it because of the early usage. It was only months later that it turned out to be an EKU. While EKUs are often fickle and short-lived (eight of the 'G' PNC EKUs listed in the February issue were superseded in May) they are no less fun to look for and you can enjoy the moment -be it short or long.

To aid in my search for EKUs, I have made up a set of 4x6 cards. On each card I list a first class PNC issue, the plate numbers and the EKU for that plate number. I carry these cards with me when I go to shows as a reference.

When it comes to new issues for which you have no list of EKU dates, you can go by the stamp issue date and look for covers canceled closest to that date. That's what I did when I found the A3314 'G' cover dated 12-14-94. I knew 'G' rate coils first appeared in mid-December of 1994, and that this had to be an early usage. Be sure to share the dates with Washburn or Rich Nazar so that we can all benefit from these reports.

Ken Cherry

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### Back number isn't what it appears to be

To the Editor:

The numbered stamp back illustrated on the front page of the July *Coil Line* is not what it appears to be.

First, none of the digits in the number is reversed. The entire number is a mirror image. If held up to a mirror it reads 38271. Mirror images such as this are usually created by one of two events. Either right-reading type has been used in error, which is highly unlikely in this case, or the image is the result of an offset. A moist stamp coming in contact with a printed number, possibly a mass mailer's piece count marking on the cover, could leave a such mirror image on the stamp's back. Did the finder check the envelop for evidence of such a marking?

The font used is not like any back number we have seen and is not of dot matrix origin. Since this was identified as a BEP Eagle & Shield stamp, a back number is unlikely. BEP is working on it but has yet to issue any back numbered stamps.

Perhaps even more important is the fact that for this to be a true back number it would have had to come from a roll of at least 40,000 stamps. Not likely. To step into the realm of absurdity, if a zero is missing from the end of the number, it should have read 382,710 and therefore would have come from a roll of at least 400,000 stamps. That's much too much to imagine.

I think it's a safe conclusion that what we have here is a random and accidental offset freak, not a back numbered stamp.

Alan Thomson

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### Clearing the air on permit number cover use

To the Editor:

In the interest of accuracy and to preclude any misinformation being disseminated, I point out the error in Rob Washburn's May 'Cover of the Month' (pp.59) caption noting collectors "write their permit number on the envelope next to the stamps."

The rules do not stipulate this requirement, but rather state "First Class" must be placed on the cover denoting that rate of service.

I agree that it may expedite delivery and serve to enlighten or deter unknowledgeable clerks from delaying mails if it's noted thereon - and there are no rules against it.

Dan Kauffman

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(Editor's Note: Among the pages of this issue of *Coil Line* is a copy of permit 3615 being used by USPS to provide permits to use precancelled stamps. Thanks to Dean Hawk for providing this information. Most of the mail received by the editor uses some combination of precancelled stamps and most covers include a permit number.)

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### Information on the new self adhesive coils

To the Editor:

This past weekend (June 15-16), I was able to attend the First Day of the new self adhesive coils at TEXPEX 96 in San Antonio. The following is information on these coils. All of the rolls are in the format we've gotten use to with the S/A rolls-stamps were separated from each other (unlike the new 100 rolls of the S/A Flag over Porch), with the exception of the Mountain, all are back numbered on the liner in intervals of 10, in red ink, with plate numbers every 21 stamps.

The Mountain is individually back numbered in blue ink, with a plate number every 15 stamps.

Flag over Porch - S11111-back number at bottom.

Auto - S111, back number at top.

Juke Box - S11111, back number at bottom.

Butte - S111, back number at top.

Tail Fin S11111, back number at bottom.

Mountain - V333333, back number at lower middle (too high to be bottom and too low to be middle)

The back numbers start at 10,000 and work backward as the coil is used.

Also available were the S/A Eagle & Shield S11111 with a plate number every 21 stamps with back number in red at the top. An S/A 100 rolls of the Flag over Porch with 78777.

While you're looking for these, keep your eye out for legitimate usage of these new S/A coils by a bulk mailer.

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### Commercial covers from southern N. England

To the Editor:

In the Southern New England area these PNCs were found on commercial covers from about 163,000 pieces postmarked May 31 through July 3, 1996.

32c Flag/Porch - 11111-51; 22222-36; 22322-3; 33333-177; 34333-2; 44444-122; 45444-49; 55555(SA)-1; 66646-89; 66666(SA)-18; 66666-5; 77767-176; 78767-4; 76777(SA)-74; 88888(SA)-26; 89878(SA)-3. Total-836.

32c Ferryboat - 3-13; 4-4; 5-6. Total -23.

32c G - 1111-1; A1313-1; A2214-2; A3314-1; A3324-1; A3436-1; A5427-3; S1111(P)-14; S1111(R)-2; S2222(R)-7. Total-33. (3.7% of 32c PNCs).

Others - Five various values totaling 6. Grand total-898.

Rolly Grandahl  
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### Forward information as soon as possible!

To the Editor:

Is *Coil Line* on the cutting edge? Not really-nor can it be expected to be. Such is the destiny of a monthly publication. However, information should be forwarded for inclusion ASAP and the editor should strive to include all late-breaking items right up to the last slug

before printing.

There may be a question of space but I've never seen an issue which didn't have a holiday somewhere that wouldn't allow a tidbit of info to be pasted in prior to printing. And, we'd all stay more current.

I recently sorted out a Flag over Porch 89878 on commercial cover. Linn's hasn't publicized that number. I didn't know about it until I read Lipson's ad in the July 8 issue. Did Mike tell CL? I did.

Dan Kauffman  
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CLP, CA 95424

(Editor's Note: Dan's cover was postmarked 6-26-96 in Oakland, CA.)

### Election not conducted according to bylaws

To the Editor:

In reviewing our club's Bylaws, I noticed that this year's election has not been conducted as it was supposed to be. Per Article VII of our Bylaws, election ballots are to be forwarded to all members at least thirty (30) days before the ballots are due to be returned. As you know, this year's ballots are due on July 31, 1996, and they were sent out with the July 1, 1996 *Coil Line*. Some of you may, or may not, have received your ballots by July 1, 1996. Our Bylaws go on to say that the voting is to be completed at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. We will fall short of the required thirty (30) days because our annual meeting is scheduled for August 24, 1996. As I stated previously, the ballots are not due until July 31, 1996, so our PNC3 leadership missed the boat by about a week. Whether this makes this year's election of officers null and void, I don't know, but it certainly was not done in accordance with the Bylaws.

Also, two months ago, I had a letter printed in *Coil Line* regarding the need for our Board to amend the ethics rules. In the two months since that letter was printed, I have not received one single word from our President or any other member of the Board concerning this. If the Board had gotten it's act together, the necessary ethics rule change could have been submitted to the membership for approval along with the ballots for election of officers. It seems that our leadership is failing us, and perhaps it is time for new blood to get involved in running our Club.

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### Southwest commercial cover-reporter #2

To the Editor:

Following is a listing of the PNCs found on commercial covers between April 1 and June 30, 1996, from local newspapers and a national insurance company.

32c 'G' - A1111-6; A1211-2; A1212-4; A1222-7; A2212-1; A2213-2; A2214-6; A3314-1; A3433-3; A4427-1; 1111-6; 2222-4; S1111P-7; S1111R-4; S2222-3; V11111-1.

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## Letters (Continued from previous page)

32c Flag over Porch - S11111-10; 11111-309; 22221-6; 22222-103; 23222-1; 33333-304; 34333-5; 44444-176; 45444-92; 66646-429; 66666-4; 77767-74; 78767-15.

32c Flag over Porch S/A - V11111-1; 55555-1; 66666-26; 78777-30; 88888-13; 89878-5.

32c Ferryboat - 2-13; 3-28; 4-21; 5-20.

20c Cog Railway - 1-1.

3c Conestoga - 6-1.

29c White House - 3 different numbers.

ABN 'G' PNCs on commercial cover now at 1.9 percent of all first class PNCs found on cover.

Flag over Porch numbers S11111, 22221, 22322, 34333, 66666 and 78767 are quite difficult to find on cover. This is unlikely to change, especially considering the popularity of the new self adhesive rolls.

Anyone interested in PNCs on commercial cover (or as used singles) is encouraged to write. Best of luck and good hunting.

David R. Kemp  
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Tucson, AZ 85710

### Commercial covers-what's scarce out there

To the Editor:

This is the PNC commercial cover report from the national ladies wear mail order company in Tucson, AZ, for the period of June 1-30, 1996.

32c Flag over Porch - 11111-57; 22222-49; 22322-1; 33333-123; 44444-164; 45444-92; 66646-140; 66666-3; 77767-45; 78767-15.

32c Flag over Porch S/A - 55555-2; 66666-23; 78777-4; 88888-12.

32c Ferryboat - 2-11; 3-15; 4-7; 5-3.

The tough PNCs to find on commercial cover for the 32c FOP (lick and stick) are numbers 22221, 22322, 34333 and 66666. It is also possible that 78767 will be a tough one as this was found mint at about the same time as the self adhesives were introduced. It is possible that the S/As replaced the L/S at many post offices, therefore commercial uses of the 66666 and 78767 will decline rapidly. The 66666 has been found mint all over the USA but in rolls of 100 in short periods.

Dealers are now looking for this one on cover as well, so best get to it and find yourself one.

Expect to pay or trade for a premium for these covers.

The shortage of these three PNCs on commercial covers is understandable as each was only found on large rolls.

The 32c Ferryboat is fading from the scene and I recommend you find all of the PNCs quickly. The numbers 4 and 5 seem to be the most difficult to find.

The new 32c FOP S/As are first reported with this month and I have already heard that finding 55555 and 89878 on commercial cover is tough. Develop sources for covers, doctor's offices, churches, charities, etc.

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splice



### Splice found on self adhesive Eagle & Shield coil

David Kemp of Arizona has provided this photocopy of a splice found on a roll of the new self adhesive coil of Eagle & Shield S1111. The splice occurs on the liner just to the right of the numbered stamp. The splicing material appears to be clear tape about two inches wide. Plate number frequency on both sides of the splice is correct, as is the back number spacing.

# CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

KEY

07/11/96

A-100, B-500, C-3000, D-10000  
 EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR PAPER  
 SP - SURFACE PHOSPHOR PAPER  
 GUM - (SHINY, GLOSS, DULL)

## 32c PORCH FLAG

#11111	A (GLOSS)
#11111	C (SHINY)
#22221	B
#22222	A, B (GLOSS)
#22222	C (SHINY)
#22322	A, C
#33333	A, C
#34333	C
#44444	A
#45444	A
#66646	A
#66666	A
#77767	A
#78767	A
S11111	D

## 32c PORCH FLAG (SA)

#55555	A
#66666	A
#78777	A
#87888	A
#88888	A
#89878	A
#S11111	D
#V11111	5000

## 32c FERRYBOAT

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

## 23c LUNCHWAGON

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

## 20c COG RAILWAY

#1	A, B, C
#2	A, B

## 3c CONESTOGA

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

## 1c KESTREL

#1111	B, C
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## (5c) BUTTE

#S111	C, D
#S222	C
#S333	C

## (5c) BUTTE (SA)

#S111	D
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## (5c) MOUNTAIN

#11111	B, C
#S111	D

## (5c) MOUNTAIN (SA)

#V22222	D
#V333323	D
#V333333	D
#V333342	D
#V333343	D

## (10c) E & S (SA)

#S11111	D
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## (10c) AUTO

#S111	B, C, D
#S222	B, D
#S333	B, C

## (10c) AUTO (SA)

#S111	D
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## (15c) TAIL FIN

#11111	C
#S11111	D

## (15c) TAIL FIN (SA)

#S11111	D
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## (25c) JUKE BOX

#11111	B, C
#212222	C
#222222	C
#S11111	D

## (25c) JUKE BOX (SA)

#S11111	D
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## Perforations or Teeth? A New Game

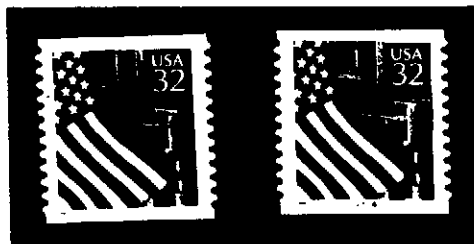
By Alan Thomson

Every time stamp printers use new methods to produce stamps it gives collectors name problems. The new self adhesive Flag Over the Porch coil is the most recent example.

Many collectors have called the die cutting that separates each stamp in the coil "simulated perforations" and that's probably as good a name as any, but unfortunately it leads to an attempt to use a perforation gauge to determine the size of the die cut. The squiggly incision does not fit the definition of a perforation since it contains no "holes". In addition, the serpentine cut is not continuous, but is interrupted by a straight line of about 4mm that crosses over the slicing line between rows in the printing web.

For these reasons using a perforation gauge seems all wrong and that a more accurate method is to simply count the number of teeth that appear on the side of the stamp. Some may consider that tedious and have other ideas. Let's hear from you.

Member Eugene Liu has provided some interesting photocopies that not only support the "teeth" counting idea but highlight a collectible variety situation. The four stamps shown are all different. Note in particular the stamp marked 11L/12R. Both sides measure perf 11 on a gauge but one side has 11 teeth and the other 12. A perf gauge doesn't seem to do the job.

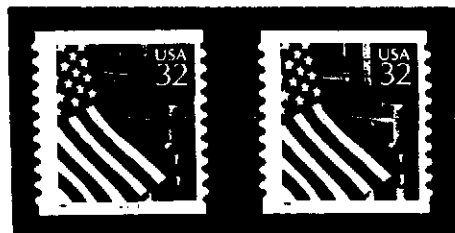


12L/12R

11L/12R

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#55555  
#66666

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#66666



11L/10R

10L/10R

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#78777  
#88888  
#89878

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#88888  
#87888

The cylinder numbers under each type are known to exist and there may be others. If you have SA Flag coils that differ from these teeth and cylinder number combinations, let's hear from you. Make a photocopy like those above that shows a cylinder number and send it to me at PO Box 91 Northwood, NH, 03261. I'll keep a list going in Coil Line if the response warrants it.

Thanks for info go to: D. Koenig, G. Ernst, G. Leduc, J. Meyer.

B. O'Connor, M. Courtney, B. Cattle, S. Day, E. Liu.

Last month SA Mountain #333324 was included in error. The last two digits were transposed when the information was passed through several parties.

## COMMERCIAL COVERS

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### The 19¢ Fishing Boat

This month's article features the 19¢ Fishing Boat PNC. This coil was issued to meet the 19¢ postcard rate. There are three different versions. The American Bank Note produced the first two types. ABN's Type I was issued on August 8, 1991 and consists of plate numbers A1111, A1112, A1212, and A2424. ABN's Type II was first discovered in December, 1992 and is found with plate numbers A5555, A5556, A6667, A7667, A7679, A7766, an A7779. Stamp Ventures produced the third version of the stamp. It was issued on June 25, 1994 and only has one plate number, S1111.

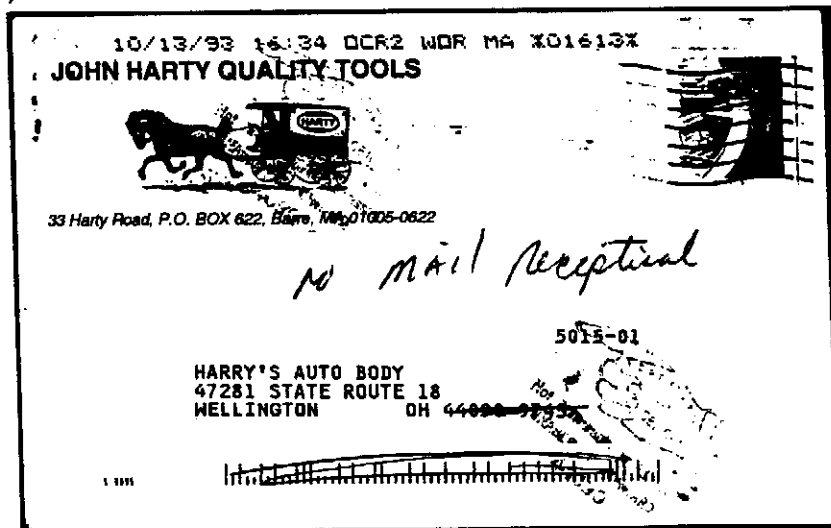
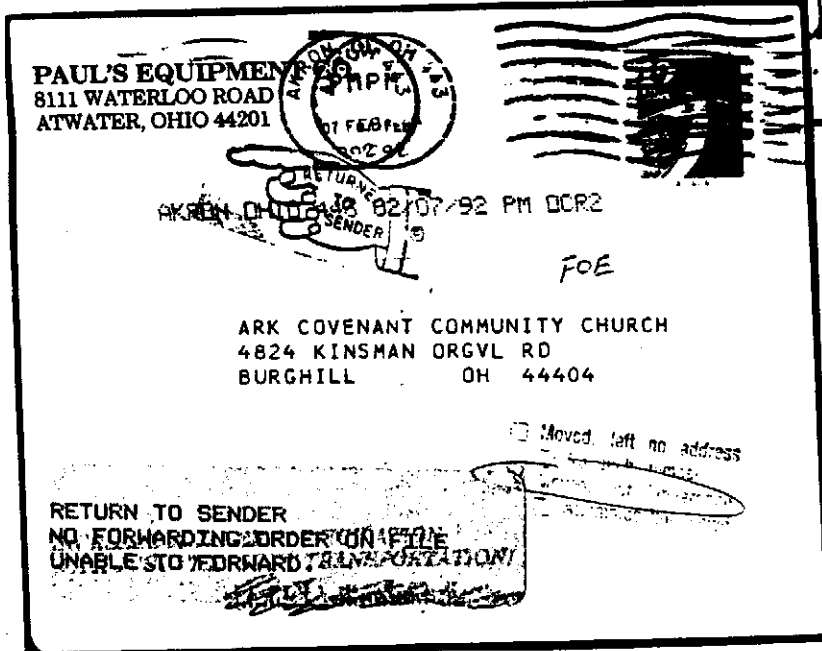
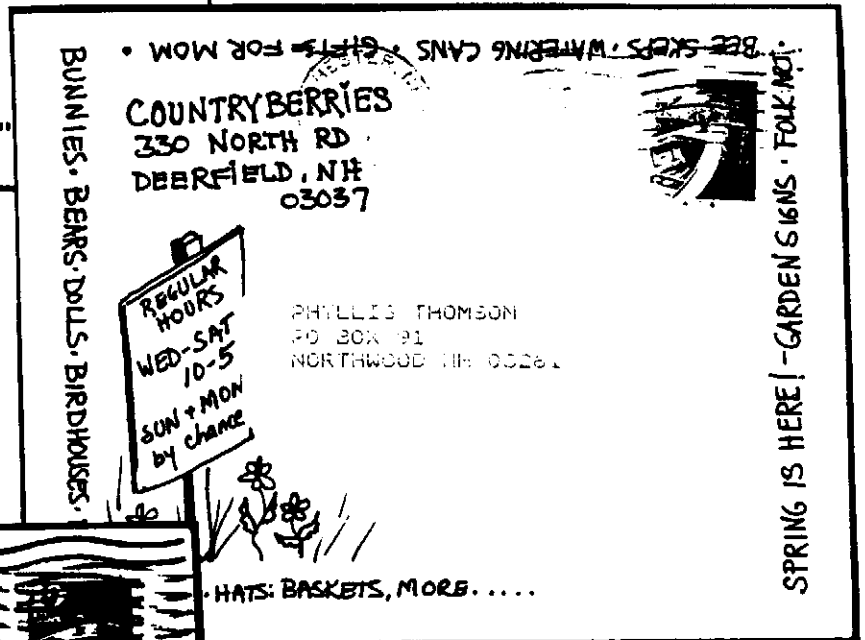
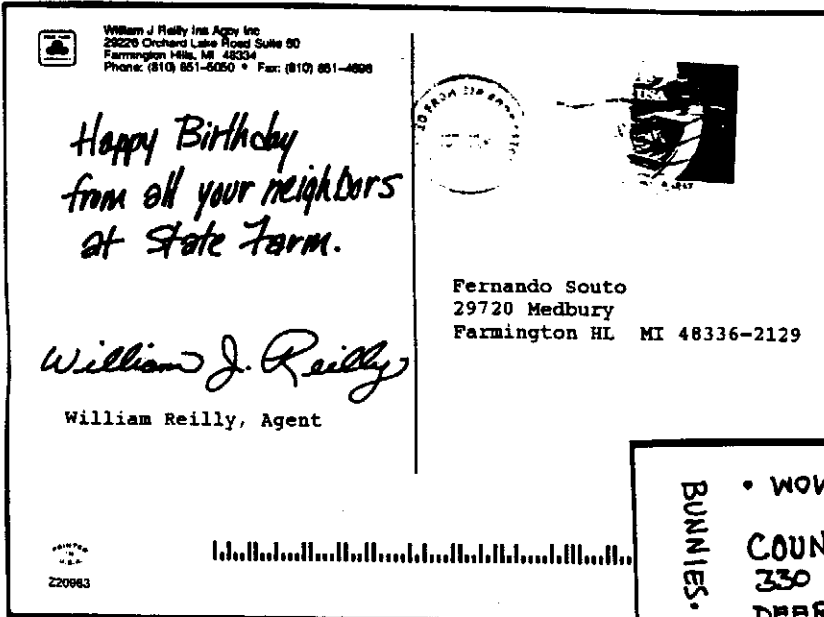


Plate #A5555

The earliest known usages on cover/postcard are as follows:

<u>Plate Number</u>	<u>Earliest Known Usage Date on Cover/Postcard</u>
A1111	9/7/91
A1112	11/7/91
A1212	8/12/91
A2424	11/23/91
A5555	12/22/92
A5556	7/31/93
A6667	10/19/94
A7667	12/28/94
A7679	12/?/94
A7766	6/?/94
A7779	8/?/94
S111	12/?/94

I would value all Fishing Boat PNCs used on postcards for at least \$4-\$5 each. Number A2424 appears to be the easiest to find so far. Number S111 is the scarcest, and is worth at least \$10 for an actual commercial postcard usage. Number A112 is also tough to find on a commercially used postcard. Number A5555 had a significant printing of untagged errors, so be on the lookout for that particular variety.



I want to thank Mike Courtney for the following new EKU reports for the 32¢ G PNC: A2212 (1/6/95), A3315 (1/5/95), A4426 (1/23/95), and A5437 (1/26/95).



Incidence of Reported Comcl Covers with PNCs by Number

Flag Over Porch

**"HOWGOZIT" Chart**

(perforated)

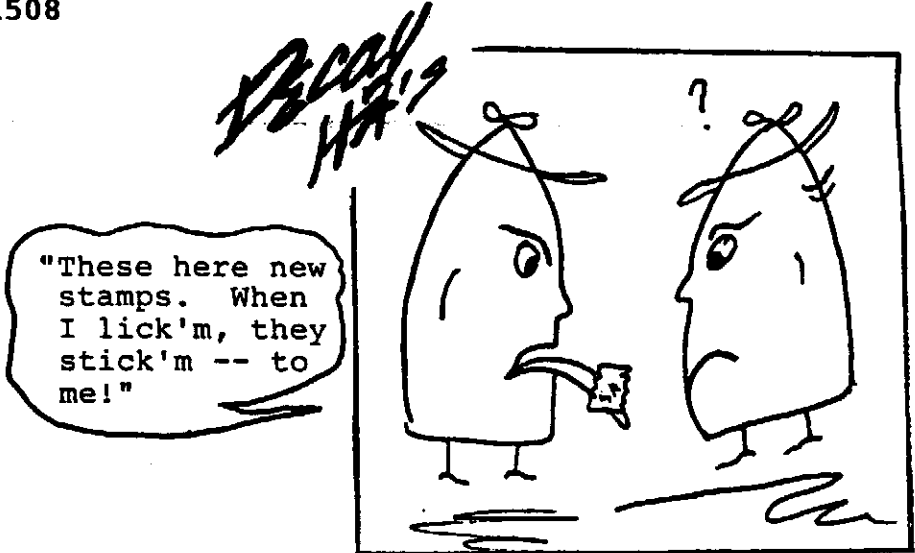
11111	-----	3345
22221	.. 12	
22222	-----	1733
22322	.. 3	
33333	-----	6276
34333	.. 5	
44444	-----	3495
45444	-----	702
66646	-----	1508
66666	.. 52	
77767	-----	176
78767	.. 16	

S11111 .. 9

(self adhesives)

V11111 .. 1

55555	.	
66666	.. 1	(10 perf)
66666	.. 1	(11 perf)
78777	.. 4	
88888	.. 2	
89878	.. 1	



Ferryboat

2	-----	326
3	-----	988
4	-----	241
5	-----	131

This listing may appear a bit different from past reports due to the dynamics of the different numbers therein and the totals involved. All increments are now equal to 100 reported stamps.

All reports through the July "Coil Line" are included along with over 1200 comcl cover PNCs from a MD utility and a CA disposal company.

Hope you're paying close attention to remarks made by Dick Koenig and Rob Washburn in their reports regarding acquisition of various numbers. As to probable availabilities, the chart speaks for itself.

Listings of special rate stamps are not included due to the relatively rare reports - but do keep looking for them. Political mailings are abundant.

With the appearance of the self-adhesives, I believe we'll see the diminished usage of the lick'm stick'm varieties from now on - which spells doom for the Ferryboat and the rest of them - beyond stock-on-hand.


By the time this sees print, SAs will be plentiful as is evidenced by the July reports. Watch for the sixes. There are 3 different varieties. And stay alert for new numbers. They will be forthcoming as usage continues and stocks are depleted.

United States Postal Service

# Mailing Permit Application and Customer Profile

(See instructions on reverse)

## A. Applicant Information (Please print or type)

1. Individual or Company Name		2. Applicant's Signature 	3. Date
4. Address (Street and number, apt. or suite no., city, state, and ZIP + 4)		5. Other Names Under Which Company Does Business (If applicable)	
6. Contact Person		7. Federal Agency Cost Code (If applicable)	
8. Telephone ( )		9. Will Present Plant Verified Drop Shipment (PVDS)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

## B. Check Type of Permit/Authorization Requested

		For Postal Service Use				
		Permit Number	Date Issued	Date Fee Paid	Date Canceled	Sample Approved
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Permit Imprint Authorization (Fee applies) <input type="checkbox"/> First-Class <input type="checkbox"/> Third-Class <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth-Class <input type="checkbox"/> Company Permit						
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Precanceled Stamp or Government Precanceled Stamped Envelope Authorization (No fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer Precanceled Postmark/Preprinted Rate Markings Authorizations (No fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Notification to Present Metered Mail in Bulk (No fee) Class of Mail <input type="checkbox"/> First <input type="checkbox"/> Thrd <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth						
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Business Reply Mail (BRM) Authorization (Fee applies) a. Post office where BRM will be received b. Post office where BRM permit number was issued and annual fee was paid, if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> BRM Advance Deposit Account (Fee applies) <input type="checkbox"/> BRMAS Approved						
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Merchandise Return Service (MRS) Authorization (Fee applies) a. Type of Application <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Reapplication b. Return Location (See over) <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple c. Advance Deposit Account <input type="checkbox"/> Each Location <input type="checkbox"/> Centralized d. Permit Applied For <input type="checkbox"/> First-Class/Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Third-Class <input type="checkbox"/> Special Fourth-Class <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel Post <input type="checkbox"/> Bound Printed Matter <input type="checkbox"/> Library Rate						

## Permit Imprint Authorization

(See instructions on reverse)

Permit Number	Date Permit Issued
Fee Due \$	AIC 140
Please Keep This Card for Your Records Postmaster or Designee Signature	

Issuing Office

## Precanceled Stamps Authorization or Notification to Present Metered Mail in Bulk

(See instructions on reverse)

Permit Number	Date Permit Issued
Please Keep This Card for Your Records Postmaster or Designee Signature	

Issuing Office

## Business Reply Mail Authorization

(See instructions on reverse)

Permit Number	Date Permit Issued
Fee Due \$	AIC 134
BRM w/Advance Deposit Account Fee Due \$	AIC 116
Please Keep This Card for Your Records Postmaster or Designee Signature	

Issuing Office

## Merchandise Return Service Authorization

(See instructions on reverse)

Permit Number	Date Permit Issued
Fee Due \$	AIC 141
Please Keep This Card for Your Records Postmaster or Designee Signature	

Issuing Office

# Instructions

## Standards for Mailing Using Permit Imprints (DMM P040)

1. The content and format must meet the standards in *Domestic Mail Manual P023*.
  2. Mail must be presented and accepted where the permit was issued unless permitted by other applicable standards.
  3. Payment for each mailing must be made when the mailing is presented at the post office.
  4. Mail must not be deposited in street collection boxes.
  5. Minimum quantities apply and all pieces must be of identical weight, unless otherwise authorized.
- IOTE:** Annual fees apply to presort or bulk mail.

Detached from Form 3615, July 1995

## Standards for Mailing With Precanceled Stamps or Metered Mail in Bulk (DMM P023)

- Mail must:
1. Be presented for acceptance and verification where the permit is held.
  2. Not be deposited in street collection boxes.
  3. Bear markings and endorsements required for the rate claimed or service requested.
  4. Have a complete return address.

**NOTE:** Annual fees apply to presort or bulk mailings.  
Obtain appropriate meter slug from meter manufacturer.

Detached from Form 3615, July 1995

## Standards for Business Reply Mail (BRM) (DMM S922)

1. Permit holder guarantees payment for proper First-Class postage, plus a per-piece fee.
2. No special services are permitted.
3. Mail may not be converted for any other purpose than that intended by the permit holder.
4. Format requirements apply.
5. Annual fees apply.

Detached from Form 3615, July 1995

## Standards for Merchandise Return Service (MRS) (DMM S923)

1. Foreign services are unavailable.
2. Format samples must be approved before using MRS.
3. Special services are available.
4. Annual fees apply.

Detached from Form 3615, July 1995

### General

This form replaces Form 3601, *Application to Mail Without Affixing Postage Stamps*; Form 3614, *Application for Business Reply Permit*; Form 3620, *Application/Permit to Use Precanceled Stamps or Government Precanceled Stamped Envelopes*; and Form 3625, *Merchandise Return Permit Application*.

This form creates a comprehensive file about customers who use these services, including a record of customers mailing in bulk with meter postage affixed and those who are presenting plant verified drop shipment (PVDS) or approved for Business Reply Mail Accounting System (BRMAS) rates. This form also documents when permits were issued or canceled, initial fees paid, and samples approved. You may use one form and update it as needed. If files are kept in separate locations, you may use a separate form for each service.

### How to Complete This Form

#### Section A, Applicant Information

1. Individual or company name under which mailings will be entered.
2. Signature of person completing form.
3. Date application was submitted.
4. Complete mailing address of individual or company.
5. Other names under which company does business.
6. Contact person (a person with whom postal personnel can discuss discrepancies, etc.)
7. Complete if applicant is a federal agency presenting mail under Official Mail Accounting System (OMAS).
8. Telephone number of contact person named in item 6.
9. Indicate whether mailer is or will be presenting plant verified drop shipments (PVDS). (For informational purposes only).

#### Section B, Check Type of Permit/Authorization Requested

1. Complete if mailer will mail using a permit imprint (DMM P040). **NOTE:** Check "Company Permit" box if appropriate.
2. Complete if mailer will mail under DMM P023.
  - a. Complete if mailer is requesting authorization to use a precanceled postmark or to preprint rate markings under DMM P023.3.1.
  - b. Complete if mailer is licensed to meter mail under DMM P030 and presents metered mail in bulk.
3. Complete if mailer is requesting to receive mail under DMM S922.
  - a. Enter name of post office where mail will be received.
  - b. Complete if mailer is authorized and pays fees at another post office.
  - c. Check if mailer is requesting BRM advance deposit account.
  - d. Check if mailer is requesting the BRMAS rate.
4. Complete if mailer is requesting approval to present mail under DMM S923.
  - a. Check "Initial" if a first-time applicant for MRS. **NOTE:** Check "Reapplication" if mailer has been denied under DMM S923 and wants to reapply.
  - b. Check kind of mail MRS applies to.

### What to Give the Customer

Complete and detach the coupon corresponding to the service(s) requested and give to the customer. Advise the customer to keep their coupon(s) to reference the account(s). Customers should keep the coupon(s) along with their copy(ies) of Form 3544, *Post Office Receipt for Money*, which they will receive after paying the required fee.

### How to File This Form

File the form alphabetically by customer's last name. Post offices where records are maintained manually must use Form 3609, *Record of Permit Imprint Mailings*, to establish a corresponding numerical record of permit holders. Use Form 25, *Trust Fund Account*, for all other services. Post offices with a mail classification automated system (such as the Bulk Revenue and Volume Information System (BRAVIS) or the Permit system) that provides computation and individual customer account recordkeeping need not maintain a separate manual record.

### Multiple Return Locations (See B4 on front)

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.

report

PLATE NUMBER COIL COLLECTORS CLUB (PNC3)  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, TO  
 DECEMBER 31, 1995

1995 RECEIPTS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$6,681.84
MEMBERSHIPS, NEW	890.50
PAYMENT FOR F/C POSTAGE	660.50
"COIL LINE" ADVERTISING	281.58
"COIL LINE" BACK ISSUES	64.00
AUCTION PROCEEDS (NET)	1,078.81
MEMBERSHIP LIST RENTAL	100.00
DONATIONS	48.00
OTHER	14.00
BANKING - INTEREST	240.05

TOTAL \$10,059.28

1995 EXPENSES

COIL LINE - PRINTING/MAILING	\$7,746.19
COIL LINE - EDITOR	49.77
APS INSURANCE	37.00
PRESIDENT	64.68
VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	32.26
TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE	
BANKING - CHARGES	134.20
ESTATE COMMITTEE	
AWARDS COMMITTEE	64.15
NOMINATING/ELECTION COMMITTEES	
ETHICS COMMITTEE	17.24
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	121.37
REGIONAL MEETING COMMITTEE	85.38
OTHER	482.00

TOTAL \$8,834.24

1995 OPERATING FUND BALANCE \$1,225.04

STATEMENT OF CASH

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1995 OPERATING FUND BALANCE	\$1,225.04
PREPAID 1996 INSURANCE	(37.00)
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1996	4,932.00
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1997	20.00
PAYMENT FOR F/C POSTAGE 96	530.00
AUCTION DIRECTOR FUNDS	400.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	5,914.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	2,800.00
"RESERVE" FUND BALANCE	1,862.92

CASH BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995 \$17,646.96

# 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 767 if all applicants are accepted.

## New applicants:

Daniel W. Kauffman Jr.  
P.O. Box 133  
Clearlake Park, CA 95424-0133

William K. Jackson  
7 Cambridge Dr.  
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Jamie Daniels  
167 Barton Road  
White Plains, NY 10605

Russ A. Gilbert  
9866 Mariposa Ave.  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708-2911

C. David Eeles  
P.O. Box 933  
Columbus, OH 43216-0933

Dave Kaplan  
P.O. Box 976  
New York City, NY 10956

Jason H. Fay  
2813 Glenwood Trail  
Cedar Park, TX 78613

Renate Fearonce  
5044 E. Rosewood  
Tucson, AZ 85711-1238

Russell Wollam  
714 Birkbeck St.  
Freeland, PA 18224-1502

Frances Hammond  
4089 Taylor Ave.  
Ogden, UT 84403-2527

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# PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings

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

Regional Meetings are to be arranged through Dick Koenig, Regional Meeting Committee Chairperson, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

Please contact Dick as far in advance as possible.

It would be helpful if someone involved with the planning or attending the meeting would submit a report to *Coil Line*. As much as the editor might like to travel around the country attending stamp shows and regional meetings, it isn't going to happen any time soon. Thus, it's up to someone who attends the meeting to do the job!

Now is the time to arrange regional meetings for the coming fall and winter.

Make your plans now so that members have plenty of time to make plans to attend.

**Annual Meeting - Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996 - Stampshow 96, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL.** Some details on the front page of this month's *Coil Line*. Additional information in the August issue.

**SESCAL, Oct. 5, 1996, Los Angeles, CA.** Contact J. Meyer, 20112 Westpoint Dr., Riverside, CA 92507 909-788-6276.

**ARIPEX, Jan. 25, 1997, Tucson, AZ.** Contact Dick Koenig, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751. 520-886-7754.

## PNC programs are available

A series of slide shows and video tapes regarding Plate Number Coil collecting are available to members through Dick Koenig, Regional Meeting Chairperson, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

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

## COIL LINE

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

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

**Changes of address:** Should be sent to and membership applications are available from Joann Lenz, Secretary, 37211 Alper Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48312-2203.  
**E-mail -** KRXJ83A@prodigy.com

**Mailing list:** Rental of the club mailing list is available. A one-time usage of labels costs \$50. Contact the secretary (above).

**Dues:** Are \$10 per year (\$15 for First Class mailing of *Coil Line*, \$15 for Canada and Mexico and \$20 for all others) and should be sent to Jim Perry, Treasurer, P.O. Box 20120, Beaumont, TX 77720.

**Advertising rates:** Are \$42 for a full page, \$22.50 for 1/2 page and \$12 for 1/4 page per issue. A check or money order made payable to PNC<sup>3</sup> must be submitted with the advertising copy. All copy should be sent to the Editor, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402-2107.  
**E-mail -** PNCer@aol.com

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

# Membership

## New members:

Mike Davenport  
2335 NW 58th St.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112-7342

## Renewal:

James Gaan #401  
Emil Barondeau #430  
Brian McPherran #735

## Changes of address:

Howard C. Buehler  
3863 Tanbark Dr.  
Swansea, IL 62226

Rich Nazar  
20 Blake Ave.  
Somerset, NJ 08873-2003

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1922 Morningside Dr. #5.  
Janesville, WI 53546-1233

Charles Miller  
907 Wade Ave.  
Garner, NC 27529-4260

Justin T. Dreiseszun  
4928 Marybrook Dr.  
Kettering, OH 45429

## Ads

ACCUMULATION OF USED PNC singles and strips for sale. Many at 15c each. Better ones still below Trends. ALSO, 225 mint strips 3 and 5 at 10% over face. For specific numbers WRITE George E. Jacobs, 1070 W. Jefferson St., Franklin, IN 46131.

FOP 32c SA PS5 66666 available for trade for other 32c SA or gum strips. Advise what you have. Ed Wigger, 1123 Baldwin St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

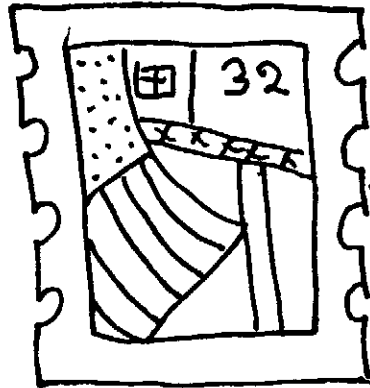
Each member is entitled to two free 40-word ads per year. Additional words or addition ads are available at 6c per word. Copy must be in the editor's mailbox no later than the 15th of the month to be considered.

## E-mail addresses:

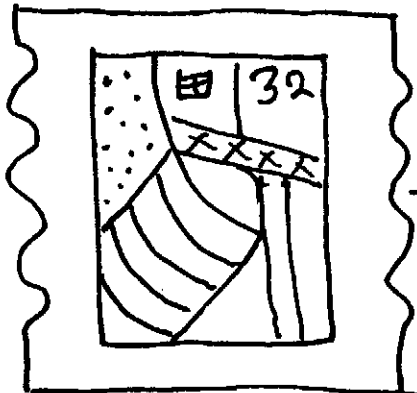
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"DARNED IF I'M NOT LOOKING FOR MY OLD NUMBERS AGAIN!"

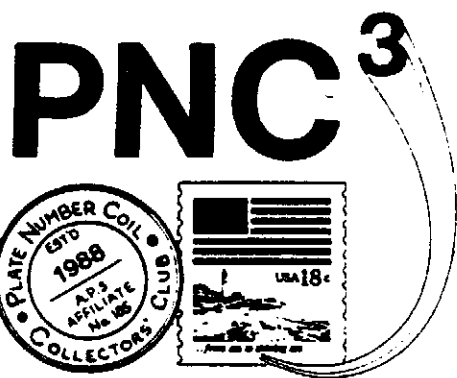


"THERE'S BEEN A TEAR-ABLE MISTAKE!"

By Sherwood Day

## **NOTICE:**

**Several pages have not been included in this online issue because of privacy concerns dealing with members, their home addresses and collecting interests.**



# Coil Line

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#### Board Members

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Gene Trinks, Secy.  
Jim Perry, Treas.

Joann Lenz, At Large  
Don Eastman, At Large  
Tom Maeder, Past Pres.

Harold Brown, Editor  
909 Parker Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402  
(419) 352-7900 (Also Fax#)

## PNC<sup>3</sup> election results announced

Results of the election of officers for the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club were announced at the Annual Meeting held August 24.

There were a total of 266 ballots cast by the July 31 deadline. President Gene Ernst was unopposed and received 260 votes. He is serving his second two-year term.

Vice President Dick Koenig was also unopposed and received 257 votes. He is also serving his second term.

Gene Trinks is the new secretary. Gene was unopposed and received 253 votes. Gene previously served as secretary. He replaces Joann Lenz, who had served two consecutive terms, the limit allowed by the club bylaws.

Treasurer Jim Perry was elected to a second term, receiving 205 votes. His opponent, Peter Wurzbach, received 53 votes.

In the four-way race for the two open at-large spots on the board of directors, Joann Lenz led the way with 226 votes. Don Eastman was also elected, finishing second with 171 votes. Don is a former club president.

Ron Maifeld received 68 votes and Bob Gray received 55 votes.

Joe Sedivy completed his term as an at-large director. However, Joe will continue to remain active as director of the club auction program.

A report on other activities from the annual meeting should be available for publication in the October *Coil Line*.

## Regional Meeting Committee gets new member

John Peterson of San Diego, CA, has joined the Regional Meeting Committee of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club.

John is a long-time PNC enthusiast, collector and promoter of PNC collecting.

Among the committee's activities is promoting the hobby through the various slide shows that are available. These may be used at regional meetings or local stamp shows or local stamp club meetings.

All may be arranged by contact Dick Koenig at 520-886-7754 after 6 p.m. Tucson time or any time on the weekends.

## Visual gum types-members speak up

Pleas for membership comments on the visual gum type terminology for PNCs are generating some comments.

VP Dick Koenig, who has been pleading for ideas and opinions, reports member comments have "shown a tremendous surge of interest."

A consensus is needed to help end the plethora and confusion of terms now being used by collectors, stamp publications and dealers.

So far it is clear that choice #1, shiny, gloss and dull, is to be dropped. Almost all who have responded have commented that shiny and glossy are synonymous terms and would continue the confusion. Dictionary and thesaurus checks confirm member input. Decision-choice #1, is eliminated from further consideration.

However, choice #1, shiny, semi-gloss and dull, and #3, shiny, satin and dull are equal in votes and support. A clear consensus is needed from the membership. Call or write and let me know your preference for either:

#2 - Shiny, semi-gloss and dull

or

#3 - Shiny, satin and dull.

Dick would like to get the issue settled in time for inclusion in the October issue of *Coil Line*. That means he needs to here from members as soon as possible.

Contact Dick at P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751.

## Club to have table, possible meeting at HOUPEX

President Gene Ernst has arranged for the club to have a table at HOUPEX the weekend of Sept. 20-22 at the Humble Civic Center in Humble, Texas. He's also trying to arrange a meeting. If you want more info contact Gene. Address & phone at top of page.

#### Inside this month:

Dr. Sydney K. Kay tells of his successful adventure to obtain First Day of Issue cancels on several self-adhesive stamps, Alan Thomson continues his reporting on the die cuts on the Flag over Porch self adhesives and Rob Washburn is back with another installment in his series on Commercial Covers and the Cover of the Month.