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ABN coil data made available

More than two pages of this issue contain valuable information regarding the ABN production of coil stamps including the 29c Mount Rushmore, 23c USA, Variable Denomination Coil, 19c Fishing Boat, 5c Circus Wagon, 10c Eagle & Shield, 5c 'G' Old Glory Nonprofit and 32c 'G' Old Glory.

Member Rich Nazar obtained the data and put together the article and charts. Read the information and note that he is well aware it contains some errors. However, this provides information long sought by many collectors and those who make serious study of coil stamps.

Rich is also the author of *The Plate Number Coil Catalog*. Reports from Pacific 97 indicate Nazar plans to have an updated catalog ready late this year. Something you can put on your Christmas list.

Hopefully, this type of information will be available on a regular basis from now on.

Annual Meeting Aug. 23 at 2 p.m.

Plans for the Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club are being finalized.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 in Room E4\$ of the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, WI.

Details of the program are being developed. Any member who would like to have a specific issue addressed or has a program in mind should contact President Eugene Ernst as soon as possible. Gene's address and phone number can be found at the top of this page.

The PNC³ Board is scheduled to meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room E8 of the Wisconsin Center. Topics for the board to consider should also be referred to Gene as soon as possible.

Both meeting rooms are on the second floor of the center, which is attached by a skywalk from the Hyatt Hotel.

The meeting is held during Stampshow, the annual meeting of the American Philatelic Society.

All times listed at Central Daylight Time.

A trading/swap session usually follows the meeting, either in the room or adjacent hallways.

Pacific 97 attracted many members

Early reports indicate many members of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club were able to attend at least a few days of Pacific 97 in late May and June.

Doug Iams has prepared a report on the Regional Meeting and other impressions of the exhibition. His 1 1/2-page report is part of this issue.

Others who attended are also encouraged to report on their impressions of the show.

Los Angeles resident Richard Beecher reports he was able to spend four days at Pacific 97 and provided the following comments.

1) Attendance was strong, there were long lines at the USPS and Canada post offices, along with all post offices from the Far East.

2) USPS had a separate booth for coil stamps. Many self-adhesive stamps were available in strips or rolls but a lot of other coils available from Kansas City were not in evidence.

3) The PNC Regional Meeting was well-attended, including one member who was in his San Francisco Police Department uniform. Lively discussions were held on the latest BEP plate activity report and trading sessions followed.

4) Exhibits were first class and world class, with far too many to adequately absorb. Several PNC-related exhibits were in evidence.

5) A healthy amount of PNC material was available at the bourse.

6) In conclusion, stamp collecting is very much alive and well.

Richard also encouraged the editor to book a weekend flight to attend the last few days of the show. 'You shouldn't miss this!' Unfortunately, the editor was unable to take his advice.

Be it a post card or a lengthy report, if you attended Pacific 97 share you thoughts with the membership. From Richard's report, that of Doug Iams and a couple of phone conversations with others, it must have been a great event.

If the lack of mail this month is any indication, a lot of members must have attended. Look for the Collecting Interests list starting in the August issue.

Letters

Details on the test strip donated to club

To the Editor:

I have recently spoken with the anonymous donor (AD) of the strip of 6 linerless coil test stamps which is to appear in an upcoming PNC3 auction. Potential bidders may have some questions about these stamps, especially with regard to factors that will allow them to place appropriate bids for these stamps.

The AD agreed to provide additional information. The following is a summary of our conversation. The linerless stamps are wrapped on a paper core which is similar to the BEP "For Testing Purposes Only" self-adhesive test stamp roll previously pictured in *Coil Line*. A label appears on the inside of the core stating that the roll contains 3,000 stamps. The stamps have no perforations, but have printed perforation "holes". The plate number "1111" appears every 27 stamps. There are no numbers printed on the back of the stamps.

The single roll in the AD's possession did not have an outer wrapper, and it is unknown if the roll contained the full 3,000 stamps when received. The stamps are not stolen property. The diameter of the entire roll is only 4 - 1/2 inches. With a core diameter of 3 - 3/8 inches, this leaves 9/16 inch thickness worth of stamps. Because the linerless stamps cannot be conveniently unrolled and counted, the number of stamps on the roll has not been exactly determined. The AD estimates that roughly 1,500 to 3,000 stamps are on the roll. From this rough estimate, one could conclude that there are approximately 50-100 plate numbers on the roll.

The AD desires to continue to remain anonymous at this time. The reasons for this are:

- 1) The AD does not want to be bombarded with requests for information about the stamps, or for the stamps themselves.
- 2) The AD does not want to sell the stamps at this time. (A few stamps have been given as gifts.) The AD believes that the fair market value of the stamps has not yet been established. The AD is concerned that more stamps may come into collectors' hands in the future and affect the price. The AD does not want to sell the stamps now to customers at a premium, only for them to find out later that they paid too much. The AD would prefer to be fair rather than take advantage of the situation.

The AD plans to make the stamps available at a later time. Other sources of these stamps may also appear in the future. Potential bidders in the PNC3 auction should take this information into consideration when bidding on the donated stamps. Also, since the total proceeds of the donated stamps will go to the PNC3, bidders are encouraged to bid accordingly.

I have revealed all the information I have, except for the AD's identity. I hope that you find this information useful.

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Website puts club discussion at all-time high

To the Editor:

It has occurred to me, reading the current issue of *Coil Line* (June 1, 1997): that with the website, communication and interaction between the membership could or would be at an all time high. We, as members of PNC3, are spread throughout the far reaches of the world and not only the United States. The website is a tool to meet new friends and get reacquainted with colleagues and mentors that may be difficult to reach otherwise for a quick on the spot chat about new finds and information.

We, as members, must use all the tools available to us. As a drawing point for new members, a website is an excellent way to be in contact with the knowledge base of the current membership. Imagine, if you will, the time when we all started to collect PNC's; information was scarce...that was the whole idea of starting PNC3 to use a vehicle to get information disseminated...no different with a website...only faster.

Don't get me wrong, we still need *Coil Line* to reach members who either do not have access to a computer or do not want to participate in the electronic age. I guess the same could be said of the telephone and letters. Integration of technology is paramount to the life blood of any organization...PNC3 is no different.

I strongly ask the membership with access to a computer or even a pen to contact John Larson and lets make PNC3 a premier organization even better.

Joe Zika

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Commercial covers in Southern New England

To the Editor:

In the southern New England area these PNCs were found on commercial covers from about 116,000 pieces postmarked May 2 through May 29, 1997:

32c Flag/Porch [L/S]- 11111- 8, 22222- 8, 22322- 3, 33333- 12, 34333- 5, 44444- 13, 45444- 2, 66646- 5, 77767- 16, 91161- 1, 99969-4. Total- 77

32c Flag/Porch [S/A]- 11111- 78, 22222- 340, 23222- 4, 33333- 26, 44444- 6, 45444- 17, 55555- 1, 666666- 109, 78777- 32, 87898- 10, 88888- 13, 89878- 1, 89888- 1, 97898- 3, 99899- 1, 99999- 408, 9.9999- 1, V11111- 1. Also, philatelically created, M11111, postmarked Hartford, Ct 061, 14 Apr 1997. Total 1053.

32c Statue of Liberty- PNB- V1111- 5.

32c Yellow Rose- PNB- S1111- 2.

Others: 7 values totaling 9.

Grand total: 1146.

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Pacific 97
by Doug Iams

PNC' Meeting

The PNC' meeting was held during the first weekend of the show and was attended by 34 people and was co-hosted by Dan Kaufman and myself (folks, if I can do it, anyone can).

After everyone introduced themselves and their collecting interests, the floor was opened for comments and questions.

Rich Nazar announced that he is planning on releasing a new edition of his PNC catalog before the end of this year. He has not decided if it will be spiral bound or 3 hole punched loose leaf.

Examples of the Blue Eagle self adhesive test coil and the light blue Ferry Boat along with the normal blue Ferry Boat were passed around so that everyone could see exactly what they look like.

The Ferry Boat variety and the latest Plate Activity Report generated lots of discussion (hopefully Snippets will have more to say about the Plate Activity Report). As this is being written I am aware of covers from 4 different states and more than 100 mint rolls. Later in the show, the BEP admitted that the lighter blue color was an error, but could only speculate as to how it occurred.

Pleas were made for more input from the membership (yea, you out there) to Coil Line and for more careful reporting of new plate number combinations.

Afterwards people gathered in smaller groups around the room and made new acquaintances and renewed old ones.

Printers

The BEP, Stamp Venturers, Avery Dennison, Banknote Corporation of America and Guilford Gravure were all at the show. While some questions were met with "You'll have to request that information through the Postal Service", they were generally more open than I expected even though they didn't always know the answers to some of the questions we were asking them.

Not only was it educational for collectors to talk with the printers, it was also very educational for the printers as they generally had little idea how things they were doing affected us.

The printers' contracts with the USPS are set to expire soon, so who is doing what may change significantly in the near future.

In the mean time, do not look for any large roll sizes from Stamp Venturers for the Yellow Rose self adhesive coil when it comes out this August as it is said to be strictly a BEP product.

USPS

The meetings that the USPS put on were generally poorly attended, which meant that those that did attend got the chance to ask more questions.

Unlike in the past when the alphabet rate change stamps were printed years in advance and warehoused, the H stamps only went into production starting earlier this year, which may mean they will be entirely self adhesive (except possibly the makeup rate stamps).

The most significant thing for PNC collectors that came out was that the USPS and all of the printers had a meeting to discuss what to do about plate numbers going beyond 9 and they came to no resolution. The USPS blamed the Flag/Porch problem on the BEP for

not warning them in advance that they were about to run into this problem (although I don't see how the USPS failed to see it coming) and they have decided that "now that the cat is out of the bag" (i.e. multiple sets of plates inscribed with 9's), they are just going to let it go and not fix it until the next design is released, but they fail to understand that it is not a single cat, but rather a pride of cats waiting to get out. The new release of 55555 is not a major problem as it is identifiable by its L10/R10 teeth count (the first 55555's were cut with L12/R12 dies), but if they don't change the design soon or figure out how to use 10's or letters or whatever, they are going to get back up to numbers that were already released with L10/R10 cuts.

The transportation series was said to have been killed off because they ran out of design ideas ("we were coming up with ideas like skateboards") and they now have a number of designs along the lines of the Mountain, Auto, Tail Fin etc. waiting on the shelf (much to my dismay).

Exhibits

Tim Lindemuth's exhibit on the 20c Flag was definitely worth viewing. The only other exhibit that included PNC's that I am aware of was Raymond Mariella's exhibit of fractionals, but I never got around to viewing it.

The comments from those that had seen both were that the Court of Honor exhibits at Pacific 97 were not as impressive as those at Ameripex in 1986, but still worth looking at.

BIA PNC Talk

During the second weekend, Tom Maeder gave an informal talk sponsored by the BIA on PNC's that was attended by about 15-20 people. (I am hoping that Dan Kaufman is reporting on this meeting as I didn't take any notes and I have run out of steam).

NEW COLOR ERROR

AS DESCRIBED IN LINN'S 4/7/97, Page 2

#2466 "BRONX SKY-BLUE" FERRY BOAT



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ABN Coil Data Released

By Richard J. Nazar

PNC collectors finally have some production data for the eight American Bank Note (ABN) coil issues, which we previously only had little or no data. The data addresses the following ABN coils:

- 29¢ Mount Rushmore
- 23¢ USA
- Variable Denomination Coil
- 19¢ Fishing Boat
- 5¢ Circus Wagon
- (10¢) Eagle and Shield
- (5¢) "G" Old Glory Nonprofit
- (32¢) "G" Old Glory

Each of the issues was produced by the Guilford Gravure Company of Guilford, Connecticut, as a subcontractor for ABN. The data, which was approved for release by the USPS, was made available through a special request I had made as editor/publisher of *The Plate Number Coil Catalog*.

The ABN coil data had not been available because each of the issues was produced during the period when the USPS had halted distribution of the irregularly issued *Plate Activity Report*. This report had been our essential data resource for all US stamp production. When the USPS stopped the *Plate Activity Report*, it also implemented an unpublished lockout of philatelic researchers and writers from direct access to contemporary stamp production data. Beginning in January 1995, this lockout of information was recinded, and the USPS is again releasing stamp production data on a somewhat quarterly basis. However, the new production reports are only providing information about stamps produced after January 1, 1995. In early 1994, Azeezaly S. Jaffer, USPS Manager of Stamp Services, promised to attempt to fill the gap of stamp production data, but the data have not been supplied. With regard to ABN issues produced in the gap period, the current USPS management reported it was unable to directly secure the data because ABN no longer has an active contract with the USPS to produce postage stamps.

The following tables show the cylinder combinations and gross impressions that were reported by Guilford Gravure. Some obvious errors exist in the information provided. These errors (omissions of numbers known to exist and the transposition of numbers) are noted at the base of the tables. The cylinder combinations are listed in the order that they were reported by Guilford Gravure. This order may relate directly to the production sequence. Cylinder combinations that are known to exist but were omitted from Guilford Gravure's report appear at the bottom of the list so as not to disrupt the order in which the combinations were reported by Guilford Gravure. Roll size information has been added based on collector reports.

29¢ Mount Rushmore

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A22211	287,209	10,000
A11111*	Not Reported	10,000

* Although it was not reported by Guilford Gravure, this combination has been found by collectors.

23¢ USA

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A1111	500,866	10,000
A2222	685,218	10,000
A2232	115,287	10,000
A3333	336,757	10,000
A2233	312,543	10,000
A4453	65,200	10,000
A4443	219,289	10,000
A4364	327,705	10,000
A4444*	Not reported	10,000

* Although it was not reported by Guilford Gravure, this combination has been found by collectors.

Variable Denomination Coil

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A11	36,702	3,000

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19c Fishing Boat

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A5555	401,886	500
A5556	369,252	500
A6667	265,076	500 and 3,000
A7667	108,372	500
A7766	219,183	500 and 3,000
A7679	74,223	3,000
A7779	140,708	500

5c Circus Wagon

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A1	214,701	10,000
A2	173,544	10,000
A3	410,337	10,000

(10c) Eagle and Shield

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A11111	350,981	500; 3,000; 10,000
A11112	131,550	500; 3,000; 10,000
A22112	167,231	500
A21112	268,092	500 and 10,000
A22113	411,718	500; 3,000; 10,000
A12113†	11,379	Stamps not found
A12213	20,674	3,000
A33334	19,743	3,000
A33333	50,275	3,000
A32333	15,239	3,000
A33335	21,404	3,000
A43334	351,255	3,000 and 10,000
A43335	280,622	500 and 3,000
A53335	28,322	3,000
A77777	643,761	500; 3,000; 10,000
A88888	2,193,829	3,000
A99999	465,771	3,000
A88898‡	66,157	Stamps not found
A89999	173,928	3,000
A99998	189,636	500 and 3,000
A1010101010	1,118,126	500; 3,000; 10,000
A1011101010	173,432	3,000
A1110101010	577,660	3,000

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(10c) Eagle and Shield (Continued)

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A1110101011	12,452	3,000
A1110111010	389,289	3,000 and 10,000
A1111111010	239,375	3,000 and 10,000
A1011101011	89,914	3,000
A1011101012	183,373	3,000 and 10,000
A1111101010	103,951	3,000 and 10,000
A1411101010	78,294	500 and 10,000
A1411101011	64,313	3,000 and 10,000
A1011101012	51,757	3,000 and 10,000
A1211101010	67,166	3,000
A1412111110	186,762	10,000
A1412111111	132,306	3,000 and 10,000
A21113*	Not reported	500 and 3,000
A34424*	Not reported	500 and 3,000
A34426*	Not reported	500 and 3,000
A43324*	Not reported	500 and 3,000
A43325*	Not reported	500 and 3,000
A43326*	Not reported	500 and 3,000
A43426*	Not reported	500 and 3,000
A54444*	Not reported	3,000
A54445*	Not reported	500 and 3,000
A88889*	Not reported	3,000

† Although it was reported by Guilford Gravure, this combination is most likely a typographical error resulting from the transposition of the *first* two digits. No examples have been found by collectors. The gross impressions are most likely for cylinder combination A21113, which was not reported by Guilford Gravure but has been found by collectors.

‡ Although it was reported by Guilford Gravure, this combination is most likely a typographical error resulting from the transposition of the *last* two digits. No examples have been found by collectors. The gross impressions are most likely for cylinder combination A88889, which was not reported by Guilford Gravure but has been found by collectors.

* Although it was not reported by Guilford Gravure, this combination has been found by collectors.

(5c) "G" Old Glory Nonprofit

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A11111	1,356,694	500 and 3,000
A21111	707,508	500 and 3,000
A32211*	174,709	Stamps not found

* Although it was reported by Guilford Gravure, this combination has not been found by collectors.

(32c) "G" Old Glory

Cylinder Combination	Gross Impressions	Known Roll Size
A1111	1,468,470	100; 500; 3,000; 10,000
A1112	175,122	100; 500; 3,000
A1212	174,703	500
A1211	50,786	500
A2211	24,990	500
A2212	196,657	100 and 500
A1222	116,213	100
A1313	442,635	100
A2213	481,759	100
A2223	45,053	100
A1311	115,924	100
A1314	35,498	100
A2313	50,734	100
A2214	624,246	100
A3324	680,092	100
A1113	14,669	10*
A3113	410,210	100
A3114	15,642	100
A3314	772,688	100
A3315	31,524	100
A1413†	50,011	Stamps not found
A3433	368,288	100
A3323	333,770	100
A3423	183,683	100
A3426	15,608	100
A3435	45,143	100
A3436	267,501	100
A4426	77,680	100
A4427	630,693	100
A5427	544,189	100
A5327	444,492	100
A5437	22,694	100
A5417	111,129	100 and 3,000
A1417	25,910	100
A1324*	Not reported	100
A1433*	Not reported	100
A4435*	Not reported	100

† Although it was reported by Guilford Gravure, this combination is most likely a typographical error. No examples have been found by collectors. The gross impressions are most likely for cylinder combination A1433, which has been found by collectors but was not reported by Guilford Gravure.

* Although it was not reported by Guilford Gravure, this combination has been found by collectors.

Articles about Plate Number Coils in other publications

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- ◆ 'linerless coils still raising questions for PNC Collectors,' By Steve Esrati, *Stamp Collector*, April 7, 1997, p. 14.
- ◆ 'Markings intentionally added to coil stamps, Refresher Course article by Michael Baadke, *Linn's Stamp News*, April 7, 1997, p. 46.
- ◆ 'Number every seven linerless stamps,' *Linn's Stamp News*, April 7, 1997, p. 30.
- ◆ 'New linerless coils not ready for prime time,' By Michael Schreiber, *Linn's Stamp News*, April 7, 1997, p. 8-9.
- ◆ 'Ferryboat color variety,' By Michael Schreiber, *Linn's Stamp News*, April 7, 1997, p-2.
- ◆ 'PNC Reissue Serendipity in Texas and Marathon FDC Runs in Boston,' *First Days*, April 15, 1997, p-156-159.
- ◆ 'Linerless coils are just precursors,' *Stamp Collector*, March 31, 1997, p. 13.
- ◆ 'Linerless production is five times bigger,' By Steve Esrati, *Stamp Collector*, April 28, 1997, p. 1.
- ◆ 'Liner woes,' Letter to the Editor from Dave Park, Glendale, MO, *Stamp Collector*, April 28, 1997, p. 28.
- ◆ 'Linerless Porch takes machine-cancel ink,' *Linn's Stamp News*, April 28, 1997, p-32.
- ◆ 'PNC3 club to meet at Pacific 97,' *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 19.
- ◆ 'New Scott numbers include changes,' By Michael Schreiber, *Linn's Stamp News*, April 28, 1997, p. 2.
- ◆ 'Good news! Shipping and handling charges reduced to \$1,' Inside cover of the *USA Philatelic*, the new U.S. Postal Service catalog.
- ◆ 'Various firms worked on new coils,' *Linn's Stamp News*, April 21, 1997, p-16.
- ◆ 'Virginia test locations for linerless Flag Over Porch coils,' *Linn's Stamp News*, April 21, 1997, p. 16.
- ◆ 'BEP Printing Rose Coil,' *Linn's Stamp News*, April 21, 1997, p/ 16.
- ◆ 'New linerless U.S. test coil features 1994 stamp design,' By Wayne Youngblood, *Stamp Collector*, April 14, 1997, P. 1.
- ◆ 'Check your Ferryboats-color variety selling high,' By Steve Esrati, *Stamp Collector*, June 2, 1997, p. 16.
- ◆ 'H stamp: Uncle Sam's hat,' By Bill McAllister, *Linn's Stamp News*, June 16, 1997, p. 1.
- ◆ 'Rare 20th-century cover goes to auction Sept. 5,' *Linn's Stamp News*, June 16, 1997, p. 1. This article details the upcoming sale by PNC3 member Dr. Joseph Agris of some of his prize holdings. There are some coil issues included but none from the modern Plate Number Coil era are indicated in the article.

SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

There are no new numbers this month. However, a new die cut of L10/R10 has appeared on SA Flag #55555 which is being found in flats mixed with #45444. Both the new cut and the mixing with the recently found #45444 indicate this is a new printing of the cylinder combination that started the SA Flag set.

Unique Circus Wagon Strip

John Tison displayed a one of a kind strip at the Pacific '97 regional meeting. It is an imperforate PS6, plate number S2, of the Circus Wagon. Although John says there are four other similar PS6 imperforates of this number, his is the only one with a back number. The number is a pink 03930 located at the bottom on the back of the 2R stamp.

Catalog Release Date Set

Editor Richard Nazar has set 20 December 1997 as the release date for the revised PNC Catalog. It will bear a 1998 date and be made in loose leaf form, punched for a three ring binder. This new edition will have over 200 (double sided) pages. Future updates will be in supplement form. The book is getting so big that if a supplement system were not used, the future printing cost could price it beyond the reach of many. No price for this edition has been set. When it's available, we'll let you know.

Stamp Printer Changes Possible

The three year contracts the USPS has with private security printers are due to expire later this year. The current group of Stamp Venturers, Banknote Corp. of America (including Guilford Gravure) and Avery were all very much in evidence at Pacific '97, apparently seeking good will and with contract renewal in mind. A return of American Banknote is not impossible. We'll see.

Stamp Venturers' Souvenir

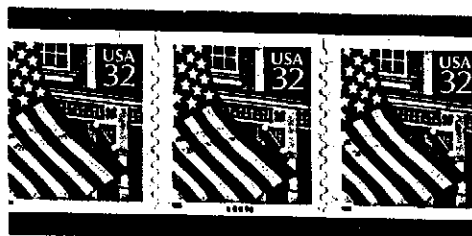
Stamp Venturers created an interesting souvenir that was displayed and given away at Pacific '97. They were raffled off during the second week of the show. The item was a small roll of five linerless coil Flag stamps wound on a cardboard core, and shrink-wrapped in plastic. Interestingly the linerless coil is a product of 3M (prime contractor). Inside the wrapping was a printed label that read, "This postage was purchased at the Merrifield, VA, post office and was repackaged for you by Sennett Security Products." Apparently only one roll of 100 was repackaged because the giveaway was limited to 20 mini rolls. You had to be lucky. I wasn't.

Foreign Membership Increasing

Our club now has 17 members from foreign countries. One, however, is a US citizen who lives and works in Mexico. There are eight from Canada, two from Mexico, three from Japan and one each from Argentina, Germany, The Netherlands and The United Kingdom. The longest continuous foreign membership belongs to The Reverend Leonard Lack of The UK with member number 302. PNC's have appeal beyond our borders.

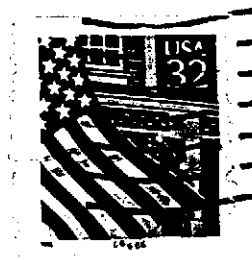
Is SA Flag Inverted Die Cut Real?

Many collectors and a couple of dealers have on more than one occasion asked me if the type "e" inverted die cut on cylinder #88898 really exists. It most certainly does. The finder of this upside down cut, David Kemp, not only has it on cover but mint strips as well. He was kind enough to send me his cover and a photocopy of a PS5 so I could personally confirm the variety. Illustrated below is the cropped mint strip. I was unable to satisfactorily copy the used stamp on cover. The variety is very real and rare.



And There's Another One

When Kemp sent his inverted die cut material to me it included a surprise. Luck runs in streaks. He included a cover that bears Flag combination #66666 and it too has the type "e" inverted cut. The person who used the stamp put it on the envelope upside down, but when it is righted the inversion is readily apparent. I tried to photocopy this one, but the result is very poor. A little pencil enhancement makes it easier to see in the picture below. This cover, which demonstrates the fourth known die cut on combination #66666 was mailed from Santa Rosa, CA. Yes. A search was made of that area and turned up nothing. The cover may be unique. Don't turn up your nose at rolls of #66666 but check them carefully. In addition to this cut the L12/R12 type from #66666 has turned into a very expensive strip. The last quotation I heard for it is \$100. Keep looking!



Big Shift

Those of us who are picky about centering have begun to live with the poorly die cut SA Flags. Most are just plain bad but not bad enough to be of special interest. Now Don Eastman has found a roll of #22222 that is shifted 2mm into the color at the right side of the stamps.

Geographic Displacement - Again

It appears the Bronx Blue variety of the 32¢ Ferryboat is following in the footsteps of the Eric Blue and the Toledo Brown when it comes to accurately labeling the point of discovery. The light blue Ferry first turned up in Maryland. So it goes.

CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

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

06/10/97

EP - EMBEDDED PHOS
 SP - SURFACE PHOS
 BK - BLOCK TAG
 OA - OVERALL TAG

UT - UNTAGGED
 [xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL
 (NL) - LINELESS
 * **NEW NUMBER**

32c PORCH FLAG [24][14]

#11111	A (SEMI-GLOSS)
#11111	B, C (SHINY)
#22221	B
#22222	A, B (SEMI-GLOSS)
#22222	C (SHINY)
#22322	A, B, C
#33333	A, C
#34333	B, C
#44444	A, B, C
#45444	A
#66646	A ALL
#66666	A 1995
#77767	A
#78767	A
#91161	A
#99969	A
#S11111	D

20c COG RAILWAY [48]

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

10c CANAL BOAT [48]

#1	A, C (BK) [52]
#1	B, C (OA) [52]
#1	C (EP) [52]
#2	B, C
#3	C

5c CIRCUS [52][24][14]

#1	B, C (OA)
#1	B, C (UT)
#A1	D
#A2	D
#A3	D
#S1	D
#S2	D

32c FLAG (SA)[24][21][20][7]

#11111	A
#22222	A
#23222	A
#33333	A
#44444	A
#45444	A
#55555	A
#66666	A
#78777	A
#87888	A
#87888	A
#88888	A ALL
#88888	A 1996
#89878	A
#89888	A
#89898	A
#97898	A
#99899	A
#99899	A
#11111	C 1997
#S11111	D 1996
#V11111	5000 1995
#M11111	A 1996 (NL)

3c CONESTOGA [48]

#1	A, B, C [52]
#2	C
#3	C (DULL)
#3	C (SHINY)
#5	C
#6	C, D

1c KESTREL [24]

#1111	B, C
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20c BLUE JAY (SA)[14]

#S1111	A
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(5c) BUTTE [14]

#S111	C, D
#S222	C
#S333	C

(5c) BUTTE (SA) [21]

#S111	D
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(5c) MOUNTAIN[24][14]

#11111	B, C
#S111	D

(5c) MTN (SA) [21] [15]

#1111	C
#V22222	D
#V333323	D
#V333333	D
#V333342	D
#V333343	D

32c FERRYBOAT [48]

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

23c LUNCHWAGON [48]

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

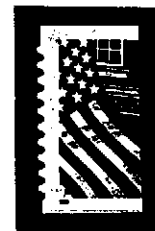
(10c) E & S (SA) [21]

#S11111	D
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(10c) AUTO [14]

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

Flag Die Cut Types by Plate Number ('96 Flag)



Type a - L12VP/R12PV
 Type b - L11VV/R12PP
 Type c - L11PP/R10VV
 Type d - L10PV/R10VP
 Type e - L10VV/R11PP

In the type designation, P and V are "peak" and "valley". In the illustration above the serpentine cut starts with a peak at the top and ends with a valley at the bottom. That is type "d" which is L10/R10.

Type "e" is an inverted type "c" and is known on only two numbers. See the bold print in the table below.

#11111	- L10/R10
#22222	- L10/R10
#23222	- L10/R10
#33333	- L10/R10
#44444	- L10/R10
#45444	- L10/R10
#55555	- L12/R12, L10/R10
#66666	- L12/R12, L11/R12, L11/R10, L10/R11
#78777	- L11/R10
#87888	- L11/R10
#87898	- L11/R10, L10/R10
#88888	- L11/R10, L10/R10
#88898	- L10/R11, L10/R10
#89878	- L11/R10, L10/R10
#89888	- L11/R10, L10/R10
#89898	- L11/R10, L10/R10
#89899	- L10/R10
#97898	- L11/R10, L10/R10
#99899	- L11/R10, L10/R10
#99999	- L11/R10, L10/R10

There are 33 collectible strips from 20 different numbers.

Information contributors: D. Kemp, D. Koenig

In the Roll Size Chart, plate number intervals are shown in brackets following the stamp name. If more than one is indicated, the order is that in which the different printers' plate numbers are listed. Example: Juke Box [24] BEP, [14] SV.

(10c) AUTO (SA) [21]

#S111	D
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(25c) JUKE BOX [24][14]

#111111	B, C
#212222	C
#222222	C
#332222	C
#S11111	D
#S22222	D

(15c) TAIL FIN [24][14]

#11111	C
#S11111	D

(15c) TAIL FIN (SA)[21]

#S11111	D
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(25c) JUKE BOX (SA)[21]

#111111	C
#S11111	D
#M11111	D [7] (NL)

PNC BACK NUMBER CHECKLIST

PREPARED BY: JOHN LARIMER, 1042 CLUBLAND COURT, MARIETTA, GA 30068-2501 (770)973-5743 (PLEASE ADVISE OF ADDITIONS)

(5c) BUTTE

S111	BLACK	4T	4B	5T	5B
	PURPLE	4T	4B	5T	5B
	PINK	4T	4B		
S222	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B		
	PINK	4T	4B		
S333	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B		
	PINK	4T	4B	5T	5B

5c CIRCUS WAGON

S1	BLACK	5T		
	PURPLE	5T	5B	
S2	PINK	5T	5B	

(5c) MOUNTAIN

S111	PINK	5T	5B
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(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD

S22222	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PURPLE	5T	5T-U	5B

(10c) AUTOMOBILE

S111	BLACK	3T	3B	4T	
		4B	5T	5B	
	PURPLE	3T	3B	4T	4B
		4M	5T	5B	
S222	BLACK	5T	5B		
	PURPLE	3T	3B	5T	5B
S333	PINK	3T	3B	4T	4B
		5T			

(15c) TAIL FIN

S11111	PURPLE	5T	5B
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(25c) JUKE BOX

S11111	BLACK	5T	5B	5M
	PURPLE	5T	5B	
S22222	PINK	5T	5B	

(32c) RED "G"

S1111	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B	5T	5B

32c FLAG OVER PORCH

S11111	BLACK	5T	5B	5D
	PURPLE	5T	5B	
	PINK	5T		

KEY: T=TOP; B=BOTTOM; M=MIDDLE; D=DOUBLE; U=UPSIDE DOWN

SELF ADHESIVES

(5c) BUTTE

S111	BLACK	5T	5B
	PINK	5T	5B

(5c) MOUNTAIN

V222222	BLUE	5M-U
V333333	BLUE	5M
V333323	BLUE	5M
V333342	BLUE	5M
V333343	BLUE	5M

(10c) AUTOMOBILE

S111	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PINK	5T	5B	5M

(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD

S11111	BLACK	5B		
	PURPLE	5T		
	PINK	5T	5B	5M

(15c) TAIL FIN

S11111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
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(25c) JUKE BOX

S11111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
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32c FLAG OVER PORCH

S11111	BLACK	5T	5B		
	PURPLE	5T	5B		
	PINK	5T	5B	5D	5M

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(5c) MOUNTAIN

# 1111	GREEN	4T	4B
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(25c) JUKE BOX

# 111111	GREEN	4T	4B
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32c FLAG OVER PORCH

# 11111	GREEN	4T	4B
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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*.

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August 23, 1997, Milwaukee, WI - Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, 2 to 4 p.m. Wisconsin Center Room E4. The meeting will be held during the American Philatelic Society's annual Stampshow. The Board will meet starting at 10 a.m. in Wisconsin Center Room E8.

For those who are also members of APS, general details about the event are being announced from month-to-month in the *American Philatelist*, can be found on the APS website or via mail or e-mail.

November - 1997 Chicagopex97 - Date and time to be announced. Contact John T. Dahlstrom II at 3305 W. Sunnyside #2, Chicago, IL 60625-5409 or 773-267-6123. John will have information later but if you live in the area and can help out in any way, he'd be happy to get a call or a note from you.

January 31, 1998 Sarasota, Florida - Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition 10 a.m. Tom Haire indicates the operations manager of the show is looking for exhibits from PNC3 members. Information and entry forms are available from Tom at 112 Fern Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

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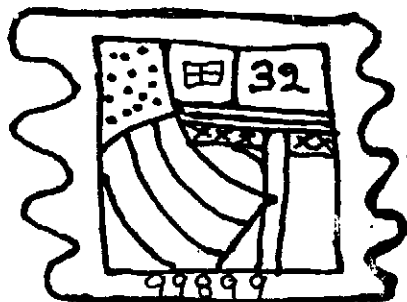
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