

# Coil Line

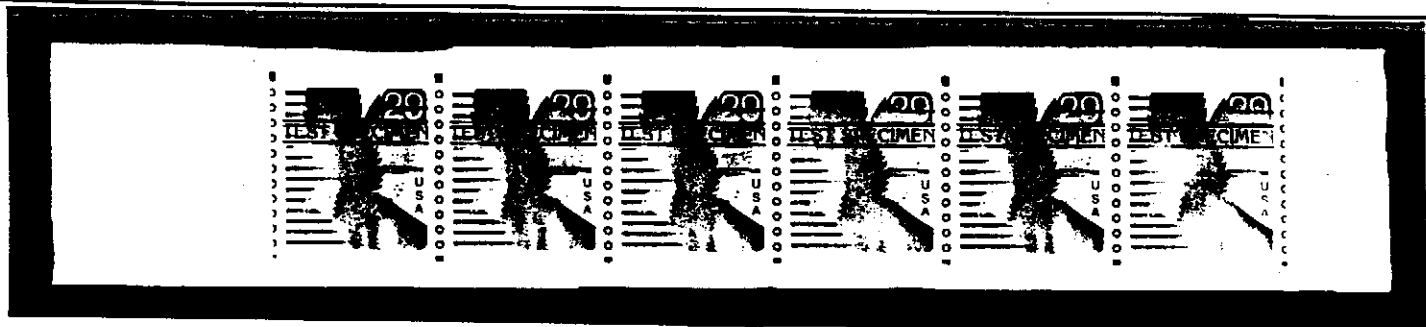
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Above is a strip of six of a linerless test coil that has been donated to the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club by an anonymous member. The no number strip will be included in the next club action (to be announced later) and will be listed as three individuals pairs and a strip of six. If the total dollar amount of the bids on the three pairs is larger than the strip, it will be sold as pairs. If the strip generates more money, it will be sold as a strip. All proceeds from the sale will be put in the club treasury. Hold onto your bids-the auction will be announced later this year. This copy is light on purpose.

## Plymouth Show again a hit as site for Regional Meeting of PNC collectors

The possibility of establishing a website was the main topic of discussion at the Regional Meeting held April 26 at the Plymouth Show in Plymouth, MI. Over two dozen members and guests attended from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

On a show of hands nearly two-thirds saw a need for the club to pursue a website on the Internet. Club Secretary Gene Trinks led the discussion and alluded to what has since been announced, the board has formed an Ad Hoc Committee to study the issue and complete a report. John Larson is heading up the group. Additional details can be found in a lengthy letter from John inside this issue.

Trinks said board concerns would be desirability, potential costs, designating a webmaster and the possibility of new responsibilities for the somewhat inactive Publication Advisory Committee.

Joann Lenz shared information on the linerless coils and the coil holders, asked members to report varieties, talked about the split 5s and 9s on the Flag Over Porch stamps, the availability of the 'Sky Blue' variety of the 32c Ferryboat and the fact that she had one on cover but didn't get around to tracking down its origin in a timely manner.

## Are you/did you attend Pacific '97?????????????

If you attended or plan to attend Pacific '97, please think about doing a little reporting for *Coil Line*. The editor is interested in your impressions of the event, the Regional Meeting, the availability of PNC material (or lack thereof) and anything else you can share about the experience. Write a sentence, a paragraph or short novel. Remember when you were in 7th or 8th grade and your English teacher had you writing all those paragraphs for homework? This is a chance for you to use those skills-but don't think of it as homework!

## More about Plymouth—

Trinks also led a discussion about including Plate Number Booklets in the club's domain. "I hear lots of points of view and haven't been able to make up my mind. One of these days we are going to have to deal with it at the club and board level. Does it belong under our scope of interest?" Trinks said.

Several people reported having trouble finding the PNBs in postal machines and also a scarcity of the numbers on commercial covers. About half in attendance said they would collect the PNB strip or single. It seemed making PNB collecting a division of PNC3 had support.

-Harold Brown

# Letters

## What are PNBs doing in Coil Line?

To the Editor:

Having read the May Coil Line, I was wondering when did the PNC3 become the Plate Number Booklet CLUB? Ed Denson's letter didn't belong in our newsletter. I am not interested in these new collectibles and am only interested in how to advance my own collecting interest, i.e. plate number coils.

Certainly discussion of a possible web site is relevant as were most of the other letters in the issue. There are certainly many issues for us to discuss i.e. computer programs, dealers, albums, recent prices at auction, or even which candidate for APS President would be best for our hobby. But Plate Number Booklets is as different to me as is Duck Stamps, Postage Dues or any other stamp collecting interest. Lets please stick to the topic.

PNBers can start their own club and have their own newsletter, I wish them luck.

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## Commercial covers - Southern New England

To the Editor:

In the southern New England area these PNCs were found on commercial covers from about 150,000 pieces postmarked April 3 through May 1, 1997:

32c Flag/Porch [L/S]- 11111- 8; 22221- 1; 22222- 7; 33333- 29; 34333- 5; 44444- 30; 45444- 4; 66646- 4; 77767- 27; 78767- 1; 99969- 8. Total- 124.

32c Flag/Porch [S/A]- 11111- 66; 22222- 207; 23222- 1; 33333- 1; 55555- 3; 66666- 100; 78777- 66; 87888- 2; 87898- 21; 88888- 35; 88898- 1; 89878- 6; 89888-2; 89898- 5; 97898- 14; 99899- 3; 99999- 805. Total- 1338.

32c Statue of Liberty- PNB- V1111- 3.

32c Yellow Rose- PNB- S1111- 1.

Others: 9 values totaling 18.

Grand total: 1484.

A couple of new ones appeared: 23222 [S/A], postmarked Westchester, NY 105, 14 April, 1997, corner card White Plains, NY 10604; and 33333 [S/A], pm Southern CT 064, 14 April, 1997, corner card Cromwell, CT 06416.

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### Remember:

**The deadlines for the July and August issues of Coil Line have been moved up:**

**July issue - June 10**

**August issue - July 10**

**Your assistance will be appreciated.**

## Larson outlines of committee for website

To the Editor:

I have received a letter from Gene Ernst, President of PNC3, appointing me as the Chair of the formal PNC3 WEBSITE Committee. In his letter he states his views on the PNC3 WEBSITE Committee as an Independent Ad Hoc Committee that would cease to exist if it is decided not to go on the Net.

If we do decide to proceed, then this committee would be the starting point for the next generation (installation) committee.

I am looking for PNC3 members to work with me on the PNC3 WEBSITE Committee.

It would be helpful if the volunteers would have email access although this is not required. Following is a statement of our Mission and Timetable.

### PNC3 WEBSITE Committee

#### An Independent Ad Hoc Committee

Mission: To investigate and report on the following:

1. What are the various costs involved?
2. Who will operate it (webmaster or others)?
  - 2a. Identify person(s) willing to operate it.
3. What are the mechanics of setting it up?
4. What should be the contents of the site?
  - 4a. Would we be allowed to accept advertising?
5. What are the potential areas of conflict with Coil Line?
6. Provide a draft of proposed guidelines and rules for posting.

Timetable: A written report is to be submitted to Gene Ernst by August 10, 1997. The topic of PNC3 WEBSITE will likely be the main agenda item at the PNC3 Annual Meeting at Stampshow.

I have produced an preliminary outline of some of the topics which I see in need of investigation and reporting. This is open for revision and reorganization to more closely match the Mission items.

It may serve as a starting point for discussion and action. PNC3 Website Committee activities

1. Preliminary investigations
  - 1.A. Investigate Internet Service Providers(ISP)
  - 1.B. Investigate other Websites
  - 1.C. Investigate and prioritize desired capabilities.
  - 1.D. Investigate financial support by dealers or others
2. Guidelines
  - 2.A. Website Charter - Rules and Standards, Purpose and Scope
  - 2.B. Guidelines on Commercial content
  - 2.C. Guidelines on using Scott Numbers
  - 2.D. Guidelines on competing with other Plate Number Publications
  - 2.E. Guidelines on Member/Non-Member access
  - 2.F. Guidelines and HTML primer on supplying Web-ready information
  - 2.G. Glossary and definitions
  - 2.H. Job description for Section Leaders
  - 2.I. Guidelines on information flow and processing
3. Section Leaders
  - 3.A. Purpose
    - 3.A.1. Filtering information for correctness

## Letters (from previous page)

- 3.A.2. Responsible for providing Web-ready information
- 3.A.3. Limit the number of people making changes to the site
- 3.A.4. Division of work and minimization of conflicts
- 3.B. Scope
  - 3.B.1. Site coordinator - Webmaster
  - 3.B.2. Commercial coordinator
  - 3.B.3. Bibliography coordinator
  - 3.B.4. New numbers coordinator
  - 3.B.5. Archive coordinator
  - 3.B.6. PNC3 promotion coordinator
4. Initial Implementation
  - 4.A. Selection of ISP
  - 4.B. Selection of Section Leaders
  - 4.C. Content submission
  - 4.D. Test Drive
  - 4.E. Friendly User Period
  - 4.F. Public Access

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in the investigation and writing. Also please indicate in which outline topics or Mission areas you feel you can best contribute.

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## Commercial covers from the Southwest

To the Editor:

The following PNC commercial covers were found in among covers received by the national ladies wear mail order company on Tucson for the period April 1 through April 30, 1997.

32c Flag/Porch - 11111-22; 22222-12; 33333-16; 44444-21; 45444-11; 66646-10; 77767-23; 78767-3; 91161-3; 99969 - 17.

32c Flag/Porch SA - 11111-37; 22222-21; 23222-4; 33333-3; 44444-1; 55555-9; 66666-35; 78777-63; 87898-15; 88888-43; 89878-21; 89888-1; 89898-16; 89899-1; 99999-542.

The numbers speak for themselves. The older 32c FOPs are disappearing. The two new lick and sick numbers are not popular and one cannot find a decent used single or one on cover.

The older .32c FOP S/As also seem to be fast disappearing, to be replaced with the restart of the numbering. One has to wonder what the BEP will do when the self adhesives come to all of the 5s. There is lots of speculation out and about, including a new coil, repeat of the PNCs, repeat of the PNCs with different die cuts, repeat of the PNC number combinations, repeat with different dates or a different colored date, etc.

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## Results of sorting through a 25-pound mixture

To the Editor:

I recently finished sorting a 25-pound mixture with the following results:

32c Flag/Porch - 11111-33; 22222-15; 33333-42; 34333-4; 44444-67; 45444-24; 66646-36; 66666-8; 77767-25; 78767-11; 99969-1; S11111-1. Total - 266.

32c Flag/Porch SA - 55555-15; 66666(L11/R10) -30; 66666 (L11/R12) -27; 66666 (L12/R12)-3; 78777-47; 88888 (L10/R10)-8; 88888 (L11/R10) -19; 99999 (L10/R10) - 54; 99999 (L11/R10) - 28; 89878 (L10/R10) - 7; 87898 (L10/R10) - 2; 87898(L11/R10) - 1; 89888 (L11/R10) - 1; 89898 (L10/R10)-4; 97898 (L10/R10); 97898 (L11/R10)-1. Total - 250.

Others totaled 330, including:

20c Blue Jay - S111-4;

32c Ferryboat - 2-6; 3-5; 4-1.

'G' SV -81; ABN-67; BEP - 28 (breakdown available of needed for data charts)

Grand Total - 846.

As others have noted previously, the mixed 7, 8, 9 Flag S/As are not very common. Likewise the 66666 (L12/R12) variety appears to be a tough find.

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## Commercial covers-Southern Maryland area

To the Editor:

The following numbers were included in 2,500 PNC commercial covers from the Southern MD area dating from Dec. 21, 1996 to April 11, 1997.

Flag Over Porch - 11111-81; 22221-2; 22222-43; 23222-5; 33333-50; 34333-8; 44444-32; 45444-10; 66646-16; 77767-22; 78767-22; 99969-16.

Flag Over Porch S/A - 11111-60; 22222-15; 55555-13; 66666-184; 78777-197; 87888-3; 87898-34; 88888-142; 88898-1; 89878-31; 89888-6; 89898-98; 89899-4; 97898-12; 99899-1; 99999-1,257.

Ferryboat - 2-3; 3-24; 4-2; 5-4.

Conestoga - 2-1; 3-6; 6-3.

Rolly Grandahl's SA FOP 11111 EKU reported in April beat my earliest by 10 days. My earliest SA FOP 22222 has a St. Pete FL CDS of 27 Feb 97 and was mailed from Safety Harbor 34695.

There were 5 Statue V1111 from LL booklet, but no TX roses. There were a smattering of 'G's, flag and others, including a Midnight Angel B1111. Five of the all 9s were the CPV 'almost 10.' Six cases of 'pilfered postage' were noted!

Due to the limited time allotted for the Regional Meeting at Pacific 97 (1 hour), no scheduled program is planned. Introductions and comments will take the entire time. Further meetings can be arranged.

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# SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

## New Numbers

The only new number this month is self adhesive Flag Over the Porch #44444. It becomes the 20th cylinder combination used by BEP on this type.

## Flag 9.9999 Again

The SA Flag constant plate variety 9.9999 has been found with a different die cut. The original examples were cut L11/R10. Now Don Eastman has found it on the L10/R10 version.

## Under-inked 8

Two examples of an under-inked dark blue 8 have been found on the SA Flag Over the Porch. Dick Koenig submitted a stamp on cover where the cross bar of the center eight is missing and makes the cylinder combination look very much like 88088. Dan Kauffman found a used Flag that has a center digit with the left side missing, making the number look like 88388. These are entertaining items for the EFO collector. No mint copies have been reported yet.

## Yellow Rose Coil Not Gravure

Unlike the Yellow Rose booklet stamps printed by Stamp Venturers on a gravure press, the coil version stated to be released August 1st is reported to have been printed by offset on the BEP's "F" press. The "F" press is a combination intaglio/offset press and this issue makes use of the offset section only. It's quite certain there will be distinct differences in the design portion of the two renditions. The new coil will use four colors and therefore the cylinder combination should have four digits. The "F" press offset section normally uses a subject circumference of 24, so, barring the use of cylinder numbers more than once per revolution, the interval will be 24.

## Membership

A few more stragglers may pay their dues but the renewal process is pretty much over. Including new members who have joined since the first of the year, the Club roster stands at 741. Losses for the year total 69 and include three deceased and 19 resignations. The remainder quietly drifted off into the sunset and we're sorry to see them go. Some were longtime members.

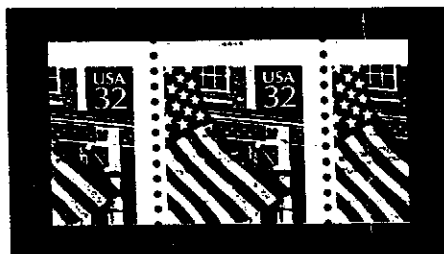
## Cog Railway CPV

Both sleeve numbers of the 20¢ Cog Railway coil have been quite free of constant plate varieties. Bob Novak found the one illustrated below. It is a lone dot over the "s" of 1870s on the numbered stamp of sleeve #2.



## Number on Top

It's been a long time since we've seen a Flag coil with a plate number on top. Unless another find has gone unreported, the strip with water activated gum from cylinder combination #44444 pictured below is the first Porch Flag to have been found miscut that way. Scott Adams was the lucky searcher. Only one roll was found where the entire number is clear of the top edge. The slicing is so high the entire year date also clears the top. Scott says that one strip will appear in an auction, but we'll have to wait because the close date is in October.



## Ferryboat Color Variety

A significantly different color of the 32¢ Ferryboat has become an item of interest recently. It's a shame it took some of us so long to take a closer look because one of our members provided the information for an article about the unusual color variety over a year ago. And the article appeared in Coil Line, too; in April 1996. I'm truly guilty on this one because Dan Kauffman, the finder, is a close trading partner and frequent correspondent. I dismissed the items as an inking anomaly and didn't ask to examine them. Dan has sent his two covers, both bearing a light blue #5 Ferryboat, and the stamps are a very different shade of blue. One has a postmark date of 20 Nov 1995, the other a date of 11 Jan 1996, and they are from the central Maryland area. Some unused copies exist and the owner, Kim Cuniberti, asked the BEP for an evaluation of the color difference. It would be nice to have an official determination but that won't happen soon. BEP has indefinitely suspended such evaluations. And Dan, we did not intend to treat you like Rodney Dangerfield.

## Help Needed

Editor Rich Nazar is asking for help with a PNC Catalog item. A blue omitted error of the 20¢ Supreme Court Flag coil exists and is listed by Scott as 1895c and by Datz (*Errors on U.S. Postage Stamps*) as CO130. These entries refer to single stamps. Rich needs to find out what plate was used to print this color missing error and if a plate numbered strip exists. If you have any information, please contact Rich. Call 908-828-1096. Write to 20 Blake Ave. Somerset, NJ, 08873-2003.

## Impression Proving Wrong

In the April Coil Line I passed along the information that there are two different size die cuts on the BEP '97 self adhesive Flag. One is L9/R10 and the other is L10/R10. At first it appeared the 10/10 type would be the more difficult to find. Then reports convinced me both would be readily available, and that's what I wrote. Now the only dealer I know of who segregates his Flag stock by die cut tells me the 9/10 is difficult. OK.

## CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

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

05/10/97

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

UT - UNTAGGED  
[xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL  
(NL) - LINERLESS  
\* 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  
#89888 A  
#89888 A  
#89888 A  
#89888 A  
#89888 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

### 20c BLUE JAY (SA) [14]

#S1111 A

### (5c) BUTTE [14]

#S111 C, D  
#S222 C  
#S333 C

### (5c) BUTTE (SA) [21]

#S111 D

### (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

### (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

(P and V are "peak" and "valley". The first and last shapes at top and bottom.)

#11111 - L10/R10  
#22222 - L10/R10  
#23222 - L10/R10  
#33333 - L10/R10  
#44444 - L10/R10  
#45444 - L10/R10  
#55555 - L12/R12  
#66666 - L12/R12, L11/R12, L11/R10  
#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 31 collectible strips from 20 different numbers.

Die cut types for the '97 BEP Flag are not listed here.

Information contributors: J. Nelson

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

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

#11111 B, C  
#21222 C  
#22222 C  
#33222 C  
#S1111 D  
#S2222 D

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

#11111 C  
#S11111 D

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

#S11111 D

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

#11111 C  
#S11111 D  
#M11111 D [7] (NL)

# Commercial Covers

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### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR FUTURE ARTICLES

Much of what I write about in these articles comes from suggestions from my readers. I enjoy the many letters and phone calls I receive, and I want to thank the following collectors for their input over the past several months:

Chuck Maloney	Dan Kauffman, Jr.	Len Piskiewicz
J. L. Simmons	Doug Iams	Doug Damaschino
Ken Cherry	Roland Grandahl	Gerry Adlman
Rick Lancaster	Jewell Meyer	Richard Beecher
Charlie Merrill	Tom Goetz	Karen Weigt
Howard Foster	Mike Courtney	Bruce Menia
Bob Gray	Carl Ditsch	Ron Hayes
George LeDuc	Carl Wicklund	Dave Phelps
Joann Lenz	Bob Mohr	Steve Crown
Dan Forgues	Tad Richards	David Bizé
Tony Bruno	Larry Anderson	

I have some ideas for future articles, and I could use any information you can provide on the following topics:

1. **Postage due stamps used on PNC covers.** The last issue of postage dues was phased out by 1987, so some PNC covers exist with postage due stamps. Do you have any covers with postage due stamps on them? If so, I would appreciate photocopies (preferably at 100% against a black background). I'm also looking for covers showing PNCs used to pay the postage due.

2. **32¢ Flag/Porch.** I could use your earliest usage dates on cover of all the 32¢ Flag/Porch plate numbers.

3. **PNC covers to foreign destinations.** I'm looking for PNC covers to foreign destinations, especially more obscure and exotic places. Please send photocopies.

4. **20¢ Flag precancelled covers.** Since no commercial cover is known of this PNC (plate number 14), I would like copies of even no plate number commercial covers.

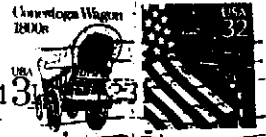
5. **Interesting PNC post card usages.** Some of the harder usages to find are PNCs on post cards. If you have some of the tougher numbers or have any interesting usages, I would like to hear from you.

As I stated previously, I do enjoy collector input. Please let me know what articles you like and which ones you don't. I'm also open to any suggestions and ideas you might have for future articles.

## COVER OF THE MONTH

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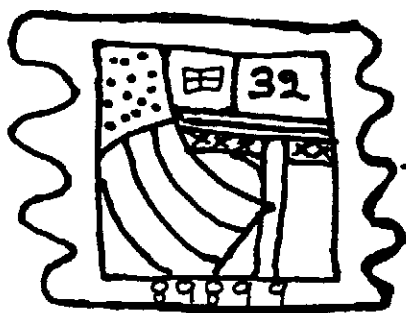
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The above cover featuring the 3c Conestoga Wagon #6 is cancelled by 11/4/96 machine and ink jet spray cancels. Obviously, the cover is overpaid. The 3c Conestoga Wagon is often used as a change maker in stamp vending machines in post office lobbies and elsewhere. Sometimes purchasers over frank their covers just to get rid of the extra "change", which is probably what happened with the above cover. I am sure the postal service does not mind the extra revenue. (Cover courtesy of Dan Kauffman.) (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.)



"ACTUALLY, I'M  
A \$32. LOTTERY  
TICKET!"

By S. SHERWOOD DAY

## Another look at the 'upside down/backwards 2' on D coil

Both Ken Cherry and Al Cibulskas have replied to an item in the May *Coil Line* regarding the possibility of an upside down or backwards plate #2 on the 'D' coil stamp.

The following is a commentary and illustration supplied by member Cherry:

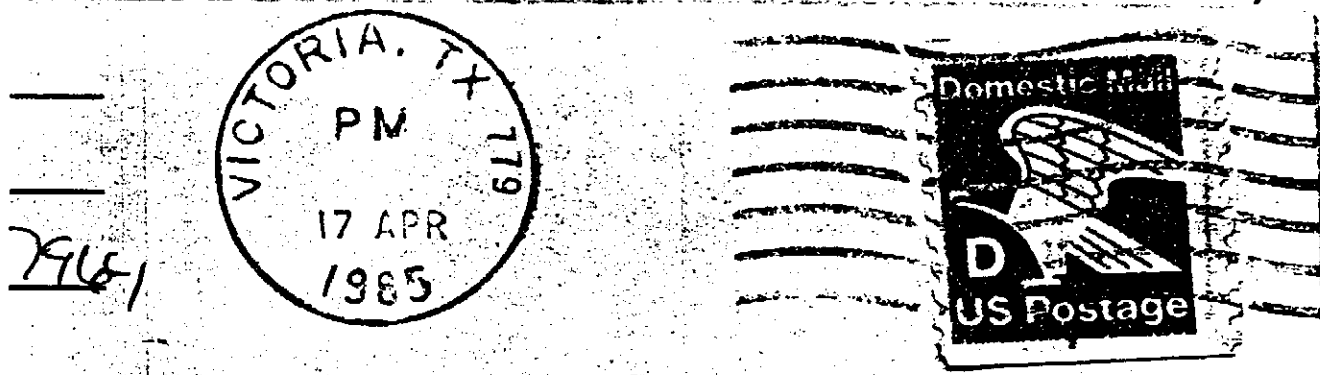
I read your comments in the May *Coil Line* 'Upside down/backwards '2' on D Coil Stamp.' I checked my 1991 PNC Catalogue as well as Ken Lawrence's Plate Number Coil Handbook. Both sources mention a rewinding glitch which resulted in the 'D' coil being affixed upside down when applied by the machine in bulk mailings, but nothing is said about plate numbers being printed upside down or backwards.

Probably the more likely answer to this mystery is the plate number was distorted during printing. Ken Lawrence says "As the first gravure-printed PNCs, they (D coils) were especially disappointing, because blurring of the image often left a puzzling blob as the cylinder number. Several collectors reported finding number 3, and one reported number 6, but close examination under magnification always proved them to be misshaped 1s or 2s."

In checking some copies of this issue in my own collection I found one which resembles the one shown in your article but has no cancel touching it, which your example seems to have. The enclosed example (illustrated below) shows more clearly the plate number is a distorted '2'. If you turn it upside down it looks like a '2' tilted to the right as in your example. With regard to the example you show in your article, it appears to me more likely a distorted '2' rather than an inverted or backwards one.

Member Cibulskas sent along a copy of an article from Steve Esrati's 'Plate Number Coils' column that was published in *Linn's Stamp News* Jan. 20, 1986 on page 56. At that time, Cibulskas reported going through a dealer's stock at a bourse and finding a D coil with the plate #3. But, all the information available indicates #3 never went to the press. The article indicated Cibulskas tried 100-power magnification but the number still looked like a 3. He provided a photocopy of an extreme-enlargement but it will not reproduce properly for inclusion.

More comments are welcome.



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# 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.

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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*.

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

**June, 1, 1997, San Francisco, CA -** Regional Meeting at PACIFIC '97, 10 a.m. in Moscone Center. Contact Doug Iams, co-host at 1885 Victoria Landing, San Jose, CA 95132-3703 or call 1-408-946-1843 for additional details.

**August 2, 1997, Cincinnati, Ohio -** CINPEX 97, Time to be announced. Joann Lenz and Harold Brown will lead a discussion on 'What's New in PNCs?' Contact Pat Buse at 606-581-3400.

**August 23, 1997, Milwaukee, WI -** Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club. The meeting will be held during the American Philatelic Society's annual Stampshow. The time and location of the meeting will be announced later. 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 PNC<sup>3</sup> members. Information and entry forms are available from Tom at 112 Fern Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

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**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.

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### Slide shows available

Members interested in obtaining PNC slide shows for use at local club meetings and stamp shows should contact John Peterson, 6605 Bell Bluff Ave., Sand Diego, CA 92119-1147 or call 619-265-2916.

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## Ads

NEW ARRIVAL. 40 POUNDS of coils in strips. A charity mix. Unpicked for PNCs, many 3 & 5s. Selling one-pound packets, next day priority post paid, \$15 each. Art Giese, Rt. 1, Box 94, Midway, TX 75852.

WANTED: COVER WITH non-philatelic commercial use of the 32c Ferryboat color variety (light blue; see April 7 Linn's, P.2); PNC desirable but not essential. Leonard Piszkiwicz, 951 Rose Court, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

PNC MINT strips & used singles for sale. PNC list #21. List includes mint PS3, PS5, used singles, gap varieties, covers, errors and other mint stamps. New low prices. Please send SASE. Dennis Chamberlain, Box 4323, Davis, CA 95617.

SEND FOR MY used PS1, mint PS5 and used PNC strips list. The prices are GREAT! A 32s SASE would be appreciated. John Himes, Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453.

WANTED! TRANSPORTATION COIL used singles. Fine: 1898Ab, 1900, 1900a, 1901, 1901a, 1902, 1902a, 1903, 1903a, 1904, 1904a, 1905, 1905a, 1906a, 2123a, 2124a, 2125, 2125a, 2258, 2262, 2262a, 2452D, 2458 paying 2c each: 2468 15c. Dennis Chamberlain, Box 4323, Davis, CA 95617.

LOOKING FOR trades of the Flag over Porch issues (mint and used) as I have numerous extras. Jeff Fiszbein, 824 Chatham, Milford, MI 48481-2783.

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This page illustrates, in a reduced form, the label from a roll of 10,000 of the Presorted First Class Juke Box coil. Joann Lenz provided the photocopy, which she reports measures 8 3/8" by 8 3/8". It contained stamps with the plate number M11111.

QUANTITY OF COILS: ONE COIL  
10,000 STAMPS PER COIL  
DENOMINATION: 25c  
COIL VALUE: \$2,500.00  
CONTRACTOR: 3M CO  
ITEM #7957A PRESORT FIRST CLASS RATE JUKEBOX

PWCS AUCTION RESULTS FOR #17 CLOSING DATE APRIL 25, 1997

Remember that the bids went to the earliest post mark. I do take phone bids, but I still need your bid sheets to validate your bids. We had 81 bidders in this auction. Of these all but 10 won at least one lot, with the smallest being \$2.00 and the largest invoice \$500.00, a large spread but it shows that we have something for everybody. Again the bulk of the sale was in PS-5 and longer strips plus used. Of the 408 lots 264 sold which is about average for our last few auctions.

UNSOLD LOTS ARE NOT LISTED

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID		
2	\$36.00	89	\$4.50	141	\$11.00	199	\$12.00	256	\$12.00	354	\$5.00
3	\$6.00	90	\$2.50	143	\$6.00	206	\$8.00	257	\$2.50	355	\$5.00
5	\$8.50	91	\$5.00	144	\$6.00	207	\$6.00	258	\$40.00	356	\$11.00
6	\$34.00	92	\$9.00	146	\$9.00	208	\$8.50	260	\$30.00	357	\$3.25
8	\$10.00	93	\$9.00	147	\$15.00	209	\$8.50	263	\$12.00	359	\$3.50
10	\$10.00	94	\$11.00	148	\$20.00	210	\$2.50	264	\$70.00	360	\$26.00
11	\$75.00	95	\$11.00	149	\$2.00	211	\$5.00	265	\$14.00	361	\$6.00
15	\$3.00	96	\$3.00	150	\$5.00	212	\$3.00	266	\$3.00	364	\$6.00
17	\$1.50	97	\$25.00	151	\$10.00	213	\$4.50	268	\$12.00	365	\$18.00
18	\$41.00	98	\$3.00	152	\$2.50	214	\$25.00	269	\$4.50	366	\$12.00
20	\$3.00	99	\$13.00	153	\$2.50	215	\$44.00	270	\$7.00	367	\$9.00
21	\$3.50	100	\$6.00	154	\$2.50	216	\$3.00	271	\$12.00	368	\$80.00
22	\$5.50	101	\$13.00	155	\$2.50	217	\$25.00	276	\$5.00	369	\$1.00
24	\$5.50	102	\$15.00	156	\$3.00	219	\$15.00	277	\$4.00	371	\$7.50
27	\$1.25	103	\$10.00	157	\$3.00	220	\$2.00	281	\$4.00	372	\$4.25
34	\$15.00	104	\$52.50	158	\$7.00	221	\$2.00	284	\$2.00	373	\$2.00
35	\$14.00	105	\$8.00	159	\$8.00	222	\$6.00	287	\$85.00	374	\$7.00
37	\$13.00	106	\$7.50	160	\$12.00	223	\$6.00	288	\$7.00	375	\$7.50
38	\$4.00	108	\$3.00	161	\$1.50	224	\$2.50	289	\$14.00	376	\$12.00
48	\$13.00	109	\$90.00	164	\$4.50	225	\$5.50	290	\$15.00	377	\$2.00
51	\$3.00	110	\$90.00	165	\$3.00	227	\$6.00	291	\$30.00	378	\$24.00
54	\$4.50	111	\$6.00	166	\$7.00	228	\$5.00	295	\$45.00	379	\$6.00
55	\$26.00	113	\$39.00	167	\$15.00	229	\$4.00	297	\$6.00	380	\$8.50
56	\$6.50	114	\$6.00	168	\$15.00	230	\$6.50	298	\$4.00	381	\$10.00
60	\$6.00	115	\$9.00	169	\$15.00	231	\$5.00	299	\$5.00	382	\$7.00
61	\$8.00	116	\$2.00	170	\$14.00	232	\$5.00	310	\$4.00	384	\$1.50
62	\$3.00	117	\$5.00	174	\$6.00	233	\$5.00	314	\$10.00	385	\$2.50
63	\$8.00	118	\$6.00	176	\$12.00	234	\$5.00	316	\$7.50	387	\$4.00
64	\$7.50	119	\$2.00	179	\$2.00	235	\$20.00	317	\$6.00	388	\$8.00
67	\$8.00	120	\$20.00	180	\$52.50	236	\$6.00	318	\$5.00	389	\$1.00
69	\$8.00	121	\$5.00	181	\$2.50	237	\$5.50	319	\$8.50	390	\$6.00
71	\$6.00	122	\$5.50	182	\$3.50	238	\$8.00	320	\$5.50	391	\$10.00
73	\$7.50	123	\$3.00	183	\$2.75	239	\$12.00	321	\$6.00	392	\$12.00
77	\$12.00	124	\$5.50	184	\$2.75	243	\$16.00	322	\$10.00	393	\$2.00
78	\$9.00	126	\$2.00	186	\$5.00	245	\$6.50	323	\$4.50	396	\$8.00
79	\$8.00	127	\$1.50	187	\$14.00	247	\$9.00	324	\$15.00	397	\$6.00
80	\$12.00	128	\$6.00	188	\$3.00	248	\$65.00	331	\$1.00	400	\$12.00
81	\$15.00	129	\$13.00	189	\$16.00	249	\$92.50	332	\$3.00	401	\$10.00
82	\$12.00	131	\$4.00	190	\$9.00	250	\$75.00	342	\$3.50	402	\$10.00
83	\$20.00	135	\$4.00	191	\$3.50	251	\$10.00	343	\$10.00	403	\$500.00
84	\$20.00	137	\$2.00	192	\$12.00	252	\$5.50	344	\$10.00	404	\$8.50
86	\$21.00	138	\$2.50	193	\$14.00	253	\$5.00	346	\$21.00	405	\$28.00
87	\$4.00	139	\$2.50	196	\$12.00	254	\$32.00	349	\$20.00	406	\$28.00
88	\$4.00	140	\$12.00	198	\$12.00	255	\$17.00	352	\$1.25	407	\$28.00