

# Coil Line

Journal of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club PNC<sup>3</sup>

May 1, 1997  
Vol. 10, No. 5  
Whole Number 105

Gene Ernst, President  
15522 Windy Cove Drive  
Houston, Texas 77095  
(281) 855-0146

Board Members	
Dick Koenig, VP	Joann Lenz, At Large
Gene Trinks, Secy.	Don Eastman, At Large
Jim Perry, Treas.	Tom Maeder, Past Pres.

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

## Plans being made for Regional Meeting during Chicagopex97 this November

Planning is in the preliminary stages for a Regional Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club during Chicagopex97 this November.

John Dahlstrom II has received final approval from the Chicago Philatelic Society and the club to go ahead with planning the event. Details will be announced later.

John is working on lining up a couple of speakers and would also appreciate a helping hand from members in the Chicago area. There may also be some frames available for PNC exhibits.

Anyone interested in giving John a hand or in exhibiting, should contact him at 3205 W. Sunnyside #2, Chicago, IL 60625-5409. He may also be reached at 773-267-6123 or by fax at 773-267-6183. His e-mail address is Dahlstrom2@aol.com.

## Time to update collector interests

The approach of summer indicates it's time to begin preparing to publish an updated membership and collector's interest list.

All members are automatically included unless they have specifically requested otherwise. You need only notify Secretary Gene Trinks of any changes in your collecting interests. Notify Gene at 3603 Bellows Court, Troy, MI 48083 or via e-mail at gctrinks@tir.com. Take care of this before you forget. Do not send the information to the *Coil Line* editor.

Because of the size of the list, we'll break it into at least two sections. Tentative publication dates are the July and August issues of *Coil Line*.

## Notice of early deadline-July & Aug. Coil Lines

The deadline for the July and August issues of *Coil Line* will be June 10 and July 10, respectively. This change is to accommodate the schedule of the editor. The deadline for all other issues remains the 15th of the month. The editor will try to give a 2-month notice on any future adjustments.

## BEP Yellow Rose Coil due Aug. 1

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will produce the 32c Yellow Rose self adhesive coil stamp due out Aug. 1.

The First Day for the stamp will be during the Americover 97 Stamp and Cover Fest, the annual convention of the American First Day Cover Society. The convention will be held in Fall Church, VA.

BEP's offset press #801 is handling the printing. USPS has ordered two billion stamps. Roll sizes have not been announced.

A Postal Service press release indicates the stamps will be printed in process magenta, green and black. How the stamp will differ, if at all from the Stamp Venturer's versions now out in panes is not known. The panes were produced in versions of 20 that customers can make into a booklet and folded booklets of 15 and 30.

## Linerless test coils 'take a step back'

Wayne Youngblood, writing in the April 14, 1997 issue of *Stamp Collector* reveals limited copies of the first U.S. linerless self adhesive test coil used a 1994 stamp design.

The 29c Blue Eagle design illustrated with the article, were produced in rolls of 3,000. Youngblood wrote the stamps were obtained by an anonymous collector from a small bulk mailer. The stamps are dispensed from a coil roll similar to cellophane tape.

The test coils were printed from a four-color photogravure process by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The words TEST SPECIMEN are printed across the stamps in black. The coil is imperforate but has printed perfs. The plate number 1111 appears every 27th stamp.

Youngblood writes that few few bulk mailers have received the coil. He expects it will be difficult for collectors to obtain copies. The stamps were shown at the recent Mega Event in New York City but were not distributed.

Members might want to keep their eyes open for BEP displays at some of the bigger shows, especially Pacific 97. Although a value is hard to place on the material, some collectors consider test coils good items to illustrate exhibits.

## Letters

### Response to associate membership idea

To the Editor:

In response to Dan Kauffman, let me say first and foremost, thanks for writing and making your suggestion! It is always good to hear from our members with ideas for making our club better and more responsive to the needs of its members. That's what the Board is here for.

Secondly, it's great to hear that members' families share the PNC interests of the member/collector. I personally know quite a few members whose spouses have an active interest in PNCs, though not many cases in which the interest spans generations. That's wonderful, and very gratifying to those sharing the fellowship of PNC3 in that way, I'm sure.

As to an Associate Membership category, I can report that the idea was considered at the time the bylaws were last revised. At that time the decision was taken to forego such a category to simplify the dues structure. Part of the reasoning was that our dues rate of \$10 was quite low (we have been able to maintain this low rate for nearly 10 years now), and that anyone who felt a need for full membership benefits (voting, journal, etc.) would surely not find it prohibitive. Another part was that, in order for there to be a meaningful reduction in the dues for an Associate Member, the Associate would not be able to receive a journal subscription, as the production and distribution costs are in the range of \$9 per year (for bulk mail).

The Board wishes to be responsive to the needs of the membership. If today's members feel that an Associate Member category is needed, and would let me know their desires, I will be pleased to propose same for Board consideration.

Also, if members have any other thoughts as to how the club can be of greater benefit, I'd welcome hearing from them, too.

Gene Trinks  
Secretary  
3603 Bellows Ct.  
Troy, MI 48083

### Dealer unsure format PNB collectors want

To the Editor:

I need some advice. I'm about to send out new releases which include the first plate number booklet (PNBs).

I just saw the booklet stamps with plate numbers on them (PNBs). The booklet consists of 5 separate panes of 6 stamps. (\$9.60 face for the entire booklet) The lowest pane has the plate number stamp at the bottom of it. The plate number is on the bottom left stamp of the Statue of Liberty and the bottom right stamp of the Rose. It seems obvious to me that the way to collect these is in panes of 6.

What will they cost? There are 24 scrap stamps for each PP6 (Plate pane of 6). Each scrap stamp is a loss of 3.2¢ or 10% of face since they have to be sold at 90% of face

to get rid of them. That makes the face = cost of the PP6 to be  $4 \times 3.2 = 12.8$  or 13¢ plus face of 32¢ = 45¢ times 6 stamps = \$2.70. That's close to 1.5x face. PP6 as new releases should cost the dealer \$2.70 and be offered to the public at \$5.40. A used single would list at \$5.40 -  $(5 \times .32 = 1.60) = \$3.80$ . This makes them quite comparable to the PS5 of the 32¢ stamp.

I was wondering if anyone else had ideas about this. Is anyone collecting these stamps and if so, in what format. PP6, Complete booklets, pairs, singles?

ED Denson  
eddenson@asis.com

### Website for club remains under consideration

To the Editor:

Gene Trinks, secretary of PNC3, informs me that the formation of a official committee to continue work on the PNC3 website idea is now being discussed by the Executive Board.

Thank you for all your contributions to the email discussion. I imagine that the formal committee will need input from all of the discussion participants. We should continue our informal discussions in the meantime.

Here are some WWW links that you may find interesting.

- ◆ US Booklets and Self-Adhesives Checklist - <http://monet.physik.unibas.ch/~kohler/>
- ◆ USPS Postal Bulletin - <http://www.usps.gov/business/pb.htm>
- ◆ USPS Stamp News Releases - <http://www.usps.gov/news/stamps/>
- ◆ US Bureau of Engraving and Printing - <http://www.ustreas.gov/treasury/bureaus/bep/bep.html>
- ◆ Stamps Online - <http://www.stampsonline.com/>
- ◆ US Federal Duck Stamps - <http://www.fws.gov/~r9dso/index.html>
- ◆ Linn's Stamp News - <http://www.csmonline.com/linns/>  
<http://www.linns.com/>
- ◆ Stamp Collector - <http://www.krause.com/collectibles/html/sc.html>
- ◆ NetStamps - <http://www.netstamps.com/index2.htm>
- ◆ American Philatelic Society - <http://www.west.net/~stamps1/aps.html>
- ◆ American Stamp Dealers Association - <http://www.exposonline.com/asda/index.html>
- ◆ US Philatelic Classics Society - <http://www.scruz.net/~eho/uspcs/>
- ◆ Scandinavian Collector's Club - <http://www.nb.net/~downs/scc/scc.htm>
- ◆ Philatelic Computing Study Group - <http://www.west.net/~stamps1/pcsg.html>
- ◆ BIA 1954 US Liberty Series - <http://members.aol.com/raustin13/studygrp/liberty.htm>
- ◆ Universal Currency Converter - <http://www.xe.net/currency/>
- ◆ Czeslaw Slania - <http://www.netaxs.com/people/puck/>

## Letters (from previous page)

- ◆ The Aerogramme Society -  
<http://www.aerogramme.com/>

John L. Larson  
306 S. LaSalle Street  
larson@eagle.ais.net  
Aurora, IL 60505-4226

## What do numbers on the dispensers mean?

To the Editor:

On a cold and dreary April Saturday in Michigan, Joann asked....

Does anyone know the significance of the numbers on the side of the plastic dispensers used for the new linerless coils?

In his April 7th STAMP COLLECTOR article, Steve Esrati mentions that numbers 1-16 were found by collectors at the MEGA show and muses if we are now about to collect numbers on dispensers :)

Could the numbers somehow relate to the position on the web?... naaa... that would be a "stretch".

Anyone have any info/insights?

Joann Lenz

## Most molded plastic parts have numbers

To the Editor:

Most molded parts have mold numbers. What it is is that there is one feeding machine (in the event of plastic an extruder) feeding several cavities - each cavity is a mold, normally with a number on it. This way if they have a defective part, they know where on the machine it is coming from.

Alan Malakoff  
ammnj@erols.com

## Commercial covers from New England

To the Editor:

In the southern New England area these PNCs were found on commercial covers from about 133,000 pieces postmarked February 28 through April 6, 1997:

32c Flag/Porch [L/S]- 11111- 16; 22222- 10; 33333- 25; 34333- 2; 44444- 22; 45444- 10; 66646- 4; 77767- 26; 78767- 5; 99969- 6. Total- 126

32c Flag/Porch [S/A]- 11111- 13; 22222- 14; 55555- 3; 66666- 33; 78777-43; 87888- 4; 87898- 11; 88888- 38; 89878- 9; 89898- 1; 97898- 13; 99899- 2; 99999-875. Total- 1059.

Others: 7 values totaling 18.

Grand total: 1203.

It's a strange phenomenon: The April *Coil Line* SNE Report related the discovery of 3 PNBs, but absolutely none show up since! Amazing! Expected an adequate representation by now. Aren't PNs wunnerful? Especially used singles and commercial covers!

Rolly Grandahl  
PNC3RLG@aol.com

## New FOP issues available from Tucson clerk

To the Editor:

The philatelic clerk in Tucson, Ms. Renate Fearonce, has in stock the following FOP self adhesive plate numbers: 11111, 22222, 23222 and 33333.

These are new coils, all with 1996 year dates, are in rolls of 100.

In addition, she has acquired lick and stick rolls of 100 of FOP 91161 (year date 1995). A minimum purchase of 24 stamps is required in order to receive a plate number strip.

It is rumored she will be getting Conestoga #5 and Lunch Wagon #5 in the near future. A more comprehensive listing of her stock may be obtained by writing: Philatelic Clerk, 1501 S. Cherrybell, Tucson, AZ 85726-9998.

As many of you already know, Renate is dedicated to finding new plate numbers for PNC collectors, Drop her a line some time and see for yourself the type of commitment we here in Tucson have come to appreciate.

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

## Experiences with a FOP linerless coil

To the Editor:

I bought a roll of 100 of the linerless Flag over Porch self adhesive coil from Northern Virginia with the help of a friend.

The roll looks fine except for the last few stamps sticking to the roller. When peeling off with a little force, the stamps have difficulty sticking back on the paper (similar to the last strip of Scotch tape one a roll).

Eugene Liu  
P.O. Box 52  
Downey, CA 90241

(Editor's Note: Eugene used the last stamp on the roll to mail this information to me. The stamp stayed on the cover and shows no sign of letting go.)

## Commercial cover report from the Southwest

To the Editor:

Following is the PNC commercial cover report for the period Match 1 through March 31, 1997 from the ladies wear mail order company.

32c FOP - 11111-12; 22222-9; 33333-22; 44444-29; 45444-7; 66646-17; 77767-25; 78767-5; 99969-4.  
32c FOP S/A - 11111-14; 22222-3; 55555-14; 66666-42; 78777-75; 87898-5; 88888-51; 89878-12; 89888-5; 89898-3; 99999-488.

The new 32 FOP S/A PNCs 11111 and 22222 are beginning to show up on commercial cover and I expect that two others, 23222 and 33333 will also be available this month. All are available in Tucson along with the lick and stick 91161.

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

## Letters

(from previous page)

### More commercial covers from the Southwest To the Editor:

Following is a listing of the PNC commercial covers found January 1 through March 31 1997 from local newspapers and a national insurance company.

32c FOP - S11111-2; 11111-52; 22222-39; 22322-1;  
33333-35; 34333-57; 44444-92; 45444-3; 66646-21;  
66666-1; 77767-25; 78767-10; 91161-1; 99969-33.

32c FOP S/A - V11111-1; S11111-6; 11111 (97)-1;  
11111-14; 22222-3; 23222-1; 33333-2; 55555-10; 66666-  
98; 78777-99; 87888-8; 87898-69; 88888-136; 88898-11;  
89878-36; 89888-20; 89898-22; 89899-1; 97898-43;  
99899-1; 99999-1,567.

32c Ferryboat - 2-2; 3-6; 5-7.

20c Cog - 1-1

Others: 20c Blue Jay S/A S1111-10; 23c Lunch Wagon 4-  
5; 5-1; 32c Yellow Rose S/A S1111(15) -10, S1111(30)-1;  
Liberty V1111-1; Canal Boat 3-2; Conestoga Wagon 5-1;  
6-1.

Anyone looking for covers or used singles of the different die-cuts are encouraged to write. At this juncture, plate number combinations of 7s, 8s and 9s with 10L/10R die-cuts seem to be rather scarce. Check you local post offices and count those teeth carefully!

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

## News of PNCs in other publications

Following is a listing of articles about plate number coils found in recent issues of other philatelic publications.

- ◆ New placement of booklet plate numbers may grab attention of PNC collectors, By Robert Rabinowitz, *Stamp Collector*, March 10, 1997, p-18.
- ◆ Porch plate '9' hops over '8', *Linn's Stamp News*, March 17, 1997, p.22.
- ◆ Details for linerless Porch, Juke Box coils, *Linn's Stamp News*, March 17, 1997, p-18.
- ◆ Porches have new Scott numbers, by Michael Schreiber, *Linn's Stamp News*, March 17, 1997, p-19.
- ◆ Jumping cylinder numbers confused PNC collectors, *Stamp Collector*, March 17, 1997, p-1.
- ◆ 32c Yellow Rose coil, *Linn's Stamp News*, March 31, 1997, p-26.
- ◆ Porch linerless coils sold in dispenser at mega-event, *Linn's Stamp News*, March 31, 1997, p-12.

## Upside down/backwards '2' on D coil stamp?

Dan Forgues, Bellingham, WA, has in his collection a Scott #2112 (D coil stamp) with what appears to be an upside down or backwards plate #2. The editor finds no mention of this in Nazar's PNC Catalog, but seems to recall an earlier report or explanation for this that couldn't be located. It's illustrated below. Can anyone help or jar the memory?



## Special Purchase Sale - PS1 & PS2

Mint and Used Same Price, XF add 25%

Very limited quantities

Sale ends June 1 or when special stock exhausted

**35% Discount from regular prices listed below**

No Further Discount Applies

Scott	Description	Price of each PNC	
		PS1	PS2
1900	5.2¢ Sleigh 3	\$150.00	\$152.00
1900	5.2¢ Sleigh 5	\$125.00	\$127.00
1901a	5.9¢ Bicycle P/C 5, 6	\$50.00	\$52.00
1903	9.3¢ Mail Wagon 5,6	\$175.00	\$177.00
1903a	9.3¢ Mail Wagon P/C 8	\$185.00	\$187.00
1904a	10.9¢ Hansom P/C 3,4	\$60.00	\$62.00
1895	20¢ Flag P/C 14	\$50.00	\$52.00

Layaways available (40% down payment, 30% two monthly payments)

703-860-1031 Michael B. Lipson P. O. Box 2543 Reston VA 20195

# SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

## New Numbers

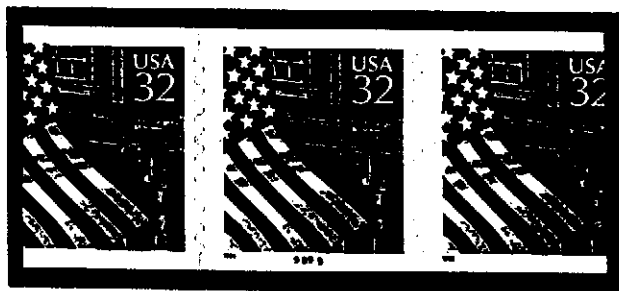
There are six new numbers this month, with five for the Flag and one for the Juke Box. The Juke Box and one Flag are linerless self adhesive coils and both bear the plate number M11111. Cylinder combinations 23222, 33333 and 45444 are SA Flag issues and have 1996 dates. The final Flag number is a lick and stick with the number 91161 and a 1995 date.

## Oops! Got the Blues...

In the March snippet titled Hop, Skip and Jump, I got light blue and dark blue twisted around. One member even intimated I'm color blind. Not so. (Though now retired, one does not enter my profession if he's color blind.) At any rate, for the record the BEP Flag color printing sequence is tan, light blue, dark blue, red and brown. Sorry for transposing the blues.

## Skipping Right Along

BEP scores again and takes a commanding lead. Now the Bureau has added a skip to its credit. Well, maybe not a real skip of a plate number, but it could fool you if you didn't look carefully. The Flag strip shown below was discovered by Sherwood Day and appears to have only four 9's in the cylinder combination number. What has actually happened is another color shift where the brown 9 has moved to the left and is superimposed on the red 9, almost blotting it out. Only a trace of the red digit can be seen on the real stamp. The effect is a missing red 9. However, the red stripes in the flag are right where they should be. Only the brown has moved.



## Rolls of Omnibus Tag Error Found

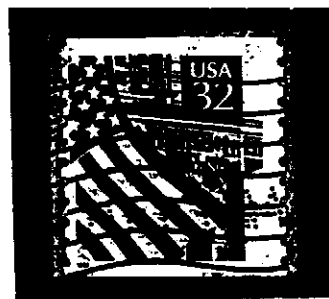
President Gene Ernst reported that an unnamed collector has found 21 rolls of 500 of the Omnibus #3 tagged error. They add about 215 strips to those already found. Most of the rolls have been sold off. Gene also stated that the labels on the wrapped rolls appear to have been hand stamped rather than printed.

## Still the Tough One

Flag Over the Porch #39899 continues to be Mr. Tough among the SA Flag numbers. The used count is six covers and two soaked examples. For a number that has been known for nearly six months that's not very many used stamps. Reports of rolls found continue to filter in, often consisting of only one discovered in a whole flat (50 bubbles) of #99999. At last count the mint roll figure was in the neighborhood of 50.

## A Jumble of Color

If the BEP lick and stick Flag stamp illustrated below had a cylinder combination number, it would be spread over a large part of the bottom margin. This multiple color misalignment is the wildest yet. It was found by Martin Towb and exists on piece, not on cover. After studying it under high magnification, I reached the conclusion that only one of the colors is in its proper place. The brown, or final cylinder color, seems closest to its correct place and then has to be used as a reference for the positioning of the other four colors. If one accepts this approach, then the tan color is shifted 2mm left, the light blue 2mm left, the dark blue 1mm left, and the red 1/2mm left. It's unfortunate the illustration can't be in color, because the observer can't really appreciate what a jumble this stamp is. Without cylinder numbers, we don't know if this is an early or recent printing. An important point here is that although we have seen several radical color misalignments on the BEP Flag, until now all have been on SA printings.



## New Supreme Court Untagged Error

Untagged errors of the Flag Over the Supreme Court with plate numbers 5, 10, 11 and 14 have been known for a long time. Now Peter Eberl has found a PS3 of plate #8 that has no tagging. Peter likes the APS circuit books and that's where he discovered this strip. There are still finds to be made in the older material. Learn from Peter's careful work and use that UV light!

## Another Popup Die Cut

In the March *Snippets* I reported a popup die cut on the BEP '97 Mountain SA coil. Now Eugene Liu has found the exact same cut on the BEP '97 SA Flag. Both issues have a space between stamps.

## Backing Paper Splices Found

Both Eugene Liu and David Kemp have found splices in rolls of 10,000 of the SA Auto with the number S111. In both cases the splices are midway between two stamps and are very carefully executed. The backing paper has been butted together and held in place by a two inch wide strip of clear cellophane tape. They appear to be post printing splices.

## Linerless Stamp Cancelations?

*Linn's Stamp News* reported that the new linerless coils won't hold canceling ink. That's puzzling. My Carter's ink pad and a hand stamp left very permanent marks on both the Flag and the Juke Box.

## CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

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

04/17/97

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
#45444*	A
#55555	A
#66666	A
#78777	A
#87888	A
#87898	A
#88888	A ALL
#88898	A 1996
#89878	A
#89888	A
#89898	A
#97898	A
#99898	A
#99998	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
-------	------

### (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

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

#S11111	D
---------	---

### (10c) AUTO [14]

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

### 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

## 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
#45444	- unknown
#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 30 collectible strips from 19 different numbers. There are two known error strips; #55555 split left and #99999 split right. The split 5 strip is known only with a L12/R12 die cut. The split 9 strip is known only with a L10/R10 die cut.

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

Information contributors: D. Kemp, G. Goeller, R. Nazar.

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]

#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
---------	---

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

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

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

#S1111	A
--------	---

# COMMERCIAL COVERS

Installment #78

Rob Washburn  
P.O. Box 840  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976  
(207) 474-8021 (evenings)

## AUCTION NEWS

Scarce PNC commercial covers are seldom available on the open market. Usually, when such covers do become available, they are sold privately. Not many PNC covers appear in auctions, but recently two auctions offered some scarce PNC commercial covers.

Contemporary Coils April 6, 1997 auction offered two nice 29¢ Flag/Mt. Rushmore PNC variety covers, the Toledo Brown #1 and a Lenz paper #2. The Toledo Brown #1 (lot #159) had full perfs and was tied by a 5/19/92 black machine cancel. The description stated that there were only three such covers known. The high bid was \$1,100 and with the 5% buyer's commission, the cover actually realized \$1,155, quite a hefty sum and, to my knowledge, the highest price ever paid for a PNC commercial cover, other than the 18¢ Flag #6 or #7. The Lenz paper #2 cover tied by a 9/25/91 postmark (lot #160) sold for \$200 and with the 5% buyer's commission realized \$210. Mint PS5s of this variety sell for \$500-\$700 each.



**OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION ENCLOSED**

*Lot #8, Rob Washburn Auction #1*

My own (3/31/97) Auction #1, accompanying my pricelist #15, also yielded some very interesting results. I thought I'd try a 10-lot auction this time around to see what the true market value is for some of the scarcer material. A 3.4¢ School Bus Prec. #1 with full perfs on a cover from the Association of Informed Senior Citizens (lot #1) sold for \$75. This lot received many bids, and the high bidder paid a record price for this PNC on cover. A nice 4.9¢ Buckboard Prec. #3 cover (lot #2) sold for \$80, another record price. Lot #3, a 4.9¢ Buckboard Prec. #5 cover fetched \$45. A 9.3¢ Mail Wagon Prec. #1 cover (lot #4), of which only four are known, sold for a record price of \$100. Lot #5, a 9.3¢ Mail Wagon #4 (split #) cover sold for \$80. A broken yellow variety of the Eagle/Shield #A2III2 on advertising post card (lot #6) sold for \$20. A nice 17¢ Electric Auto #3 cover with the plate number

completely on top (lot #7) received a high bid of \$30. Lot #8 was the prize of the auction and the lot where the bidding was most competitive. This lot featured a 17¢ Electric Auto #3 Type A precancel on cover (see prior page), of which only four such covers are known. The final hammer price was \$140! Lot #9, a 18¢ Surrey #15 cover surprisingly received no bids. The last item (lot #10) was a 22¢ D Official #1 tied on a #10 size cover. It sold for \$80. The lots in the pricelist portion of my sale also did very well.

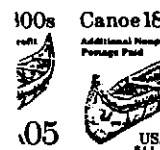
Clearly, these prices are indicative of a strong market for scarcer PNC commercial covers. Such covers as the ones seen in these two auctions might only come onto the market once in a lifetime. Collectors seem to be recognizing this fact, and are bidding very competitively for those covers.

I received one new EKV PNC cover report this month, the 29¢ Snowman self-adhesive...12/18/93.

### **COVER OF THE MONTH**

**B'NAI B'RITH FOUNDATION OF THE U.S.**  
1640 RHODE ISLAND AVE., NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Address Correction Requested



The above cover featuring a 5¢ Canoe #S111 was miscut by the stamp affixing machine so that it looks like a misperf, but it isn't. (Cover courtesy of Rick Lancaster.) (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.)

# 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
------	------	----	----

**(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD**

S2222	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
--------	--------	----	----

**(25c) JUKE BOX**

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

**(32c) RED "G"**

S111	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B	5T	5B

**32c FLAG OVER PORCH**

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

## 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
--------	------	----	----	----

**(25c) JUKE BOX**

S11111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
--------	------	----	----	----

**32c FLAG OVER PORCH**

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

## RECENT ISSUES

**(5c) MOUNTAIN**

# 11111	GREEN	4T	4B	5T
---------	-------	----	----	----

**(25c) JUKE BOX**

# 111111	GREEN	4T	4B	5T	5B
----------	-------	----	----	----	----

**32c FLAG OVER PORCH**

# 11111	GREEN	4T	4B		
---------	-------	----	----	--	--

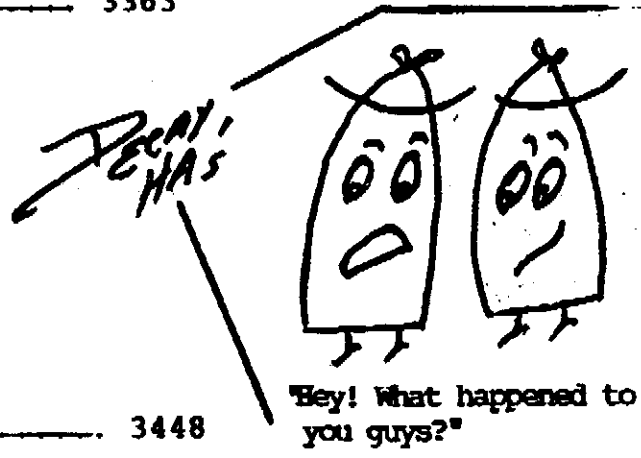
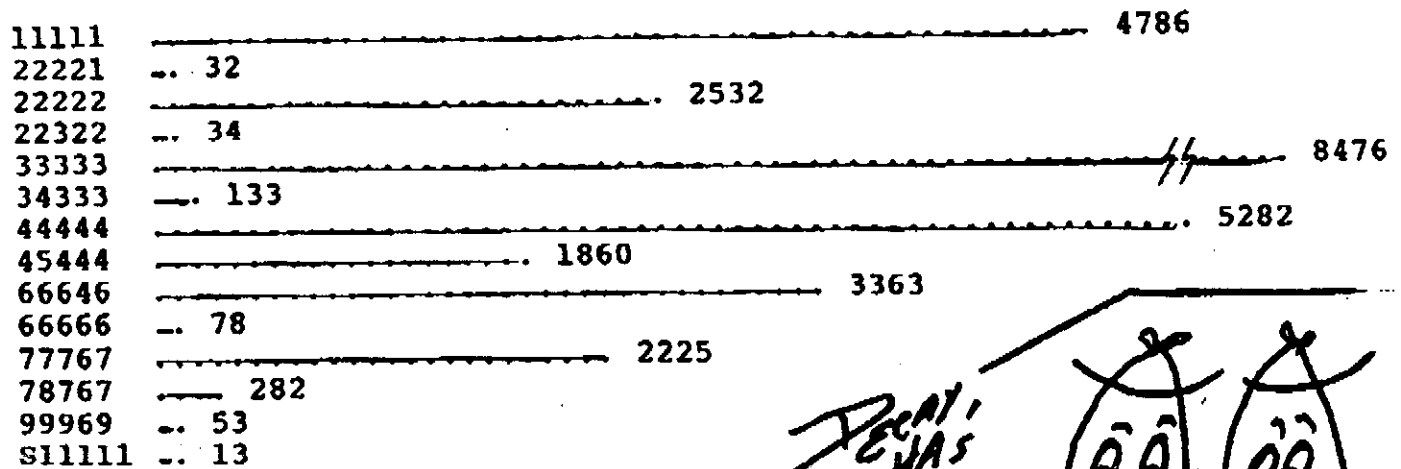
NOTE: COLOR ON 1997 ISSUE IS ACTUALLY TURQUOISE GREEN (STANLEY GIBBONS COLOUR KEY). FOR SIMPLIFICATION, GREEN IS LISTED.

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

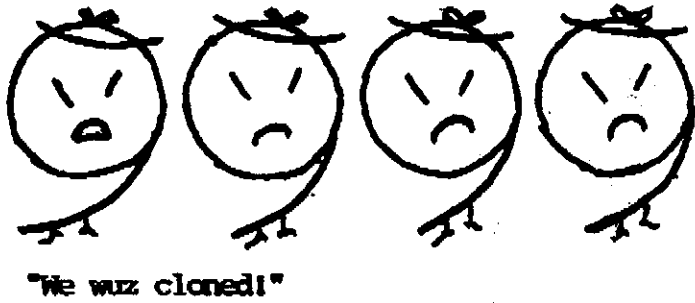
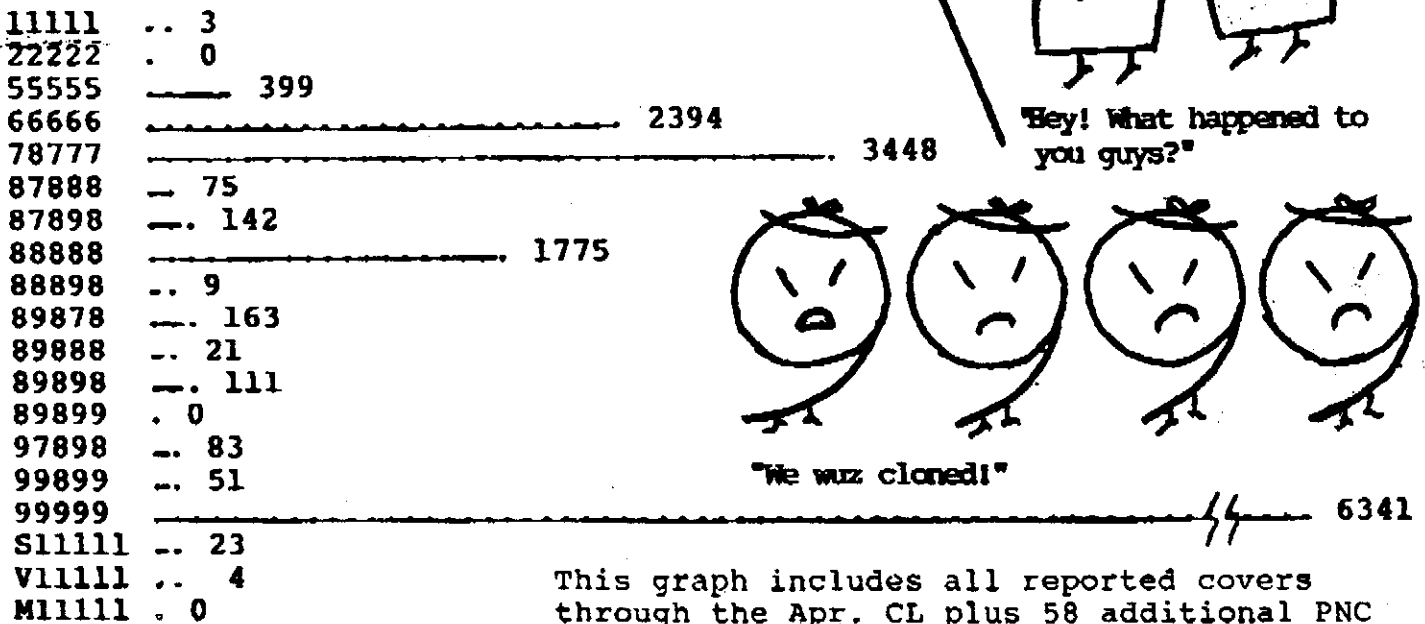
INCIDENCE OF REPORTED PNC COMCL COVERS BY NUMBER

"HOWGOZIT" Chart  
(increments=100)

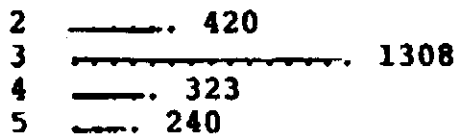
Flag Over Porch (perf)



Flag Over Porch (self-adhesive)



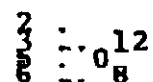
Ferryboat



Cog Railway



Conestoga Wagon



This graph includes all reported covers through the Apr. CL plus 58 additional PNC covers from a N. CA utility. The totally runaway 99999 seems to lend credence to the reuse of this representative number for more than one set of plates. Can we confirm this? The static previously generated and reported in the philatelic press may have accounted for the consideration to reuse the early nos. 1s and 2s. Are 3s and 4s yet to come?

No reported linerless F/P usages as yet. Limited in area representation, cover collectors may find this a difficult item. Keep looking and advising.

Dan Kauffman

# 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.

## *New applicants:*

Edwin J. Weiher  
1041 Panther Ave.  
Sheboygan, WI 53081-8118

Don L. Armspagh  
8105 Causarina Drive  
Port Richey, FL 34668-3008

John Koval  
P.O. Box 83  
Griffith, IN 46319

Marshall Gates  
1226 W. Fifth Ave.  
Spokane, WA 99204-3124

Richard G. Taylor  
908 Center Road  
Eastlake, OH 44095-2332

G. Wilkins  
Iramda 184  
Mexico, D.F. 04040  
MEXICO

Myron H. Shirk  
305 S. Market St.  
Selingsgrove, PA 17870

Phillip Haase  
7831 Siding Ct.  
Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Glen Treglown  
60 W. Taxco Ct.  
Simi Valley, CA 93605

## *Correction:*

The name of applicant Doran Figart was spelled incorrectly in the April issue. Please accept our apologies.

(Continued on next page)

# 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 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, details 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.

## **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.

## COIL LINE

Published monthly as the journal of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, also known as PNC<sup>3</sup>. Copy must be in the hands of the editor no later than the 15th of the month to be considered for the next issue. The April issue was mailed March 24.

**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 Gene Trinks, Secretary, 3603 Bellows Court, Troy, MI 48083. gctrinks@tir.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

(Continued from previous page)

## Changes of address:

David Malin, DDS, FASD  
300 Faust St.  
Asheboro, NC 27203-5406

Karl J. Frese Jr.  
8215 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Miami, FL 33143

James Griffin  
P.O. Box 608  
Naples, TX 75568-0608

Larry Thibodeau  
12 Pine Bark Ct.  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

## Dropped (non-payment of dues):

Rehling #131; Gould #225;  
Chmielewski, 384; Abbot, 412;  
Tosman, 532; Doty, 679; Sanford,  
708; Nichols, 770; Paizis, 798; Van  
Parys, 869; Owens, 923; Fujimori,  
939; Barnes, 967; Lentz, 988;  
Cabbage, 1006; Whalon, 1029;  
Mambourg, 1051; Bohmie, 1080;  
Zago, 1103; Cothran, 1128; Zhiss,  
1153; Rancourt, 1184; Hagen, 1191;  
Kuzia, 1209; Craig, 1217; Daniels,  
1234.

Sweny, 190; Ortegon, 232; Hahn,  
404; Prickett, 413; Meyers, 623;  
Guardian, 693; Mead, 717; Kachel,  
773; Jay, 811; Coulson, 918; Martin,  
926; Rolland, 962; Mummy, 981;  
Strano, 990; Conkling, 1019; White,  
1041; Pollard, 1076; Franklin, 1087;  
Purdy, 1148; Muuss, 1142; Blunt,  
1163; Satterwhite, 1190; Nedrow,  
1197; Newman, 1212; Oberacker,  
1223.

## Ads

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

"I MISSED THE AUCTION" Lets  
try a Mail-Bid Sale! Featuring F/P  
SA Split 9's, F/P SA 89899, F/P SA  
#9.9999 and several others. Send  
SASE for Xerox copy and

description etc. to Bob Novak, 56  
Glencourt Ave. Edison NJ 08837.

MY MINT (PS2-5) \$200.00 face in  
trade; your \$150.00 cash plus  
\$200.00 latest Linn's Trends used  
PNCs (PS1-2). Tom Leeder, 656 W.  
End Ave., Carthage, NY 13619.

38,000+ used PNC singles (off  
paper). 1,200+ PNCs on cover.  
Singles in packets of 50 by Scott and  
plate #. Catalog \$27,600. Highest  
offer by May 30. \$1,500 minimum.  
SASE for list. Richard E. Rush Jr.,  
1071 Saybrook Dr., Greensburg, PA  
15601-1131.

WANTED: F/P SAC in roll of 100  
with #s 87888, 88898, 89888, 89899.  
Have 99899 for even trade. Write  
first. Eugene Liu, P.O. Box 52,  
Downey, CA 90241-0052.

WANTED Junk mail PNC  
commercial covers for an exhibit of  
1980's PNCs on cover. I especially  
need precancelled PNC commercial  
covers. Also, PNC covers to foreign  
destinations and other interesting  
usages. Rob Washburn, P.O. Box  
840, Showhegan, Maine 04976-0840.

I NEED Ferry #4 semi-gloss PS5.  
Have Ferry #5 shiny PS-7 to trade  
even up, or would consider buying.  
Also looking for other numbers to  
trade Flag S/As (mine & used); have  
numerous extras. Jeff Fiszbein, 824  
Chatham, Milford, MI 48481-2783.

ERROR: 1 cent Omnibus TAGGED  
#3, PS5 shiny gum, VF+, \$3 plus  
SASE. E.R. Ernst, 15522 Windy  
Cove Drive, Houston, TX 77095-  
1908.

## E-mail addresses:

John F. Hallgren -  
JFridolph@aol.com  
Mac Johnson-  
mackie279@aol.com  
Jerry Grove -  
JGrove@Prodigy.net  
Tony Bruno -  
tbbee@aol.com  
R.L. Buse Jr. - StampPat@aol.com

J.D. Coelho - perfaholic@snet.net  
Rick Thomas -  
rickstesz@earth.sunlink.net  
Michael Lipson-  
mlipson@mitre.org  
Gene Estus -  
gestus@westelcom.com  
Richard E. Crowe  
rcrowe@cris.com or  
richcrowe@aol.com  
Gene Trinks - gctrinks@tir.com  
Howard 'Skip' Medlock Jr. - Red  
Raider Stamps & South Plains Mall  
Postal Station -  
Ustamps 4U@aol.com or  
102073.673@compuserve.com  
Ed Denson - edenson@asis.com  
Rolly Grandahl -  
PNC3RLG@aol.com  
Mike Davenport  
miked@ionet.net  
Steve Unkrich - SUNkrich@aol.com  
Alan Malakoff - ammnj@erois.com  
John Dahlstrom -  
Dahlstrom2@aol.com  
Don Eastman - east-e@juno.com  
Thomas Jillson -  
TJillson@TrivalentUSA.com  
Bob Novak - RNovak1941@aol.com  
Jim Perry - Eastexmojo@aol.com  
Joann Lenz - krj83a@prodigy.com  
Ken Martin-  
kpmartin@stamps.org  
Gregg Greenwald -  
greenwag@mflclin.edu  
Carol Morehouse -  
CMYRAM@aol.com  
Ken Lawrence - apskan@aol.com  
Harold Brown - PNCer@aol.com or  
halallen@wcnet.org  
Steve Esrati - StevStamps@aol.com  
Ron Maifeld -  
ronmaifeld@juno.com  
John Hotchner-  
104444.3217@compuserve.com  
Peter Hoffman-  
peterh5292@aol.com  
Steven Cripe-Mill Creek Ltd. -  
millcrk@oz.net  
Alphonse D. Ponzillo -  
gemini529@juno.com  
Philip F. Rose -  
srose@suffolk.lib.us  
Ron Hayes -  
rhayes@hayesmarketing.com  
Elizabeth Jones -  
liz@saltspring.com  
Curt Stafford -curt@ns.net