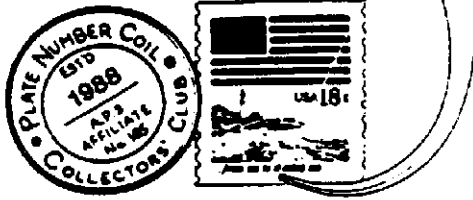


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It's time to go back to the Plymouth Show

The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC3) will hold a Regional Meeting in conjunction with The Plymouth Show (an APS World Series show) in Plymouth, MI on April 25th.

The meeting will be held from 10:30 to 1:30 at the Plymouth Central Middle School, Church and Main Streets, Plymouth, MI. Plymouth is a western suburb of Detroit.

Club Auctioneer Joe Sedivy will discuss "How to Sell and Buy Successfully at PNC3 Auctions." Additional program topics will include: "PNBs - Fish or Fowl" and "News and Views - Topics of Current Interest to PNC Collectors." There will be an active trading session after the formal program.

The PNC Regional Meeting at the Plymouth Show has been an annual event since 1989 and customarily draws nearly as many attendees as the club's Annual Meeting. Club members are expected from as far as Chicago, Cincinnati, and Pennsylvania.

OKPEX 98 site of Regional Meeting May 2

A Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Regional Meeting will be held Saturday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the Clarion Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK.

The program will be informal and feature discussions on all topics pertaining to PNCs with show and tell and a lively trade session.

This is a good stamp show and the meeting is an excellent opportunity for all PNC collectors in the area to get together.

The host is Roy Janz, 924 N.E. 5th, Moore, OK 73160-6912. His phone is 405-799-5715.

Time to update member collecting interests

An annual feature of *Coil Line* has been publishing the collecting interests list of club members.

It's time to begin planning for this feature, which will split into at least two sections for publication this summer.

If you have changed your collecting interests since last year, please notify Secretary Gene Trinks at 3603 Bellows Ct., Troy, MI 48083 or gctrinks@tir.com

Lots for next club auction must be in hands of auctioneer April 21

Auctioneer Joe Sedivy has put out a call for lots for the next club auction. The lots must be in his hands April 21. Please do not wait until the last minute to get the lots to Joe.

(The editor apologizes to Joe for not getting this announcement into the March 1 issue as was promised. This will keep Joe busier than he planned in early summer because a call for lots a month ago would have gotten the auction out of his way by the end of May. Again, Joe, my apologies for the inconvenience this causes. Harold)

The auction consignment sheet is the back page of this issue of *Coil Line*. Please follow the instructions and you will make Joe's life easier and help ensure your lots are part of the next auction. Each lot must have a separate copy of the consignment sheet. Photocopies are acceptable.

No one may consign more than 25 lots per auction.

Joe has asked that consignors be realistic about the minimum bids placed on their material. Good sales depend on consignors keeping in mind that using retail prices is not a good method of setting a minimum bid. You have to make the prices attractive.

Also, please be accurate in your grading and descriptions. Joe checks each lot but with description provided. Improper descriptions only take more time in putting the auction together.

The minimum charge on a lot has been raised from 25 cents to 50 cents to help cover the club costs. The club takes 10 percent of the hammer price as its fee.

Donation lots are also welcome. Proceeds from these lots will be added to the club treasury. Members may recall the test strip donation in the last auction that generated several hundred dollars for the club.

These lots are to be submitted the same way but please mark the consignment sheet and include a note for Joe explaining your intentions.

For those with e-mail, Joe can be contacted at JNSED717@aol.com

Letters

Commercial covers-Southern New England

To the Editor:

In the Southern New England area these PNCs were found on commercial covers from about 130,000 pieces postmarked January 22 through February 26, 1998:

32c Flag/Porch [L/S]- 11111- 4; 22222- 4; 33333- 3; 44444- 3; 45444- 1; 91161- 2. Total- 17.

32c Flag/Porch [S/A]- 11111 [1996]- 6; 22222- 31; 23222- 18; 33333- 14; 44444- 200; 45444- 179; 55555 [10/10]- 70; 55555 [12 /12]- 4; 66666 [11/10]- 5; 66666 [11/12]- 61; 66666 [12/12]- 24; 78777 [11/10]- 54; 88888 [10/10]- 7; 88888 [11/10]- 11; 89878 [11/10]- 11; 89888 [11/10]- 2; 89898 [10/10]- 1; 89898 [11/10]- 3; 97898 [11/10]- 1; 99899 [11/10]- 1; 99999 [10/10]- 30; 99999 [11/10]- 79; 9.9999 [11/10]- 1. Total- 813

32c Yellow Rose [S/A][1997]- 1111- 5; 1112- 18; 1122- 10; 4455- 20; 5555-18; 5566-10; 6666- 29; 7777- 21. Total- 131.

32c Statue of Liberty- PNB- V1111- 16.

32c Yellow Rose- PNB- S1111- 7.

Others: None.

Grand total: 984.

Rolly Grandahl
via e-mail

Report on PNCs found in auction lot

To the Editor,

There are always reports on PNC covers found in these pages, I do not receive enough covers to do a report. I do however have some favorite online auctions that I am active at and here is a report on a lot I won at auction for \$16..

One pound US precancels on paper including PNC's.

5c Butte, S111- 34, S222- 9, S333- 10, S/A S111- 1 5c Mountain, 11111- 6, S111- 5, 5c Canoe, 1- 4, 2- 2, 3- 2, S11- 1, 5.2c Sleigh, 2- 1, 6- 1, 8.5c Tow Truck, 1- 1, 10c Auto, S111- 12, S222- 4, S333- 3, 10c Tractor Trailer, 22- 1, 10c Eagle & Shield, 11111- 4, 22221- 6, 22222- 3, 33333- 1, A33333- 1, A43326- 1, A88888- 2, S22222- 7, 13.2c Coal Car, 2- 1, 23c USA, 1111- 8, A2222- 2, A4444- 1, 23c Flag, A212- 1, Old Glory(Blue), S11111- 1, 25c Jukebox, 111111- 1, 212222- 1, 222222- 2, 332222- 1, S11111-4.

I had a lot of fun with this.

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Exhibits needed if PNC3 Regional Meetings to remain part of the Chicagopex gathering

To the Editor:

Hello all. As you may have read, PNC3 will hold another Regional Meeting this year in conjunction with Chicagopex '98'.

The dates for the show have been moved up this year. The show will be held November 6, 7 and 8 at The Rosemont Convention Center 5555 No. River Rd. Rosemont, IL. There will be special accommodations at The Rosemont Suites O'Hare Airport, for those coming in for the weekend. These tend to go quick so please let me know if you are thinking about it.

We need exhibitors this year or there may not be a next year. Please think about this and let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in submitting an exhibit.

I will keep everyone updated with more show info as it becomes available. Thanks and keep collecting,

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Thoughts on Maeder's 'Musings' article

To the Editor:

Just some of my thoughts on Tom Maeder's piece 'Musings' in the March 1, 1998 *Coil Line*.

It seems to me that we must remember the name of our club 'Plate Number COIL Collectors Club.' To me, the definition of a coil stamp is no perforations on top and bottom and they come in a coil format. Self-adhesive or water activated, if the stamps come on a coil and have no top or bottom perfs, it's a coil.

This said any coil stamp with a plate number at intervals along the coil starting with the 18c Flag, qualifies as our concern.

The debate as to whether Plate Number Booklets should be included in our newsletter is a moot point in light of what I've mentioned.

There may be winds of change in our hobby, but in my opinion, let the wind blow only PNCs to our newsletter and let booklet collectors catch their own breezes.

Edward May
BUZ0247@aol.com

Commercial cover report from the Southwest

To the Editor:

Following is a listing of PNC commercial covers found Dec. 1, 1997 through Feb. 28, 1998 from a national insurance company:

32c Flag over Porch - 11111-17; 22221-2; 22222-28; 23222-6; 33333-14; 34333-12; 44444-50; 77767-3;

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SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

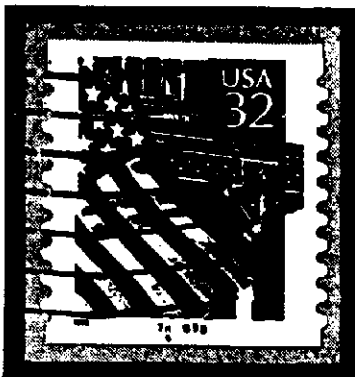
There are six new numbers this month. Five are Flags and their style is also new. As promised by the BEP last September, old cylinder numbers with a letter suffix added would be used on newly manufactured cylinders of the Flag Over the Porch coil. The first such combination is 11111A. The suffix is understood to apply to all cylinder digits in the combination. For this combination that translates to 1A1A1A1A1A. The other four new combinations are 13231A, 13311A, 22222A, 33333A. Yellow Rose #6777 has also been found, bringing that issue's total to 19 numbers.

More Transportation Coils Gone

Early printings of two more Transportation series coils have been removed from sale by the Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center. The 1994 printing of the 1¢ Omnibus and the 1995 printing of the 32¢ Ferryboat were taken off sale 22 March. Just how the PFSC distinguished between these printings and later ones is uncertain. I could find no significant difference when comparing them to the later printings, which are still on sale. The recent printings won't be around long and the 32¢ Ferry has been removed from the Roll Size Chart.

A Big Hop Again

Remember when the Flag Over the Porch light blue cylinder number hopped over the tan cylinder number of #89878 and produced what appeared to be #98878? (*Coil Line*, March 1997) Now another number combination has been found with the same malady. Dan Kauffman discovered a cover with a Flag stamp bearing cylinder combination "78898" It is actually #87898 with that same extreme misalignment. Apparently that light blue cylinder likes to travel. The original find was on piece. Dan's is on a commercial cover, postmarked Oakland, CA, in December 1997. It contained a tax remittance. Just the stamp is shown below.

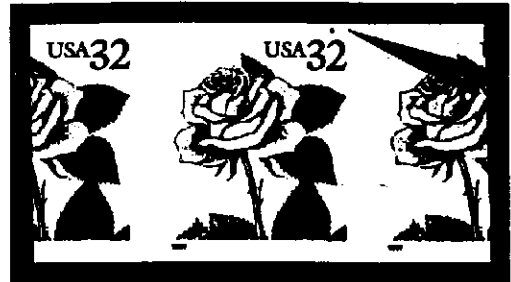


Canoe Color Missing Error Certified

Michael Mules has received an APS certificate for a used single of the 5¢ brown ink version Canoe coil. It was certified as missing the gray ink for the inscription "Additional Nonprofit Postage Paid". This color missing error is not listed yet in the *Scott Specialized Catalog* or in *Datz' Catalogue of Errors*.

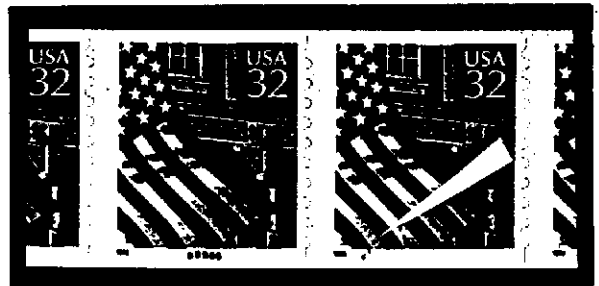
Yellow Rose "Apostrophe"

Doran Figart has found an easy to see constant plate variety (CPV) on the Yellow Rose coil with cylinder combination 4455. He has four copies from the 6L position that show a black mark above and between the 3 and the 2 of 32. A photocopy appears below.



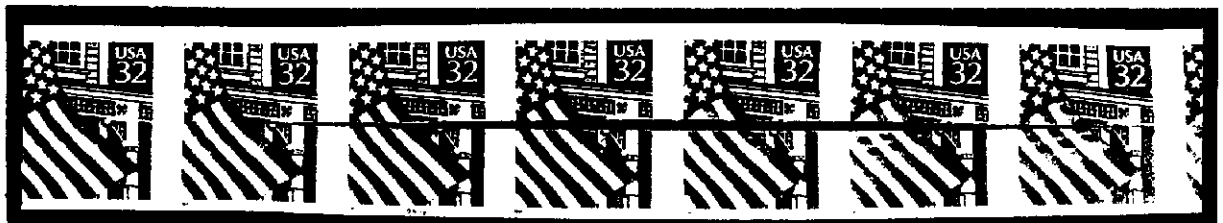
Flag "Weeps"

SA Flag CPV's continue to appear. Jim Nelson reported one from #88888 that has two small red tear drops falling from the far left stripe in the flag. It's on the 1R stamp.



Destruction Slits

At BEP, press rolls (webs) of coils are run through an electronic scanner that looks for substandard stamps. When a portion of the web is found to be bad, blades cut long gashes in all rows of that section, even if only one of the rows contains unacceptable stamps. The length of cut varies with the speed of the web passing through the machine. David Kemp recently found a roll of SA Flag #89888 with these marking slits. His roll has no apparent printing faults in it but some row across the web must have failed to pass muster. I have in my collection a Flag strip of 26 lick and stick #22222 with two slits in it that are somewhat shorter than the one in David's piece, indicating the web probably was running slower.



CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

03/15/98

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

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

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

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] for BEP, [14] for SV.

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
#66946	A ALL
#66996	A 1995
#77787	A
#78787	A
#91161	A
#99999	A
#S11111	D

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

#11111	A
#22222	A
#23222	A
#33333	A
#44444	A
#45444	A
#55555	A
#66996	A
#78777	A
#87888	A
#87999	A
#88999	A ALL
#89878	A 1998
#89898	A
#89998	A
#89999	A
#97999	A
#99999	A
#99999	A
#11111A*	A
#13231A*	A
#13311A*	A
#22222A*	A
#33333A*	A
#11111	C 1997
#S11111	D 1998
#V11111	5000 1995
#M11111	A 1996 (NL)

23c LUNCHWAGON [48]

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

20c COG RAILWAY [48]

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

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

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

3c CONESTOGA [48]

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

32c ROSE (SA) [24]

#1111	A
#1112	A
#1122	A
#2222	A
#2223	A
#2333	A
#3344	A
#3444	A
#4455	A
#5455	A
#5555	A
#5556	A
#5566	A
#5666	A
#6677	A
#6777*	A
#7777	A

20c BLUE JAY (SA) [14]

#S1111	A
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1c KESTREL [24]

#1111	B, C
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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
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#S111	D
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(5c) MTN (SA) [21] [15]

#1111	C
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#V222222	D
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#V333323	D
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#V333333	D
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#V333342	D
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#V333343	D
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(10c) E & S (SA) [21]

#S11111	D
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(10c) AUTO [14]

#S111	B, C, D
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#S222	B, D
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#S333	B, C
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(10c) AUTO (SA) [21]

#S111	D
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(15c) TAIL FIN [24][14]

#11111	C
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#S11111	D
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(15c) TAIL FIN (SA)[21]

#S11111	D
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(25c) JUKE BOX [24][14]

#111111	B, C
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#212222	C
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#222222	C
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#332222	C
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#S22222	D
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(25c) JUKE BOX (SA)[21]

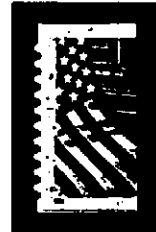
#111111	C
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#S11111	D
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#M11111	D [7] (NL)
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Flag Die Cut Types by Plate Number ('96 Flag)

- 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 "c" 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, L10/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

Thanks to A. Malakoff, M. Mules and E. Wigger for information this month.

SA Coil Bubble Panels - Some New, Some Review

By Alan Thomson

Information about the differently printed back sealing panels on self adhesive rolls of 100 has been tossed at you piecemeal, whenever the material came to light. Two members suggested I gather it all together and put it in one article. Since some new styles have been found, this is a good opportunity to consolidate while passing on the most recent information.

Only the SA Flag Over the Porch, the Yellow Rose and the Blue Jay are presented here because each has been found with more than one style of printing on the sealing panel.

Each different illustrated panel found with a given stamp design has been assigned a type letter, progressing alphabetically in the apparent chronological order of use.

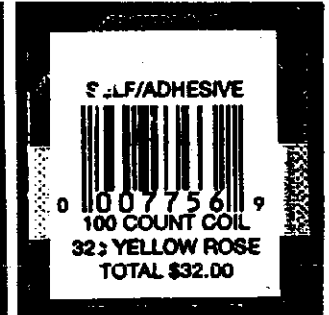
Three different Flag Over the Porch panels have been shown in *Coil Line* since last November. Now a fourth type has surfaced. Ironically, this last to be recognized was the first to be used. When I initially saw it I was sure it belonged to a moisture activated gum coil. In fact, there is a possibility the style could have been used on some lick & stick Flag numbers, although their panels usually have no printing at all. But the bubble on which I found Type "a" contained a SA roll of #66666 with 12X12 die cutting. That same number and die cut combination exists with a Flag Type "b" panel. Exact transition points in relation to cylinder combination numbers are not known, but an accurate order of appearance has been established.

The four Flag types are shown below. A white background has been added to each (for photocopying) to make the printing stand out. Types "c" and "d" have a white stripe printed across the bar code.

There has been no change reported for the Yellow Rose coil bubble panels since the two known varieties were shown in *Coil Line* in February of this year. Type "a", which has the wide spacing between the wording and the bar code, was used on #1111, #1112 and some, or all, of #1122. Type "b" was used on part or all of #2222 and all subsequent numbers, and is still in use.



Type a

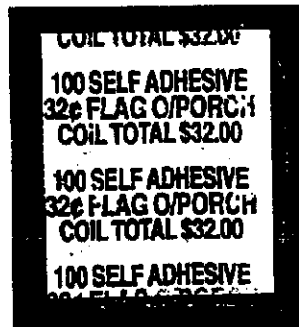


Type b

The Blue Jay coil panels have not been shown before. Since there is only one cylinder combination from Stamp Venturers for this coil, there is no transition reference point for the change in panel style. The Type "a" panel is from the initial release of the stamp, and its entire background is milky white. On the Type "b" panel the overall white background has been reduced to a vertical stripe. The thickness of the plastic has been reduced also, making it very difficult to remove the panel without tearing it.



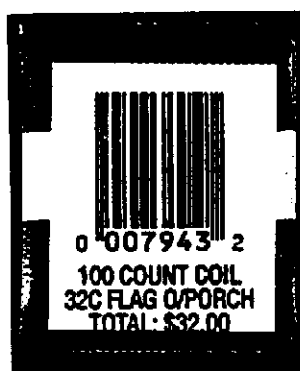
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Type b



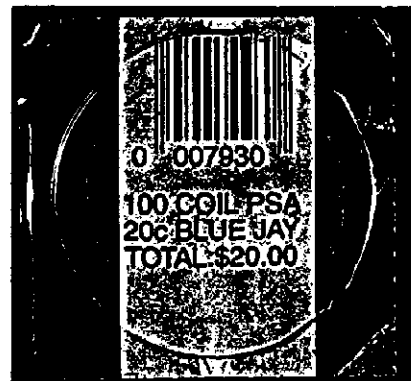
Type a



Type c



Type d



Type b

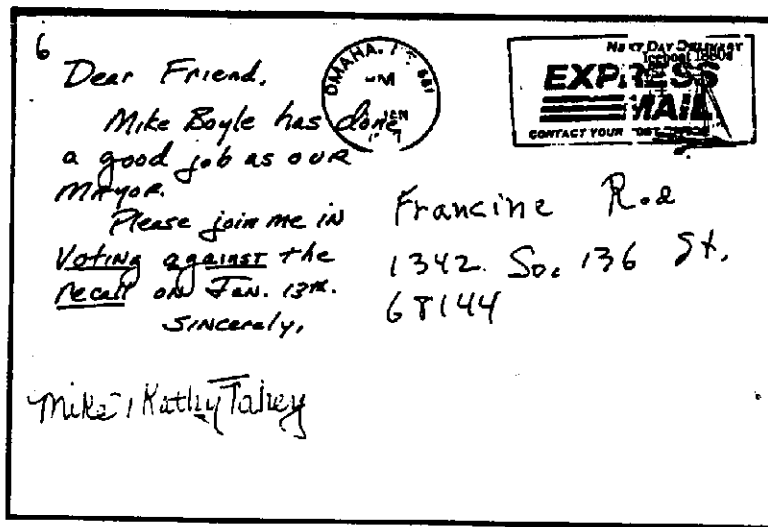
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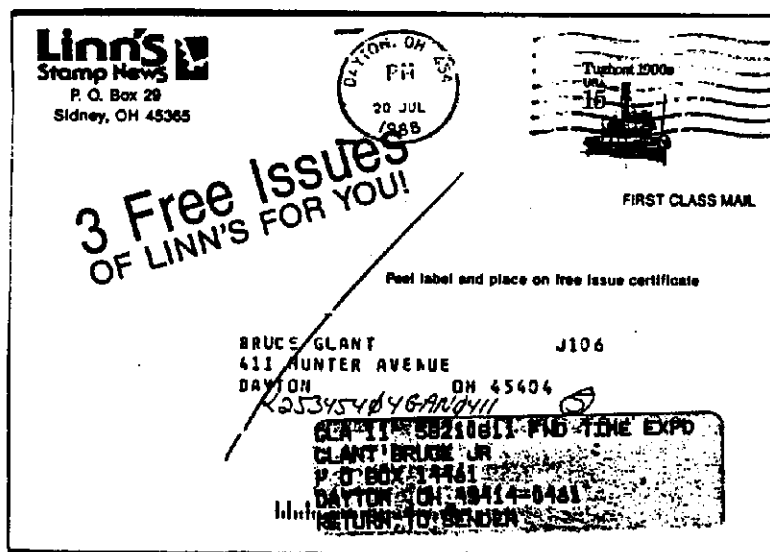
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PNCs ON POST CARDS

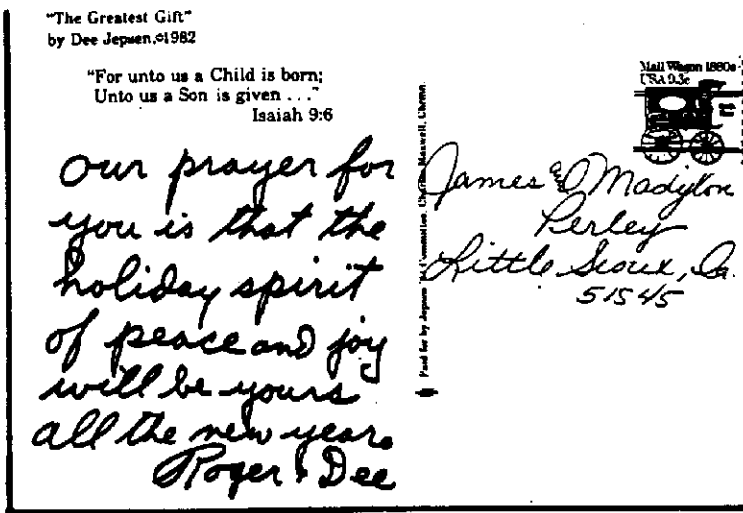
On March 22, 1981, the first class post card rate increased from 10¢ to 12¢, and 12¢ was the post card rate in effect when the first PNC was issued on April 24, 1981 (18¢ Flag). Since that date, the rate has increased to 13¢ (11/1/81), 14¢ (2/17/85), 15¢ (4/3/88), 19¢ (2/3/91), and 20¢ (1/1/95), the current rate. In addition, there have also been various quantity discount post card rates implemented during this period. The following post cards feature some of the many PNCs used to pay post card rates:



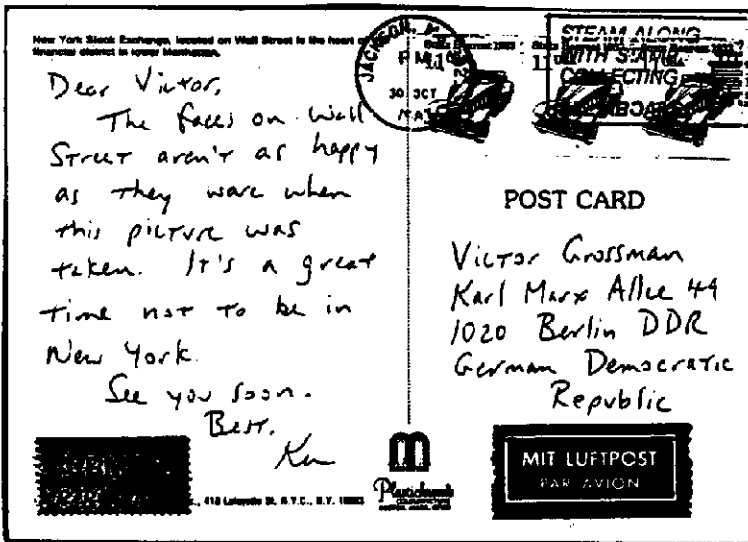
14¢ Iceboat #4 tied on mass produced post card by January, 1987 black machine cancel.



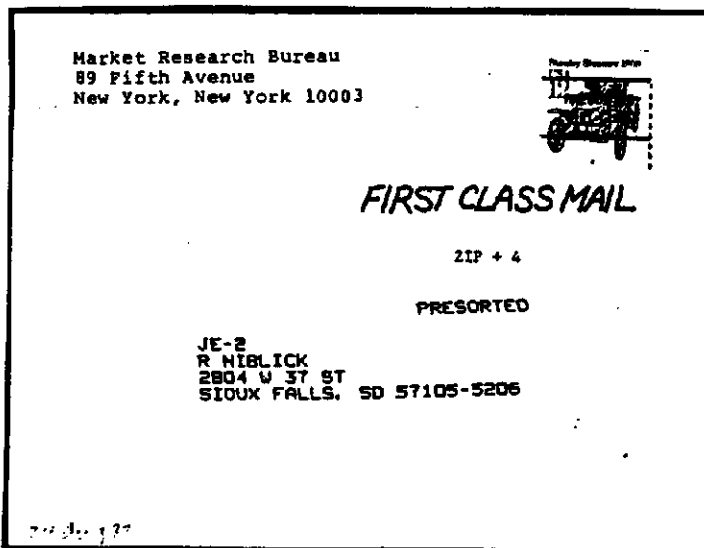
15¢ Tugboat #1 tied on post card by 7/20/88 black machine cancel, which is the earliest known usage date for this plate number.



A very unusual mass produced Christmas post card using a 9.3¢ Mail Wagon Prec. #4.



11¢ Stutz #4 PS3 exactly paying the 33¢ post card rate to Germany 10/30/87.



12¢ Stanley Steamer Prec. #2 on post card, believed to be used in 1987
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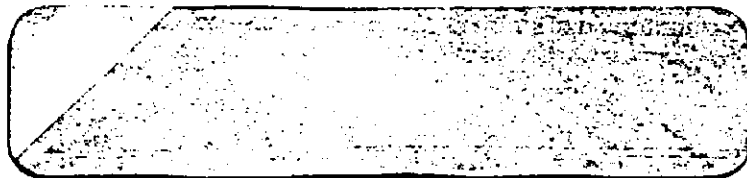


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The above cover featuring the 5¢ Mountain SVS version is very unusual because the stamp is actually perforated on three sides. It's supposed to be a coil with perforations (perf 10) on the right and left sides, but as you can see, this one is perforated at the bottom as well (perf 9!). (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, ME 04976-0840.)

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| any variable rate PNC | 23¢ Flag Prec. #A112 |
| any PNC cover with postage due stamps | any Cottrell Press Prec. PNCs |

Covers must be undamaged and be used during the normal period of use.

I have been a serious collector, buyer and sometimes seller of modern U.S. postal history, especially PNC covers, since 1981. I am currently working on my first exhibit of PNC postal history, and if you have any of the above covers available, let me make you a generous offer.

Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976-0840, (207) 474-8021.

10.9 Cent Hansom Cab Stamp - Place of Issue / Unique Cover

By Jim Cate

This is the story of the 10.9 cent Hansom Cab coil stamp, it's place of issue and a unique cover with a PNC. The story begins with the Chattanooga Stamp Club, Chattanooga, TN.

The Chattanooga Stamp Club (CSC) was founded in 1932. Chattanooga is noted for several area Civil War battles and events. Andrews Raiders, the Great Locomotive Chase, were the first recipients of the Medal of Honor. Seven original Medal of Honor winners along with Andrews are buried in the National Cemetery here. Arthur MacArthur, the father of Douglas MacArthur, won a Medal of Honor here during the Civil War. Desmond Doss, the only conscientious objector to win the medal (World War II) lives here along with another winner, Charles Coolidge. A few years ago, the Medal of Honor museum was established here.

The CSC started a campaign in the 1960-70's to get the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp commemorating the Medal of Honor with further intent to obtain the First Day of Issue site as well. In the very early 1980's, it appeared this stamp would finally be issued except Postmaster General William Bolger and some other high ranking politicians wanted the First Day of Issue to be at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. 1982 was also the 50th anniversary of the CSC and ceremonies were planned for this event to coincide.

I personally initiated a letter campaign to get the First Day of Issue for the Medal of Honor stamp changed to Chattanooga, TN. Letters were sent to President Ronald Reagan, Vice-President George Bush, numerous cabinet members, members of the U.S. Congress and state governors asking support for Chattanooga. It became obvious that Chattanooga would not be the site and Washington, DC would remain the site. I did receive a personal invitation from the Postmaster General to attend the Medal of Honor issue ceremony.

In what I feel was an appeasement to the Chattanooga Stamp Club and it's 50th anniversary celebration, the U.S. Postal Service assigned the next available new stamp for issue in Chattanooga, TN along with the anniversary of the CSC. It happened to be the 10.9 cent Hansom Cab coil stamp. If the stamp subject is relative to some particular site, this stamp probably should have been issued in New York City, a place of major use of the Hansom Cab. In the Transportation Series, Chattanooga would have been better suited to the 2 cent Locomotive coil stamp as the city has always been noted for railroads, the "Chattanooga Choo-Choo", etc.

On March 26, 1982, the Hansom Cab coil stamp was issued in Chattanooga, TN. Richard J. Nazar, "The 1995 Plate Number Coil Catalog" states on page 2-99 that there was no first-day ceremony although it did coincide with the CSC 50th anniversary. Nazar is in error. I attended the ceremony along with many others. Gordon Morison, then Assistant Postmaster General, presided with many dignitaries in attendance such as Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd and Olin Mills II, CEO of Olin Mills, Inc., a large postal user.

At the time, the CSC met monthly in the General Mail Facility, Chattanooga, TN, in the training conference room. Leon Hudson, U.S. Postal Service Customer Representative, was a major participant and member of the CSC. After the issue ceremony, a small group of us went back to the General Mail Facility with Hudson to observe the First Day of Cancel operations taking place. One of our members, Ernest Seagle, a precancel collector, was in the group. Seagle's wife, experienced in drafting, had prepared several hand drawn covers for his own personal use and First Day Cancellations. Seagle brought up the subject of precancels. Hudson volunteered to prepare some local Chattanooga precancels using the 10.9 cent Hansom Cab stamp. Hudson obtained two long strips of the coil stamp and laid them flat in a row of two on a table. He then applied the local Chattanooga, TN hand stamp creating the precancels. Afterward, Seagle broke the two strips of precancels into 2's and applied them to several covers. Others of our group were offered precancels as well, but declined due to lack of interest.

Two stamps were needed to cover the first class rate of 18 cents at the time. Fortunately, a strip of two stamps, a "line pair" with the Plate Number 2 to the left of the line, was placed on one cover. It was the ONLY PNC cover in the bunch containing the Chattanooga, TN precancel and the CDS of Chattanooga, TN, March 26, 1982, the First Day of Issue. Thus, this PNC cover is UNIQUE. A few precancels without PNC's do exist, maybe 4 or 5 total.

At the time, Plate Number Coil collecting was really unknown or in it's infancy. Most persons really did not know what to do with this "new number" opposite the "coil line". Generally, this was in the category of "line pair" collecting. This explains why some of the early PNC's are not in longer strips as collected today.

Ken Lawrence wrote about this unique cover in Linn's Stamp News in the May 23, 1994 issue. The original owner and person for which it was prepared, graciously made this cover available to me some years back as Seagle knew that I was a PNC collector. I presented a couple of programs on PNC's for the CSC to create interest and possible new members for PNC3.

Thus, the story of the 10.9 cent Hansom Cab coil stamp, it's place of issue, and a UNIQUE precancel cover with the PNC!

(A copy of two covers are included for use with this article.)

1. Figure #1 - Cover with a pair of 10.9 cent Hansom Cab stamps with Plate #2 and First Day of Issue cancel on cover honoring the CSC 50th Anniversary.
2. Figure #2 - Cover with a pair of 10.9 cent Hansom Cab stamps with Plate #2, "Chattanooga, TN" precancel, a CDS of March 26, 1982 (First Day of Issue) on a hand drawn cover with a Hansom Cab. UNIQUE!

50th

Anniversary

Chattanooga Stamp Club
1932 - 1982

First Day of Issue

10.9 CENT BULK RATE
HANSOM CAB



Hansom Cab 1890s
USA 10.9c

Bulk
Rate

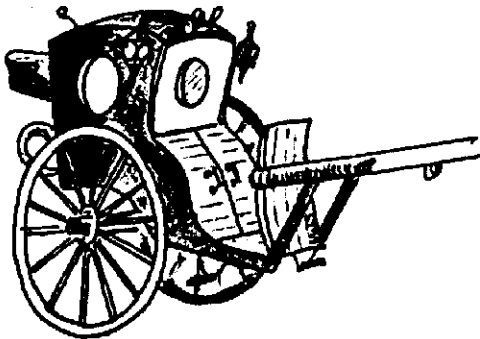


Hansom Cab 1890s
USA 10.9c

Bulk
Rate



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



Hansom Cab
First Day of Issue



Hansom Cab 1890s
USA 10.9c

Bulk
Rate



Hansom Cab 1890s
USA 10.9c

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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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7632 Parkway Blvd. Lot 169
Hudson, FL 34667

Steven K. Blair
8201 Harvest Hills South Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73132

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John Goudie #127

Resigned:

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Margaret Choate #1219

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#417; Goodrich #419; Barondeau
#430.

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#539; Sauer #577; Cooper #580;
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#616; Sholom #662; Rose #673;
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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., San Diego, CA 92119-1147 or call 619-265-2916.

PNC³ meetings

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

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

Please contact Dick as far in advance as possible.

It would be helpful if someone involved with the planning or attending the meeting would submit a report to *Coil Line*.

Saturday, April 15 - The Plymouth Show, Plymouth, MI. An annual event since 1989 that has a large member following in the Midwest. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Central Middle School. USPS clerks have always been coil savvy and helpful.

Saturday, May 2 - OKPEX '98, Oklahoma City, OK. 10:30 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel. Contact Ray Janz at 405-799-5715 or 924 N.E. 5th, Moore, OK 73160-6912.

Annual Meeting - Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998 at Stampshow '98. The time and location of the meeting will be announced later. Stampshow, sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, will be held Aug. 27-30 at the Santa Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara, Calif.

E-mail addresses:

Changes and new addresses will be listed monthly. A complete listing will be published every few months. (See next page)

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Ads

SEND FOR MY USED PS1, mint PS5 and used PNC strips list. Everything is top quality and the prices are GREAT! A 32c SASE would be appreciated. John Himes, P.O. Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453.

WANTED: Commercial covers of 25c Jukebox self-adhesive #M11111; 5c G both plate numbers, 15c Tailfin all plate numbers and any Cotrell precancel PNC commercial covers. Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976-0840.

#1899 MOTORCYCLE, untagged error \$3.00 per stamp, any length. Michael C. Mules, P.O. Box 342, Big Bend, WI 53103 (414) 318-0880, leave message.

SO FOP S/A #87888 has resurfaced. Need a roll of 100. Will trade for items of interest to you, SAC, SAB or SAS (self-adhesive coil, booklet, sheetlet) with equivalent value. Write first, Eugene Liu, P.O. Box 52, Downey, CA 90241-0052.

1906 #1 XF PS5 \$1.50
2134 #2 VF-LXF PS5 \$1.10
100 other FVF and better PNCs 30-70% below retail, including rare issues with tagging breaks previously unreported. SASE for list appreciated. Stan Hietala, 1585 McKinley Pk Rd, Tower, MN 55790.

FREE COLLECTION OF Coil Line Vol. 2, No. 1 on for postage costs. Also interested in trading newer PNC5s. Frank Beck, 415 E. Wis. Ave., Appleton, WI 54911.

ALL PNCs at face + postage. Send want list. Look for dirty dozen on next add. Ken Moreau, 401 Coronation Dr., Franklin, MA 02038. Phone/Fax 508-528-9028.

FOR SALE -PS5, XF-superb collection. Sample prices, Scott 1891, 18c Flag #3, \$700; 2523C, 29c Mt. Rushmore #1 Toledo Brown

(PS7, Superb), \$3,500. Imperforate plate number strips also available. Jerry Grove, 101 Old Ferry Road #7B, Shalimar, FL 32579. jerrgrove@yahoo.com.

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All of the following are changes from those previously listed
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jonmar@gateway.net

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Jerry Grove - ✓
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PNCs in other places

The February issue of *All About PNCs and Great Americans* published by Steve Esrati carries several related articles.

Included are a comment on the club's web page, the disappointing auction sale prices realized on two Lenz coil strips, a review of Ken Lawrence solution to a PNC mystery about the 'D' coil stamp, reprints of his articles in *Stamp Collector* and papers on which PNCs are printed.

- ◆ Definitive varieties reported, p.3, Feb. 9, 1998 *Stamp Collector* which covers the possibility the 23c Lunch Wagon stamp has been reprinted recently.
- ◆ New 'A' suffix on Bureau's Flag, p. 20, March 9, 1998 *Linn's Stamp News*.
- ◆ Strip of mint imperf Seaplanes Found, p-1, March 2, 1998, *Stamp Collector* about the first-ever reported find of this stamp around since 1990 being found imperf.
- ◆ USPS pulled a fast one on booklet numbers, p.8, March 9, 1998 *Stamp Collector*. Dr. Robert Rabinowitz's Booklet Plate Numbers 101 column. The column talks about the fact that numbers on the Merian Botanical and Holly issues are not on the stamp.

- ◆ The many EFOs of the 20c Fire Pumper, pgs. 10-11 of the Errors, Freaks and Oddities supplement to *Stamp Collector*. The article contains several illustrations and explains what is special to the various examples.
- ◆ Papers were once ignored by coil specialists, by Steve Esrati p. 10, Feb. 2, 1998 *Stamp Collector*. This is the original of the article also published in Esrati's newsletter-price list.

Letters

(Continued from page 48)

78767-1; 91161-2; 99969-4.
32c FOP S/A - 11111(97)-1;
11111-41; 22222-186; 232222-36;
33333-30; 44444-190; 45444-65;
55555-205; 55555 (12/12)-13;
66666-113; 78777-52; 87888-1;
87898-19; 88888-105; 88898-1;
89878-49; 89888-20; 89898-6;
89899-1; 97898-22; 99899-10;
99999-306; S11111-3.
32c Yellow Rose S/A - S1111(15)-
16; S1111(30)-4.
Liberty V1111-4.
32c Yellow Rose S/A - 1111-13;
1112-3; 1122-3; 2222-4; 2333-21;
3344-25; 4455-18; 5455-1; 5555-74;
5556-17; 5566-37; 5666-54; 6666-1;
7777-13.

It appears stocks of better FOP SA coils have been distributed and are nearly exhausted. The discovery of three or four new Yellow Rose plate numbers, coupled with at least seven new FOP SA plate numbers with an 'A' suffix serve to substantiate the notion the run of the 6-7-8-9 plate number combinations on the FOP issue is now over. Time will tell.

Anyone looking for used PNCs or covers is encouraged to write. Happy hunting on the new numbers.

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

Attach lot here

Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet
Photocopy this page. A separate sheet is required for each lot.

PNC³ Auction Consignment deadline date: April 21, 1998

Please Note: There is a 50-cent charge per lot.

- 1) Use a separate consignment sheet for each lot.
- 2) Keep this entire page intact and attach lots in a glassine with tape to the top half (do not use staples). I understand that this may not be possible for longer strips.
- 3) **LIMIT YOUR CONSIGNMENTS TO 25 LOTS.**
- 4) As I still find that there is no totally acceptable definition of a commercial cover, all covers will be listed as First Day Covers or Other Covers. There will be no exceptions.
- 5) If you do not state a minimum bid, your lot(s) will go to the highest bidder regardless of the price(s) realized.
- 6) Do not enter anything under Lot # on the consignment sheets.
- 7) Bidding increments are: \$0.00 to \$4.75/25c \$5.00 to \$9.50/ 50c \$10 to \$49.75/\$1 \$50 to \$97.50/\$2.50
\$100 to \$495/\$5 \$500+/\$10

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(Circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Centering (line) Cottrell issues only (circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Faults (describe below)

Buyer # Hammer price

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