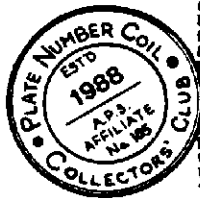


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35 attend PNC³ Annual Meeting held during Stampshow '98

By Dick Koenig

Stampshow '98 held in Santa Clara, CA from August 26-29 was an excellent stamp show and the PNC³ Annual Board and Membership meetings were terrific.

The show had over 140 bourse dealers from penny stamps on stock sheets and album pages to the rare, expensive and esoteric. Dealers were selling, trading and buying all kinds of stamps and the collector crowds were enthusiastic. There were society and club tables, U.S. and worldwide post office, auctions and lots of activities for attracting the younger collector.

There was one dealer selling stamps from the inexpensive to the expensive that included among his wares two PNC strips of five and two PNC strips of nine of the 13c Flag #6 in VF to XF. Retail was \$2,500 for any who decided they needed to have the toughest of all the PNCs. If anyone is interested, I'll give you the dealer's address and you can take it from there.

The PNC³ board meetings were attended by myself, Gene Trinks, Joann Lenz and Jim Perry. We spent two and a half hours discussing all aspects of the club from items brought up by the membership and the board's plans for the next two years. We did not complete the task but will via round-robin on the Internet and telephone. John Peterson and Dan Kauffman attended the meeting and offered their input. The board meeting is open to the membership.

The Annual Meeting was attended by 33 members and two guests. Attending a PNC³ meeting, be it the Annual Meeting or a Regional Meeting, is truly a wonderful experience.

We get to meet fellow members and are able to put a name with a face. And, most important, get to interact and know all of those who attend. Members were present from Oregon, New Hampshire, Michigan, Texas, Arizona and most were from California.

There were announcements, introductions, questions and discussions.

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John Peterson heads committee for Regional Meetings of PNC³

After nine or so years as chairman of the Regional Meeting Committee, Dick Koenig has accepted another position, John Peterson, a member of the committee for the past year, as agreed to take over the chairmanship. The appointment was made official at the board meeting and announced at the Annual Meeting at Stampshow in Santa Clara, CA, August 29.

John plans to work toward keeping Regional Meetings that have become "regulars" and develop additional gatherings at other shows.

He will be writing to members around the country where there are Champion of Champion shows, Mega events and other regional stamp shows that have a concentration of club members in the vicinity. The purpose of these letters will be to encourage members to organize a meeting and promote PNCs and the club in their area.

Plans are being made to upgrade the club's slide programs and develop additional programs. John is looking for club members to help with this work and other volunteers who want to be involved in the Regional Meeting Committee.

He can be contacted at 6605 Bell Bluff Ave., San Diego, CA 92119-1147. Phone 619-265-2916.

Follow up to Editor's off base Aug. 'Thoughts'

On the front page of the August issue of *Coil Line* your editor misbehaved rather badly with an ill-thought broadside.

I have since apologized to the parties involved and promised that I would do so to everyone in the club. I misunderstood a request for information and let my mind get bent out of joint about what was going on.

There were a lot of better things that could have been done with the space on the front page of the August issue.

The support and pats on the back I've had from members over the years have kept me going. Unfortunately, that doesn't keep me from screwing up. Onward. Harold Brown

Letters

DCIS's on cover difficult to identify

To the Editor:

As a collector of PNC's on commercial cover I have barely begun to get a handle on identifying FOP die cuts by "peek & valley" and now I am struggling with Die Cut Incision Styles or DCIS'S (GOOD GRIEF! Another abbreviation to remember.) Rich Nazar's excellent illustrations in July Coil Line seem easy enough when stamps are paired, but things seem a bit more difficult when working with a used single on cover.

Half the identifying marks are torn off. I would appreciate it if someone more familiar with this could illustrate in a future article how to ID used singles on cover, if in fact that is possible.

This also says to me that cover collectors may have a new kind of cover to collect--pairs of matched DCIS's. These would almost have to be philatelic covers since its very unlikely a perfectly paired set would end up on cover. Most multiples on commercial cover tend to be overlapped one on top of another. So let's all get started making up those matched DCIS'S or how about DCIS Duos. Its reminiscent of when we collected line pairs but I guess now we would have to say "Tied Pairs".

Ken Cherry
PNC3 #490

There's a 'hole' in the letters column

To the Editor:

There will be a hole in the Letters column. After more than four and a half years, Rolly Grandahl has dropped his PNC reports. I'm sure it will be missed by many, especially we New Englanders. Since January 1994, Rolly has looked through 7,041,000 reported covers yielding 48,309 PNCs and 'booklet' PNs. Quite a project!

I met Rolly at two or three stamp shows in Connecticut and he is truly a nice guy and an avid stamp collector. Maybe he will now find time to get that exhibit together, unless he has done so recently.

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Member in need of help with custom pages

To the Editor:

I do not own a computer or printer!!
I am working on an exhibit of the 20c Fire Pumper.
I need about 100 exhibit type-good quality pages to mount my exhibit on (3-ring binder type).
I will gladly pay whatever it costs.
Can someone help me with this project?
I'm thinking about white pages with a red border and "20c Fire Pumper" at the top of the page.
Any ideas or help would be appreciated.

Bob Mebert
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Member in U.K. needs help with covers

To the Editor:

I have been collecting Plate Number Coil strips of 3 and 5 for three years and joined the club in June. I am finding it difficult to obtain strips of 3 and 5 in the United Kingdom and am looking for suppliers in the U.S.A.

At the moment I only collect mint strips of 3 and 5 but I would like to collect commercial covers. Would any members send me a commercial cover with their price list enclosed? Also price lists for mint strips.

I encourage anyone who writes to use PNCs on their mail.

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Commercial covers from the Southwest

To the Editor:

Following is the PNC commercial cover report for the period of August 1 through August 31, 1998 from three local, but national in scope, sources. Included are a loan payment center, a pet supply company and the ladies wear mail order company.

32c Yellow Rose SA - 1111-1; 1112-5; 1122-4; 2222-4; 2223-1; 2233-3; 3344-2; 4455-4; 5555-27; 5566-5; 6666-16; 6677-2; 7777-42.

32c Flag over Porch SA - 11111-4; 22222-9; 33333-3; 44444-7; 45444-5; 55555-12; 66666-21; 78777-16; 87898-1; 88888-7; 99999-58.

32c Flag over Porch Sa - 11111A-14; 13231A-31; 13222A-25; 22222A-16; 33333A-12; 44444A-61; 55555A-34; 66666-120; 77777A-37; 78777A-2; 88888-1.

Not much has changed this past month with regards to tips given last month. Cover collectors should by now, have accumulated or traded or purchased from fellow collectors or cover dealers needed Yellow Rose PNCs. Reported out and about is Yellow Rose 8888. Look for it and let us all know if you have a source for mint rolls or used on cover or piece.

The FOP SA #13211A still is the key to completion in a used cover collection and may be the key to a collection of the A suffixes as a used single. Look for this one carefully.

Also, do check die cut numbers on all FOP 32c FOP SAs as well as the incision types. Report new finding to Alan Thomson, our Snippets writer. Also, report all new constant plate varieties on the 32c FOP SA to Sherwood Day. Sherwood and others have compiled a list of all known varieties and feel that others may exist.

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Letters

More Southwest commercial covers

To the Editor:

Below is a listing of PNC commercial covers found August 1 through 30, 1998 from a national insurance company.

32c Flag over Porch SA - M11111-1; S11111-1; 11111 (97)-1; 55555-1; 66666-3; 78777-1; 88888-3; 99999-4; 11111A-7; 13211A-1; 13231A-11; 13311A-11; 22222A-14; 33333A-14; 44444A-89; 55555A-46; 66666A-102; 77777A-78; 78777A-5; 88888A-22.

32c Yellow Rose SA - 1111-1; 1122-9; 2222-1; 2223-2; 2233-4; 2333-3; 3344-1; 4455-13; 5555-25; 5556-2; 5566-3; 6666-2; 6677-1; 6777-2; 7777-32.

It appears as though the 7-8-9 plate number combinations on Flag over Porch SAs have just about completed their run. The better plate numbers were uncommon to begin with and now they have vanished from the scene. Anyone looking for used PNCs or PNCs on commercial cover is encouraged to write.

David R. Kemp
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Commercial cover report from Wisconsin

To the Editor:

32c Flag over Porch L/S - 22222-1; 33333-2; 44444-1.

32c Flag over Porch SA - 11111-1; 45444-2; 11111A-1; 13231A-3; 13311A-1; 33333A-2; 44444A-8; 55555A-2; 66666-7; 77777-1.

32c Yellow Rose - 1122-2; 2233-3; 2333-1; 4455-1;

5555-2; 7777-3; S1111-2.

All are available to trade.

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Dean Hawk wants to hear about Exhibit plans of PNC³ membership

Dean Hawk has taken over the task of keeping track of the exhibiting plans of members of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club.

At the back of this issue of *Coil Line* is a form that can be copied and filled out, then mailed to Dean. He will forward exhibiting plans to *Coil Line* for publication. He will also be keeping track of whatever awards members receive and also forward this information for publication.

This feature of *Coil Line* has been dormant for many months and with your help, Dean can again make it a part of the monthly journal.

Unfortunately, both Dean and I have apparently lost track of the name of the member who received an award earlier this year at a show in the Boston area. If that member will refresh our memories, the information can be included in the November issue.

Anyone with information about shows seeking PNC exhibits is also encouraged to contact Dean. His address is 1825 Clearbrook Rd NW, Massillon, OH 44646-2829.

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By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

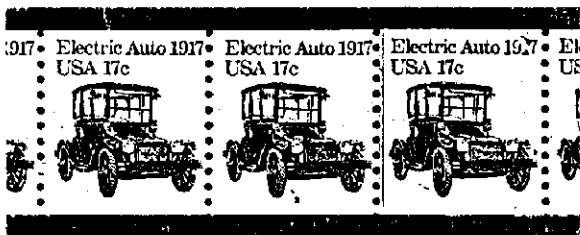
There are four new numbers this month. The L&S Green Bicycle has number S111. The SA Bike has #111 and #221. A new Yellow Rose number is 8888. Last month an incorrect number for the SA Flag was listed here. Number 89777A does not exist. My apologies to all for this mistake.

Why "Presorted"

One has to wonder why the new (10¢) Green Bike coil that is supposed to replace the Auto bulk rate coil has "Presorted STD" spread across the bottom of the stamp. STD is an abbreviation for "standard mail", the new name for bulk mail. (It also stands for something else in modern parlance.) It would have been far better to spell out "standard" and eliminate the erroneous "presorted". All standard (bulk) mail is not presorted. There are several categories that aren't sorted prior to mailing. The whole arrangement reminds one of the Tractor Trailer fiasco, the big difference being that this new coil cannot be used for first class presorted mail. This "black and white snake on a pipe" is poor stamp design all around.

Long Lost Electric Auto CPV

There are interesting things to be found on very old stamps. Ken Moreau discovered a new constant plate variety (CPV) on plate #3 of the 17¢ Electric Auto. It consists of a grave (reversed) accent mark on the plate number itself. Ken says he has three copies of this new find, one of which is illustrated below.



Ghost Sleeves

The USPS and the BEP were hedging their bets back in December of 1990. Even though contingency "F" stamps had been printed for a rate change, the Bureau made two ghost printing sleeves for the Flag Over Mt. Rushmore. One was for a 28¢ version and one was for a 30¢ version. Neither denomination reached the "certified" stage and work started on 29¢ sleeves one month later.

Computer Gremlins

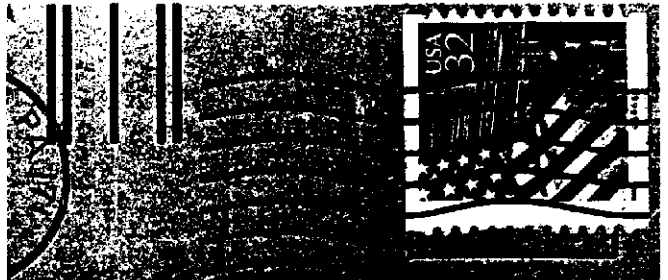
In Snippets last month a gremlin left its mark in the tagging breaks listed for the new overall tagged Canal Boat. The very first tag break reported here in the July issue was correctly listed as 1L/2L on perforation. When it was repeated last month somehow it came out as 2L/3L. Wrong. It's 1L/2L.

Unused Printing Bases (Plates)

PNC history is full of never used printing plates. Three recent ones that probably will never be used are the Ferry Boat #6 and #7, and the Lunch Wagon #6.

Another Flag 12/11 On Cover

Another example of the scarce SA Flag #66666 with die cut 12/11 has been found on cover by Rob Washburn. There wasn't room to show the entire cancellation, but the circular date stamp (CDS) reads Harrisburg PA 171, PM, 10 Sep 1996. Nice find.

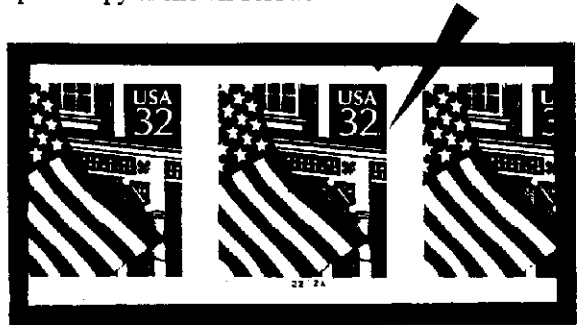


Doubling Up Again

Rich Nazar has found some pretty hard evidence that BEP is reusing plate suffix numbers again. This time it's on the Yellow Rose coil. A graph plot of the impressions from all the cylinder color and number combinations shows a huge spike in impression totals for cylinder numbers 5 through 8. Much greater totals are being printed from those cylinders than from numbers 1 through 4. This alone is only a clue. What makes Rich believe reuse is in progress is the daily press logs. There are numerous instances of a number and color being replaced with a cylinder of exactly the same number and color. This can't be, unless there are two identical cylinders. Rich has written to Azeezaly Jaffer (Director of Stamp Services at USPS) wondering why this circumvention of the letter suffix system has been employed.

A "S32" Flag Stamp

Here is another Flag coil constant plate variety that could have wide appeal. Doug Iams found copies of SA Flag 22222A that have a white dot just to the right of the "2" in 32. The location makes the figure look like \$32. A photocopy is shown below.



BEP Back Number Frequency

The rolls of 10,000 stamps that BEP is turning out have plate number intervals of 21 and back number imprints every 20 stamps. That means the plate number/back number combination occurs only once in every 420 stamps.

CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

09/10/96

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 printer's plate numbers are listed.

Example: Juke Box [24] for BEP, [14] for Stamp Venturers.

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 |

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 |
| #87866 | A |
| #87898 | A |
| #88898 | A ALL |
| #88898 | A 1996 |
| #89878 | A |
| #89888 | A |
| #89898 | A |
| #89899 | A |
| #99899 | A |
| #99999 | A |
| #11111A | A |
| #13211A | A |
| #13231A | A |
| #13311A | A |
| #22222A | A |
| #33333A | A |
| #44444A | A |
| #55555A | A |
| #66666A | A |
| #77777A | A |
| #78777A | A |
| #88888A | A |

32c FLAG (SA) Cont'd

| | | |
|---------|------|-----------|
| #11111 | C | 1997 |
| #S11111 | D | 1996 |
| #V11111 | 5000 | 1995 |
| #M11111 | A | 1996 (NL) |

23c LUNCHWAGON [48]

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

20c COG RAILWAY [48]

| | |
|----|---------|
| #1 | A, B, C |
| #2 | A, B |

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 |
| #2233 | 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 |
| #8888* | A |

20c PHSANT (SA) [24]

| | |
|-------|---|
| #1111 | A |
|-------|---|

20c BLUE JAY (SA) [14]

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

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 |
| #V222222 | D |
| #V333323 | D |
| #V333333 | D |
| #V333342 | D |
| #V333343 | D |

(5c) WETLANDS [14]

| | |
|-------|---|
| S1111 | D |
|-------|---|

(10c) AUTO [14]

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

(10c) AUTO (SA) [21]

| | |
|-------|---|
| #S111 | D |
|-------|---|

(10c) GREEN BIKE [14]

| | |
|--------|------|
| #S111* | B, D |
|--------|------|

(10c) G. BIKE (SA) [21]

| | |
|-------|---|
| #111* | D |
| #221* | D |

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

| | |
|---------|---|
| #11111 | C |
| #S11111 | D |

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

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

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

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

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

| | |
|---------|------------|
| #111111 | C |
| #222222 | D |
| #S11111 | D |
| #622222 | D |
| #M11111 | D [7] (NL) |

(25c) DINER (14)

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

The chart for self-adhesive 1996 Flag die cuts has been discontinued. Richard Nazar's complete chart of Flag numbers, die cut sizes and incision styles is planned to appear bimonthly starting with this issue of Coll Line.

Hat stamp now set for Nov. 19

The rate-change nondenominated Hat Stamp is now slated for release Nov. 19 in New York.

Linn's Stamp News reported in its Sept. 21 issue that a Sept. 2 press release from the American Stamp Dealers Association indicated the date, a change from the expected late-December release.

The First-Day event will be part of a Postage Stamp Mega-Event at Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City.

Several coil varieties are expected in both water activated and self adhesive formats. At this point it isn't certain that all formats and varieties will be part of the Nov. 19 release.

The new 33c First Class rate becomes effective Jan. 10, 1999.

Die Cut Size and Incision Varieties on (BEP) 1996 32¢ Flag over Porch Self-adhesive PNCs (Part 1)

| Scott No. | 2915C | | | | 2915A | | | | 2915A | | | | 2915A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|----|----|-------|---|---|---|
| Die Cut Peak Count | 12/12 | | | | 11/12 | | | | 12/11 | | | | 11/10 | | | | 10/11 | | | | 10/10 | | | | | | | |
| Peak-Valley Method | VP/PV | | | | VV/PP | | | | PP/VV | | | | PP/VV | | | | VV/PP | | | | PV/VP | | | | VP/PV | | | |
| Actual Stamp (shown at 100%) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Incision Style | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D |
| 11111 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| 22222 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| 23222 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| 33333 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | |
| 44444 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | -X | X | | | | |
| 45444 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | -X | | | | |
| 55555 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | -X | -X | | | | |
| 5-5555 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 66666 | X | | | | | X | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 78777 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| 87888 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 87898 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | |
| 88888 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| 88898 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
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| 89888 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 89898 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | |
| 89899 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | |
| 97898 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | |
| 99899 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| 99999 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| 9999-9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |

Notes: X — denotes that the cylinder combination has been reported with this die cut and incision style. See Part 2 of this table for descriptions of incision styles.

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AN OVERVIEW

by Dan Kauffman

Stampshow '98 was wonderful! The entire show boasted items and events which I found here-to-fore unseen and untried. The venue was convenient and spacious with displays and exhibits prominent to the side of the counters and the booths. The bourse provided spacious seating capacities and a very friendly atmosphere prevailed throughout the 4-day event.

Two First Day of Issue ceremonies highlighted the openings of the days of Thursday and Friday. The U.S. "Four Centuries of American Art" 1st-Day ceremony provided a well attended program with a full 20-stamp pane presented to all on departure. The Marshall Islands 200th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy and the "Legendary Aircraft of the U.S. Navy" pane was celebrated on Friday with a 1st-day cover of one of the depicted airplanes presented on departure. I received a PB4Y-2 cover, an aircraft in which I flew in the 50's at Corpus Christi, TX and Hutchinson, KS while training Naval Cadets as future multi-engine pilots. (No, I'm not 200 years old, but of the panes' depicted aircraft, I've worked on or flew 12 of the 25!) I was delighted.

Of particular interest was the Youth Area (my wife spent a lot of time there!). Kids received a punch card and had to accomplish 6 tasks to win a prize bag with stamps, T-shirt, and other goodies and, no cheating! All had to do the deeds like soaking and drying stamps, questions & answers on the computers, completing puzzles,

making address labels, and other games. And all at once, here comes a yellow canary in full flight-out and about the bourse-closely chased by a black and white "Sylvester" in hot pursuit! The kids loved it and so did everyone else.

A space display provided by NASA was also available and took a fair amount of time to view, reflect and enjoy.

Usurping a great deal of time on Saturday was the PNC3 Board and general meetings. A scheduled five hours were devoted to PNC pursuits; 3 hrs. for the Board and a 2 hour afternoon session for the general meeting- led by ex-V.P. Koenig and then by the new President, Gene Trinks. A brisk trading session followed the general meeting with an opportunity provided by one and another members to find some items at reasonable costs. Current die-cut items were available and some EFOs were in evidence. Others made available multiple covers and Uls for the taking. Some had their collections available for display and viewing. If you ever get the chance to see the one of Dan Forgues don't miss it. It's outstanding! The meeting also provided a chance to renew friendships of collectors around the country. Many were there to enjoy the festivities and meets.

Sunday was relatively quiet with the Writers Unit breakfast & Awards presentations starting the activity. It also provided a no-line access to the USPS counter to pick up any of the coils to bring up-to-date on current issues. I got my Swamps and Diners as well as some Green Bicycle coils there. On the bourse, I saw 5 beautiful PS5s or longer 18¢ Flag #6s. They're available but they're high.

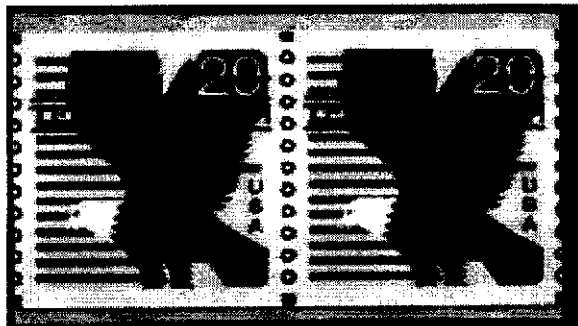
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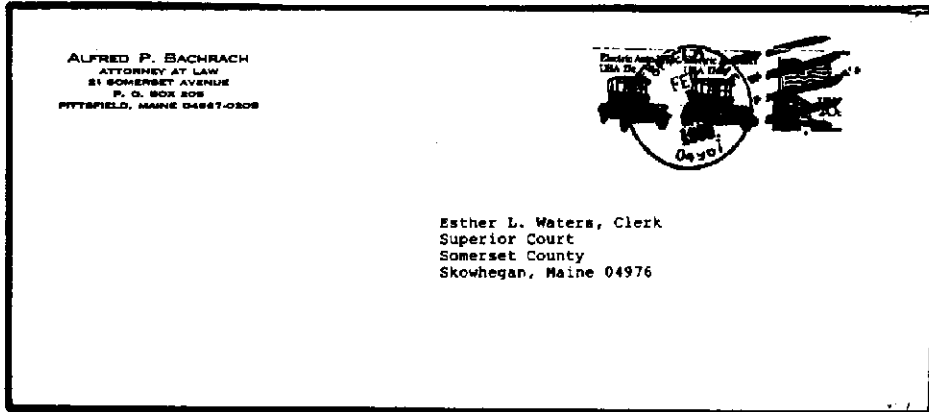
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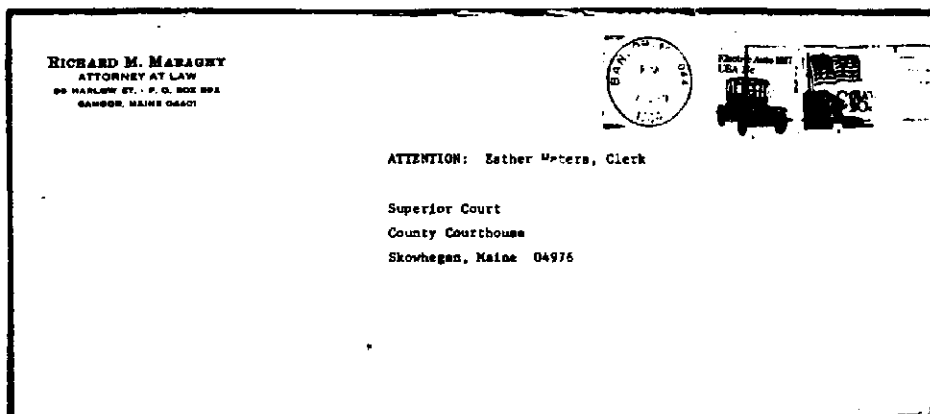
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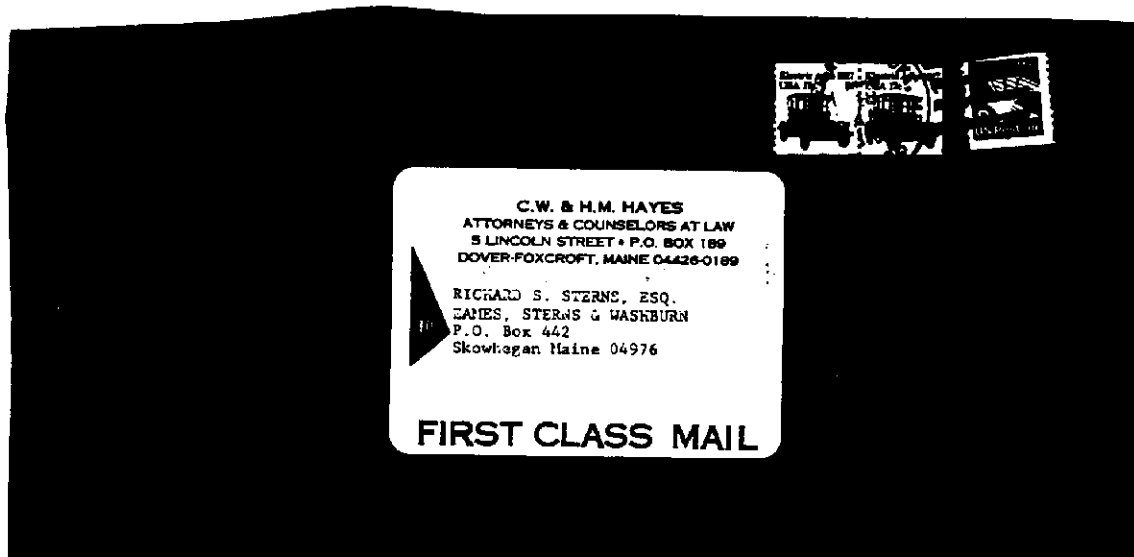
PNC COMBO COVERS



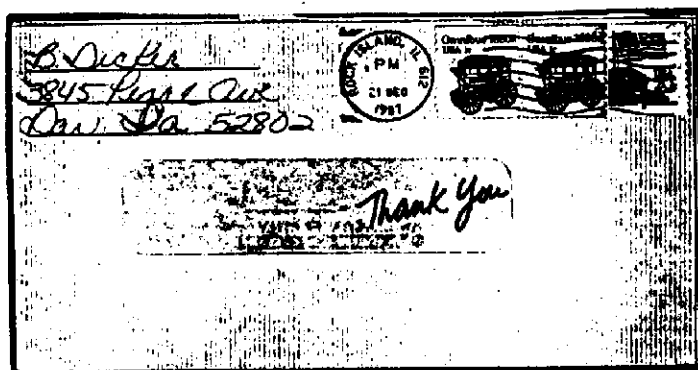
Some of the toughest PNC covers to find are PNC combo covers. I'm talking about covers in which, by chance, a combination of more than one PNC was used. Consider the odds of such PNC combos being used on just one cover. For instance, check out the nice commercial PNC combo cover pictured above which features the 20¢ Flag #8 and 17¢ Electric Auto #6. This cover, cancelled 2/1/85, has one PNC (20¢ Flag #8) which appears every 48 stamps in a roll and another PNC (17¢ Auto #6) that appears every 24 stamps in a roll. The odds of both PNCs being used randomly on one cover is one in 1,152! Plate #6 on the Electric Auto is an especially tough number to find on cover, making the above cover a real gem.



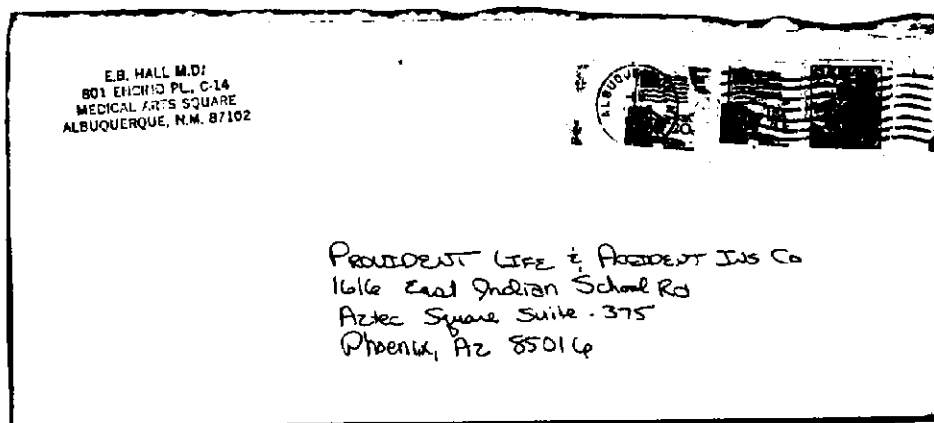
Another nice combo cover: 17¢ Auto #3 and 20¢ Flag #9 cancelled 1/2/84.



22c D #2, plus 17c Electric Auto #4, cancelled 3/13/86, paying three ounce first class rate.

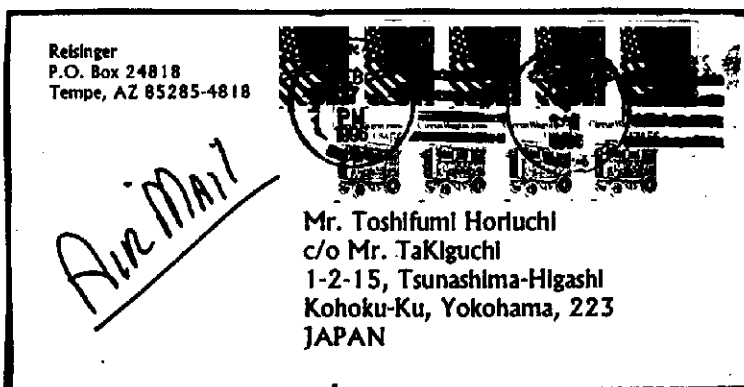


20c Flag #10 and 1c Omnibus #1 cover cancelled 12/21/87.

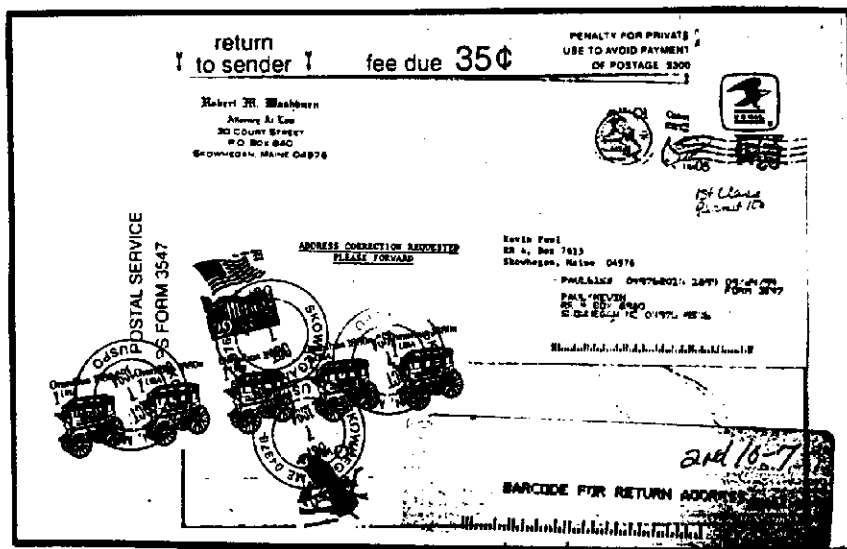


25c Honeybee #2, plus 20c Flag #9 cancelled 1/6/89.

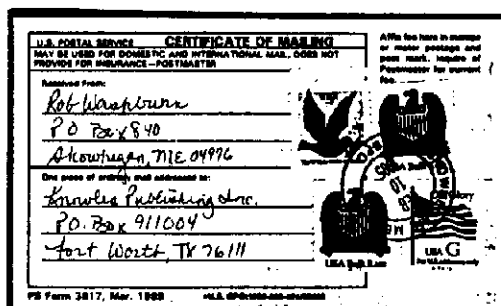
All of the covers illustrated on the previous three pages are believed to be genuine, randomly created PNC combo commercial covers. They are truly scarce usages. The same cannot be said for the following PNC combo covers, all of which were philatelically contrived:



Combo cover to Japan featuring 32¢ Flag/Porch #33333 and 5¢ Circus Wagon #SI cancelled 2/17/96.



Form 3547 with fee of 35¢ paid by 29¢ Flag/White House #16 and 1¢ Omnibus B-press #2, plus a 1¢ Kestrel cancelled 10/7/94.



Certificate of mailing 55¢ fee paid by 32¢ G #AIII, two 10¢ Eagle/Shield, one with plate #IIII, and a 4¢ Dove, cancelled 2/10/95.

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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PNC³ meetings

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

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Please contact John as far in advance as possible.

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

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Chicagopex 98 - Nov. 7 1998. Noon to 2 p.m. at the Rosemont Convention Center, 5555 W. River Road, Rosemont, IL. See front page of this issue for details.

Contact is John Dahlstrom II

ARIPEX –Jan. 22-24 Tucson, AZ, Tucson Convention Center, Dick Koenig, P.O. Box 31872, Tucson, AZ 85751 520-886-7754 or 520-760-6090.

PIPEX – Umpqua Valley Stamp Club Show, Oct. 18. Contact Larry Crain, P.O. Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 503-779-9462.

Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition - 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Sarasota Exhibition Hall, Sarasota, FL. Contact Tom Haire at 16275 Bobcat Dr., Ft. Myers FL 33908 (after Nov. 1) 941-433-1084.

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Annual Meeting

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Alan Thomson clearly explained tagging in response to a question from one member. John Peterson announced that the September issue of *Coil Line* was the 100th issue that Alan had printed and distributed and the 100th that Harold Brown had been the editor. There was an immediate round of applause for a job excellently done.

Additional questions followed for which several members provided answers. There was then a trading session.

Door prizes were provided by dealer members Dave Cobb and Steven Crippen.

This was a great meeting with lots of interaction. I personally encourage any in the membership to attend a Regional Meeting.

The rewards of attending are multi-faceted. I attend several PNC3 Regional Meetings every year and try to attend the Annual Meetings.

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THANKS, Dean