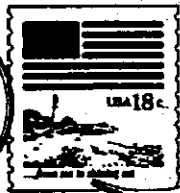


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## A City Flag day in Orlando

By Dan Kauffman

My wife and I arrived in Orlando, Florida in the late evening of the 24th of February, 1999, from Port Charlotte where we had been visiting our son, Mitch. Following the signs and billboards on the highway, the Orange County Convention Center was easy to locate. Getting there about 9 p.m. found the huge parking areas devoid of cars, save a few belonging to those still working within, and a few supply trucks remaining overnight. We circled the facility twice to get our bearings and selected a parking area close to the shuttle bus stop and settled down to await the opening event, the First Day Ceremony of the "City Flag", scheduled for 9:30 am in Room 202 in Hall.

We were impressed by the architectural design of the building, its immensity, and the obvious thought which had gone into its being. Fountains, arches, squares and rectangles all enjoined to present an attractive and pleasant flow of lines appealing to the eyes, yet functional to the purpose it serves.

Starting out early to be sure the ceremony location was found in time, we shuttled to Hall A. The bus was filling and an Oriental gentleman sat beside me. I later found him to be the stamp's designer, Hiro Kimura.

The interior of the Center reflected the exterior. Huge vaulted entrances centered the meeting rooms and the exhibition halls. Stairs and escalators were everywhere, blending to form vistas and breaks as well as provide access to upper levels. It is a beautiful venue and was hosting four other show, conventions, and meetings, as well as the stamp show - the Mid-Florida Boat how being the largest.

The FD ceremony was delayed until 11 a.m. for some reason, so the crowd mingled and visited until the opening of the stamp show at 10 am. The doors swung open and folks rushed in to get the first of whatever they wanted to get the first of. Dorothy and I looked over the exhibits and bourse layout, went to the youth area where kids were heads and shoulders into piles of stamps on tables, and returned to

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*A message from the club president:*

## Coil stamps missing from stocks of USPS at recent stamp shows

Recent reports from our Regional Meeting attendees (particularly in the southern states) have been very critical of the Postal Service. It seems that, at many shows lately, there is a horrendous lack of recent coil material at the philatelic booths. In at least one instance, the report was that there were NO COILS WHATSOEVER (other than the first day items) to be had from the Postal Service during the entire show.

I certainly do not understand how this can happen. I'll be calling the USPS in the near future to speak with Azeezaly Jaffer, the Stamps Services Director to discuss how we can improve the situation. I'd like to have more than one or two stories to tell him, and solicit comments from the membership regarding their recent show experiences. Please contact me at once if there's something you'd like to have reported.

It is also evident that we are experiencing a severe decline in availability of coils at philatelic windows around the country (what's left of them). Also, reports indicate that far fewer dealers at local, regional, and national shows are bringing quality PNC material to the shows.

These conditions cause me to believe that your club is becoming more important than ever in providing essential services to members. This month's issue contains the first installment of the current PNC3 membership interests guide. This guide is the link to establishing trading partnerships among members. We also have the regular club auction, ably managed by Joe Sedivy (and wife, Judy) which provides an active marketplace for members. Ron Maifeld, the webmaster of our Internet website, tries to keep a current list of which philatelic clerks have what coils in stock. This fast-changing information is important for those members that wish to seek directly for the new numbers.

I cannot conclude without a plug for the PNC dealers. I've heard that some dealers have become discouraged from

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## Coil stamps

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bringing PNCs to shows because they don't do enough business to warrant the costs of attendance. Dealers are important to the health of our hobby. We need to support them. Sure, it's not always possible to find material you need for your collection at every dealer's booth you come to. But you can be aware of what material a given dealer has and pass the word to others who may be looking for it. The other thing you can do is interest other collectors in taking up the PNC specialty. If we get enough new people interested in PNCs all will prosper.

We'll be publishing a list of PNC dealers in Coil Line in the near future. Dealers should contact Harold Brown and furnish up-to-date name, address, phone, e-mail address, PNC specialty (if any) and the discount available to PNC3 members. Harold will compile the information and get the list in Coil Line as soon as possible.

(There will be no cost for this simple listing).

Remember, 1000 by 2000!

-Gene Trinks

## City-Flag First Day

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the USPS counter to obtain some "City Flag" items. Although Linn's and the rest of us prefer "Flag Over City" to describe the stamps-bowing to tradition and regularity, the Postal Service insists it's "City Flag". Who will eventually win?

We joined the line of people waiting to make purchases, and when getting to the counter, bought all varieties of the stamp. They are BEP's WAG sheet stamp, coils of 100, coils of 3,000, coils of 10,000, PSA coils of 100, coils of 3,000, and coils of 10,000, and a self-adhesive folded booklet of 20. Avery Dennison's SA booklet of 10 (flat like an unfolded booklet pane), booklet of fifteen (folded in center and has PN on lower right stamp- the 4th PNB), convertible booklet of 20, and a SA pane of 20.

The purchases were taken to the First Day Ceremony now getting settled. Programs were handed out at the door when entering and all were franked with the WAG sheet stamp. My plans for coming away with a PNC or two were dashed! Anyone claiming a PNC program is a fraud. Oh well! The ceremony was interesting and enjoyable and the signers remained at the dias only shortly, having other commitments.

Returning to the Motorhome to look over purchases to determine what I needed more of, I found the following: BEP sheet stamp pane of 100, PN 1111 on selvage UL oriented vertically; BEP coil of 100, bubble pack label inscribed GUM above UPC, perfed, PN 2222 at 21 intervals; BEP WAG coil of 3k, perfed, PN 1111 at 21 interval with pink four digit BN at 10 bottom; BEP WAG coil of 10k, perfed, PN 1111 at 21 interval with pink five digit BN at 10 bottom, numbers about 2mm shorter than 3k coil; BEP PSA folded booklet, 2 panels, PN on top selvage, tiny 1111 horizontal; PSA coil of 100, bubble pack label inscribed SELF/ADHESIVE, stamps abutting with PN 2222 at 24, Std PV/VP 10/10 die cut; PSA 3k coil, separated die cut with liner above and below stamps, PN

Avery Dennison PSAs: 20 stamp pane with 4 V1211 PNs at corners; pane of 10 with peelable strip at center and PN V1111 on top selvage; pane of 15 folded twice and PN V1111 on LL stamp (4th of issued stamps to display # on stamp-joining 2 YR and Statue of Liberty PNBs); 20 stamp convertible booklet with two peelable strips and PN V3333.

Checking back with the postal folks, the above numbers represented their entire offerings they had available. I believe it's safe to assume we'll find the 1111s and other numbers very soon and the issue will parrot the FOP issues in breadth.

Other than the square and rounded corners of the SAs, indicating abutting or separated stamps, no other noticeable differences could be found other than noted back numbers. Back numbers higher than 3k may be the only way to differentiate 10k items as both carry only 4 digits. Back numbers at 20 stamp increments may also prompt longer strips to gain additional opportunities to show Bans in collections. All in all, it was an enjoyable, fun-filled, and enjoyable day.

- Dan Kauffman  
Clearlake Park, CA

## Letters

### Auctioneer Sedivy deserves thanks from all

To the Editor:

I am positive that our club owes a very big 'thank you' to our auctioneers, Mr. Joseph Sedivy. I am almost certain that most members at some time have either bid on, bought or sold lots in one our auctions.

As an auction begins, lots have to be received, organized, checked over, described accurately, assigned lot numbers and published in our *Coil Line* monthly newsletter. This is a formidable task.

At the close of the auction, Joe has to tally up all the successful bids, notify the winning bidders, wait for their remittance, mail the winning lots to their respective bidders, mail the seller his money and the club its commission. As you can see, skills in organization and accuracy are a vital part of the job.

I have bought and sold many lots in our auctions. As I send in my lots, my minimum bids are low enough to attract bids. I like to think of myself as a strict grader of my material. Just to play it safe, I always ask Joe to make any corrections or adjustments on the description of my material. In my opinion, Joe's job lot descriptions have been very clear and accurate. Needless to say, I have always been very pleased with all my auction transactions.

So once again, we the PNC3 members would like to thank Joe our auctioneer for the many successful auctions our club has run. May we have many more auctions under Joe's expertise and leadership.

Joseph Schramek  
North Riverside, IL

### Imperf roll of Hat stamp found in Nebraska

To the Editor:

I just found a roll of 100 of the Hat stamp - Imperf. The number is 3333.

Dave Bize Rt. 5, Lincoln, NE 68508

## Letters

### Key to Diner printer 'SG' Southern Graphics

To the Editor:

When BEP printed the self-adhesive, undenominated Diner in rolls of 10,000, the plate-activity report said the plates were numbered as follows:

Yellow	00001-SG	Blue	00002-SG
Red	00003-SG	Gray	00004-SG
Black	00005-SG		

This was a change from BEP's six-digit plate numbers (BEP calls them production numbers) which were followed by a hyphen and a suffix. Only the suffix appeared in plate numbers on stamps.

When I called BEP, nobody wanted to talk because everyone was gun-shy because of Freedom of Information Act suits to obtain information (I launched one, I think I know who the many others were filed by but he will not talk to me).

I was finally able to persuade the public information office ("We don't know about stamps. We know about currency") to check.

The riddle is solved. BEP had the plates made by Southern Graphics (even though the plate-activity report specifically said BEP made the plates).

"SG" means Southern Graphics.

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### Commercial covers from the Southwest

To the Editor:

The following is the PNC commercial cover report for the period of February 1, 1999 to February 28, 1999. Covers come from the ladies wear mail order company, pet supply mail order company, and a loan payment center.

.33 "H" WAG	#1111 - 06
	3333 - 02
	3343 - 03
	3344 - 01
.33 "H" SA	#1111 - 14
	1131 - 02
	2222 - 36
	3333 - 41
.32 FOP SA	#1111A- 10
	13231A- 02
	22222A- 08
	33333A- 05
	44444A- 14
	55555A- 12
	66666A- 21
	77777A- 14
	88888A- 05

It is no longer necessary to report on the .32 FOP PNCs without the "A" suffix and the .32 YR as the numbers involved are too small to be of any significance.

What is very bothersome is the lack of use of coils in all the mail and the lack of plate numbers being found. The use

of booklet stamps has skyrocketed and conversely the use of coils has plummeted, at least in this last months totals. The March report so far corroborates the same type of usage.

My recommendation to all PNC commercial cover collectors and to used single collectors, get all the "H" plate numbers now. Do not wait.

The .33 "H" WAG PNCs have all but disappeared. No one seems to be using them and they are usually not available at post offices.

Dick Koenig  
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### What's the reason for this price difference?

To the Editor:

Years ago I purchased several rolls of Scott 1906a for a large mailing. I saved out the plate strips of #5 and #6.

In my 1998 Specialized catalog plate #5 is priced at \$4.00 and plate #6 is \$12.50.

As these two numbers were paired together, you would think the catalog price could be the same. Who has the answer?

Dave Bize  
Rt. 5 Lincoln, NE 68508

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# SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

## New Numbers

The new Flag Over the City stamp is the source of five new numbers this month. (I still don't know how that "Over" got in there, unless over in this case means to cover.) Water activated gum (WAG) coils have two numbers; #1111 (from 3,000 and 10,000 rolls only) and #2222. Pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) coils account for the other three. They are #1111 and #2222 from rolls of 100 and #1111 from large rolls with spaces between the stamps. A word of caution is in order concerning the cylinder combination numbers on all these coils. There are four digits and the first one is pale yellow. It's very difficult to read even with good light and magnification. Read carefully.

## What's the Difference?

Mike Lipson suggested that a summary of all the #1111 "H" coils might be helpful. There are four different collectible "H" strips that have that same set of cylinder numbers. There are two WAG types. One comes from rolls of 100 and the other from rolls of 3,000. Thanks to Tom McFarland, there is an easy way to tell them apart, and it doesn't even require UV light or a magnifying lens. The black 1 (the last digit) on numbered stamps from the rolls of 100 is lower in relation to the "C" in "First Class Rate" than it is on the numbered stamps from rolls of 3,000. Hence the descriptions "Low Black 1" and "High Black 1". This is not a minor distinction and once having seen the strips next to each other, you'll be able to determine high or low without comparison strips. The variation is due to different #1 cylinders being used to print the webs for rolls of 100 than were used for rolls of 3,000. The distance distinction is valid because it is measured from the black plate number to black printing and therefore cannot be due to cylinder positioning on the press. --- The two types of PSA strips also come from different size rolls. Those from rolls of 100 have no space between the stamps and have square corners. Those from rolls of 3,000 have a space between stamps and have rounded corners. As discussed last month, the corner shapes are useful if the stamps have been removed from their backing paper.



Low Black 1



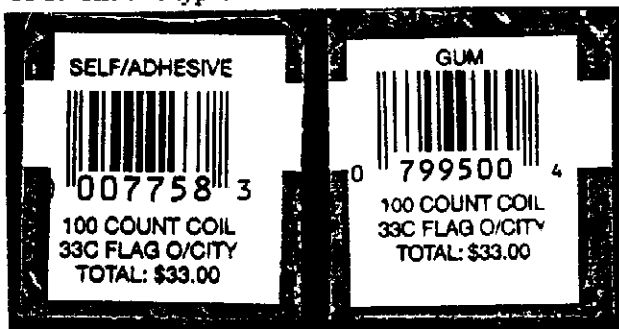
High Black 1

## 1998 Prolific PNC Year

There were 50 new plate number strips to collect during 1998. Twenty-three were from new designs, two were from a redesign, and 25 were from new numbers on designs that appeared prior to 1998.

## City Flag Bubble Panels

One of the sealing panels on bubble packs of 100 that are being used on the recently issued City Flag coils has a new feature. The panel from PSA rolls is similar to the ones used on PSA Porch Flags, with self/adhesive at the top and the name changed to Flag O/City. It's the panel from WAG rolls that has something new. Previous WAG panels had nothing on them that indicated the adhesive type. Now the word "Gum" appears above the UPC. The two types are illustrated below.



## BEP 5¢ Mountain Tagging Error

In case you missed it in *Linn's Stamp News*, some of the BEP's Mountain coils were printed on phosphored paper. They should not have any tagging. Jeff Fiszbein has reported finding a used copy of this error in a mixture. Start checking your junk mail that bears a Mountain coil with perforations.

## Joint Effort

The first big roll runs of the WAG City Flag were not made by BEP alone. They were printed by the Bureau but processed into coil rolls by Sennett Security Products. One clue to this joint production is the labels on the rolls of 3,000 and 10,000. Both bear the notation "Produced by BEP/SSP" above the UPC. A further indication is the back number spacing. It is 10, rather than the 20 used by BEP. A source at BEP confirmed that they were unable to convert the first printing and shipped the web rolls to Sennett. Subsequent printings were made entirely at the Bureau. This means there should be a second set of labels. It's not clear at this point whether all #1111 stamps were a joint effort and that only later plate numbers were exclusively from BEP. We'll be checking. A photocopy at 50% actual size of the initial 3K label is shown below.



## Back Number Colors

City Flag WAG rolls have pink back numbers, PSA rolls have blue numbers.

# CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

03/10/98

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

EP - EMBEDDED PHOS      UT - UNTAGGED  
 SP - SURFACE PHOS      [xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL  
 BK - BLOCK TAG          (NL) - LINERLESS  
 OA - OVERALL TAG        \* **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 Sennett Security.

**(33c) HAT [24]**

#1111 A (LOW BK 1)  
 #1111 C (HI BK 1)  
 #3333 A  
 #3343 A  
 #3344 A  
 #3444 A

**(33c) HAT (SA) [24]**

#1111 A  
 #1131 A  
 #2222 A  
 #3333 A

**(33c) HAT (SA) [21]**

#1111 C

**33c FLAG [24]**

#1111\* C, D  
 #2222\* A

**33c FLAG (SA) [24]**

#1111\* A  
 #2222\* A

**33c FLAG (SA) [21]**

#1111\* C, D

**\$1 SEAPLANE [48]**

#1 B  
 #3 B (EP) (SHINY)  
 #3 B (SP) (S-GLOSS)

**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  
 #4 C (OA)  
 #4 C (EP)

**5c CIRCUS [48][24][14]**

#1 B, C (OA) [52]  
 #1 B, C (UT) [52]  
 #2 C  
 #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

**2c LOCOMOTIVE [48]**

#1 B, C, D  
 #2 C (DULL)  
 #2 C (SHINY)

**1c OMNIBUS [48]**

#1 B, C  
 #2 C (BK)  
 #2 B, C (UT)  
 #3 B, C (DULL)  
 #3 B, C (SHINY)  
 #3 C (SEMI-GLOSS)

**22c U. SAM (SA) [24]**

#1111 A

**20c BLUEJAY (SA) [14]**

#S1111 A

**20c PHEASANT (SA) [24]**

#1111 A

**1c KESTREL [24]**

#1111 B, C

**(5c) BUTTE [14]**

#S1111 C, D  
 #S222 C  
 #S333 C

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

S1111 D

**(5c) MOUNTAIN[24][14]**

#11111 B, C  
 #S1111 D

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

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

**(5c) WETLANDS [14]**

S1111 D

**(5c) WETLND (SA) [21]**

#1111 C (light color)

**(5c) WETLND (SA) [21]**

#1111 D (dark color)

**(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  
 #222 D  
 #333 C, D  
 #344 C

**(10c) E&S(NEW) [24]**

#11111 D

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

#11111 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  
 #322222 C  
 #S11111 D  
 #S22222 D

**(25c) JUKE (SA) [21][21][7]**

#111111 C  
 #222222 D  
 #S11111 D  
 #S22222 D  
 #M11111 D (NL)

**(25c) DINER [14]**

#S11111 D

**(25c) DINER (SA) [21]**

#11111 D

## Elusive Circus Wagon Back Number Found

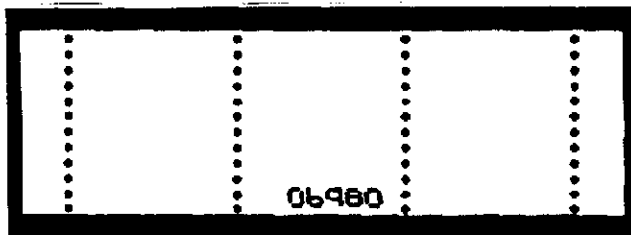
By John Larimer

The 5c Circus Wagon, WAG, S1, 5 digit bottom black has been discovered after an extensive search since it was first issued in March of 1995 by SVS.

Collector D. John Shultz made the discovery and sent me a strip for verification, and it is indeed the missing link to this issue. Shultz received them as folded strips of 25 from Philatelic Sales out of rolls of 10K. The item # is 793230 and is currently available.

### Two Hits

Following up on this discovery, I immediately ordered seven strips. When they arrived and the purples, and an assortment of top and bottom blacks were sorted, to my amazement I had received two hits (# on #) of the bottom black, each different in font size. One was 2.75 mm and the other 3.5 mm. Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and a 5 bottom black.



Two font sizes found on the 5c Circus Wagon S1 5 bottom black. Top is 2.75 mm, bottom is 3.5mm.

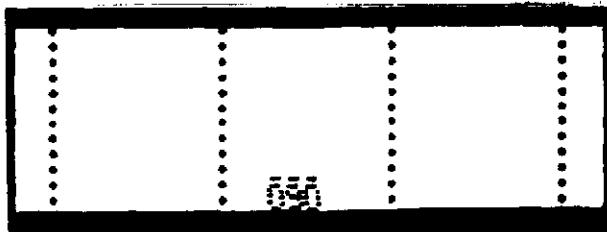
### Another Mystery

The only remaining mystery is the absence of the E&S SA S1111 5 digit top black and 5 digit bottom purple. Do they exist? It has been my contention, as well as that of other collectors, that when these coils were being back numbered the inkjet reservoir intended for jet black had become contaminated. The result of which produced the top purple. Could the inkjet reservoir at the top have been filled with purple and at the bottom black?

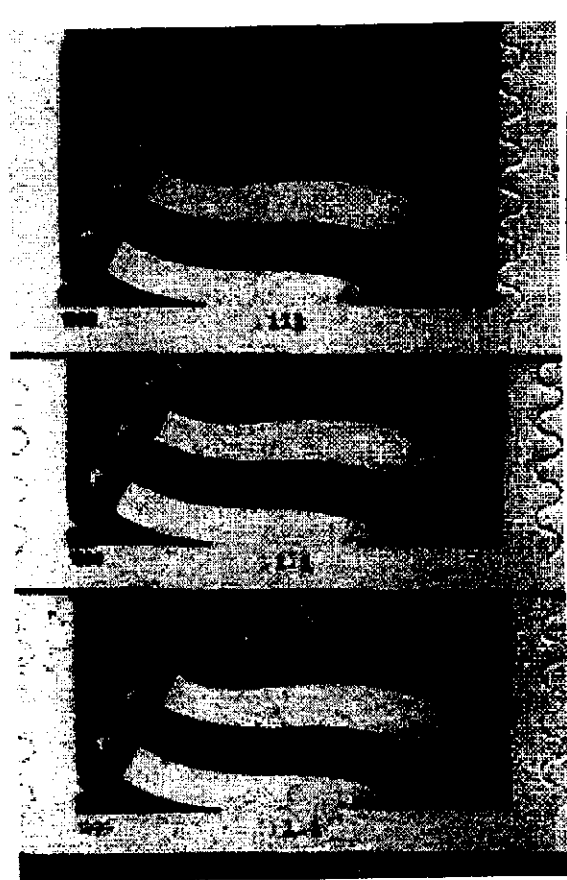
Shultz informed me that he had acquired a strip that was cut so that the top digits were printed a bit lower than normal and that it showed a tiny bit of other digits at the very top edge of the strip (or the bottom digits from the adjoining strip). It is definitely not black, but purple. This rules out the inkjet theory outlined above. Perhaps others could hopefully shed light on this issue, as there is still no report of a true 5 top black and 5 bottom purple.

### Another Unusual Find

I have also acquired a strip of the 10c Auto WAG S333 3 digit bottom pink, upside down, with bars beneath the numerals. A strange looking lot. This is the first time I have ever seen a configuration such as this. I have received no other reports on this back number strip, so it may well be unique.



The 10c Auto upside down 3 bottom pink with bars is illustrated here.



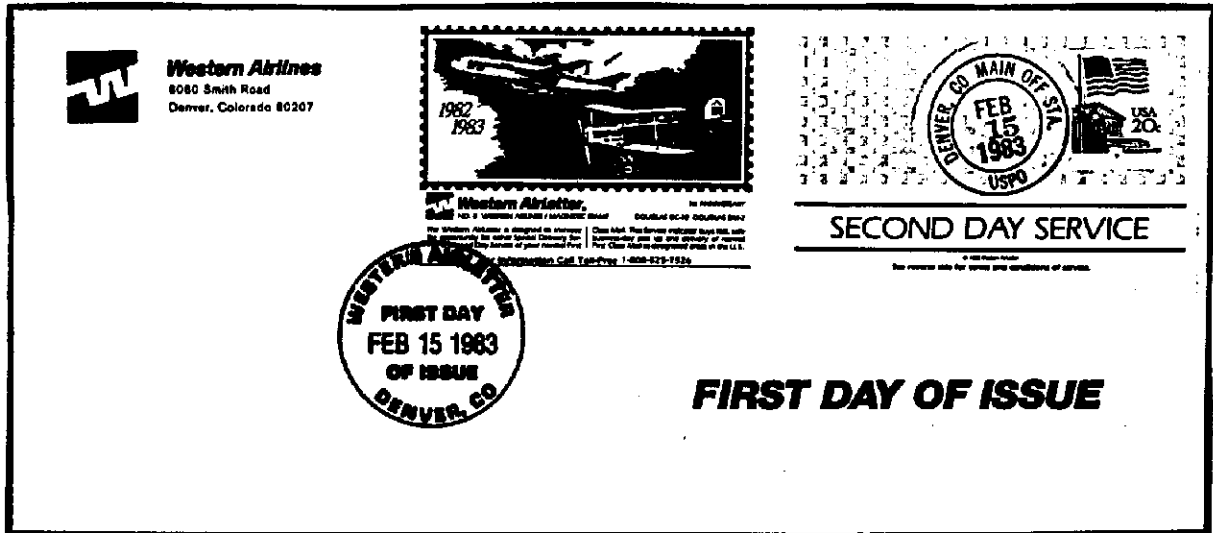
Although it is probably difficult to see, Bob Novak has supplied the above scan he made of City Flag SA #1111 coil stamps. It is intended to show a progression of the deteriorating red #1 at the start of the plate number. The top stamp is normal, middle stamp shows a broken digit and the bottom shows the red #1 nearly gone. Bob said that as the red #1 disappears the red stripes in the flag appear to take on a washed out look.

# COMMERCIAL COVERS

## Installment #96

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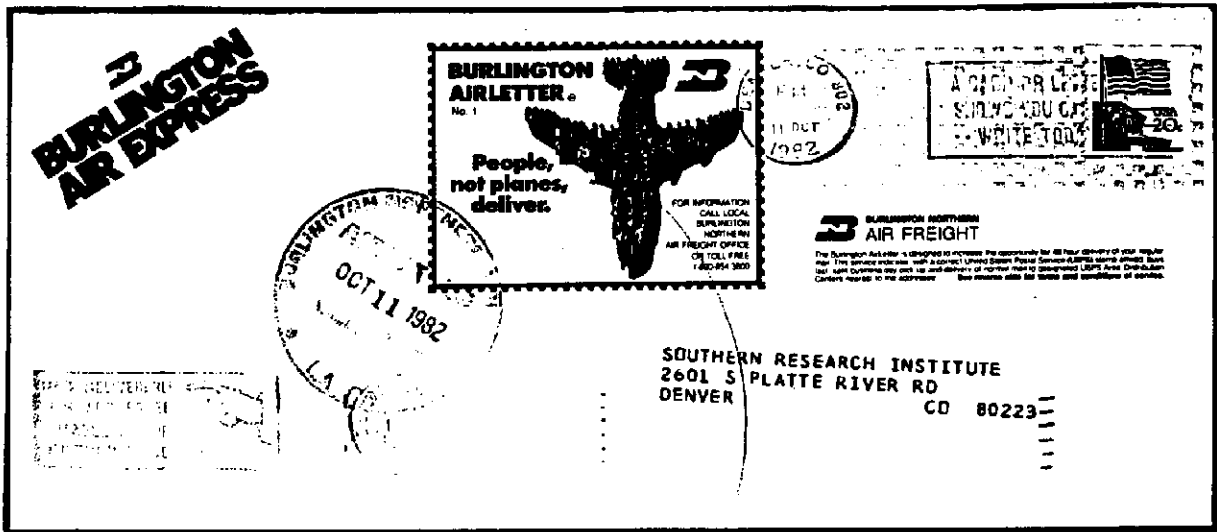
### AIRLETTER SERVICE



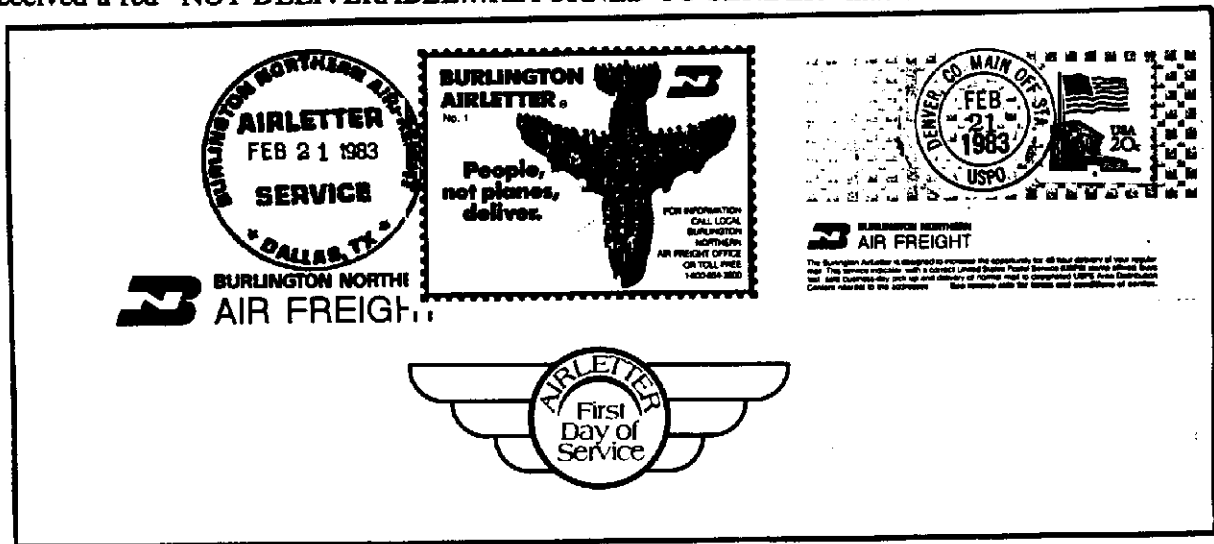
In February, 1982, Western AirLines launched a new mail service, Western AirLetter. AirLetter service was geared to business customers and offered expedited and inexpensive handling of mail between 25 metropolitan cities. The idea was to bypass several postal service processing steps by flying mail directly to the destination city, depositing the mail in the U.S. mailstream there, and then letting the U.S. Postal Service deliver it. Western AirLetter "stamps" covering this new service cost initially only \$1.00 each, much cheaper than any other available express delivery service. As AirLetter service developed, second day service, special delivery service, and even international service (to certain foreign cities) were offered. Three other companies also joined in this venture: American Express, Burlington Northern, and P.R.I.D.E., and they each issued their own "stamps" as well. Unfortunately, AirLetter service did not catch on with businesses, and by 1984 it was discontinued.

There were a total of 32 AirLetter "stamps" issued by the four companies involved (Western AirLines - 16, Burlington Northern - 6, American Express - 3, P.R.I.D.E. - 7). The "stamps" are very colorful, especially the ones issued by Western AirLines. The AirLetter companies also had their own special cancellations. Some first day covers were made, and some are priced at over \$200 each. The first day cover at the top of this page features a Western AirLetter stamp No. 8 and 20¢ Flag coil plate #9.

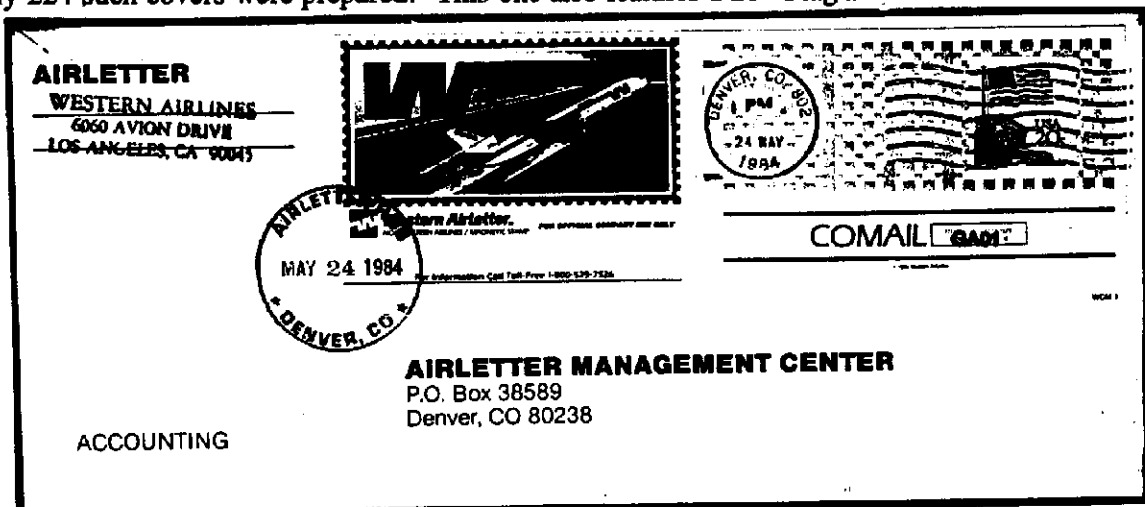
At one time, airletter "stamps" were listed in the Scott U.S. Specialized catalog, although they no longer are. Most of these "stamps" were printed in quite low quantities.



Commercial cover usages of AirLetter "stamps" are tough to find. The cover pictured above was sent from Los Angeles to Denver on October 11, 1982, and it did get into the Denver mailstream on October 11, 1982 (see Denver, CO purple machine cancel). Unfortunately, it could not be delivered and received a red "NOT DELIVERABLE...RETURNED TO SENDER" machine cancel.

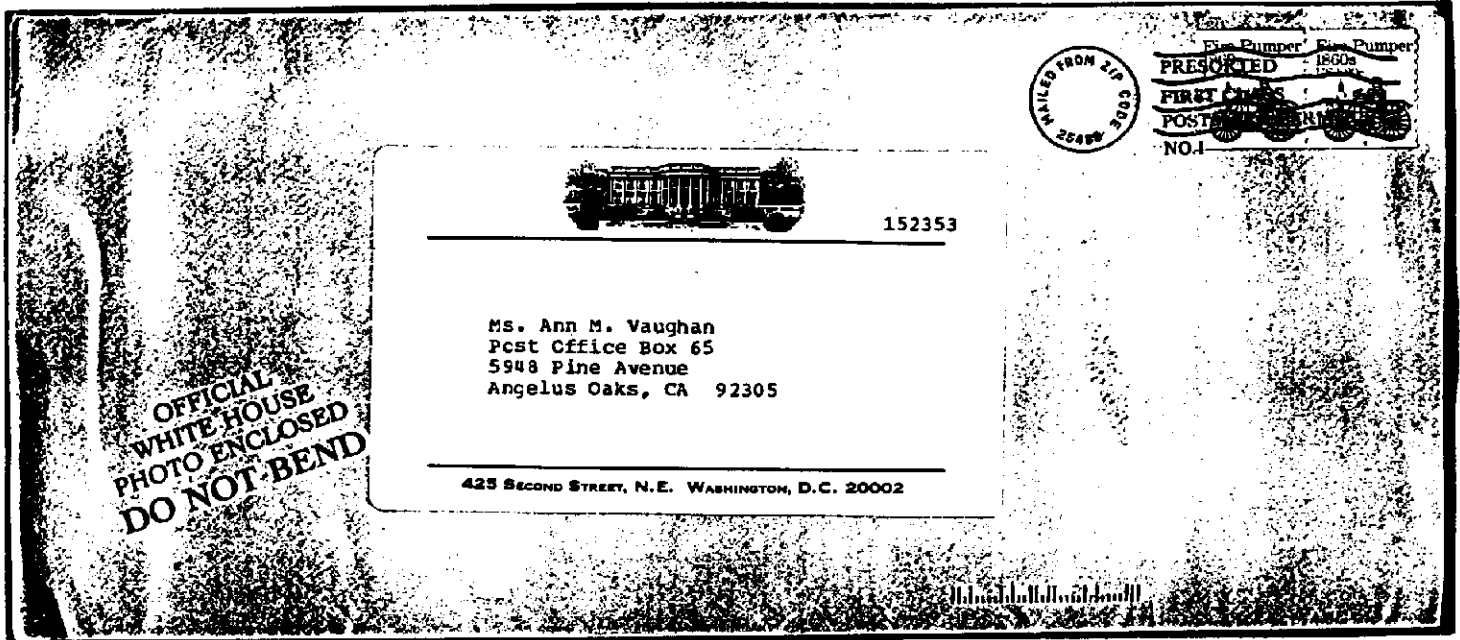


The above is a first day of service (from Dallas to Denver) cover dated February 21, 1983. Only 224 such covers were prepared. This one also features a 20c Flag #9 coil.



The above AirLetter cover, cancelled 5/24/84, features a Western AirLetter COMAIL stamp issued "FOR OFFICIAL COMPANY USE ONLY".

# COVER OF THE MONTH



The above cover featuring a pair of the 20¢ Fire Pumper #5 is an unusual first class mail usage. The somewhat oversized envelope apparently contained a photograph and probably weighed more than one ounce. The stamps are tied by an undated privately applied permit postmark. (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.)

**FIRST DAY OF ISSUE**

**MUSICAL PHILADELPHIA**  
Cypress Creek High School  
Marching Band  
STEVE VORVAGE  
Associate Director of Bands

**PRESIDENT**  
RICHARD N. FITE  
Postmaster of Orlando

**PRESENTATION OF COLORES**  
United States Marine Corps  
6th Major Transport Battalion  
Color Guard

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
CARM MULLOY  
U.S. Postal Service

**FLOOR OF ALLEGORANCE**  
ELIZABETH WARREN *Elizabeth W.*  
Girl Scouts of America

CHRISTOPHER GRAY *Chris Gray*  
Boy Scouts of America

**WELCOME**  
JOHN HATCHER *John Hatcher*  
President  
American Philatelic Society

**REMARKS**  
THE HONORABLE GLENDA E. HOOD  
Mayor  
Orlando, Florida

**REMARKS** *[Signature]*  
DR. WHITNEY SMITH  
Director  
The Flag Research Center

**DEDICATION OF STAMP**  
VIA M. BRENNAN *Via M. Brennan*  
District Manager  
Customer Service and Sales  
Central Florida District  
U.S. Postal Service  
Orlando, Florida

**HONORED GUEST**  
HARO KAWARA  
Designer of the Stamp

## City Flag First Day Ceremony Program

Above (in reduced format) is one page from the inside of the City Flag First Day Ceremony at Feb. 25, 1999 at Americas '99 in Orlando. It was first First Day ceremony the CL Editor has attended. A long line of folks stuck around to gather as many signatures as possible. The Boy and Girl Scout representatives seemed to especially enjoy their moment in the spotlight.

## **NOTICE:**

**Several pages have not been included in this online issue because of privacy concerns dealing with members, their home addresses and collecting interests.**

# 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:*

Jim Peterson  
451 Putnam Pike  
Chepachet, RI 02814-2163

Allan r. Gray  
805 long Lane  
Gettysburg, PA 17325-2918

If all approved membership will be 768.

## *Changes of address:*

Lawrence Mertens  
3220 Renaissance Dr. SE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-7634

Edward Werbany  
519 Stone Road  
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

Art Geise  
18731 FM 1119  
Midway, TX 75852

Margaret Powell  
P.O. Box 665  
Reidsville, GA 30453-0665

## *Resigned:*

Dick Hafey #1331  
Thom Chandler #1326  
Lawrence E. Baier #1224  
Robert Shank #1070  
Alex Gray #645  
Beverly Chapman #1350  
John S. Hackman #1024  
John F. Hallgren #972  
Philip Seidman #280  
Thomas Leeder #100  
Dorothy Whiting #286  
Paul Dixon #476  
Charles Yeager #332  
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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.  
jkpete@pacbell.net

## 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 John Peterson, Regional Meeting Committee Chairperson, 6605 Bell Bluff Ave., San Diego, CA 92119-1147. 619-265-2916.

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

**The Plymouth Show** – At the Central Middle School, Plymouth MI. Date of meeting is April 24, 1999, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meeting is hosted by Gene Trinks.

**Spring MEGA-Event** - New York. Date of meeting is April 24, 1999, from 1 to 2 p.m. Meeting is hosted by Andrew Menasian.

**PIPEX** - June 4-6 at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, OR, just off Interstate 205. Larry Crain is the contact, P.O. Box 4395 medford, OR 97501-0170. 503-779-9462. Details as available.

**Annual meeting** – Saturday, Aug. 28, Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting will be held during the APS Stampshow. The exact time and location of the annual meeting will be announced as details become available from the APS and club officials.

Any topics members wish to have discussed should be forwarded to one of the officers listed at right.

The officers traditionally hold a board meeting before the annual meeting. Those wishing details on hotels should contact APS at P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803.

## COIL LINE

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**President:** Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Ct., Troy, MI 48083.  
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**Changes of address:** Should be sent to and membership applications are available from Don Eastman, Secretary, 24 Bemis St., Berlin, NH 03570. easte@landmarknet.net

**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 Tom McFarland, Treasurer, P.O. Box 756 Princeton Jct., NJ 08550.

**Advertising rates:** Are \$42 for a full page, \$24 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** - halallen@wcnet.org

**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.

## Ads

HAT IMPERF, PSA #3333. Will trade plate strips of 5 for WAG plate #3333 or #3344 IMPERF. Dave Bize, Rt. 5, Lincoln, NE 68508.

SUBSCRIBE: I killed The Plate Number, the monthly of PNCs, because of ill health. But I still publish a quarterly. All about PNCs and Great Americans, for \$5 a year. Steve Esrati, P.O. Box 20130, Shaker Heights, OH 44120.

IS THERE ANYONE interested in trading recent PNC5s. Please send your want/trade list for prompt reply. Thomas M. Meneskie, 114 Ingram Ave., Pittsburg, PA 15205.

SHINY GUM: 2c Locomotive #2 \$1.00/PS-5; \$1.25/PS-7. Orders under \$5 enclose SASE. Michael Mules, P.O. Box 342, Big Bend, WI 53103.

FOR SALE: I carry a complete inventory of PNCs, including precancel gaps and constant plate varieties. I also have a no-nonsense new-issue service. Steve Esrati, P.O. Box 20130, Shaker Heights, OH 44120.

UNTAGGED ERROR: 5c Motorcycle Plate #2 PS-5, F/VF \$220.00. Extremely limited. Postapid. Michael Mules, P.O. Box 342, Big Bend, WI 53103 (414) 318-0880.

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

ALL 10c Eagle & Shield EFOs and back numbers needed. Will buy or trade. Have Great American plate blocks. Should have what you want. I have it all. Ken Moreau, 402 Coronation Dr., Franklin, MA 02038. Phone/Fax (508) 528-9028.

HAVE FOR TRADE used singles, FP 10x10 78777, 89878, 89898, 97898, 99899. Several commercial

Covers. Mint, used PS3 & 5. Will trade for PNC singles. What do you need? What do you have? C.L. Still, 15826 N.E. 184th, Holt, MO 64048.

DOES EVERYONE in PNC3 have a set of 4c Stagecoach #3 and #4 UNTAGGED ERROR? Still have the 4 sets I advertised last issue available at \$200.00 each, PNC3 member price. Michael Mules, Box 342, Big Bend, WI 53103. (414) 318-0880.

IMPERFORATE STEAL 22c Flag #3 F/VF strip of 7 mint \$500.00. Number on middle stamp. Postpaid, insured. Carl Wicklund, 4812 North 10th Apt. 315, McAllen, TX 78504-2878.

REMEMBER ALL members are entitled to a pair of free 40-word ads per year in *Coil Line*. Copy must be received by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next issue. Additional such ads (of any length) are available at 6 cents per word per month. Make all checks payable PNC3 and send to the Editor at 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402 or halallen@wcnet.org  
Sending this material to anyone else only delays publication of your ad.

## Exhibiting

The following members have announced their exhibit plans. Please send all information to Dean E. Hawk, 1825 Clearbrook, N.W., Massillon, OH 44646 as soon as possible.

**Ken Cherry** – Bronze Award and PNC3 Achievement Award at the York County Stamp Show, Jan. 22-23 for his Decimal Denominated Coils, Transportation Series on Cover, 1981-89.

**Dean M. Hawk** – Silver Award, AAPE Award and the PNC President's Award for at Yorcopex 99 for U.S. Flag Coils 1969-1994.

**Gary Davis** - Award of Excellence for Post 1980 and the PNC President's Award with ribbon at ARIPEX 99 in Tucson..

## Membership

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### Dropped:

Joseph Agris #13  
Ed Denson #132  
Ronald Peloquin #133  
Peter Wurzbach #155  
Albert Mikula #207  
Stephen Dawson #246  
Robert Howells #256  
James Bailey #429  
Ralph Marsden #445  
Stefan Brown #505  
Kevin Morgan #573  
Jerry Marcus #578  
Mary Jo Sample #612  
Robert Walsh #655  
Toan Trinh #669  
Laverne Telles #677  
David Zajac #683  
David A. Wilbur # 728  
James C. Bullis #763  
John M. Hotchner #767  
John Fetcenko Jr. #804  
John D. Lewis #873  
James Bonnett #898  
Michael J. Kohn #914  
Howard John Heissel #937  
James Simpkins #980  
John R. Hickel #1038  
Richard Lauster #1150  
Donald L. Ruge #1168  
Grace E. Marchese #1189  
Renate M. Fearonce #1237  
Mike Davenport #1238  
Wendell J. Andrews #1265  
Richard McCafferty #1277  
Richard Carvel #1310  
Jeremy Lifsey #1319  
Tom Van Parys #1324  
Tyler Levy #1334j  
John Miechowicz #1353  
Kevin Kundia #1353  
Edmund Nadwodny #1357  
Patricia Phillips #1375

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Joseph C. DiPasquale -  
Jdipasq@ix.netcom.com

# PNC3 AUCTION RESULTS FOR #20 CLOSING FEB. 17,1999

Remember that tie bids go to the earliest postmark. I no longer will take phone bids, but will start taking email bids in the next auction, watch for more info to follow in Coil line. We had 92 bidders with only 6 not winning any lots. Once again the PS-5 area saw the most action, with good sales in most other areas. Of the 616 lots offered 357 sold. this is more than in the last auction. Thank you to all that bid or submitted lots, hope we all had fun. And don't stop bidding you may win next time.

## UNSOLD LOTS ARE NOT LISTED

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
1	\$4.50	102	\$13.00	171	\$6.00	238	\$200.00	304	\$3.00	383	\$20.00	454	\$12.00	545	\$10.00
2	\$15.00	103	\$7.50	172	\$4.25	239	\$70.00	306	\$6.00	385	\$4.50	455	\$13.00	548	\$10.00
3	\$50.00	108	\$6.00	173	\$1.00	240	\$7.00	307	\$6.00	386	\$11.00	456	\$6.00	549	\$8.00
4	\$40.00	110	\$15.00	174	\$14.00	241	\$2.75	308	\$5.00	393	\$44.00	457	\$6.00	553	\$2.50
5	\$10.00	112	\$20.00	175	\$4.25	242	\$3.25	309	\$4.50	394	\$8.00	459	\$6.00	555	\$7.50
6	\$70.00	115	\$20.00	177	\$5.00	243	\$1.75	310	\$5.00	395	\$10.00	460	\$18.00	557	\$50.00
7	\$300.00	116	\$30.00	179	\$12.00	244	\$7.00	311	\$7.00	397	\$12.00	462	\$3.00	558	\$4.75
8	\$8.00	117	\$3.00	182	\$8.00	245	\$5.50	312	\$5.00	398	\$6.00	465	\$16.00	559	\$12.00
9	\$10.00	118	\$2.50	185	\$5.50	248	\$2.00	314	\$3.00	399	\$6.00	466	\$15.00	562	\$15.00
10	\$5.00	122	\$3.00	186	\$12.00	249	\$2.50	315	\$4.00	401	\$4.00	467	\$20.00	563	\$3.25
12	\$10.00	123	\$2.50	187	\$3.50	250	\$2.50	318	\$7.50	402	\$4.25	468	\$9.00	564	\$20.00
13	\$29.00	125	\$4.00	188	\$8.00	253	\$2.25	319	\$13.00	403	\$10.00	469	\$5.00	565	\$50.00
14	\$10.00	126	\$8.00	189	\$5.50	254	\$4.00	320	\$40.00	404	\$24.00	470	\$22.00	566	\$6.50
15	\$15.00	127	\$7.00	190	\$10.00	255	\$9.00	321	\$22.00	405	\$25.00	474	\$10.00	567	\$6.50
17	\$50.00	128	\$60.00	191	\$7.00	256	\$4.00	322	\$25.00	406	\$180.00	479	\$12.00	568	\$12.00
18	\$5.50	129	\$45.00	192	\$7.00	257	\$4.00	323	\$18.00	407	\$27.00	481	\$4.00	569	\$40.00
25	\$25.00	130	\$45.00	193	\$2.00	258	\$3.00	324	\$18.00	408	\$5.00	483	\$9.00	572	\$55.00
26	\$3.00	131	\$55.00	196	\$10.00	259	\$3.50	326	\$25.00	409	\$24.00	488	\$5.00	573	\$10.00
29	\$90.00	132	\$17.00	197	\$4.00	261	\$4.00	329	\$11.00	413	\$110.00	489	\$5.00	574	\$14.00
31	\$20.00	135	\$10.00	199	\$4.00	262	\$3.00	330	\$10.00	414	\$5.00	490	\$6.00	575	\$4.50
33	\$6.00	136	\$14.00	200	\$18.00	265	\$3.50	332	\$8.00	415	\$5.00	491	\$12.00	576	\$7.00
34	\$130.00	138	\$2.50	201	\$47.00	267	\$17.00	335	\$5.00	416	\$5.00	492	\$7.00	583	\$3.00
35	\$3.50	139	\$2.25	202	\$4.00	268	\$8.50	336	\$5.00	420	\$10.00	496	\$3.00	586	\$2.25
36	\$5.50	140	\$14.00	204	\$6.00	269	\$1,000.00	341	\$10.00	422	\$11.00	499	\$12.00	606	\$6.00
37	\$3.25	141	\$16.00	205	\$5.50	270	\$17.00	343	\$2.00	424	\$40.00	502	\$28.00	607	\$11.00
52	\$16.00	142	\$3.00	207	\$5.00	271	\$4.00	345	\$3.00	426	\$3.00	503	\$25.00	611	\$40.00
56	\$6.00	143	\$18.00	208	\$2.00	272	\$12.00	346	\$3.00	428	\$450.00	507	\$12.00	612	\$1.00
57	\$1.25	145	\$3.00	209	\$5.00	273	\$4.00	348	\$25.00	430	\$50.00	508	\$40.00	613	\$0.50
58	\$30.00	147	\$8.00	210	\$4.00	275	\$4.00	349	\$7.00	431	\$6.00	509	\$2.00		
59	\$3.50	149	\$11.00	211	\$7.00	276	\$3.50	350	\$1.25	433	\$90.00	510	\$27.00		
60	\$11.00	150	\$65.00	212	\$3.50	277	\$3.75	351	\$5.00	434	\$90.00	511	\$18.00		
61	\$80.00	151	\$70.00	213	\$5.50	278	\$40.00	352	\$5.00	436	\$13.00	512	\$12.00		
65	\$80.00	152	\$80.00	214	\$1.00	279	\$50.00	353	\$6.00	437	\$22.00	514	\$7.00		
71	\$120.00	153	\$7.00	216	\$8.00	281	\$40.00	354	\$40.00	438	\$20.00	515	\$15.00		
73	\$4.00	155	\$48.00	217	\$6.00	282	\$250.00	357	\$11.00	440	\$3.50	516	\$8.00		
74	\$15.00	156	\$2.50	218	\$6.00	283	\$31.00	360	\$6.00	441	\$8.00	518	\$6.00		
75	\$5.00	157	\$2.50	221	\$9.00	284	\$32.00	361	\$25.00	442	\$4.00	520	\$11.00		
78	\$22.00	158	\$6.50	222	\$6.00	291	\$70.00	362	\$30.00	443	\$4.00	522	\$9.00		
80	\$3.00	159	\$2.75	223	\$9.00	292	\$8.00	363	\$6.00	444	\$4.00	523	\$55.00		
82	\$2.50	160	\$5.00	227	\$11.00	293	\$18.00	364	\$80.00	445	\$7.00	524	\$25.00		
83	\$5.00	162	\$12.00	228	\$3.00	295	\$5.00	369	\$8.00	446	\$33.00	525	\$17.00		
85	\$4.00	163	\$8.00	229	\$6.00	296	\$5.00	372	\$10.00	447	\$7.00	527	\$8.00		
87	\$5.00	164	\$20.00	230	\$6.00	297	\$8.00	373	\$22.00	448	\$5.00	532	\$4.00		
88	\$40.00	166	\$15.00	231	\$4.00	298	\$70.00	374	\$40.00	449	\$15.00	534	\$6.00		
89	\$31.00	167	\$4.00	233	\$30.00	299	\$7.00	376	\$4.50	450	\$20.00	537	\$22.00		
91	\$4.25	168	\$3.75	236	\$13.00	300	\$25.00	380	\$3.50	451	\$25.00	539	\$50.00		