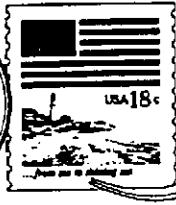
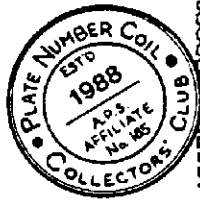


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Annual Meeting slated August 28 in Cleveland

The Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 at Stampshow in Cleveland's Convention Center.

Meeting room 208 has been set aside (as of this date) for the site. The PNC Board will meet at 10 that morning. No specific agenda has been announced for either meeting.

Traditionally, the Annual Meeting has been used to discuss club business, share information, and as a way for members to meet other members and in many cases put a face with the voice, letters or e-mail that has been exchanged previously.

There is no admission charge for Stampshow, but the APS will require you to go through the registration procedure. If you're an APS member, the process can be speeded up by filling out pre-registration forms. That way, your badge will be ready for pickup at the show.

With lots of members in the Great Lakes states it seems possible the gathering could be one of the largest ever for the club.

Lots sought for next club auction

Club Auctioneer Joe Sedivy has called for lots for the next PNC³ Auction. A consignment sheet with all of the instructions is attached to the back of this issue of *Coil Line*. Please follow all of the instructions to make sure your lots are included and to keep the workload to a minimum for Joe and his family members who help him out.

Consignments are to be submitted no later than Aug. 21. If all goes as planned, Joe will have the auction ready for publication in the October *Coil Line*.

In case you have an old consignment sheet, please make sure to note that Joe's post office box number has been changed to 410602.

Joe reports that mail being sent to his former number is being returned to the sender by the post office.

A message from the club president:

Good response on Berries issue

I'd like to express my appreciation to those who have participated in our members survey regarding the size of the plate strips preferred for collecting the Berries. As this is written, I am starting to hear from members with their votes. I'm confident that many more responses will be in hand by the time you read this.

We have the opportunity to provide the folks at Scott with an important collector-based input before the final decisions are made on their listing policy for the US Specialized Catalog. The collective voice of the PNC collecting community as expressed by our members will surely carry some weight.

I'll give you some preliminary results of the survey to date. Of those who responded, nearly 75% believe that the PS9 is the proper format. About 20% voted for PS5. The other 5% feel that PS8 is the way to go.

No summary can express in full the varied reasons for the choices members have made. I'll try to express the predominant reasoning for all to consider. Those who have not yet responded may wish to send in a vote after they have considered the following views:

1. Those voting for PS5 seem to be offering two reasons. First, they are only interested in having the number, and see no reason to go any longer than necessary to get it. Second, some wish to preserve the uniformity of their presentation, and feel that PS5 is much easier to handle and store.

2. The votes for PS8 cite the need for seeing both the numbered and non-numbered stamps.

3. Those voting for PS9 want to have the numbered stamp centered for aesthetic reasons, and need to see both numbered and non-numbered stamps.

I should note that a substantial number of those voting for PS5 (over 25%) have also mentioned that they do not collect mint strips, limiting their interests to used only.

I must say that many of the voters have expressed their views quite strongly. This is not surprising, I guess, since we

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Berries

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are looking at popularizing a strip size that is somewhat inconvenient to handle and store.

Member Glenn White has submitted a sample album page with the strips mounted vertically. His collecting preference is PS8, but the mounting is clearly capable of nicely displaying a strip of 9. I've asked your Editor to consider displaying the sample page as part of this issue. It may be that the lesson here is that collectors will do what is necessary to express their collecting interests.

These discussions are healthy for our hobby. We probably should have had this one many months ago. As one member put it, he would have liked to know the sense of the PNC community before the fact instead of after. In this case, there's plenty of time to add a strip to your collection while they're currently available from you local Post Office.

I urge our members to use the Letters column in this journal to speak out early on matters of collecting interests. Some of the greatest benefits of membership in this group is the knowledge we share and the communications link we have to each other. Take advantage of it to express your view.

-Gene Trinks

(Glenn White's album page can be found on page xxx)

Regional meeting report from MEGA-Event

A regional meeting of the PNC3 was held at the Summer MEGA-Event in Anaheim CA on June 26. The meeting started at noon and was attended by 17 people, 16 of whom were PNC3 members. Dealer Susan Lee Tucker of San Pedro, CA turned in her application and membership fees. Ms. Tucker had received many requests for PNC material and wanted to learn more about PNCs. Most of the attendees were from Southern California, but there were a couple of members from Northern California, one from Arizona and one from Wisconsin (Wayne Youngblood of the Stamp Collector).

Dick Koenig talked about the "H" stamp with the green brim. Dick confirmed that long-term exposure to sunlight made the gray of the brim turn green on the self adhesive booklet stamps. It was noted that one of the colors that made up the gray color was green. The "H" coil stamps are not affected by this phenomena since the ink or the printing process seems to be different than that of the booklet stamps.

Also discussed at the meeting was the proper format to collect the Fruit Berries stamps, PS7 or PS9? Everyone PNC3 member there was in favor of the PS9 format, although there was concern as to mounting and displaying such a long strip. There was some frustration aired over the inability of the Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center to get many of the orders right, especially in the areas of the new tagging or gum varieties of Transportation coils. One order for the new gum variety of the \$1 Seaplane was returned twice before the PFSC got it right! Door prizes were drawn at the end of the meeting, and everyone came away with something. Material was donated by Dave Cobb, Steve Crippe, John Himes and Jewell Meyer. Wayne Youngblood donated a couple of free subscriptions to the Stamp Collector.

After the meeting many members traded material. All in all it was a fun and informative meeting.

- John E Peterson

Problems with using precancels not unusual

To the Editor:

Frank Elio's problem with precanceled stamps is not unusual. I've had a permit in a number of places, some easier than others. The best place is a small post office.

my system has been as follows:

1. Set up a meeting with the postmaster or the supervisor. bring all the clippings or information to register for a permit. Sometimes this isn't easy because they never heard about it. but when they look into their manual that you are entitled to a permit for no cost, they will listen.
2. After they present you with the permit, you should buy a rubber stamp that reads "First class mail permit #--" and all of your precanceled mail should be stamped accordingly and brought to the post office.
3. The most important thing now is to convince the local post office to hand cancel all your precanceled mail. Otherwise the mail goes to central station and through the cancelling machines. Your mail will get kicked out and sometimes move out without a cancel. This is usually when an employee sees the letter without a cancel and with precancelled stamps. I have no problems with this system and I use only a commercial stamp "first class mail" and I send a monthly mailer of 300 without any returns.

Tom Haire - via e-mail

Plate Number Coil Price List

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Letters

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To the Editor:

Congratulations! The July issue of *Coil Line* hit 98.9% on the DK scale of good pubs. The issue was full of interesting, informative and thoughtful articles and goes down in history as fine journalistic output.

Some items jerked my emotions in several directions. I found Frank Elio's letter extremely vexing and that such dunderheadedness tolerated by the Postal Service should be investigated and corrected ASAP. A method of notification is the Consumer Service Card (PS Form 4314-C, January 1995). This is a 4 part form (copy enclosed) upon which one should fill out and file with your complaint outlined. And there's always a phone call to Washington, DC Postal Service Customer Relations to voice your complaint, as well as the Postal Service House Committee Chairman. That customers should have to educate the service professionals is ridiculous. But considering some clerks don't read the Postal Bulletins, or even know about them, probably explains why they are unfamiliar with the PMM. As Postmasters are charged with training of personnel, the PM should be sanctioned or demoted on continuation of this activity.

This situation is reminiscent of a fight the Fleet Reserve Association had with Mobil Oil Corp. some years back in

which Mobil embarked upon and promoted objectionable legislation, practices and derogatory statements. Mobil was boycotted and credit cards cut up and mailed back to headquarters until they caved. The catchy headline of the recanting article was, "The Customers Always Write!" The fight back way is as listed above and letters to the PMG.

Next, Snippets continued its fine style of reporting and accounting. Many or all are interested in the number of "toughies" there are. Perhaps we should all let Alan know what we have and use that as a repository for that information.

At the Mega-event on the 25th of last, I picked up a strip of FOP 2915B with a 05430 bottom pink back number. All of my other strips have a black top or bottom BN. It was my belief that BEP uses black numbers only for BNs. Sennett uses whatever color is in the bin! What about that John Larimer? Did BEP help SSP like SSP helps BEP?

The controversy over the Berries strip is the same song, second or third refrain of "Strip, Strip, How Do You Like Your Strip?" sung by Ken Lawrence and me in 1993 over the Snowman Xmas issue. I opted for a strip of 9 for symmetry but Ken chronicled a strip of 8 was sufficient. He further punctuated his thoughts by a ball point pen circle with a 1 within and an arrow pointing to the center stamp of a three stamp strip of 10c Canal Boats I included for return mail. Shame!

All I could read on the bottom of page 100 is the need for more input into the journal. I'm sure more of you have info or questions to use up that extra space. My dad used to say, "You ain't learning anything when you're

talking, or reading blank pages, or listening to silent air!" He may have been right, but not completely!

Again, good issue. My compliments.

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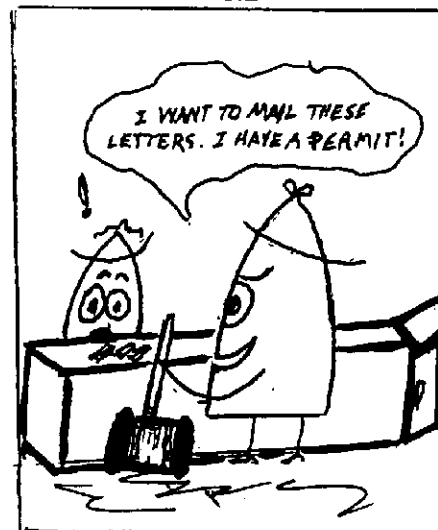
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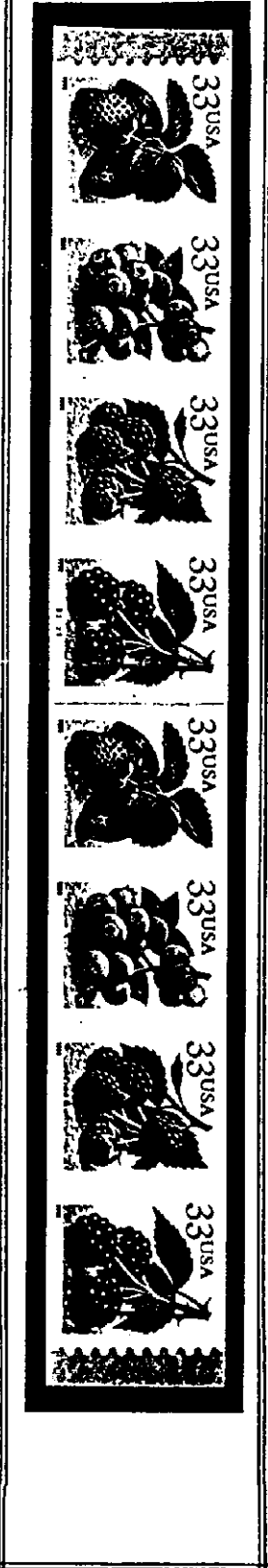
Coil Strips with Plate Numbers



3302-3305
 PNC8 #B1111, FOUR FRUIT BERRIES, 33¢ COIL STRIP
 APRIL 10, 1999 (DIE CUT 8.5 VERTICAL ON TWO SIDES)
 (BLUEBERRIES, STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES)
 3302 3305 3304



3302-3305
 PNC8 #B2222, FOUR FRUIT BERRIES, 33¢ COIL STRIP
 (BLUEBERRIES, STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES)
 3302 3305 3304
 (DIE CUT 8.5 VERTICAL ON TWO SIDES)



3302-3305
 PNC8 #B2221, FOUR FRUIT BERRIES, 33¢ COIL STRIP
 #3305 STRAWBERRIES, 3302 BLUEBERRIES, 3305 RASPBERRIES, AND 3304 BLACKBERRIES

SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

There are four new numbers this month, one of which is from a new issue. PSA City Flag #6666 and #7777 have been found as has PSA Wetlands #2222. The new issue is the 2¢ Woodpecker coil with #1111.

BEWARE OF FAKES!

Whenever prices for scarce material escalate, the fakers go to work. One of the Porch Flag "Escapees" is the target this time because its value has risen to nearly \$500. Five covers bearing what appear to be #78777 10/10 have been discovered that are actually altered copies of the 11/10 die cut. All have New England postmarks. This handiwork was accomplished with a razor knife that was used to cut off the last (bottom) peak on the left side of the stamp. Without careful examination and just a cursory count of the peaks, it could easily fool you. A closer look shows two things wrong with the stamp. If the left side of the altered stamp were interlocked with one whose right side matched the right side of the altered stamp, the last valley on the right side would be empty. There is no peak to fit into that last valley. It wouldn't match a 10/10 stamp at all because peak would meet peak. The other readily apparent clue is the length of the left bottom straight line. It should be the same length as the straight line on the right side of the stamp. On altered stamps it is noticeably longer. These two characteristics are illustrated below. The left stamp is a normal 11/10 die cut whose right side matches the fake's right side. The right stamp is the altered one. This same tactic could be used to make a #66666 12/12 into a 12/11.



Escapee Tally Update

Because two of the fake covers described above were entered in last month's tally, and because there are also four new reports, an update is appropriate. The table below now includes *Linn's Trends'* prices (thanks to the fine work of Dave Cockrill) for three of the four scarce stamps.

#66666 12/11 - 2 covers	\$ N/A
#66666 10/11 - 7 singles, 2 covers	\$550.
#78777 10/10 - 14 singles, 3 covers	\$465.
#13231A 10/10 VP/PV - 4 singles, 3 covers	\$1075.

There is no value for #66666 12/11 because the two covers have not changed hands, nor are they likely to.

Verbatim

I receive a professional journal that has a feature entitled "Verbatim". It consists of direct quotations, printed without editorial comment, from political, military, religious and social leaders of our country. It makes fascinating reading, with statements that range from the astute, to the inane, to the absurd. I immediately thought of that feature when I read the following in a *Scott Stamp Monthly* article. Concerning the length of the Berries coil PNC: "In fact, once the Scott editors had determined that, in their opinion, having an unnumbered Blackberry stamp in a PNC strip was not a requirement, the decision to list the strip of five was not difficult to make."

More On BEP's Big Gaps

After an extensive check of all the large roll PSA coils produced by BEP, we now know that those larger than normal gaps which appear once every 21 stamps exist on every issue BEP has printed. The gap, which is 1/2mm wider than normal, is on the Flag Over the Porch (1997), the City Flag, the Eagle & Shield, the "H" coil, the Green Bike, the Juke Box, the Mountain, the Wetlands and the Diner. An official explanation of this characteristic is still not available, but its appearance in all big roll issues points to a die cutting mat peculiarity. Thanks go to David Kemp, Gregg Greenwald and Don Eastman for their research work on this.

19¢ Fishing Boat Plate # WHAT?

An individual who is not a member of PNC3 brought this startling bit of news to my attention. With his letter he included a computer scan of an imperforate strip of five of the Fishing Boat showing a cylinder combination of A7767. Folks, that's a number combination we've never heard of and is not shown anywhere in the press data from Guilford Gravure, the printer for American Bank Note Co. This full gum strip was offered in an internet auction and sold for \$76. I contacted the consignor and he readily stated it is printer's waste, and confirmed the plate number. He was not happy with the sale price, believing it to be worth about \$500. I tend to agree, but solely because of that unknown number. He wasn't aware it was an unreported number. Apparently Guilford attempted to print with the 7767 cylinder combination but something went wrong and the run was put in the trash. Evidently someone helped himself to the trash. Those who acquire unusual material in that manner are seldom satisfied with just one. So what do we do now, coach?

Wetlands Has Two Perf Hole Sizes

Brian Engler reports that the Wetlands coil with cylinder combination S1111 has two different sizes of perforation hole. The gauge is the same, but the diameter of the perf holes is different. Sennett perforates by skiving, not punch perforating. During skiving the part of the printed web that is to be perforated is forced outward by metal points on a cylinder and rotating knives shave away the paper, leaving round holes. Perhaps some of the web rolls were pushed out too far and the rotating knives left larger than normal holes. The large ones are not normal for Sennett's work.

CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

07/10/99

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 BLK 1)
 #1111 C (HI BLK 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
 #3333 A
 #3433 A
 #4443 A
 #4444 A
 #5555 A
 #6666* A
 #7777* A

33c FLAG (SA) [21]

#1111 C, D
 #2222 C, D

33c BERRIES (SA) [12]

#B1111 A
 #B2221 A
 #B2222 A

S1 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

2c WOODPECKER [24]

#11111* D

1c KESTREL [24]

#1111 B, C

(5c) BUTTE [14]

#S111 C, D
 #S222 C
 #S333 C

(5c) BUTTE (SA) [21]

S111 D

(5c) MOUNTAIN [24] [14]

#11111 B, C
 #S111 D

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

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

(5c) WETLANDS [14]

S1111 D

(5c) WETLNDS (SA) [21]

(light color)
 #1111 C

(5c) WETLNDS (SA) [21]

(dark color)
 #1111 D
 #2222* 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
 #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 B, C
 #222222 C
 #332222 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

INCIDENCE OF REPORTED PNC COMCL COVERS BY NUMBER

INCREMENTS=100

"H" (WAG)

- 1111-lo .. 1
- 1111-hi ... 138
- 3333 .. 9
- 3343 .. 16
- 3344 .. 13
- 3444 .. 8

This period's report continues the more recent issue's occurrences in the mailstream and includes all reports of covers in *COIL LINE* through the July issue, and 2200 PNC covers from MD and CA commercial sources. As evidenced by the totals. Users, by far, elect the self-adhesive formats over the licky kind - save for those few generally dispensed in Post Office lobbies and used in an expedient franking need. These are from the larger perforated rolls and show knife cuts through the perfs unless the purchase was for multiple stamps in which cases they generally show squeezes and tears leaving uneven perf stubs and/or torn stamps. The case of higher numbers on the larger rolls has not been evidenced in my sorts.

"H" (PSA)

- 1111-rnd .. 1
- 1111-sqr 203
- 1131 .. 64
- 2222 1127
- 3333 491

The identification of source roll size can only be surmised in absence of specific information on *CL* reports; however, the covers, which I sort, are precise in type and roll size origination. Accordingly, they are listed on different lines to eliminate confusion. Whether these different recognizable faces will present problems with used collectors remains to be seen. Will the numbers be collected generically or specifically?

CITY FLAG (WAG)

- 1111 .. 18
- 2222 .. 1

The Berries issue, now three numbers identified, has generated some controversy in regard to Scott's intended listing. Collect the way you wish.

CITY FLAG (PSA)

- 1111-rnd .. 5
- 1111-sqr .. 37
- 2222-rnd . 0
- 2222-sqr ... 192
- 3333 214
- 3433 .. 74
- 4443 .. 49
- 4444 .. 12
- 5555 .. 5
- 6666 .. 1
- 7777 .. 0

The latest Linn's Trends listing of Plate Number Coils shows some prices on FOP items which eclipse earlier scarce items in other issues. We told you so!

In the offing are a 2c Red-headed Woodpecker in rolls of 10k and a 22c Uncle Sam WAG in rolls of 3k - and we may see the planned Coral Rose in coil format this year, too.

BERRIES

- B1111 .. 56
- B2221 .. 2
- B2222 .. 40

UNCLE SAM

- 1111 .. 2

PHEASANT

- 1111 .. 2



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WATER ACTIVATED PNC BACK NUMBER CHECKLIST

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Key: T=Top; B=Bottom; M=Middle;
D=Double; U=Upsidedown;
** = New Listings (10)

2c WOODPECKER

#11111	BLUE	4T **	4B **
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(5c) BUTTE # 2902

S111	BLACK	4T	4B	5T	5B
		5M **			
S222	PURPLE	4T	4B	5T	5B
	PINK	4T	4B		
	BLACK	4T	4B		
S333	PURPLE	4T	4B		
	PINK	4T	4B		
	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B	5T	5B

5c CIRCUS WAGON # 2452D

S1	BLACK	5T	5B
	PURPLE	5T	5B
S2	PINK	5T	5B
TAGGED			
S2	PINK	5B **	

(5c) MOUNTAIN # 2904

S111	BLACK	5T **	
	PINK	5T	5B

(5c) WETLANDS # 3207

S1111	PINK	5T	5B
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(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 2604

S22222	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PURPLE	5T	5T-U	5B
	PINK	5T	5B	

(10c) AUTOMOBILE # 2905

S111	BLACK	3T	3B	4T	
		4B	5T	5B	
	PURPLE	3T	3B	3M ^^	4T
S222		4B	4M ^^	5T	5B
	BLACK	5T	5B		
	PURPLE	3T	3B	5T	5B
S333	PINK	3T	3B	3B-U	
		4T	4B	5T ^^	5B ^^

(10c) BICYCLE # 3229

S111	PINK	3T	3B	3M
		5T	5B	

(15c) TAIL FIN # 2909

S11111	PURPLE	5T	5B
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(25c) JUKE BOX # 2912

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

(25c) DINER # 3208

S11111	PINK	5T	5B
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(32c) RED "G" # 2891

S1111	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B	5T	5B

32c FLAG OVER PORCH # 2914

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

33c CITY FLAG (JK) # 3280

#1111	PINK	4T	4B	4M **
	BLUE	4T **	4B **	

33c CITY FLAG (10K)

#1111	PINK	5T	5B
	BLUE	4T **	4B **

SPECIAL THANKS TO: PHILLIP OLWIN WHO FOUND THE 33c CITY FLAG, WA, 4 MIDDLE PINK
MICHAEL KELLER WHO FOUND THE (5c) MOUNTAIN, WA, 5 TOP BLACK
JOHN SHULTZ WHO FOUND THE (5c) BUTTE, WA, 5 MIDDLE BLACK

SELF ADHESIVE PNC BACK NUMBER CHECKLIST

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Key: T=Top; B=Bottom; M=Middle;
D=Double; U=Upsidedown;
** = New Listings (6)

(5c) BUTTE # 2902B

S111	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PINK	5T	5B	5M

(5c) MOUNTAIN # 2904 & # 2904B

V222222	BLUE	5M-U		
V333323	BLUE	5M		
V333333	BLUE	5M	5M-U	
V333342	BLUE	5M		
V333343	BLUE	5M		
#1111	GREEN	4T	4B	

(5c) WETLANDS (3K) # 3207A

#111	GREEN	4T	4B	
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(5c) WETLANDS (10K) # 3207A

#111	GREEN	4T	4B	
#2222	BLUE	4T **	4B **	

(10c) AUTOMOBILE # 2906

S111	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PINK	5T	5B	5M

(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 2907 & # 3271

S11111	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PURPLE	5T		
	PINK	5T	5B	5M
#11111	GREEN	4T	4B	

(10c) BICYCLE # 3228

#111	GREEN	4T	4B
#221	GREEN	4T	4B
#222	GREEN	4T	4B
#333	GREEN	4T	4B
#344	GREEN	4T	4B

(15c) TAIL FIN # 2910

S11111	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PINK	5T	5B	5M

(25c) JUKE BOX # 2912A & # 2912B

S11111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
S22222	PINK	5T	5B	
#111111	GREEN	4T	4B	
#222222	GREEN	4T	4B	

(25c) DINER # 3208A

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B	
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32c FLAG OVER PORCH # 2915B

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

(L10/R10) FOP # 2915D

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B	
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(L9/R10) FOP

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B	
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(33c) H-HAT (3K) # 3266

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B	
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33c CITY FLAG (3K) # 3282

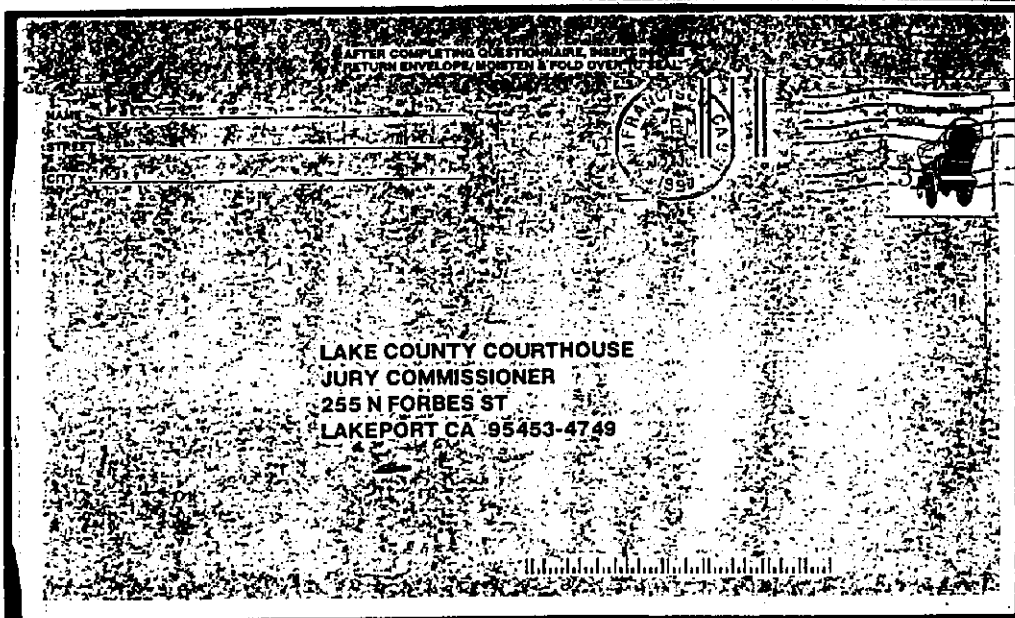
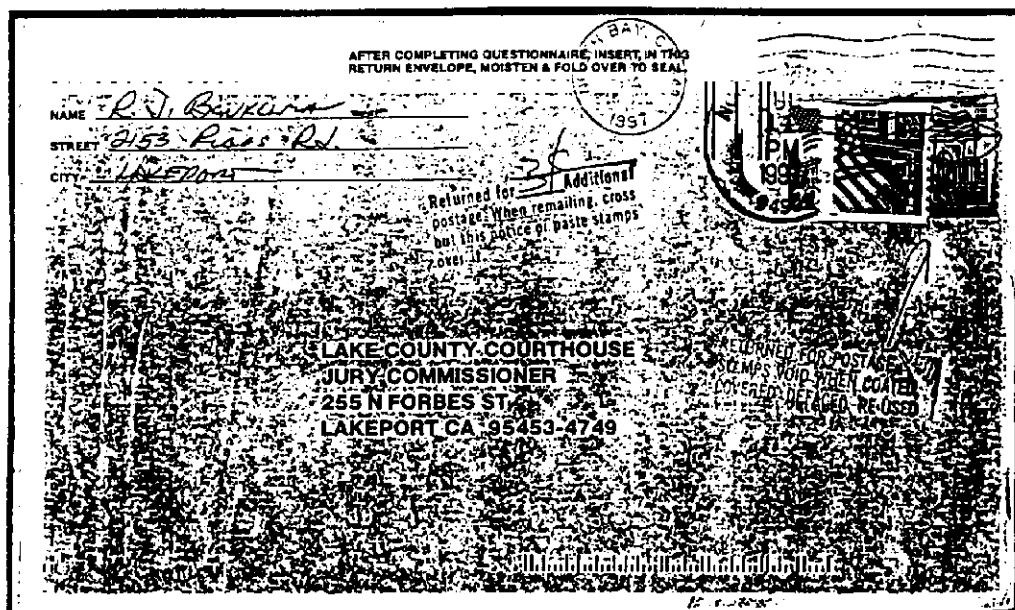
#1111	GREEN	4T	4B
#2222	GREEN	4T	4B

33c CITY FLAG (10K)

#1111	GREEN	4T **	4B **
#2222	BLUE	4T **	4B **

NOTE: THE PNC BACK NUMBER REFERENCE COLLECTION NOW CONTAINS 191 VARIETIES (FONT SIZES EXCLUDED)

Cover of the Month



The above two covers are return envelopes that enclosed jury questionnaires. The top cover had a tough time getting to the Lake County Courthouse. The sender used a dirty 29c Flag/White House coil which was rejected as used. The sender then tried another cleaner 29c Flag/White House coil, but the cover was returned again, this time marked 3c postage due. Finally, the sender gave up and put a current 32c Flag/Porch stamp on the envelope, and it finally reached its destination. Ironically, the bottom cover reached its destination with only a 3c Conestoga Wagon coil. Perhaps the lack of a return address helped. (Covers courtesy of Dan Kauffman.) (If you have a candidate for *Cover of the Month*, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976-0840.)

Ads

PNC AUCTION INCLUDES
Transportation coils. Flags. misc.
and EFO coils. Mint and used strips
of 3 & 5. Closing date Sept. 17,
1999. Write for free list. P & E
Stamps, POB 871, Naugatuck, CT
06770.

BACK NUMBERS WANTED for
Reference Collection - 5c Mountain
5 Top and 5 Bottom Black: 33c City
Flag 4 Middle Pink: 10 E&S -SA -
S11111 - 5 Top Black and 5 Bottom
Purple. Prefer # on #, close will do.
Include your asking price. John
Larimer, 1042 Clubland Court,
Marietta, GA 30068-2501 770-973-
5743.

WANTED: TRANSPORTATION
coil "gap" pairs without plate
numbers #1900 gap on right stamp
(grs), #1902 gap on left stamp (gls),
#1906aA+1906aC (grs),
#2132a+2132b (gls) & #2133 (grs).
Fred Sener, 5217 Far Oak Cir.,
Sarasota, FL 34238-3306.

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.

IMPERF 29c Mt. Rushmore. No
gum, some gum stains. \$5 per pair
with each additional stamp at \$2.00
each. Only one PS7 at \$20.00. Bill
ross, p.O. Box 140690, Nashville,
TN 37214.

WANTED: Commercial PNCs on
cover. Will buy, sell or trade. Please
request my want list or send your list
to: Robert Thompson, 1313 Lilley
Road, Alvin, TX 77511. 281-486-
1105 ext. 33. Fax- 281-218-3715 or
rthompson@subsidence.org

Exhibiting

In light of the death of Dean
Hawk, please forward all
exhibiting reports directly to the
Coil Line Editor, 909 Parker St.,
Bowling Green, OH 43402 or
halallen@wcnet.org until further
notice.

Dean Hawk was early promoter of exhibits featuring PNC material

It is with a great sense of loss that I
must announce the passing of Dean
Hawk on Saturday, July 10, 1999.
He died at home with his family af-
ter a battle with cancer. Burial was
July 14th with full military honors
and a twenty-one gun salute.

Dean had three sons (two survive
him) and a daughter, and was the
proud grandfather of ten. He was an
active supporter of the goals of
PNC3, and served until recent
weeks very actively as the Chair of
the Awards and Exhibitions Com-
mittee of your club. He was a very
active exhibitor himself and has re-
ceived numerous awards for his
various PNC exhibits. He had made
many good friends in the club and
will be greatly missed by all who
knew him as the fine gentleman and
active PNCer that he was.

On behalf of the Board of Direc-
tors, I offer sincere condolences to
his loving family and extend our
heartfelt gratitude to them for allow-
ing us all to share in his life and
work. His stamp collecting legacy
will live on through his philatelic
gifts to his grandchildren.

- Gene Trinks, President

A copy of Dean's obituary from the
Canton *Repository* sent to the CL
Editor by member Daniel Farrar in-
cludes the additional following in-
formation.

Dean was a veteran of World War
II, The Korean War and the Viet-
nam War, spending 25 years in the
Air Force. He received two Bronze
Stars for service in the Pacific dur-
ing WWII.

Philatelically, Dean was a member
and past president of the Tuscora
Stamp Club, a member of the
McKinley Stamp Club, the Ameri-
can Philatelic Society and American
Air Mail Society.

The family requested memorials to
the Disabled American Veterans.

Collecting strange

By Dan Kauffman

A recent visit to Anaheim, CA to
the Meager-event Stamp Show and
Regional PNC3 meeting revealed
another deeply entrenched fact of
PNC collecting: Collecting EFOs.
Some members religiously pursue
the difficult, rare and elusive mis-
takes of the Postal Service and have
assembled an impressive, interesting
and sometimes elusive collection of
PNCs. Not only are these items not
easily obtainable, luck may play a
part in their acquisition; like Tony
Willson's discovery of the split 9's
at the National Postal Museum and
John Greenwood's gathering of the
non-denominated red color omission
of "Hat," both described in the July
Coil Line.

I was also astonished at the real
and projected value of some of these
varieties. Price ranges may place
some of the oddities well beyond the
reach of most collectors. The cadre
of pursuers talked thousands while I
talk units - and they're getting good
deals.

Of course, anyone can avail them-
selves to some of these items, but
the dyed in the wool practitioners
seek the unusual and unique. Many
of us display an occasional imperf or
color or tagging error, but this group
goes for the grit; the extremely rare
and unique items.

As an interested listener, I was
amazed at the tales and time spent
in getting a desired object. Their
relentless pursuit of an item may
take hours to years and may be sub-
ject to extended activities in relation
to gaining their goal. The fun and
finesse was intriguing to hear.

PNC collecting, as well as all phi-
latelically, embraces everything imagin-
able. Different strokes for different
folks and to each his own. And
that's why I enjoy it so much. It en-
compasses a vast territory as wide
and diversified as its individual par-
ticipants.

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:

Richard Schuler
590 Daventry Square
Palm Harbor, FL 34683-6045

George J. Bogosian
P.O. Box 79147
Waverly, MA 02479-0147

Brian Major
24 Westview Lane
Brookfield, CT 06804-3465

David M. Six
3802 72nd Terrace E
Sarasota, FL 34243-5160

Norman B. McGrattan
1739 Eagles Nest Dr.
Belleair, FL 33756-1666

If all approved membership will be at 756

Changes of address:

C. Martin Rymer
100 W. Main St. Apt. 83
Georgetown, KY 40324-2134

Carl C. Varnell
PMB 5210
152 Rainbow Dr.
Livingston, TX 77399-1052

Francisco Moris-Varas
651 S. Wells #201
Chicago, IL 60607-4500

Mary Jo Sample
18484 Preston Road
Dallas, TX 75252-5400

Glen L.C. (Leon) Roberts
PMB 137
8657 Douglas Ave.

Urbandale, IA 50322

Michael Murray's phone number is now 408-732-1747

New or changes in e-mail:

Doran Figart – defigart@brinet.com
Karen Weight – karenweight@cs.com

Deceased:

Dean Hawk
George M. Ryrice

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

PNC³ 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*.

Annual meeting – Saturday, Aug. 28, Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting will be held during the APS Stampshow at the Cleveland Convention Center on Lakeside Avenue. The Board meets at 10 a.m. and the regular meeting starts at 2 p.m. in Room 208. The show runs Aug. 26-29. There's lots to do in Cleveland, even if the rest of the family isn't interested in stamps – Cleveland Indians, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the flats, Lake Erie, a pre-season NFL game at the new Browns' stadium, etc.

CHICAGOPEX '99 – Nov. 19-21 at Chicago's Rosemont Convention Center. John Dahlstrom will be the host. Details as they become available.

COIL LINE

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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. east@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.

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Members: Are entitled to two, 40-word ads per year at no charge. Word ads are available at six cents per word per issue to nonmembers and those members who have used their free ads.

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: August 21, 1999

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

OWNER IDENTIFICATION

Name _____ PNC³ number _____

Address _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Lot#	Scott#	Description of material	Minimum Bid (see rules above)
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It is assumed that all mint material is never hinged, with undisturbed gum, sound perfs, etc. If otherwise, please note under faults. Used materials are assumed to be unhinged with sound perfs, etc., If otherwise, please note under faults.

For COTTRELL issues please grade both design centering and line centering.
Centering-Overall for non-Cottrell issues or Cottrell designs (see grading notes)
(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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