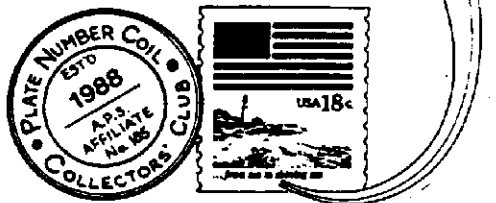


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Coil Line



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Volunteer: *Involvement in PNC³ is easy and needed*

For any member who would like to be a little more involved in club activities, there are now some opportunities to work with committees or others to promote the club and PNC collecting.

As our membership grows, those currently active sometimes need to spread the workload around a bit. Also, our members come up with ideas having merit, but don't have the time to work on them directly. Hence this call for assistance.

There are now three areas of opportunity to actively work on club projects.

They are:

- ◆ Produce and distribute back issues of Coil Line;
- ◆ Work on updating the slide program on PNC collecting;
- ◆ Help organize and implement a "Give-a-PNC" (name can be changed if someone has a catchy phrase) program to start new PNC collectors.

Some will require more time than others. The least time consuming will be to take on the back issue distribution. We don't have too much call for back issues, but it is a needed function. The others will be more involved, but there will be more than one person to share the load.

I have a fairly good outline of the "Give-a-PNC" program, and would like to see it started off at our annual meeting at Stampshow in August.

We'll have a club table on the Show floor, and it would be great to have something to give away with membership applications. There is little time to make it happen, but we've got plenty of resources to draw on -- just need someone to pull it together.

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A message from the club president:

Make some noise about how Fruit Berries coil is collected

The Stamp Collector issue of June 7th contained an article by PNC3 member Dr. Robert Rabinowitz concerning the preferred format for collecting the Fruit Berries coils.

He makes the excellent point that a basis for collecting PNCs is that the collector recognizes that a PNC is a face-different stamp from its non-numbered counterpart. The PNC collector wishes to illustrate both versions on a single strip of stamps. The length of the strip may be dictated by aesthetic or other considerations, but the essential factor is that it must illustrate a numbered as well as a non-numbered version of the basic design.

This is not possible if one follows the format chosen by Scott for listing the plate strip of the Berries. Scott has decided, even after input from knowledgeable PNC collectors, and in variance to previous precedents, that a PS/5 will be the size listed in their catalog.

The plate number appears on the Blackberries stamp only. The sequencing of the four stamps on a PS/5 does not permit a non-numbered Blackberry. It takes at least a PS/8 to show a numbered and non-numbered Blackberry. This is similar to the earlier coils with multiple designs, which required a PS/8 to show both numbered and non-numbered versions of a particular design. (Scott, incidentally, lists PS/8s for these.)

All this is background for a request which I consider significant. PNC3 is the only national voice of the PNC hobby. We have, so far, been silent on the issue of collecting format. This is not good for the hobby, unless we want Scott to dictate how we collect se-tenant coils.

We must provide some direction to the catalogers and other interested parties as to how (what size strips) these stamps should be collected.

Experienced PNC collectors have suggested two alternates: PS/8 or PS/9. As mentioned above, the PS/8 is the minimum

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Make Noise

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size needed to demonstrate both a numbered and non-numbered stamp. A PS/9 will have the numbered stamp centered in the strip. This is a bit more aesthetically pleasing, but the strip is a little too long to fit horizontally in many standard stockbook pages.

I call on all members of PNC3 to communicate with me (preferably by e-mail, letter, or postcard - my wife will go nuts answering hundreds of phone calls) as to your preference. To give Scott's its chance, you could even indicate that a PS/5 is OK with you. Or something else if you prefer.

Let's hear from all members. When we do our press release, I'd like to state that a high percentage of our members participated in the survey. There won't be much of an impact if we can state that only 20% or 30% of PNC3 members cared to respond.

Happy PNC collecting!
Gene Trinks

Volunteer

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I'd like to hear from anyone interested in any of these three projects, either by e-mail at gctrinks@sprynet.com or by mail at 3603 Bellows Ct., Troy, MI 48083.

Letters

Problems with using precanceled stamps

To the Editor:

I am truly at wits end. The saying 'ignorance is bliss' certainly holds true in New York City. First, it took me two months through numerous phone calls to receive my precanceled permit number from a postal clerk who didn't know what a precanceled stamp was. (I wanted to use precanceled stamps on first class mail). Then the problems started. I followed the USPS regulation 23.2.0 to the letter, using the proper terminology on the outside of the envelope and taking the envelopes to a window clerk (who didn't know what a permit was).

Lo and behold, two out of every three envelopes were returned to me for additional postage. I thought I solved that problem by printing a label (illustrated on the next page, along with a couple of other covers the editor has received in recent months) to explain the regulation.

Now they're sending back one out of every three envelopes. Today, I received an envelope which some idiotic postal clerk actually tore off my yellow label and stamped in its place 'returned for postage.'

Have any of our members experienced similar problems. Can you or any of your members suggest a solution to my problem?

Do I have any recourse to the USPS for delaying my mail? I truly believe the post office hires those applicants who score lowest on the test.

Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for hearing me out.

I have been using the non-denominated Butte, Mountains,

Wetlands, Auto, Tailfin, Diner, Jukebox, Bicycle, etc., stamps for postage. All are perfectly legal, unfortunately, clerks don't know what 'precanceled' is.

Frank Elio
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Over the years lots of members have had these kinds of problems. Some have made it a point to educate the postal clerks, mail carriers and even postmasters about these permits. About a year ago the local postmaster sent Alan Thomson's monthly mailing of the Snippets and roll chart back to him because he routinely mails it to me using precanceled stamps and the proper rubber stamp imprint showing he has a permit. I suspect the biggest problem today is that few people, including your editor, can keep track of the correct value of all of the nondenominated stamps. It's probably just easier to assume the user is trying to rip off the post office and send the letter back, hoping the sender will give in and use a 'real' stamp (ie. One with a number on it). And, so it goes.)

Friendly dues reminder was appreciated

To the Editor:

When I received my *Coil Line* in today's mail, it reminded me that I had not expressed my thanks and appreciation to our Treasurer, Tom McFarland.

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Plate Number Coil Price List

**I list many tagging errors, color errors,
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you have extra postage to trade I take it at
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**Satisfaction is guaranteed and you have
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Letters

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After arising last Thanksgiving Day, my body just crashed, found later to be on account of medical imbalance. Several things were laid back temporarily for later, and then forgotten about. I even missed the December auction. It was not until late January and early February that the doctor put me in the hospital and got me straightened out.

It was on Feb. 5 that I received a nice note from Tom that apparently he had lost my check for my dues. Upon checking I realized what had happened and quickly sent in the check for my dues. I do want to let you know I appreciated his courtesy and concern and thank him for it.

Everett F. Wheeler
P.O. Box 203
Mountain Home, AR 72654

Surprising prices on PNCs at COMPEX auction

To the Editor:

I thought that you might like to put a small note in the next *Coil* Line about a couple of lots that sold in the Jacques Schiff Auction this past Saturday at COMPEX. I was in attendance and was shocked at the prices these two lots sold for.

LOT 1103 A SUPERB PS-5, PLT#4 OF 1895, THE 20C FLAG WITH AN ESTIMATE OF \$725. SOLD FOR \$200. PLUS 10% COMMISSION. AND LOT 1104 A SUPERB PS-5 PLT#7 OF 2609, THE 29C FLAG IN INDIGO COLOR WITH AN APS CERTIFICATE SOLD FOR \$1150.00 PLUS THE COMMISSION.

REPORTER FROM THE SCENE
JOE SEDIVY

Commercial cover report from the Southwest

To the Editor:

The following is the PNC commercial cover report for the period from April 1, 1999 to May 31, 1999. Covers from the national ladies wear mail order company, a national pet supply mail order company, and a loan payment center make up the majority of the PNCs reported.

A few covers also come from a utility based in the county area. This report since it is based on a national scope is a good reflection of what PNCs are out and about. One can easily ascertain what numbers are being used and easy to find and those that are more difficult to find.

The past few reports have certainly and clearly indicated to all that the WAGs (water activated gum) or L/S (lick and stick) as they are also known for the "H" and the City/Flags are just not being used by people. These PNCs on a real commercial cover are almost impossible to find. Expect to pay a premium price for these PNCs if you find someone to purchase them from. If you are a non cover collector, then seek out the dealers who have unpicked on paper definitive or all in one mixtures.

The following are my finds after sorting through mountains of covers these past two months.

.32 FOP SA
11111A - 16 55555A - 10

13211A - 02 66666A - 23
13311A - 06 77777A - 14
22222A - 18 78777A - 03
33333A - 05 88888A - 14
44444A - 11
55555A - 04

.33 "H" WAG 1111 - 02

.33 "H" SA 1111 - 38

1131 - 16

2222 - 62

3333 - 54

.33 City/Flag SA 1111 - 33

2222 - 38

3333 - 37

4444 - 02

5555 - 02

.33 Berries B1111 - 15

B2222 - 12

B2221 - 02

This will be the last report for the .32 FOPs as the totals for this issue are insignificant to change any impressions I have made regarding scarcity of covers and possible scarcity of used and mint material.

We need to concentrate on the new .33 rate coils and it is already evident that the WAGS and L/S PNCs are just plain hard to come by. Time and time again I suggest to readers that if you want any of these in your collections, find a source for covers, purchase from dealers, or trade or purchase from fellow PNC3 members who list as one of their collecting interests, PNCs on covers.

Dick Koenig
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A little sharing goes a long way

(The following is a portion of an e-mail between two members that Dan Kauffman thought was important to share with other club members).

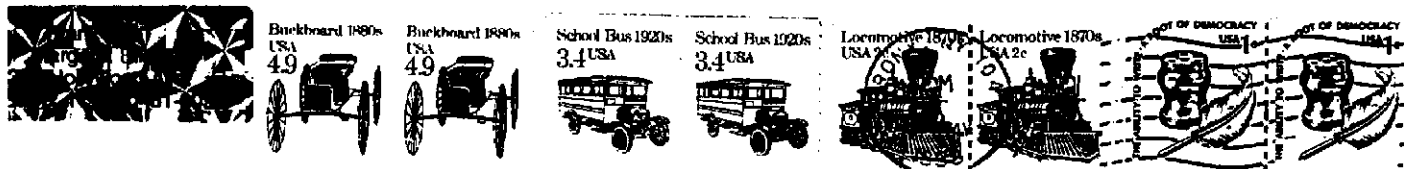
Hi Dan:

Some of my stamps were on the news tonight. I gave about 100 pounds of used definitive to the local grade school for their stamp club. They put a large sheet (10x12 feet) on the floor and had the kids sit around the edge. They then dumped about 20 pounds of stamps on the sheet and had the kids take an even amount each. The kids started picking out the ones they liked best and trading with each other and telling the news crew why they liked the stamps they picked.

I truly have fun and many hours of enjoyment in collecting PNCs. But the nice funny filling I got today seeing the joy and excitement that this group of school kids were having from my picked definitive was great. I wish that more collector would give their unneeded stamps to young groups - it would help the future of stamp collecting.

Dan Fougues

A few examples of the precancels and precancel permit markings Used by members and received in recent months by the CL editor



USPS REG 23.20 ALLOWS THE USE OF PRECANCELLED STAMPS FOR **FIRST CLASS MAIL** WITH A PERMIT. MY PERMIT # IS 464.



**FIRST CLASS
PRECANCELLED
PERMIT #464**

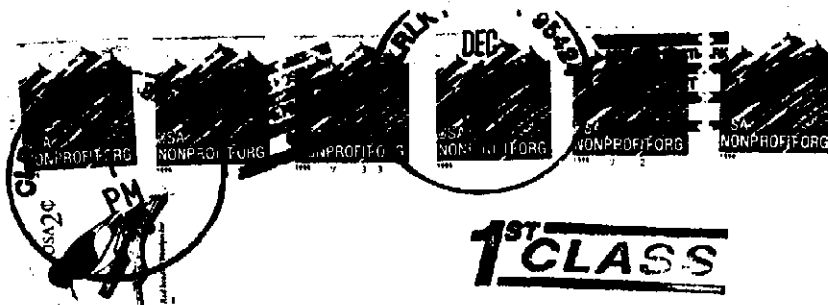
HAROLD A. BROWN

The point of it all is



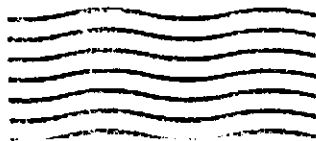
PNC collecting is fun!

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Clirk Prk CA 95424



Harold Brown, ED

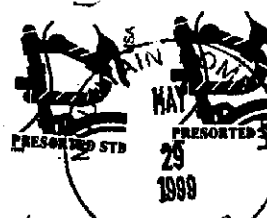
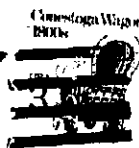
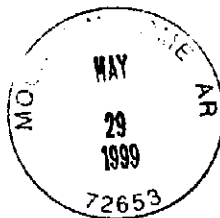
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219 Grosvenor
Ave, Maine 04976 0040



Permit #100

Harold Brown

W Mr. Everett F. Wheeler
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PERMIT #15 TO 72653 PRECANCELLED STAMPS

HAROLD A. BROWN, EDITOR PNC3 COIL LINE

SNIPPETS

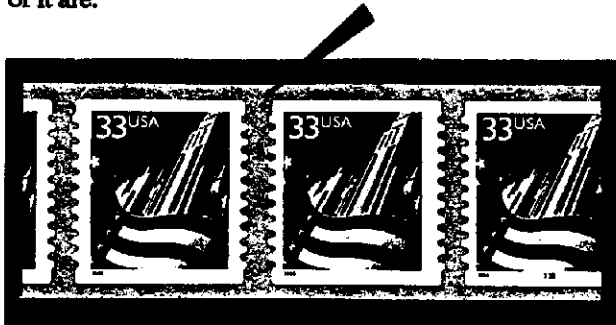
By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

We have a lull. There are no new numbers this month.

Die Cut Gaps

Previously we encountered jumbo stamps in rolls of 100 of the pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) "H" stamp. It appeared those big stamps could have been made by a defective die mat. A similar thing has been found on rolls of 10,000 of the City Flag coil. Sherwood Day first reported finding this at the 2L position in rolls of 10,000 with #2222. My four strips show it too. The space between the two stamps is 1/2 mm wider than normal and affects the centering of stamps to the right of the wide gap. When a network group was asked to check strips and rolls for this characteristic, Gregg Greenwald found it at the 6L position on cylinder combination #1111. The wide space is probably due to another defective cutting mat, and could appear anywhere in the 21 spaces of a single revolution of the printed web. Below is a photocopy of the enlarged 2L gap. Notice how poorly centered the stamps to the right of it are.



Used FOP 78777 10/10 Count Grows

Another cover and another soaked single of the Flag Over the Porch #78777 with die cut 10/10 have been found by Dan Kauffman. Dan seems to be the prime finder of this scarce number and die cut combination, and these latest two bring the reported totals to five covers and 10 soaked stamps. There is still no report of this item being found in mint condition. At 15 known examples it's a tough item and some heavy trading in them is going on.

Escapee Tally

I probably get more questions about the four PSA Flag Over the Porch escapees than any other single topic. Most of the queries are about reported totals. Here's how the count stands at the moment. Remember these totals are what has been reported to me and do not necessarily represent any real census.

#66666 12/11 - 2 covers

#66666 10/11 - 7 singles, 2 covers

#78777 10/10 - 10 singles, 5 covers

#13231A 10/10 VP - 2 singles, 3 covers

These items are changing hands and tracking them becomes more difficult as time passes. Keep searching, you may get lucky.

How Long Should the Berries Be?

The old philatelic maxim "Collect what you want, and how you want." has not been repealed. Everyone is free to follow his own path, but when it comes to collecting plate number coil strips, there is at least one guideline that should not be ignored. The most basic premise of our specialty is that a stamp with a plate number included in the body of the stamp is different than an otherwise identical stamp without the number. Every plate number coil strip has at least two different stamps in it, and every different one must be included in a valid strip. If a coil issue includes different designs, and we have encountered four different designs three times throughout the course of the specialty (two Christmas issues and the Berries), a true PNC strip should show all five different stamps. With that said, it is very difficult to understand how Scott Publishing has decided to list a Fruit Berries strip as a PS5 in its Specialized Catalogue. I don't know of a single collector who intends to put a partial strip in his collection. The four design configuration requires at least eight stamps to be complete. But that length raises the question of esthetics. Most collectors like balance and that preference was the reason why PS2 and PS4 had very short lives. To achieve symmetry, the numbered stamp must be in the middle and to put it there in a four design coil means a strip of nine. — Oh, and lets not forget the rest of the story. Scott is considering cutting the listed length of #2799-2802 and #3014-17 from PS8 to PS5. Most of us collected PS9 for balance. But why make just one mistake with the Berries when they can triple the output? Does Scott really understand PNC's?

Numbers of Back Numbers

Collecting back counting numbers on PNC strips, especially back numbers that coincide with the plate number, has become quite popular. Any discussion of back numbers requires understanding that the numbers are an adjunct of coil processing and not part of the stamp printing. They are added during the multi-step process of die cutting/perforating, slitting, counting, rolling and packaging. Three USPS contractors have added back numbers to their coils; Avery, Sennett Security and BEP. Each uses a different system. Avery prints a five digit number on every stamp. Sennett uses three digits for 500 roll, four digits for 3,000 rolls and five digit for 10,000 rolls, and numbers every 10th stamp. That's nice for determining the size of the roll from which your strip came, but five digits for 10K simply means a useless leading zero with every number. BEP back numbers only rolls of 3K and 10K, numbers every 20th stamp and always uses a four digit number. It started that way with the "H" coil processed in 1997 and has continued through eight large roll BEP issues to date. So how did the Bureau printed City Flag #1111 receive a five digit back number? Sennett Security processed it into rolls, not BEP.

More on City Flag Joint Effort

There's an update to the City Flag BEP/SSP joint effort mentioned above and in the April Snippets. Mike Lipson reports that #1111 City Flag rolls of 3K and 10K have been found with four digit back numbers. We don't know if these are from a return to press or part of the original printing that may have been retained by BEP.

CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

06/10/99

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

33c FLAG (SA) [21]
 #1111 C, D
 #2222 C, D

33c BERRIES (SA) [12]
 #B1111 A
 #B2221 A
 #B2222 A

\$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]
 #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

(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
 #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

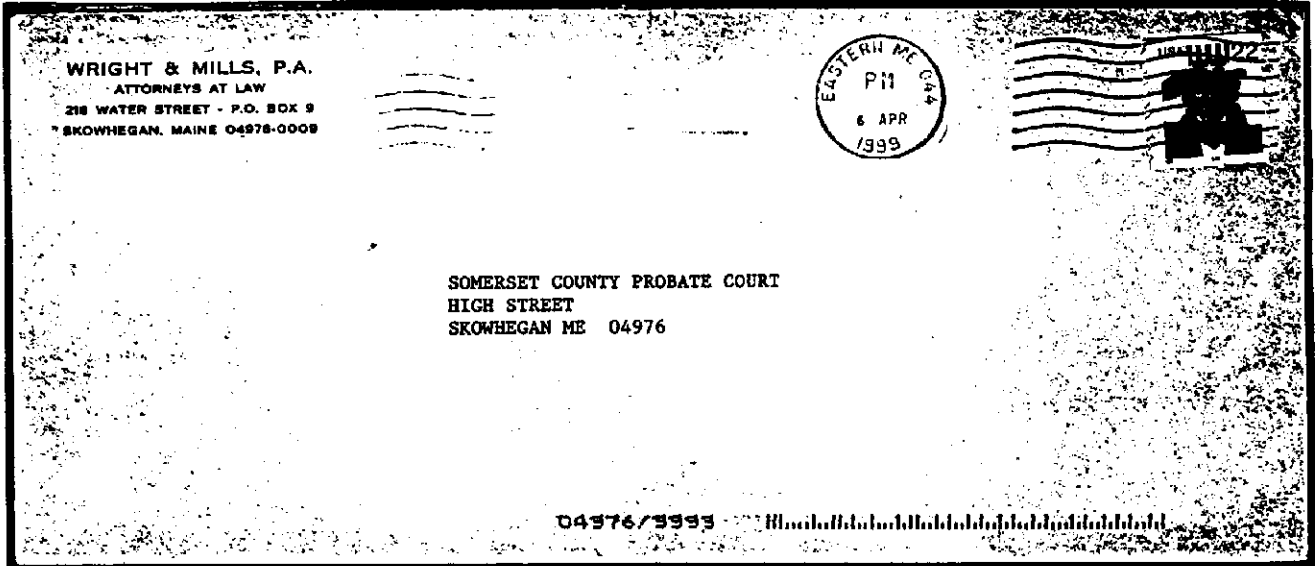
(25c) DINER (SA) [21]
 #11111 D

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33¢ H, 22¢ Uncle Sam, 33¢ Flag Under City, and 33¢ Berries Preliminary EKU Reports



Earliest known usage reports have been trickling in concerning the new rate PNCs. Hopefully, the listing below will prompt more reports. It's still a little too early to accurately predict which of the new plate numbers will be the toughest to find on commercial cover, but probably a safe bet would be the water-activated PNC versions of the 33¢ H and 33¢ Flag/City. WA = water activated gum, SA = self-adhesive gum.

33¢ H (issued 11/9/98)

IIII WA	1/2/99
3333 WA	1/19/99
3343 WA	1/19/99
3344 WA	1/28/99
3444 WA	2/1/99
IIII SA	12/31/98
II31 SA	1/7/99
2222 SA	12/31/98
3333 SA	12/30/98

22¢ Uncle Sam (issued 11/9/98)

IIII SA	2/1/99
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33¢ Flag/City (issued 2/25/99)

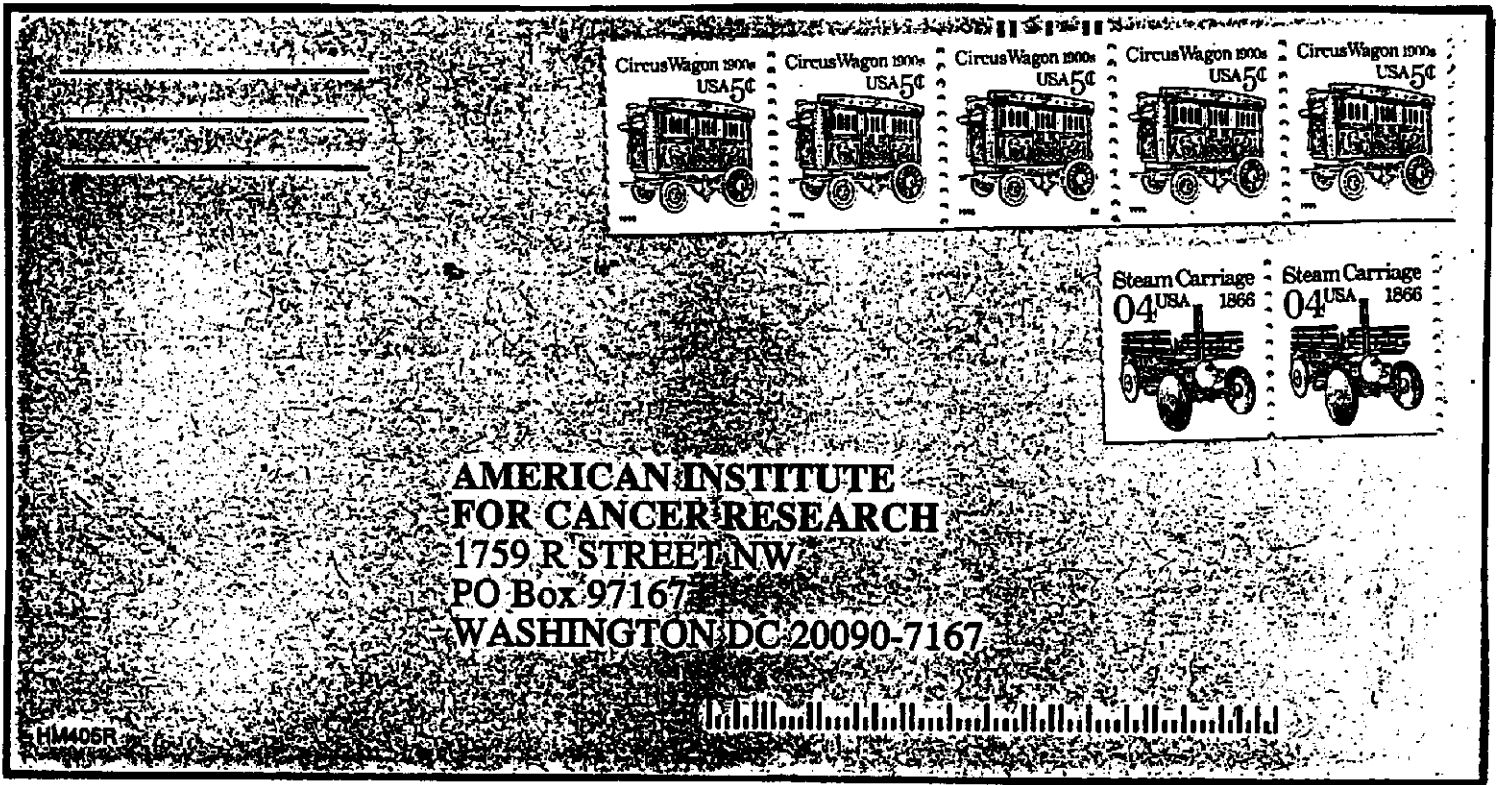
IIII WA	3/22/99
2222 WA	no reports yet
IIII SA	3/10/99
2222 SA	3/2/99
3333 SA	3/29/99
3433 SA	4/12/99
4443 SA	4/13/99
4444 SA	4/14/99
5555 SA	5/21/99
VIIII SA (from booklet)	1/28/99

33¢ Berries (issued 4/10/99)

BIIII SA	4/20/99
B2221 SA	no reports yet
B2222 SA	4/13/99

EKU reports this month include 32¢ G #A3423 (4/10/95) and 32¢ Flag/Porch SA #78777 (10/10) (3/5/97). My thanks go out to Tom Goetz, Dave Kemp and Dan Kauffman for their reports. I look forward to receiving your EKU reports on all new PNC issues.

COVER OF THE MONTH



The above cover is a self-addressed, stamped envelope provided by the American Institute for Cancer Research. It features the 5c Circus Wagon #S2 with the new tagging variety. (Cover courtesy of Eugene H. O'Neal.) (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.)

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:

No new information received this month

New or changes in e-mail:

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dwmkman@inreach.com

Mitchell Kauffman –
mitch@sunlight.net
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Ads

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.

WANTED: ALL EXS misperf and imperf 6 or longer, 1897 Bus plates 3 & 4 on top and spl #3. Ken Moreau, 402 Coronation Dr., Franklin, MA 02038. Phone/Fax 508-528-9028.

USED PLATE Number coil singles, all different numbers. 80 \$8.90; 90 \$9.90; 100 \$12.00; 110 \$14.00; 120 \$18.55; 130 \$22.40. 10% discount to PNC3 members. Harry Rahn, 6316 LaSalle Road, Delray Beach, FL 33484.

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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

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. The exact time and location of the annual meeting will be announced as details become available from the APS and club officials.

WHERE TO SEND INFO:

The column at the right details how correspondence involving the club should be handled.

If the information is editorial-news and advertising content, send it to the editor.

Otherwise, the list at the right should answer your questions and speed the process for everyone!

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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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E-mail - halallen@wcnet.org

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Exhibiting

Members should report their exhibiting plans and exhibiting awards to Dean M. Hawk, 1825 Clearbrook Rd. NW, Massillon, OH 44646-2829. Dean will then pass the information along for inclusion in *Coil Line*.

Alphonse D. Ponzillo – Man Pex Show, April 25, 17c Electric Auto received a Vermeil, the PNC3 Presidents Award and the American Association Philatelic Exhibitors Award.

The exhibit will also be entered at Stamp Show 99 in Cleveland Aug. 26-29.

PNCs in other publications

Back numbers differ on City coil productions, by Robert Rabinowitz, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 8, June 14, 1999.

2c Woodpecker coil and six other issue dates set, *Linn's Stamp News*, p.9, June 14, 1999.

Not all inverts are valuable . . . , page 1, *Stamp Collector*, June 7, 1999. Story of Connecticut stamp dealer Irving Miller's discovery of a coil of H stamps with a tete-beche strip of six in the middle. The story relates how Miller realized how easily the item could be produced.

2c Woodpecker coil to be issued June 22, *Stamp Collector*, p. 14, June 7, 1999.

How to: collect Fruit Berry plate number strip, by Robert Rabinowitz, *Stamp Collector*, p. 32, June 7, 1999.

20c Pheasant coil includes errors, splice, by Michael Baadke, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 2, May 17, 1999.

Scott to list 32c Fruit Berries coil as a strip of five, by Stephen Esrati, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 12, May 10, 1999.

Mailings bear concealed stamps, by Charles Snee, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 9, May 10, 1999.

H-series ball cap. New major error, *Stamp Collector*, p. 1, May 10, 1999.

Story tells about discovery of a BEP-printed roll of H stamps missing the color red. A strip was offered at auction in late May but no report has been heard on the price. The estimate was \$950 to \$1,250.

New Circus Wagon variety turns up on DAV envelope, by Stephen Esrati, *Stamp Collector*, p. 15, May 10, 1999.

Back numbers on Flag over City; stamp produced by BEP, Sennett, by Robert Rabinowitz, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 11, April 26, 1999.

Circus Wagon tagging variety found on DAV envelope, by Robert Rabinowitz, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 8, April 26, 1999.

No. 2222 1c Kestrels sought, *Stamp Collector*, p. 27, April 12, 1999.

Imperf hats discovered, *Stamp Collector*, p. 16, April 12, 1999.

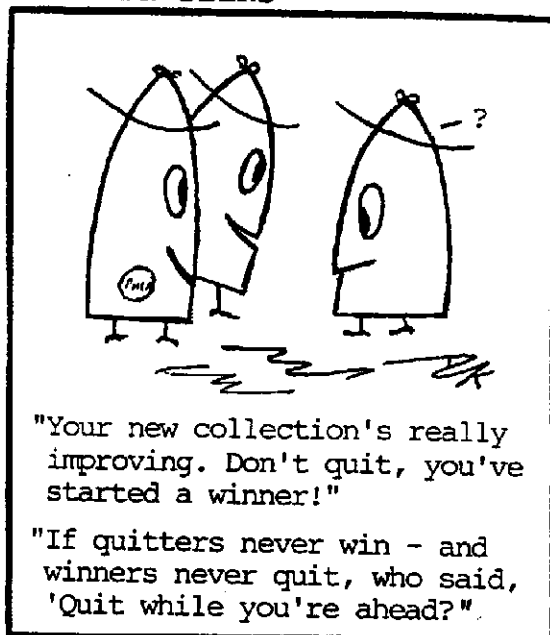
Hat self-adhesive coils are nearly identical, by Michael Baadke, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 2, March 15, 1999.

Hat coil error has no cuts, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 1, March 15, 1999.

Fruit Berries stamps to be in coils, booklets, first day is April 10 during Louisiana festival, by Michael Baadke, *Linn's Stamp News*, p. 1, March 22, 1999.

More than 14 billion new Flag stamps ready, by Fred Baumann, *Stamp Collector*, p. 16, March 1, 1999. Also a teaser on the front page and another short story about how a groups are using oils of flag stamps for the pledge when no flag is in their meeting place.

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