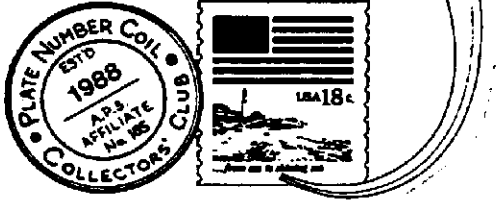


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## Membership-Collecting Interest list Completed, reasons for format given

This is a short explanation of the organization of the membership list which was started in the April *Coil Line* and is completed in this month's issue.

Members with non-US addresses have been separated from the main listing and published on a separate sheet. This is done for two reasons: First, to use the largest possible type in printing the list; second, to get as much useful information as possible into a limited space on the listing sheet.

The type size of the listing is limited because of the width of the table. There is too much information in each member's record to print all the columns on a single sheet, so it is necessary to limit the published data in order to have type size that is close to readable. Fortunately, we stamp collectors are used to looking at small type, and all possess the means to magnify as needed. The names, addresses, evening phone and e-mail contact points, and the collecting interests, are essential data for US-based collectors. It is not important to list the country (since all are USA). For our non-US based collectors, this country data is essential, and the phone data has been sacrificed to make space.

Thus, the columns of the table are different and it is therefore impossible to include both in the same alphabetical list. You will therefore find the alphabetical listing of our non-US members grouped as the last page of the list in this issue.

(Editor's Note: My apology for not explaining last month. Gene Trinks prepared the above explanation after some international members understandably expressed concern that they had been omitted.)

### Member-Dealer listing being compiled

Less than five member-dealers have forwarded information for the free listing being planned for *Coil Line*. Rather than publish the list in pieces, we'd like to do it all at once. If you're a member dealer, write or e-mail the fact and also if you allow a member discount or other perks. We'll shoot for the July issue meaning the deadline will be June. 15.

*A message from the club president:*

## New Plate Number Coil Catalog delayed by serious illness in family

PNC<sup>3</sup> members are in desperate need of a good (and timely) reference source to assist in structuring their collections. We have all been patiently waiting for the next edition of Rich Nazar's PNC Catalog.

Based on information from second-hand sources, I was hoping to see the new catalog at the end of last year. Because this expectation was not fulfilled, and because I wanted to get accurate information to pass on to the membership, I spoke directly to Rich in mid-March to get an update.

I am sorry to report that his original intentions of having the updated catalog finished in 1998 have unfortunately been interrupted by serious illness in his family. As much as we all want and need the catalog, we have to keep in mind that life sometimes puts other priorities in place, and there's little to be done in this situation other than be patient.

Knowledgeable PNCers have offered assistance, but the stage at which the project stands is such that Rich needs to put his own time into making it happen.

Some things we should expect when the catalogs are finally available will, hopefully, soothe the pain of waiting.

Rich reports that, in addition to the quantity of new material on stamps issued since the last edition, he has done much research on earlier issues as well. We will, therefore, be treated to new and original information on virtually every PNC issue. A lot of the information has come directly from the BEP through Freedom of Information Act requests.

Much effort has gone into sorting through the information and arranging it so that it all makes some sense. The result is that we'll have a more complete, less error-filled, and higher quality reference than ever before. We're all sure to benefit.

The new edition will be issued in sections. The format will be loose-leaf. It will not deter from the physical product to

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## New plate

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bring it out a piece at a time. With the added material, and judging from the size of the last edition, the new edition will be too large to fit in one volume anyway.

There will be some people who will decry the piecemeal approach, but the benefit is that it will minimize the time until we have the first section in our hands.

Rich assures me that he is continuing work on the project. His available time has been severely curtailed, however. He needs our encouragement and support. Let's give it to him!

Remember, 1000 by 2000!

- Gene Trinks

## Letters

### Commercial cover report from Southwest

To the Editor:

The following is the PNC commercial cover report for the period of March 1, 1999 to March 31, 1999 from many thousands of covers from the ladies wear mail order company, the pet supply company and the payment center.

.33 "H" WAG #1111 - 01  
3333 - 01  
.33 "H" SA 1111 - 24  
2222 - 57  
3333 - 60  
.33 C/F SA 1111 - 03  
2222 - 01  
.32 FOP SA 11111A - 12  
13231A - 03  
22222A - 15  
33333A - 11  
44444A - 16  
55555A - 12  
66666A - 24  
77777A - 24  
78777A - 02  
88888A - 10

It is difficult to make predictions just on this small a total of PNC commercial covers, but if the above is any indicator, then collectors of used PNC singles and PNCs on commercial cover best sit up and take notice that the WAGs for the "H" seemed to have disappeared. My suggestion, like that of last month, acquire these now. Do not wait and I also recommend that collectors do the same for the City/Flag WAGS also.

Dick Koenig

### 18c Flag #7 purple machine cancel needed

To the Editor:

I'm trying to put an exhibit together for NEVPEX '99 (Reno, NV) in June. The exhibit will show used flag PNC singles and examples of each issue on cover and used flag PNC EFO's.

I need only the 18c flag # 7 with purple machine cancel to complete this exhibit. Can anyone help?

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pnc3nv@aol.com

## Incidence of reported PNC commercial covers by number

By Dan Kauffman

Past articles and charts have thoroughly recorded the FOP and YR issues. Although these stamps still appear in the mailstream with some regularity, they consist of the later issued numbers, such as the "A" numbers of the FOP and the 7s and 8s of YR. We also know now of the scarcity of several items and find them rapidly increasing in prices similar to the rare numbers of previous issues. The high-cost items in FOP are the low volume numbers as reflected on the chart of Nov. '98 (pp 170). Also critical in used condition are SA 88898, 89899, and many of the die cut numbers with reverse cuts and freaks. Recent price realizations have seen some items at the One Grand level. Rare items, like 13231A vp/pv and 77777A vp/pv are near impossible inexpensively. Keep watching.

The many varieties of the FOP issue have provided an opportunity for in-depth studies, both interesting and unusual, from any other Flag issue

This month's chart starts the tracking of the newer issues of "Hat", Flag Over City, and future coils.

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# SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

## New Numbers

There are five new numbers this month. City Flag PSA #2222 from 3K rolls is new, as are PSA #3333 and #3433 from rolls of 100. The Fruits and Berries coil introduces itself with PSA #B1111 and #B2222.

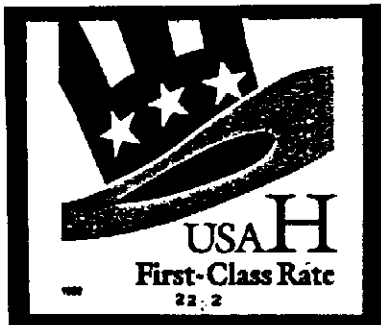
## Die Cut Jumps

BEP seems to have trouble with large roll die cutting mats becoming skewed on the mounting cylinder. Dick Koenig has reported that some #1111 Hat coils have die cut jumps at 2R and 6R. These examples join the BEP Mountain coil #1111 (jump at 2L) and the Porch Flag #11111 (jump at 1R). It appears on both die sizes of the Porch Flag; 9/10 and 10/10. The misaligned cutting on the Mountain coil was reported here in March of 1997. In the photocopy below, notice that the printing is perfectly aligned. Only the die cutting is out of line along the tops and bottoms of the stamps.



## Brim Floating Free

Out of line printing cylinders cause out of line printing. This example of PSA Hat #2222 has a dropped gray 2 cylinder that has caused the gray brim of the hat to separate from the crown. Sherwood Day found a roll of this EPO showing a distinct white stripe between the blue ink of the band and the gray of the brim.



## Reactive Inks on PNC's

Inks that react to either long or short wave ultraviolet light are not new to PNC's. The first instance of this was on the 12.5¢ Pushcart coils. Some were printed with dark olive ink and some with light olive ink. The dark olive examples glow red orange under LWUV. All five of the large roll Eagle & Shield numbers printed by BEP have red, yellow and blue inks that react to SWUV. The next example is the 5¢ Circus Wagon #A3. Its red ink glows under SWUV. The latest to join this group is Circus Wagon #S2. It glows under SWUV. What makes S2 of particular interest is that only rolls from a second printing glow. Bob Novak spotted these on a DAV return envelope.

## Most Expensive Porch Flag Strip

If you were asked what the most expensive Porch Flag strip is, chances are you'd answer #89899. For those who collect the die cut sizes, that's the wrong answer. The most costly non-error PS5 is #89878 10/10. Its retail price tag is almost twice that of #89899.

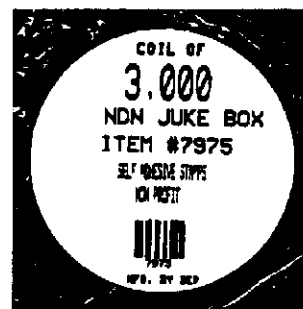
## Bubble Panel Changes

The sealing panel on BEP's PSA City Flag bubbles has changed and now there are two. Compare the picture below with the PSA panel shown last month. Mike Lipson noticed the change from "Flag O/City" to "City Flag".



## Non Non Profit Label

Some wires got crossed when this Juke Box coil label, found by Alan Malakoff, was printed. The Juke Box stamps "advertised" are presorted first class stamps, not non profit standard mail postage. Below is a 50% actual size photocopy of this nice error collectible.



## Jumbo H Coils

There's new information on oversized stamps in rolls of 100 of the H coil. I first reported on this in February, and because it was described to me as a single case in an entire roll, I attributed it to a machine adjustment. That's not the case anymore. This die cut move repeats at fixed intervals on no less than three different plate numbers. The big stamp can be in any of the 24 positions. Starting at the right of a big stamp, the width and thus the die cut centering remains constant for about 15 stamps, then the cut starts moving left. When the 24th stamp is reached there is another jumbo about 1mm wider than a normal PSA coil. The eight intervening stamps are shrinking in width. Some jumbo positions reported by Frank Covey are: #1111 3L, #1131 2R and #2222 12R. This die cut movement can no longer be attributed to a machine adjustment. Perhaps BEP has a faulty mat. The last eight rows on the mat may have been machined out of position, with the very last one making up for the tiny and progressive mis-positioning of the preceding seven.

# CURRENT ISSUE ROLL SIZES

04/10/99

**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

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

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

**33c BERRIES (SA) [12]**

#B1111\* 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) [32]  
 #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  
 #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  
 #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]**

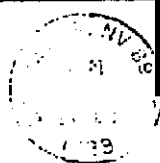
#S11111 D

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

#11111 D

## COVER OF THE MONTH

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The above cover features a 33¢ Flag/City #Vllll booklet pane single. It is tied by a 1/28/99 Las Vegas, NV machine cancel. This is a very early usage of this stamp and predates the official first day of issue date (2/23/99) by 26 days!. (Cover courtesy of Tom Goetz.) (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.)

### Incidence of

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Included are items reported since last chart through the April issue of *COIL LINE* plus the inclusion of 3800 PNC covers from MD and CA sources.

Some interesting asides noted on the recent issues are the "H" color blends. When in proper registration (numbers aligned), the red overlaps the blue hatband and forms a line of demarcation to the eye. The die cuts are the same as previously used and different types are identifiable on the same numbers. And they're at it again with quality control "out to lunch". I have found the die cut separations into the design at least one mm so the simulated perfs are gray on the following stamp. The die cuts and slicing do not always coincide which makes a high or low design. And I guess I was somewhat premature on my statement about "who cares!" on the different faces on the WAG "H" 1111 stamps. They are readily identifiable by the black "1" position relationship. Not having a 100 coil, I supposed they were the same and from the same plate. We are fortunate and can be thankful there are so many sharp eyed eagles out there to keep us all straight.

Recommend to your friends the fun and pleasure of PNC collecting. As Tony would say, "They're G-R-R-R-E-E-A-T!!!" The next one will really be "the Berries!"

#### "H" (WAG)

1111-lo .. 1  
 1111-hi .. 99  
 3333 .. 7  
 3343 .. 16  
 3344 .. 11  
 3444 .. 7

"H" (PSA)  
 1111-rnd .. 1  
 1111-sqr .. 70  
 1131 .. 21  
 2222 ..... 399  
 3333 ... 176

#### FLAG OVER CITY (WAG)

1111 . 0  
 2222 .. 1

#### FLAG OVER CITY (PSA)

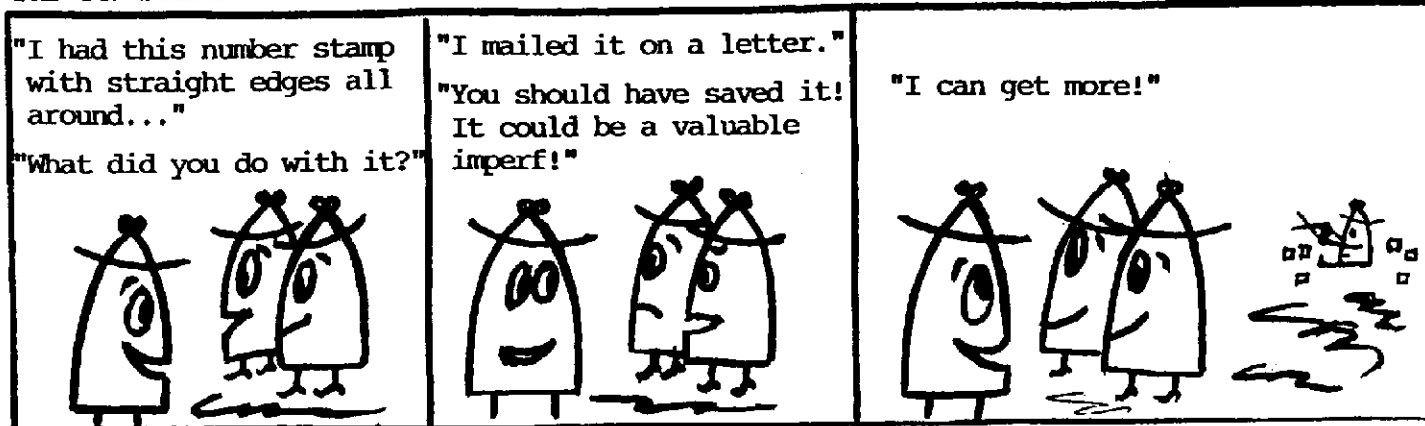
1111 . 0  
 2222 .. 1  
 3333 . 0  
 3433 . 0

# NOTICE:

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

THE PN SEERS

by Dan Kauffman



# 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 Petersen  
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(Editor's note; Jim's last name was spelled incorrectly when listed last month, as was the city of residence. The editor apologizes for the errors.)

No other applicants reported

## Reinstated.

James Gaan #401  
Mark Caruthers #511  
Carl Darnel #552  
Jerry Schmoyer #705  
Cameron Walker #739  
Ronald Hayes #833  
Joseph Zitka Jr. #1072  
Chuck Maloney #1089  
Romaida Lynch #1158  
Elizabeth Jones #1186  
Ozzie Stroud #1282  
William F. Peragine #1284

## Resigned:

Thomas Leeder #100  
Dorothy Whiting #286  
Paul Dixon #476

## 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 FOR upcoming Exhibit. 18c flag # 7 used single with purple machine cancel. Dan Forgues / PNC3 #1037 4526 Eagle Mountain Drive, Sparks, NV 89436-4690 (775) 626-8223 pnc3nv@aol.com

WANTED! US Duck stamps mint, used, and signed on license. Will trade PNC commercial covers, both first class and pre-cancels, or purchase. Dick Koenig, 4705 N. Ave. de Frelanah, Tucson, AZ 85749.

## 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*.

**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.

## 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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