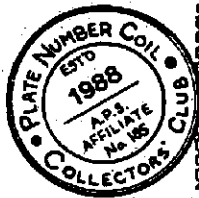


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It's time to renew – Do it now!

This issue of *Coil Line* includes the annual renewal notice. Please complete and return it along with your dues payment as soon as possible. When completing the form, please remember to include your member number, which appears on the mailing label for each issue of *Coil Line*. If you do not plan to renew, a note to that effect would be appreciated (email: pnc3treasurer@home.com).

Renewing before the end of the year saves you money and also saves the club the extra expense and activity required to send out reminder letters. These are sent to any member who has not renewed as of about mid-January. Subsequently, if dues are not received by the mailing deadline for the March *Coil Line*, usually mid-February, the member is dropped from the mailing list. Please note that members who renew after having been dropped do not automatically receive any missed issues of *Coil Line*.

Elsewhere in this issue, Gene Trinks has provided an update on the status of the PNC catalog. In order to facilitate the issuing of refunds for those members who wish to cancel their catalog orders, a section has been added to the renewal form to request a refund of the catalog deposit, or to request that the annual dues be paid from the catalog deposit with a refund of the balance.

Trio of speakers make Mega Event meeting an educational experience

Once again a meeting sponsored by the PNC³ group was held at the Mega Event in NYC. Twenty-five people attend the gathering, 14 of whom were PNC³ members. Three topics were presented in two hours.

The first speaker was Brian Engler, a coil stamp dealer specializing in "Back Numbers." He explained the reasons for the use of back numbers, and showed many examples of positions, colors, and forms these numbers can be found.

The second speaker was Jim Kloetzel, Editor of Scott Catalogues. His presentation was about the upgrade of

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A message from the President:

Your Voice Will Shape The Future

As this is being written, we have just experienced once again the importance of registering your vote on issues and the people who shape those issues as we go forward into the 21st century. Our Presidential election was closer this year than any in the last century. Who would have thought that so few votes would mean the difference? I hope you all took the time to participate in this process and express yourselves through the polls.

You also have a chance, with this issue of *Coil Line*, to make your opinion known in regard to your club and its issues, merits, and benefits. Along with the attached dues notice you will find a survey form. It can be returned, along with your dues for next year, to Tom McFarland. We don't take surveys very often. Newer members have never had the opportunity to offer their opinion on club operations and activities. I hope everyone will respond, but especially those who haven't communicated in the past. Doing it at renewal time makes it easier, since you only need send one letter, and use one stamp, to accomplish two tasks.

The Board is tasked with the responsibility to set the future direction of your club. Try as hard as they might, they cannot read the minds of the members, to understand how to make the club a more useful and beneficial organization for the people it serves. It's important that we get some feedback occasionally, and are always interested in suggestions for improving the club and its offerings to members. I urge each individual to give some thought to what is needed to make their hobby more enjoyable, and let us know.

One of the questions deals with increasing membership. New members can come from two sources: established PNC collectors who have never joined, and persons new to PNC collecting. Both are important to us. If we are to improve the hobby for all, we need to understand how to reach out in both directions to let more PNCers know who and where we are. The suggestions of our new

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Your voice

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members are especially valued in this regard.

As mentioned earlier, the annual dues notice is enclosed with this issue. Why not take a moment right now and take care of it by sending your check? Save your Treasurer some time and expense, get it done before the rush of the holiday season is upon us. It is time consuming and wasteful to send reminder notices in January. Don't let your membership lapse! Send a check while you're thinking of it!

Best wishes to each and every member, and to those who support them in the enjoyment of one of the greatest hobbies known to man, during this holiday season. And for those in the cold and gray climates, take heart - it will be warm and sunny again before you know it!

- Gene Trinks

Mega-Event report

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coils in the new 2001 Specialized Catalogue.

He pointed out the new varieties of tagging, gums, and all the other aspects of coil collecting. His overhead presentations were quite amazing. I am sure that Jim's work on coil stamps will be heard from in the future. We are all waiting for more of his accounts,

Charles Snee, reported for *Linn's Stamp News* was the final speaker, his talk on the varieties of Flag over City was enlightening. He used a slide projector to explain the different forms that this coil took in its manufacture.

The speakers were excellent, the topics were timely. Q&A session were lively and had questions for all of the speakers. In addition to all of this good stuff, door prizes were awarded to many.

We want to thank Scott Publishing for its donation of the 2001 Specialized Catalogue, Linn's for donating a World Stamp Almanac. Brian Engler raffled off several back numbered coils. The *Stamp Collector* donated a cup with their logo, a pen and tongs. Dan Kauffman's packets of PNC numbered stamp were given to all that attended.

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Editor's Note: Thanks to all the members who have taken the time to send in reports following PNC gatherings around the nation this year. These reports help convey the educational and fun activities at the meetings. If you haven't been able to attend a Regional or Annual Meeting, now is the time to plan for 2001.

Letters

Minnesota commercial cover report

To the Editor:

.01 Kestrel #1111 YM CB-1; BYCM-1; #2222-1.
.20 Blue Jay #S1111-1
.20 Pheasant #2222-1
.22 Uncle Sam #1111 P.S.A.-2.
.33 Berries #B1111-9; # B1112-1; #B2211-6; #B2221-3; #B2222-105; #G1111-35.
.33 F.O.C. W.A.G. #1111-11; #2222-2; #3333-1; P.S.A. RND. #2222-1.
P.S.A. SQ. #1111-0; #2222-8; #3333-1; #3433-2; #4443-2; #4444-1; #5555-12; #6666-6; #7777-14; #8888-5; #9999-39; #1111A-63; #2222A-19; #3333A-29; #4444A-99; #5555A-30; #6666A-9; #7777A-0; #8888A-0; #9999A-4; #1111B-1.
.33 F.O.C. BKL. #V1111-3; #V1112-18; #V1121-17; #V1122-6; #V1212-11; #V2212-5.

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SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

There has been only one new number reported this month. It is #2222B from the PSA City Flag in rolls of 100.

New Mint FOP 13231A VP/PV Single

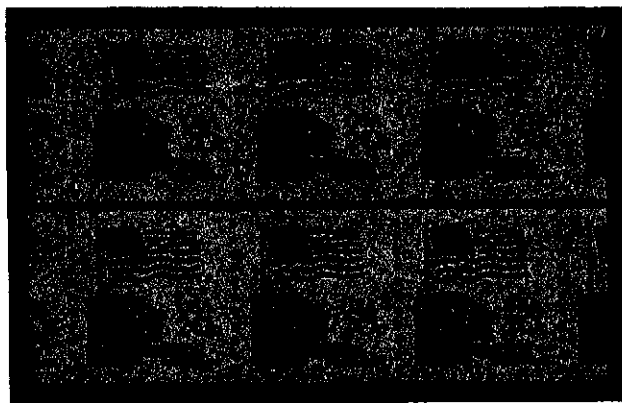
A fifth mint single stamp of the scarce VP/PV die cut variety from the Porch Flag coil combination #13231A VP/PV has come to light. Bill Rambo, who joined PNC3 after all the publicity about scarce FOP numbers, reports he bought this mint single in the spring of 1999. This plate number/die cut combination was originally among the FOP "Escapes" until eight mint strips and four singles were discovered around Chicago. Until now most of the used examples of this variety, and all of the mint examples, came from that area. Bill didn't say where he bought the mint single.

Scott Divides FOC by Date Size

Scott's 2001 Specialized Catalog assigns a different number to City Flag coil plate numbers based on the size of the year date. The basic catalog number for the PSA coil in rolls of 100 is 3281, but it applies only to plate combinations above 5555 (large date). Numbers 1111 through 5555 (small date) are assigned the sub-number 3281c. This seems backward because the original printings, and certainly the first appearance of this stamp, had the small date. This time the date group with the greater quantity of different plate numbers gets the main catalog number. Number 9999A (one time reversion to small date) will probably be a 3281c

Ask, and You'll Find Out

Last month I asked if anyone had a copy of 20¢ Flag plate #13 with the small hole perforations. The #13 was the only high number in that set not to have been reported with the small holes. Richard Henderson obliged and sent the slightly murky photocopy shown below. The #13 strip is at top, with a #14 large hole strip below it for comparison. Now all plate numbers from 8 through 14 are known with the small holes.



Uncle Sam Coil Has Jumbo Too

That odd die mat that produces a jumbo stamp once every revolution certainly was used to cut a lot of stamps. It's either that or there's more than one of them. I found a jumbo on the Uncle Sam roll used on the first class mailing (2nd ounce) of Coil Line last month.

Kestrel Combination CPV

Last April a constant plate variety on the BYCM #1111 Kestrel stamp was reported to have a black decimal point in the plate number between the black and yellow 1's. Dave Andrews found it on some covers. The feature has turned into a Dave, Dave and Dave story because both Dave Boeshaar and Dave Cockrill have found mint strips with the 1.111 plate number. However, something new has been added. Now the same plate number shows a vertical blue line just to the right of the 1996 date. I asked Dave Andrews to recheck his covers, and he confirmed they also have the blue line. Then he added a new twist. He has found Kestrel stamps on cover that have the blue line but not the black decimal point. That makes it appear the blue line came first and the black dot later. The double CPV makes the item all the more interesting. Below is a scan from Dave Cockrill with greatly magnified insets of both marks. Our thanks to all three Daves.



New Plate Cracks from Old Stamps

Robert Thompson has been sifting through a group of old covers from the early 80's. He has found a new startlingly clear plate crack on the numbered stamp of 18¢ Surrey #10 that looks like a third front pole on the canopy. It's in-between the two engraved front poles. I can't find any record of this crack having been previously reported. He's also found a ragged vertical crack on the plate numbered stamp of Fire Pumper #5. It goes up through the middle of the letter "u" in Pumper and is faint, but evident under 4X magnification. There doesn't seem to be any previous report of this one either.

Credit Card Update

Every dumb rule seems to present some avenue of escape. It's almost intrinsic to poorly thought out rules. I had a conversation with a postal employee who is very well versed in USPS rules and operation. He stated outright there are two sets of rules being used with precanceled stamps and reduced rate mailings. Only one set is official, the other is a matter of practice. Kansas City will go right on accepting credit cards for precancels and phone orders despite what the printed regulations say. (Money talks.) The mailing aspect can be even more legitimately circumvented. Another postal employee told me a credit card in payment for make up postage is fine. "It's for ordinary postage I'm selling you." That's true. Some sort of receipt for postage paid has to be attached to the mailing form, either a PVI or stamps. It goes into the computer as "stamps sold".

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.

PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTERS:

A - American Bank Note S - Sennett Security Prod.
 B - Banknote Corp of Am. V - Avery-Dennison
 G - Guilford Gravure None - BEP
 M - MMM

33c FLAG [24]

#1111 C, D
 #2222 A, C
 #3333 C

33c FLAG (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A
 #3333 A
 #3433 A
 #4443 A
 #4444 A
 #5555 A
 #6666 A
 #7777 A
 #8888 A
 #9999 A
 #1111A A
 #2222A A
 #3333A A
 #4444A A
 #5555A A
 #6666A A
 #7777A A
 #8888A A
 #9999A A
 #1111B A
 #2222B* A

33c FLAG (SA) [21]

#1111 C, D
 #2222 C, D

33c BERRIES (SA) [12]

#B1111 A
 #B1112 A
 #B2211 A
 #B2221 A
 #B2222 A
 #G1111 A (NL)

\$1 SEAPLANE [48]

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

20c COG RAILWAY [48]

#1 A, B, C
 #2 A, B

10c CANAL BOAT [48]

#1 A, C (BK) [32]
 #1 B, C (OA) [32]
 #1 C (EP) [32]
 #2 B, C
 #3 C
 #4 D (OA)
 #4 C (EP)
 #5 D

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

#1 B, C (OA) [32]
 #1 B, C (UT) [32]
 #2 C
 #A1 D
 #A2 D
 #A3 D
 #S1 D
 #S2 D (GLOSS)
 #S2 D (SHINY)

3c CONESTOGA [48]

#1 A, B, C [32]
 #2 C
 #3 C (DULL)
 #3 B, C (SHINY)
 #5 C (LARGE #)
 #5 C, D (SMALL #)
 #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, D (GLOSS)

22c U. SAM (SA) [24]

#1111 A

22c UNCLE SAM (24)

#1111 C

20c BLUEJAY (SA) [14]

#S1111 A

20c PHEASANT (SA) [24]

#1111 A

#2222 A

2c WOODPECKER [24]

#11111 D

#22222 D

1c KESTREL [24]

#1111 B, C (TYPE I)

#1111 B (TYPE II)

#1111 C (TYPE III)

#2222 C

(5c) MOUNTAIN[24][14]

#11111 B, C

#S1111 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)

#1111 D (dark color)

#2222 D

#3333 C, 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

#444 C, D

#555 C, D

#666 C, D

#777 C, D

#888 D

#999 D

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

#11111 D

#22222 D

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

#11111 C, D

#22222 D

#33333 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

#22211 D

#22222 D

#33333 D

#44444 D

■ The Wetlands color differences are in the stamp background. The #2222 background color does not match either of the #1111 colors.

■ The Kestrels differ in the order of color laydown. Colors are black, yellow, cyan and magenta. Type I sequence is BYCM. Type II is BCYM. Type III is YMCB. The color order shows in the plate number.

If you have any covers that beat these EKU dates, I would like to hear from you.

It has been a few months since my last article, and in the interim, quite a few new PNC EKU reports have come in: **10¢ Eagle/Shield**: #A43334 (7/9/92 P.O. label), #A10 11 10 10 10 (2/19/95 backstamp), #A12 11 10 10 10 (2/95 mailers permit postmark), #A14 12 11 11 10 (6/94 mailers permit postmark), **18¢ Flag #4** (6/9/81), **19¢ Fishing Boat** #A7779 (7/28/94), **22¢ Flag #2** (4/3/85), **23¢ USA** #A4364 (7/6/95 P.O. label), **29¢ Flag/White House #1** (4/18/92), **32¢ G**: #A1112 (1/3/95), #A1211 (1/30/95), #A1222 (1/12/95), #A3114 (2/17/95), #A3436 (12/13/94), #S1111 (perf.) (12/13/94), #S2222 (roul.) (12/13/94), **32¢ Flag/Porch**: #22222 (WA) (6/27/95), #44444 (WA) (6/21/95), #66646 (WA) (12/10/95), #66666 (WA) (12/29/95), #55555 (SA, 10/10) (6/13/97), #88898 (SA, 10/10) (10/29/96), #97898 (SA, 10/10) (8/19/96), #97898 (SA, 11/10) (9/23/96), #66666A (SA, V/P) (5/13/98), #88888A (SA, high red 8) (8/6/98), #11111 (1997, SA, 9/10) (5/1/97), #S11111 (WA) (6/24/95), **32¢ Yellow Rose**: #1111 (8/19/97), #3344 (8/5/97), #5455 (10/4/97), #5555 (8/5/97), and the **33¢ H** (WA, low number) (8/25/99). My thanks go out to Robert Thompson, Joann Lenz, Richard Beecher, David Andrews, Mary Anne Lewis, and Gary Wulfsberg for their letters and reports.

PNC Catalog update

As the month of October passed without the delivery of the long-awaited PNC Catalog, Rich Nazar communicated with me to inform me that he has missed another deadline. This is indeed unfortunate news. Rich is unwilling to say when he will be able to deliver it.

He is still working to complete it, and will eventually begin shipments. Given the history here, it's not hard to understand why he refuses to name a date, however. At this point, we have decided that anyone who has placed an order for a catalog and wishes a refund should request it from Tom McFarland.

Many members have inquired during the past few months, and it is only right that they should once again have use of their funds.

Some members, myself included, may wish to leave their funds with the club in anticipation of the eventual delivery of Rich's product. This course of (in)action will not affect my cash flow, and it's certainly less work for our Treasurer. We will retain the orders if members wish us to do so.

Members requesting a refund at this time will need to order the catalog on the open market at market price when it eventually becomes available.

Rich has stated that it is not his intention to raise the price to members who have already ordered from the club, but he makes no guarantees.

Depending on the price of paper at the time of publication, an increase may be needed.

A dues renewal form is found elsewhere in this issue. For those who have ordered a catalog, want a refund, and wish to have their refund applied to next year's dues, they may so indicate on the renewal form, and Tom will send a refund check in the amount of the difference.

My PNC exhibit plans for 2001

Members of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club who exhibit PNC materials at shows are encouraged to share their plans with the club.

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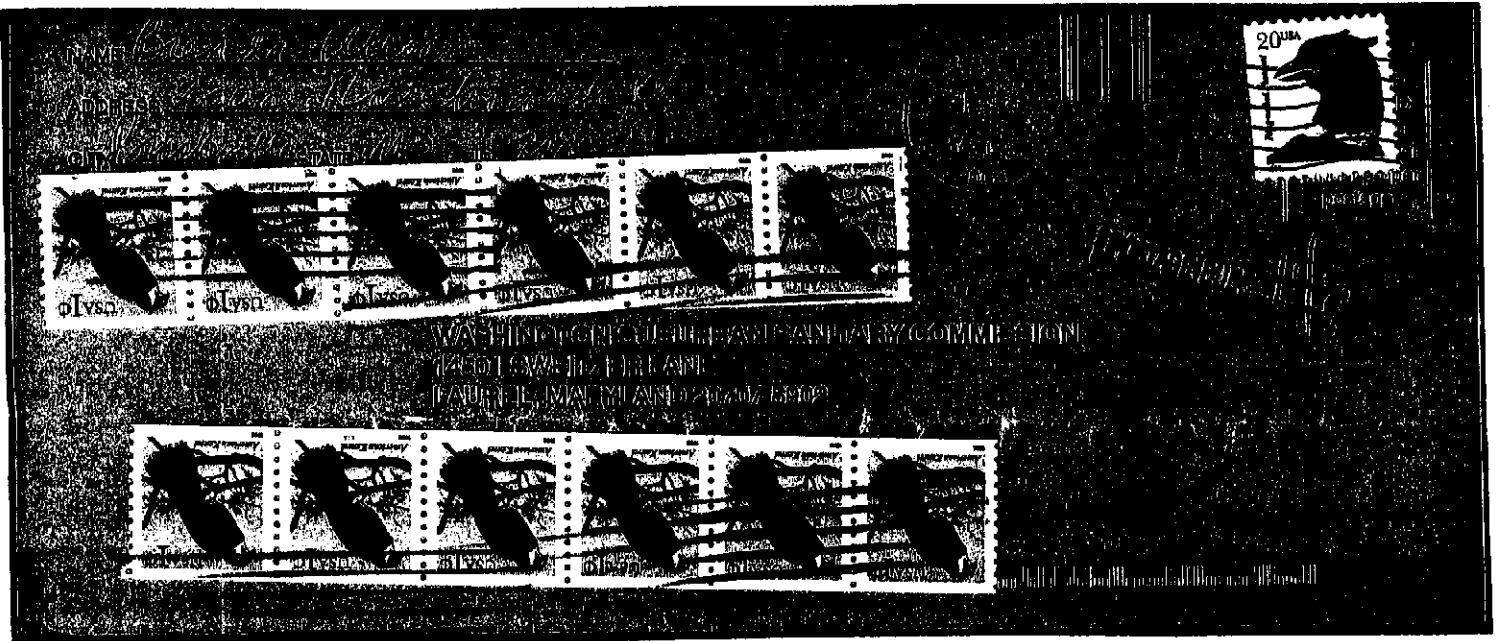
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COVER OF THE MONTH



The above cover features the 1¢ Kestrel #1111 type 2 (YMCB). The cover is dated January 4, 2000 and was assessed 1¢ postage due because some sharp-eyed postal worker noticed that there is only 32¢ postage on the envelope. (Cover 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.)

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 Year Issued: 1981
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Coil Line Glossary

The following list of terms and abbreviations is intended to help you read Coil Line and understand some of the jargon that has developed within the PNC specialty. It is intentionally limited to items that are frequently used in this journal. Definitions and explanations are short and may not be all inclusive.

Abbreviations:

ABN - American Bank Note Co. - a stamp contractor
BEP - Bureau of Engraving and Printing
CPV - Constant plate variety
EKU - Earliest known use
EFO - Error, freak or oddity
PNC - Plate numbered coil
PSx - Plate number strip of x. x is usually 3 or 5
SA - Self-adhesive (pressure sensitive gum)
SV - Stamp Venturers - a stamp contractor
UV - Ultraviolet light

Block tagged - Stamps with a rectangle of phosphor tagging applied over the printed image.

Commercial cover - A used business mail envelope. Loosely used to mean any cover not of philatelic origin.

Constant plate variety - Any printed variation of the intended design caused by an irregular feature (such as a scratch) in the printing base. The variation occurs at fixed intervals on coils.

Die cutting - A stamp separation method used on pressure sensitive gummed stamps. The cut outline can be either straight or serpentine, and is accomplished by crushing the stamp paper fibers without cutting the backing paper on which the stamps are mounted.

Die cut size - The number of peaks on either side of a die cut coil stamp. It is written as L10/R10 (for 10 peaks on both the left and right side), but is frequently shortened to 10/10. Other sizes, such as 11/12, exist.

Dull gum - Water activated stamp gum having no light reflective quality. Incorrectly referred to as dry gum.

Embedded phosphor paper - Stamp printing paper treated with taggant that penetrates the surface of the paper. Applied prior to delivery to the printer and has a highly mottled appearance under short wave ultraviolet light. Abbreviated EP.

Gap - The unprinted space between the ends of horizontal precanceling lines, indicating the seam between the mat or flexographic plate edges.

Impression - The printing produced by one complete revolution of a rotary printing base. (A base is a plate, sleeve or cylinder where modern coils are concerned.)

Joint line - Printed line between two coil stamps caused by ink deposited in the seam of adjoining curved plates on Cottrell and Stickney rotary presses.

Overall tagged - Stamps with phosphor coating applied to their entire surface after printing. Taggant is applied to the entire printed paper web.

Peak - The part of a serpentine die cut that protrudes from the side of a stamp. It alternates with a corresponding "valley", or inward curve, to form the serpentine shape. Peak and valley are abbreviated as P and V. When combined, as in PV, they indicate the shape present at the top corner and bottom corner of one side of a die cut stamp.

Plate strip - Joined coil stamps, one of which bears a plate number within its design area. Usually abbreviated as PS followed by the number of stamps in the strip. Occasionally expanded to PNS meaning plate numbered strip.

Position - A coil stamp's position is given in relation to the joint line. 1R is the stamp to the right of the line. 1L is the numbered stamp. Where there is no joint line, an imaginary line is used as a reference point. It is assumed to be to the right of the numbered stamp. Other positions are counted outward from the 1L and 1R stamps.

Shiny gum - Water activated stamp adhesive having a high light reflective appearance. Incorrectly referred to as wet gum.

Sleeve - A seamless steel cylinder used in line engraved intaglio printing. The images to be printed are entered directly on the curved surface.

Semi-gloss gum - Moisture activated stamp adhesive that displays a moderate degree of light reflection. Descriptive of a reflective quality between dull and shiny.

Slitting - Separating the individual rows of stamps in a printed web to form continuous bands that are cut to length and rolled into coils.

Splice - A taped joint connecting two pieces of a roll of printed stamp paper. Used to repair broken webs or extend the length of a given roll.

Surface phosphor paper - Stamp printing paper treated with taggant that adheres to the surface of the paper. Applied prior to delivery to the printer and has a smooth, usually solid appearance when viewed under short-wave ultraviolet light. Abbreviated SP.

Tagging - A phosphor coating, either on the stamp or on the paper, that is invisible in normal light. It is used to activate postal processing machinery.

Tagging breaks - Certain stamps of the Transportation series have regularly recurring interruptions in their overall tagging. Usually the break (untagged area) consists of a vertical bar, but other shapes are known.

Valley - See peak.

Variable denomination coil - A machine vended coil stamp whose denomination is printed on the stamp at the time of sale. Incorrectly referred to as a "variable rate coil". Abbreviated VDC

Web - A large roll of rotary press printing paper varying in length from about 14,000 feet to approximately 21,000 feet.

Membership

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospective member should contact the chairperson of the Membership Committee, Joann Lenz, 37211 Alper Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312, with the objection. The committee will recommend for or against membership.

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Membership Update

Last total	810
New members	2
Total	812
Resignation	1
Deceased	0
New total	811

Slide shows available

Members interested in obtaining PNC slide shows for use at local club meetings and stamp shows should contact John Peterson, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953 or call 619-466-3443.
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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, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953. 619-466-3443.

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

John will make sure the editor is notified so that ample notice can be included in *Coil Line*. The local organizer can also submit additional information, but please make sure to give yourself plenty of lead time.

January 19, 2001

ARIPEX stamp show. Yes, the Friday date is correct
Contact John Peterson, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953. 619-466-3443.

August 2001

APS Stampshow - Aug. 26-29, Chicago, IL. Details will be announced early in the summer of 2001. The general membership meeting is usually held early on Saturday afternoon. With the central location and number of members in the Midwest, this could be the largest gathering ever of members.

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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.

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 PNC³ 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 free, 40-word ads per year. Word ads are available at 6 cents per word per issue to nonmembers and those members who have used their free ads.

Ads

WANTED - back number PS/9s with back number on (either) end stamp in strip. Check before you strip out the roll! Write or e-mail with your offer before sending. Gene Trinks 3603 Bellows Ct. Troy, MI 48083 or gctrinks@sprynet.com

E&S #3271 #11111 "Chocolate Brown" variety PS5 or PS7 \$2.00. Full sets of USPS/MLB Flyer-Schedules, 28 teams w/logos plus FDC Flyer. SASE for free samples and info. Howland Adams, POB 100, Rexford, NY 12148.

PNC used singles, used strips, and mint PS5s. Great prices! Visit <http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/HimesPNCs/> or send SASE for details. John Himes, P.O. Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453.

All members are entitled to two, 40-word ads per year at no charge. Additional words or ads are charged at 6 cents per word. Please send ad copy and any payment due to the editor via USPS. Checks should be made out to PNC3. Ads that do not require payment may be sent e-mail. The deadline is the 15th of the month.

E&S #33333 with extra blue #1?

Carl Wicklund is wondering if anyone else has found the Eagle & Shield WAG #33333 with the extra blue #1. He reports having a used copy but is unaware of any other reports.

Carl also has the same variety of #22222 and #22221, both used.

The #22222 is reported to have been found by several individuals. Mint copies would help to prove the existence of the WAG #33333 variety.

Carl can be contacted at 4812 N. 10th St. Apt. 315, McAllen, TX 78504-2878.

Letters

Commercial covers - N.Y.

To the Editor:

Since Bruce Menia has obtained another job we have been interrupted in obtaining covers from our previous source. His job takes him far and wide in upstate New York. He told me that we may be able to prevail upon the personnel that oversee the source of covers for them to look for specific items, at a cost, but so far no agreement has been negotiated.

I myself prefer to sort through covers even if that means spending 8-12 hours per month to find PNC's.

The following delayed report follows the same basics as the two previous reports in earlier issues. It represents 1/2 of the covers found in the joint sorting Bruce and I did prior to his new job.

Berries

B1111-6; B1112-3; B2211-3;
B2222-7; B2221-1.

FOP

333-7 555-6 666-1 777-6 888-3
999-18 433-1 111A-2

G-2222

Booklet Pane V1111-2

Hopefully our productive efforts to find PNC covers will resume in the near future.

Charles Eson

Exhibiting

Please forward all exhibiting reports directly to the Coil Line Editor, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402 or halallen@wcnnet.org until further notice.

No information submitted this month.

A form for members to use to report their exhibiting plans can be found on page 157 of this issue of *Coil Line*.

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