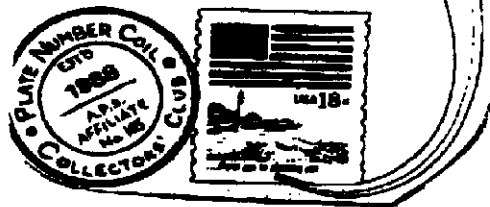


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USPS shines at ORCOEXPO

Plate Number Coil Collector member Richard Beecher is full of praise for the efforts of the U.S. Postal Service at the recent ORCOEXPO in Anaheim, CA.

While Beecher agrees with President Gene Trinks' comments in the May *Coil Line*, which took the USPS to task for a lack of coils at stamp shows, Beecher said the booth at ORCOEXPO was well-supplied.

"In addition to a deep stock of commemoratives, definitives and postal stationery, a wealth of coil material was available for sale. Many different rolls of 10,000 were open for inspection, including a 3,000 roll of 32c Flag over Porch #22322, a premium strip.

"Hats off to Pat Jefferson of the Anaheim Post Office," Beecher reports.

Other members with similar experiences are welcome to sound off. Maybe reporting on those who shine will rub off on some of those who haven't gotten the message.

Election ballots attached to this issue

The ballot for the 2000 Plate Number Coil Collectors Club is attached to the front of this issue of *Coil Line*. Please take a few minutes now to vote and mail you ballot.

Thanks for your participation

No growling from the editor this month.

In April, Alan Thomson and myself completed another year of being responsible for getting *Coil Line* compiled and mailed. Over the years many members have been involved in getting both Alan and I information. Our plea has always been to share what you know and ask about what you don't. Thanks to all who have helped in that regard or encouraged us.

Later this summer we will again be publishing a list of member's collecting interests. It will probably be done over a period of two months. If you have changes, please e-mail or send a postcard. If no changes, there's no need.

A message from the President:

Update of PNC slide show nearly complete

As this issue of *Coil Line* is being mailed, we are putting the finishing touches on an update to the 35 mm slide show originally produced by Ken Lawrence that has served us well for many years. During the last few years, this show has seen declining use, largely because so many have already used it, but also because it is rather dated, having been produced in the late '80s.

In the fast-moving field of PNCs, there are so many new developments which have appeared in the interim that this update was sorely needed.

Member Rich Beecher has updated the text and members Faisal Qureshi and Rich Nazar have supplied images for the many new discussion points incorporated into the program. I'd like to express my appreciation to these individuals for their hard work on your behalf, and encourage you to do the same.

The slides and a narration on audio tape will be in the custody of Regional Meetings Chair John Peterson. An announcement will be forthcoming when they are available. We are producing three copies of the show and encourage the coordinators of our Regional Meetings to request a copy for showing at the Regional Meeting they are hosting. Other members who are members of local stamp clubs are encouraged to contact the program chair for their club and offer the slide show as a program for a future meeting.

The slides should be sent in the custody of our member, and should be returned as quickly as possible so that they are available for the next requestor.

Ballots for the bi-annual election of Officers and Members-at-Large for your Club have been prepared and are attached to this issue of *Coil Line*. Some of the positions have more than one candidate this year, others only one.

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Update

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I'd like to offer a few words of explanation for those who may not have their copy of the Bylaws by their side for immediate reference. Each officer is eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms (we have term limits, too, you see). The current officers were elected to their first term in the last election two years ago, and are therefore eligible to serve another term. All current officers have chosen to seek another term.

Other enthusiastic members have asked to be included as candidates for certain positions. We welcome the opportunity for our members to make a choice in every election, this one being no exception. I feel that the more choices we make, and the more we participate in the governance of our Club (by offering suggestions and constructive criticism), the better the Club will serve the needs and desires of the members.

We usually see more competition for the Member-at-Large positions than for officer positions. The duties of a Member-at-Large are simple: stay in touch with members and reflect the wishes of the membership to the Executive Committee as required.

I hope each and every member will take a moment to complete your ballot and mail it per the return instructions. Although there are not as many contested positions this year as in past years, those of us who are currently serving look at the percentage participation in the election as a validation of the job we are doing. A large voter turnout is appreciated and serves as a recognition of the efforts put forth on your behalf.

As long as you're sending us a ballot, why not take a few moments more and jot down your thoughts on our direction and make some suggestions for how we can be more effective for you?

We want and need your input to make this a better organization. Please use a SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, since the ballots will be destroyed after counting and certification.

Enjoy the summer, and keep the PNCs dry!

- Gene Trinks

Plymouth Regional Meeting

The tenth annual Detroit area PNC3 Regional Meeting was held at the Plymouth Central Middle School in conjunction with the Plymouth Show, an APS World Series event. The meeting began at 10:30 and ended at approximately 12:15. A total of twelve members and guests were present. This is an unusually low number for this meeting. Strong competition from superb weather and one-time life events prevented many members usually present from attending.

Gene Trinks presided over a general discussion and information sharing session. He gave an update on the catalog status as it was known at this time.

He stated that a new PNC slide show would be forthcoming within a few months. Members are encouraged to borrow the show for use at local club meetings to introduce PNCs as a collecting specialty.

Jeff Fiszbein showed his example of the 10c Bicycle presort with a splice and #s 666 and 555 to either side of the splice. It is believed that there are only three examples known of this interesting piece. Jim LaPlante showed some interesting inking examples of the 10c E&S, including #1111 with the blue 1 missing due to under inking at the bottom of the stamp.

Once again the Postal Service presence showed a striking lack of sensitivity to the needs of PNCers. There were practically no coils available at the USPS booth, and staffing was reduced this year. Every cloud has a silver lining though. Member Walt Zarzycki was able to attend his first Regional Meeting! He usually can't attend because he staffs the USPS table with extensive coil stock. He told us his boss said his services weren't needed this year. Oh well!

The meeting concluded with the usual trading session.

Plate Number Coil Price List

**I list many tagging errors, color errors,
And some recent coil imperfs.
I match any advertised dealer price and
if you have extra postage to trade I take
it at 100% of face on any order.
Satisfaction is guaranteed and you have
14-day return privileges.
You can also subscribe to my no deposit
new issue service on any size plate strip
you collect.
Give me a try.
You'll be glad you did!**

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Letters

Minnesota Commercial Cover report

To the Editor:

March / April Commercial Cover Report:
.33 Berries #B1111-114; #B1112-30; #B2211-131;
#B2221-45; #B2222-63
.01 Kestrel #1111 BYCM-6; #1111 YMCB-3
.02 Woodpecker #11111-3
.22 Uncle Sam #1111 PSA-1
.33 City Flag #1111 WAG-26; #2222 WAG-7; #1111
RND-0; #2222 RND-2 #1111 SQ.-13; #2222-14; #3333-
11; #3433-9; #4443-13; #4444-21; #5555-113 #6666-74;
#7777-159; #8888-123; #9999-181; #1111A-16; #2222A-
0; #3333A-0

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Commercial Cover report from New York

To the Editor:

This report is the second in a series of compilations made possible by the joint efforts of PNC members Charles Eson and Bruce Menia. The covers were taken from 180 lbs. Of telephone utility with cancelation from March 15 through April 5, 2000, from the same cities as before. An estimated 20,120 covers were reviewed to find the

following issues and numbers:

Berries - B1111-15; B1112-12; B2211-17; B2221-1;
B2222-17.
FOC WA - 1111-2; 2222-1.
Booklet FOC - V1111 -5; V1112 -1; V2111-14.
'H' WA - 1111-1 'H' SA -2222-5; 3333-1.
FOC - 1111 square corner -1; 1111 round corner -1;
2222 square corner - 2; 3333-1; 4444-1; 5555-12; 6666-
3; 7777-15; 8888-22; 9999-27; 1111A (new number) - 3.
As before the FOC 4s appear to be scarce. In fact they may be disappearing from further reports if the trend continues. New 'A' numbers are starting to show up and more number combinations are expected in the next report.

Some feedback was received from two members. One wanted us to help find FOC WX's with back numbers (not PNCs). We had to decline as our time and attentions are on the PNCs. None of the WA's with numbers that we found had back numbers. We believe such a find would be quite rare and worth a hefty premium. The other member is in a rural area without access to shows or large amounts of covers. He had a want list of numbers and we were able to share certain numbers with him.

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PNC BACK NUMBER COLLECTORS

If you are interested in forming a BN Trading Network for your duplicates, please submit the following:

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Address _____
Phone # _____
FAX # _____
E-Mail Address _____

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Names will go on a roster, which will be updated once every 6 months. There will be no cost. There must be a minimum of 50 to make this network successful.

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PNC Price List

All PNC Price List. Lowest prices, great service. Select PNCs, mint, postally used, commercial covers, varieties, precancel gaps, variable rate, and back numbers. No deposit new issue service available.

3206 10¢ E & S Tagged Error PS5 F-VF
11111.....\$12.50
22221\$12.50
2913 32¢ FoP Used PS1
78767, 91161, 99969.....\$2.50 each

CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

05/10/00

MTC

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

EP - EMBEDDED PHOS

SP - SURFACE PHOS

BK - BLOCK TAG

OA - OVERALL TAG

UT - UNTAGGED

[xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL

(NL) - LINERLESS

* 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, 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

33c FLAG (SA) [21]

#1111 C, D
#2222 C, D

33c BERRIES (SA) [12]

#B1111 A
#B1112 A
#B2211 A
#B2221 A
#B2222 A

\$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) [52]
#1 B, C (OA) [52]
#1 C (EP) [52]
#2 B, C
#3 C
#4 C (OA)
#4 C (EP)
#5 D

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 (GLOSS)
#S2 D (SHINY)

3c CONESTOGA [48]

#1 A, B, C [52]
#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

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]

#1111 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

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

#11111 D
#22222 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.

SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

There is another break in the appearance of new plate numbers and there aren't any this month.

Untagged 20¢ Flag Gets Certificate

Another untagged error has been found on the 20¢ Flag Over Supreme Court coil. Back in May of 1997 a mint untagged PS3 of #8 was discovered and brought the total of untagged errors for this Flag to five (#5, #8, #10, #11 & #14). Now Pat Rinaldi has found a used PS3 of #4 and has received a certificate of authenticity from the American Philatelic Expertising Service. Searching older material always presents the possibility of finding something new. Keep the UV lamp handy.

Strips of Yellow Rose 5 on 5 Found

In the January 1999 Coil Line there was a report of a used single Yellow Rose coil #5555 that had the black 5 cylinder number printed on top of the green number, making the stamp appear to have only three digits in its plate number. The digits looked as if they were 5 (red), 5 (yellow) and 5 (black). The green 5 is under the black 5 but all green printing is present in the image; blurred by shifted black ink, but present. Arvin Morrow has now found mint strips of the black 5 on top of green 5 oddity.

Hi/Low FOP 88888A Misunderstood

One reader objected to my use of the word "obviously" when I stated in April's snippet that the different locations of the 8's were "obviously" due to two different sets of printing cylinders. It probably was poor word choice for two reasons. The paragraph did not explain all that was known about the two different stamps, and I did not make it crystal clear that all five of the 8's were either high or all five were low. Some people got the impression that only the red eight was high or low and could therefore leave open the possibility that one or the other location was web row specific. (I selected the red 8 as a reference because it is easiest to see.) Something else runs counter to the idea of row specific printing. A relatively small and unscientific survey of the frequency of each type showed nearly a 50/50 split. Each person who helped with that check reported the even split. That would not tend to indicate that one row had different cylinder number positioning than the other 19 rows.

Record Applications in April

The Club set a one month record for membership applications in April. There were 22 new people asking to join the Club and that is a record not approached in the 10 years I've been involved with the distribution of Coil Line. Each new applicant gets a copy of the Coil Line issue immediately preceding application and this group cleaned out my supply and then some. Our printer really values our contract and reprinted a few extra at contract price rather than regular retail. Friends are nice.

Three Transportations Are Left

Only three Transportation coils are left in the Kansas City cave catalog. The Cog Railway, the Canal Boat and the Circus Wagon are the last to be offered. Only the big mailing houses are keeping this series alive with new printing orders for fund solicitation return envelopes.

Curious Labels

Michael Mules found these two labels (shown at 50% actual size) holding down bubble packs he ordered from the KC cave. One held down a Fruit Berries roll and one secured a Flag roll to a rigid backing. The labels appear to be carton labels, but what is strange is the quantity figure printed on them. Isn't one carton rather obvious as being one? If the number referred to the number of rolls in the carton, it should have been 800. Anyone have a clue as to the true nature of these selfstick labels?



Kestrel Rehash

The various printings of the 1¢ Kestrel coil have been covered here in pieces rather than as a whole and Mike Lipson requested I gather together the pieces. Apparently some collectors are still requesting these strips using the geographical points of discovery as a description. There is no "California" or "New Jersey" on these stamps and trying to identify them that way is confusing. The main difference between the three printings of cylinder combination #1111 is the color sequence used during printing. All three were produced on different presses and the laydown order of the black (B), yellow (Y), cyan (C) and magenta (M) inks differed in each case. The first printing was done on the "D" press in early 1996 and has plate digit colors BYCM. The second printing later in 1996 was run on the Optiforma press and used a sequence BCYM. The third type of #1111 is from the "F" press in 1999 and used the order YMCB. This third type also has a larger year date and the background is darker. All three differ in image color intensity. Identification by plate number color order works best. Now someone is going to say, "What about the Type numbers, I, II and III?" In the roll size chart I arbitrarily appended some type numbers to the printings because we don't know how the catalog makers will handle this one. The type numbers show chronological order of printing. By the way, #2222 is an "F" press product and uses the YMCB sequence.

INCIDENCE OF REPORTED PNC COMCL COVERS BY NUMBER

"H" (WAG)

1111-lo .. 1
 1111-hi ... 230
 3333 .. 14
 3343 .. 24
 3344 .. 15
 3444 .. 14

"H" (PSA)

1111-rnd .. 9
 1111-sqr 578
 1131 .. 129
 1141 .. 1
 2222 2236
 3333 861

CITY FLAG (WAG)

1111 ... 281
 2222 .. 15

CITY FLAG (PSA)

1111-rnd .. 7
 1111-sqr 413
 2222-rnd .. 5
 2222-sqr 847
 3333 580
 3433 353
 4443 286
 4444 261
 5555 1476
 6666 851
 7777 689
 8888 859
 9999 359
 1111A 0
 2222A 0
 3333A 0

BERRIES

B1111 1772
 B1112 326
 B2211 462
 B2221 330
 B2222 1507

UNCLE SAM (WAG)

1111 .. 1

UNCLE SAM (PSA)

1111 .. 8

FOR THE BIRDS

<u>PHEASANT</u>	
1111	.. 5
2222	. 0
<u>KESTRAL</u>	
YMCB	.. 19
BYCM	.. 22
BCYM	0
<u>WOODPECKER</u>	
1111	.. 1
<u>BLUE JAY</u>	
S1111	... 110

INCREMENTS=100



This chart includes all reported commercial covers through the *May Coil Line* plus 3320 PNC covers from MD and CA commercial sources sorted since the report of March, 2000. (CL Vol.13, No.3, pp38).

The FOP issue continues to be a rich field for in-depth studies. See the "Snippets" note in the Apr. *Coil Line* as well as the article contained herein. The long fielded production caused many variations. As the City Flag continues, will we find another fertile field? Keep looking.

David Andrews' letter in the March issue has been answered with the appearance of the "A" suffix on CFs, now up to the 3s. We can expect more. Roman Otten reported two sorts of Berries B2221. As the B2221 is the more prolific number, and numerically in order, I placed the 15 count in the B2211 slot. Hope that's right. Those typos sometimes throw curves!

Comparing the numbers of commercial covers found and reported for this source to the previous chart in the March issue shows significant increases in some numbers and little or no increase in others. This should advise you of the relative proliferation or scarcity of the numbers. Be alert to them.

I thank the input of the Eson/Menia team for their contribution. I know the time involvement for this venture (and the fun), and we all appreciate it.

I have included the "H" 1141 in this report. I hope it causes no "spots"!

Dan Kauffman

Linerless Fruit Berries Coil to Debut in Buffalo on June 16

The United States Postal Service will issue a new linerless self-adhesive coil in Buffalo, NY June 16. The design of the stamps will be the same as that of the Fruit Berries coil currently in use having liner paper on the back.

Unlike the previous Flag Over Porch linerless coil issued in March of 1997 at the New York MEGA-Event, there will be no dispenser for the stamps. The first stamp in the roll will have a small tab under it to facilitate removal and the last five stamps in the roll will have liner paper behind them to prevent adhesion problems.

The coils will be in rolls of 100, packaged in sticks of five coils. Guilford Gravure Inc., of Guilford CT produced the coils. The gum used in the production of the stamps is benign and will not cause problems for paper recyclers.

The stamps will be issued during the American Topical Association's (ATA's) annual convention in Buffalo.

The National Topical Stamp Show 2000 will be held at the Buffalo Convention Center from June 16-18. The first day ceremony for the stamp will take place at 11 a.m. on June 16 in room 106, across from the main exhibit hall. A ceremony program will be produced by the ATA for the event.

Information provided by John E. Peterson

NOTIFICATION - NEW LINERLESS SELF-ADHESIVE STAMP COILS

The 33¢ Fruit Berries Linerless self-adhesive stamp coil (item #777400, coil of 100) has the following features and characteristics. This new product is environmentally friendly and less costly to produce when compared to previously issued coils with liners. The elimination of the backing liner and plastic coil container saves material resources and could potentially reduce production and storage costs.

FEATURES

1. A tab of leading liner is attached on the first stamp to facilitate the initial application, and a small strip of liner is attached to the last five stamps for adhesive protection.
2. The stamps are packaged in sticks of five coils that are attached to one another, with scorings between adjacent coils.
3. Each individual coil is shrink wrapped and printed with product information and barcode. Arrow symbols and the words "Tear Here" are also printed to indicate scored lines for opening.
4. The stamp images are re-oriented by 90° to facilitate use by left-handed as well as right-handed customers.

CHARACTERISTICS

1. The stamps use USPS-qualified environmentally benign pressure-sensitive adhesive.
2. The coil is designed to be used manually. No dispenser will be offered by the USPS.
3. The stick format of packaging saves storage space and thus reduces inventory costs.

WATER ACTIVATED PNC BACK NUMBER CHECKLIST

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Key: T=Top; B=Bottom; M=Middle
 D=Double; U=Upsidedown
 ^^=Odd Rolls (No # on #)
 ** = New Listings (1)

2c WOODPECKER #3046

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B	4M
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(6c) BUTTE #2902

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

6c CIRCUS WAGON # 2462D

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

TAGGED INK VARIETY (LARGE HOLES)

S2	PINK	5T	5B	5M
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TAGGED INK VARIETY (SMALL HOLES)

S2	PINK	5T	5B
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(6c) MOUNTAIN # 2904

S111	BLACK	5T ^^	
	PINK	5T	5B

(6c) WETLANDS SMALL PERF. HOLES # 3207

S1111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
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(6c) WETLANDS LARGE PERF. HOLES

S1111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
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(10c) AUTOMOBILE # 2908

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

(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 2904

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

(10c) BICYCLE # 3229

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

(15c) TAIL FIN #2909

S11111	PURPLE	5T	5B
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22c UNCLE SAM # 3363

#1111	BLUE	4T	4B
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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	5M
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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 (3K) # 3280

#1111	PINK	4T	4B	4M
	BLUE	4T	4B	
#2222	BLUE	4T	4B	

33c CITY FLAG (10K)

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

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SELF ADHESIVE PNC BACK NUMBER CHECKLIST

Key: T=Top; B=Bottom; M=Middle;
 D=Double; U=Upsidedown;
 ** = New Listings (5)

(5c) BUTTE # 2902B

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

(5c) MOUNTAIN # 2904A & # 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

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B	
#3333	GREEN	4T	4B	

(5c) WETLANDS (10K) # 3207A

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B	
#2222	GREEN	4T	4B	
#3333	GREEN	4T		

(10c) AUTOMOBILE # 2906

S111	BLACK	5T	5B		
	PINK	5T	5B	5B-U	5M

(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 2907

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

(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 3271 (UNTAGGED)

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B	
#22222	GREEN	4T	4B	

(10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 3271 (TAGGED)

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B	
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(10c) BICYCLE # 3228

#111	GREEN	4T	4B	
#221	GREEN	4T	4B	
#222	GREEN	4T	4B	
#333	GREEN	4T	4B	
#344	GREEN	4T	4B	
#444	GREEN	4T	4B	
#555	GREEN	4T	4B	
#666	GREEN	4T **	4B **	
#777	GREEN	4T	4B	
#888	GREEN	4T	4B	
#999	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	
#22211	GREEN	4T	4B	
#22222	GREEN	4T	4B	
#33333	GREEN	4T **	4B **	
#44444	GREEN	4T **		

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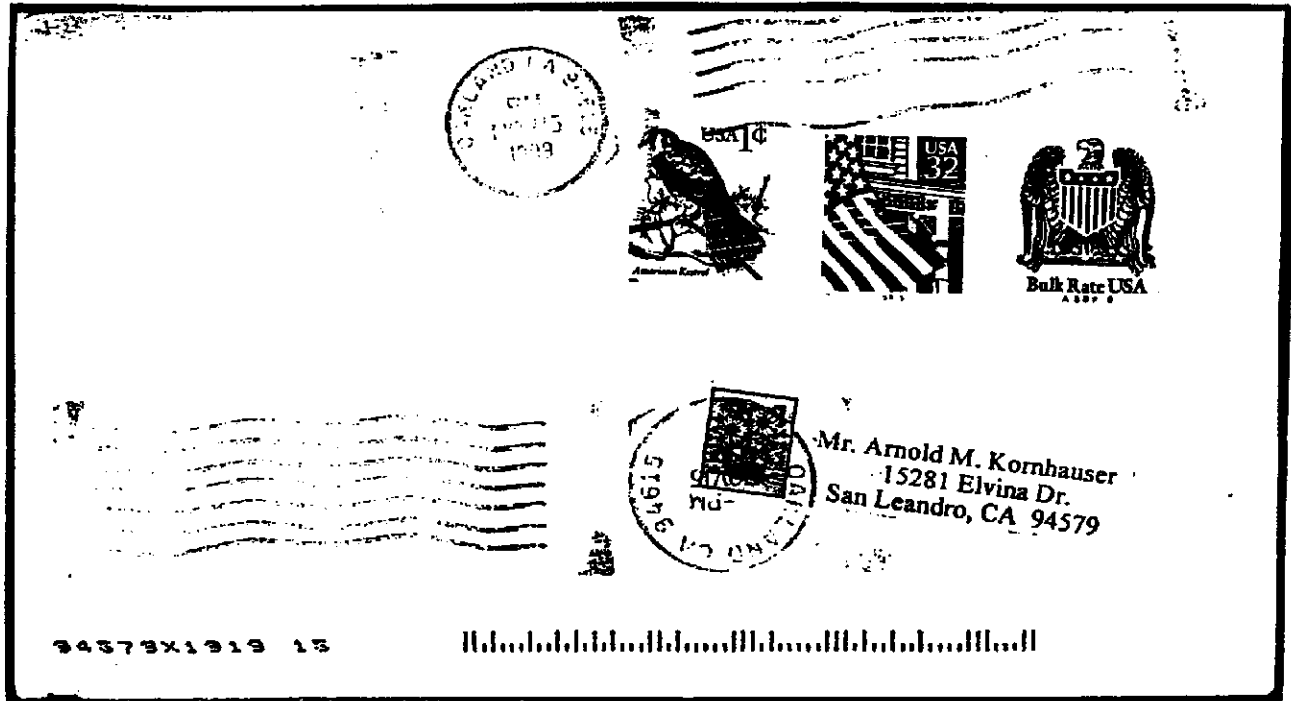
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#1111	GREEN	4T	4B	
#2222	GREEN	4T	4B	

33c CITY FLAK (10K)

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

COVER OF THE MONTH



PNC3 member, Arnold Kornhauser, who collects used PNCs, was hoping to get the used 10¢ Eagle/Shield #A88888 single off this cover when it came back to him. Because he did not have/use a precancel permit designation, he affixed an additional 33¢ in postage, including a 32¢ Flag/Porch SA #55555. Unfortunately, the 10¢ Eagle/Shield PNC did not manage to receive a cancel, but Arnold Kornhauser's address label received a nice socked-on-the-nose 11/15/99 cancel. (Cover courtesy of Arnold Kornhauser.) (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, ME 04976.)

Plate Number Coil Catalog Order Form

Quantity		Price	Amount
	2000 Plate Number Coil Catalog - Part I	\$23.85	
Make check payable in US funds to PNC ³		Subtotal	
Mail form and payment to: Tom McFarland		NJ residents add 6% sales tax	
PO Box 756		Shipping (\$3.25 per catalog)	
Princeton Jct., NJ 08550		Total	
Ship catalog to:			
Name: _____			
Street Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	
Country: _____		ZIP/Postal Code: _____	
		PNC ³ #: _____	

Back number trading group being formed by John Larimer

Members who have an interest in the back numbers will have an opportunity to join with others having similar interests in a new group being formed within PNC3 by John Larimer. John has placed an ad in this issue with the details of joining the group. Members having interest in back numbers are encouraged to contact John at once to establish their interest.

This is the kind of activity that needs participation by many in order for it to be successful. Your active support is therefore essential.

John has generously volunteered to coordinate the activity. It will involve some effort to establish and maintain the program, but the existence of an active trading group will benefit all involved. Back numbers are likely to be with us for some time to come, since the concept seemingly has proven useful to those responsible for keeping inventory records.

The many colors and positions of back numbers make it difficult to attain completeness from local sources, and an extensive dealer network has not yet established itself, so a trading group will likely benefit the active seekers.

This is reminiscent of the earliest days of PNC collecting. Before a dealer network was established, PNCers traded among themselves to fill their needs.

John could share his experiences with others who may wish to coordinate similar groups on other sub-specialty topics. It would seem that some interest groups might form around the EFO, paper type, tagging, covers, souvenir pages, or other interest areas. All we need now are the people willing to take the initiative to make it happen.

More Research!

by Dan Kauffman

Have we been wrong all of this time? After diligent study, it seems there are more than one set of plates which produced the WAG FOP 22222 coils resulting in the thick and thin numbers. I had previously attributed the differences in appearance to the gum texture – permitting deeper penetration, thus more inking and thicker numbers on the softer low gloss gum, and thinner, less fleshed out numbers on the harder shiny gum.

If one scrutinizes the numbers in relation to the matching ink colors, it becomes obvious there are differences in dimensions of the two sets of numbers. The first most obvious is the end brown 2 in relationship to the dark brown line representing the inboard corner trim of the house. The thick 2 is 1 mm as opposed to the almost 2 mm on the thin number. The red 2 is also much closer in relationship to the red inking on the thicker. Indeed, all of the numbers appear much closer to the vignette colors on the thick numbers than on the thin variety.

Although two different gummed papers were used in production, it appears the larger rolls were produced from the same plates while the 100 rolls were produced from a different set of plates.

I'd welcome any comments, pro or con, and tell it to *Coil Line* that we may all be privy.

Letter to the Editor:

The PNC activity has slowed considerably lately and causes one to be introspective about the values and dynamics of this collecting activity. Naturally the values are manifold, but the real worth may not be in the intrinsic value of your collection, but rather in the real collection of friends and acquaintances built up with the associations generated by like interests and pursuits.

More than the value of my PNC collection is the appreciation and treasure of the folks I've met and have become friends with. The significance is borne out by a look at my e-mail. The greater majority of messages relate to some aspect of the PNC kingdom.

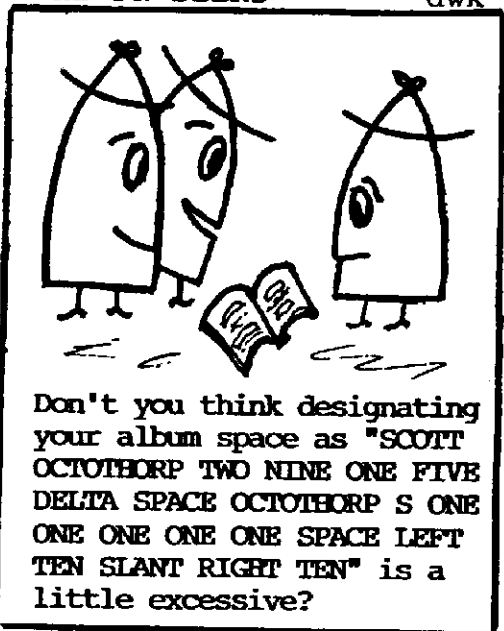
Yet all is not stamp-related. Associated knowledge and information spills out along the way to fulfill a total picture of individualism, their concerns and activities. Like, it's nice to know our "half-back" has made the trek back to solid ground safely. (I wonder how a golf ball reacts on flat rock?)

And it's always good to see reinstated member's names appearing on the membership list again. Knowing they are still with us elevates all of our sense of worthiness. If there hasn't been an actual one-on-one relationship, there, like a new PNC, is something to look forward to.

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THE PN SEERS

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Don't you think designating your album space as "SCOTT OCTOTHORP TWO NINE ONE FIVE DELTA SPACE OCTOTHORP S ONE ONE ONE ONE SPACE LEFT TEN SLANT RIGHT TEN" is a little excessive?

Ask and ye shall receive – searching for covers

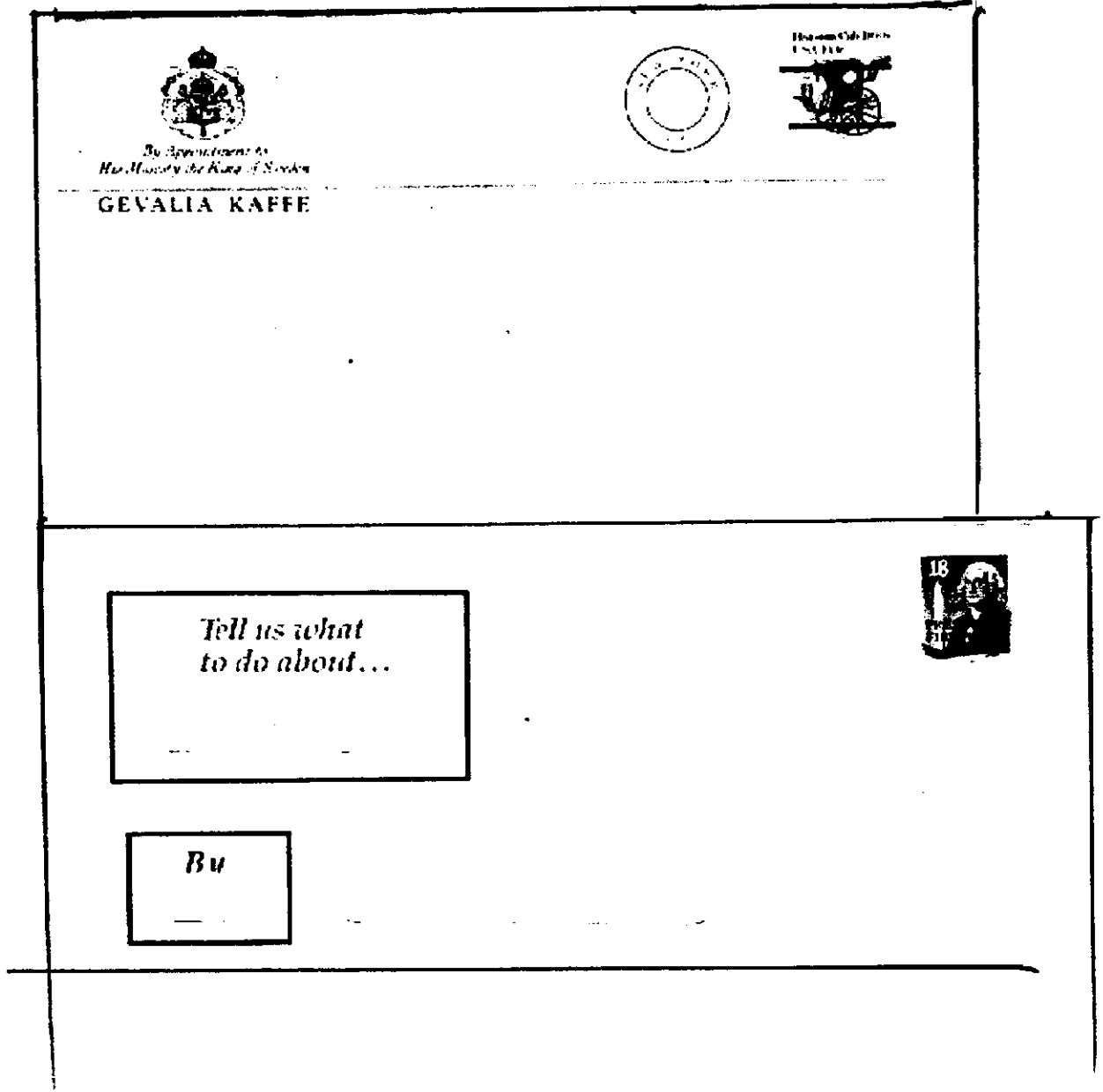
I usually make a habit of asking cover dealers at stamp shows if they have any PNC covers. Most don't know what I'm talking about. Some apologize about having PNC covers, but never getting around to putting them out in their cover boxes. Non PNC dealers think there is no value in those things. But I ask anyway as I browse through the \$1 cover boxes.

To my pleasant surprise, I found a non PNC dealer that had a couple of PNC covers for me to look at ... he said, the covers are in the dollar box. I tried not to get too excited as I quickly raced through the box, I found the two covers, one was a precanceled 10.9¢ Hansom Cab plate #3, and the other was a precanceled 18¢ Washington plate #43444 (see below). Not a bad find! I paid more than a dollar, but a great buy. I guess I will keep on asking.

It also pays to have patients if you're an advanced used PNC collector. I've been looking for years to complete a set of purple machine cancels of the 20¢ Fire Pumper. All I needed was plate 12 and 14. Hard numbers to find even with regular cancels. Those two plate numbers finally came up on an E-bay auction, which I won.

Cover and used collectors, be patient and always ask.

Ron Hayes



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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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 – Stampshow, Providence, RI. Saturday, Aug. 26. The board usually meets in the morning and the general meeting is in the early afternoon.

Details will be announced later.

COIL LINE

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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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Ads

FOR SALE – Eagle 7 Shield varieties – #22113 broken yellow one -\$5.00; #22222 shiny gum – extra blue one – \$12.00; #22222 dull gum –extra blue one -\$10; #22222 dull gum, blue bird over wing \$10. SASE to Kay Herr, 10 Branstock Ct., Lititz, PA 17543-8614.

WANTED: PNC5 #5 Canal Boat, Scott #2257. Contact V. Glenn White, 1006 Grey Oak, San Antonio, TX 78213
vgwhite@swbell.net

WANTED - used 18c Flag #6. Have various better FOPmint, used, and EFO's to offer in trade. Photocopy would be appreciated. Jeff Fiszbein, 10092 Pembroke Circle, South Lyon, MI 48178. email: JEFFFPNC@EMAIL.MSN.COM

TRANSPORTATION SERIES ROLLS – Some unopened rolls of Transportation Coils have come my way. Selling rolls of 100 and 500 at slightly over face value. Send for list and prices. Many one-of-a-kind. SASE appreciated. Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Ct., Troy, MI 48083

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 free 40-word ads per year. All copy should be in the hands of the editor no later than the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue. Additional words or ads may be purchased at 6 cents per word. Checks should be made payable to PNC3 and be sent with the ad copy.

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