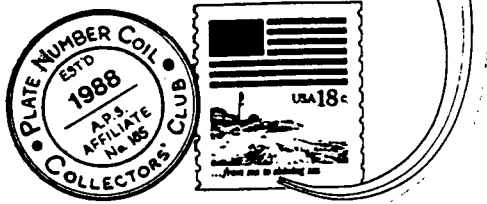


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'H' Plate #1141 is genuine, APS says

Dan Farrar's Scott No. 3265 Plate # 1141 on commercial cover has been ruled "genuine in all respects" by the American Philatelic Expertizing Service. The certificate and cover (illustrated on pages 36 & 37) is dated Jan. 28, 2000.

Dan first shared his find with members who attended the Annual Meeting during Stampshow last August in Cleveland, Ohio. No one reported this number before and no other examples have been reported since.

The stamp was used to frank a cover sent out by the Cleveland jacks, a minor league hockey team in Cleveland. The cover was postmarked in Cleveland on March 16, 1999.

The question remains, what happened to the rest? Was it a short press run? Are there any examples buried in used mixtures. Was the rest of this stuff left in the Philatelic Caves and never taken out-perhaps destroyed already?

Sharpen up the magnifying glasses fellow members, check those covers and check those mixtures.

Club still accepting orders for New PNC Catalog due out soon

Members of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club can still pre-order copies of the new Plate Number Coil Catalog being published by member Rich Nazar.

A form to order the catalog can be found on the bottom of the Cover of the Month page in this issue of *Coil Line*.

The cost is \$23.85 per copy plus \$3.25 per copy for shipping.

Orders should be sent to Tom McFarland at P.O. Box 756, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550. Please use the form as this makes up the mailing label and will help keep things simpler.

A message from the President:

Networking and PNCers

Networking is a term that has many meanings, and is heard frequently these days in the "Age of the Internet". We may use it in reference to job hunting, for maintaining social contacts, and, of course to linking sites on the ever-increasingly popular world wide web, or Internet.

What can networking mean to the PNCer? Many things, in my view. The very basis for a club is the desire for networking among those sharing common interests. Hence, PNC3. We exist to provide a means to share information on this exciting collecting specialty. We share friendships as well, and news of interest to us all.

You will see a story elsewhere in this issue of *Coil Line* that a PNC3 member has received an official APES certificate on a cover which came to light just before the PNC3 Annual Meeting in Cleveland last August. This particular number combination (#1141) had never before been seen or reported prior to this time.

Coil Line Editor Harold Brown reported this find in the October issue of *Coil Line* and suggested that all members start searching for this elusive PNC. I'm not aware that anyone else has uncovered one to date. Now that it has received official recognition, "plate #1141, genuine in all respects;" is the way it's termed on the certificate, maybe more will be uncovered as our members continue the search.

Rich Nazar stated at the time of the discovery that there was no such number reported from the official government sources. He also said that it wouldn't be the first (nor, by implication, the last) time that Postal Service was inaccurate in the data contained in its reports.

It's up to us, with our thousands of eyes ever searching, to be vigilant regarding the discovery and reporting of the many details which escape the normal channels of information.

Thus, we may presumably now grow Alan Thomson's list of "escapees" (those PNCs which have never been

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Letters

Correction, apology and thanks

To the Editor:

There is a serious typographical error in my article about the PSA Flag Over Porch coils that appeared in the February *Coil Line*. After reading and rereading many times all those numbers throughout the three pages, I still missed the fact that the numbers in the caption under the top right stamp in Figure 4 are reversed. (See page 16) The caption should read 11/12, not 12/11.

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused and encourage readers to cross out those wrong numbers and insert the correct ones.

I want to thank all of you who responded so favorably to the article. I had no idea it would be so well received.

Your words of encouragement are appreciated.

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Commercial cover reports

To the Editor:

January commercial cover report.

33¢ C/F WAG – #1111 - 2

33¢ C/F SA – #1111-2, #2222-5, #3333-1, #4444-1,
#5555-18, #6666-7, #7777-26, #8888-12, #9999-2

33¢ C/F booklet – #V1111-4, #V2212-5

33¢ Berries – #B1111-16, B1112-4, B2211-20, B2221-20, B2222-8

33¢ Hat WA – #3444-1, SA 1111-1, SA 2222-3, SA 3333-1

Trades welcome.

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Minnesota commercial cover report

To the Editor:

Report for the period 12/23/99 to 1/23/00. 28,300 covers sorted, 585 PNC covers.

.33 City Flag	.33 Berries	Kestrel
#1111 WAG-13	#B1111-55	#1111 BYCM-4
	#B1112-21	
#1111 RND-1	#B2211-47	.20 Pheasant
#1111 PSA-11	#B2221-30	#1111-1
#2222-9	#B2222-39	
#3333-10		
#3433-7		
#4443-9		
#4444-14		
#5555-72		
#6666-42		

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Networking

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discovered in mint condition) back to four (three die cut varieties on the 32c Flag Over Porch, and the #1141 of the water activated H stamp).

Incidentally, there is still only one report of finding the S/A FOP #13231A 10/10 VP* in mint condition, there being a total of 8 p/s 5s and 4 mint singles in this find. Folks, there are some real challenges out there! Let's go and find more of these elusive PNCs! Get the network of PNCers moving!

Don't forget our offer of \$25 face value mint PS5s for only \$25 to new members. We can grow our network if each member spreads the word.

- Gene Trinks

*For those needing help with FOP jargon, see Alan Thomson's "Snippets" in the January 2000 issue. This string of characters refers to the Self-Adhesive Flag Over Porch plate number 13231A, die cut variety with 10 peaks and valleys on each side, and having a valley at the top and peak at the bottom of the left side of the stamp.

Plate Number Coil Price List

**I list many tagging errors, color errors,
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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
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Give me a try.

You'll be glad you did!

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Letters

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The holidays took a toll this month with less covers and a mountain of Christmas stamps.

I believe that next month will give a clearer picture of things. The question I have is; are they going to add another suffix to the City Flag #'s like the FOP??

David Andrews
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Cover report from Wisconsin

To the Editor:

The following were reported found on commercial covers in Wisconsin.

33c City/Flag – 1111-3; 2222-2; 3333-13; 4433-10; 4443 –7; 4444-7; 5555-30; 6666-9; 7777-30; 8888 –16.

33c 'H'Hat – 1111 (#3264) -4; 1111 (#3265) -4; 1131 (#3265) -1; 2222-13; 3333-8.

32c FOP – 55555 – 2; 99999 –1.

(These I have to trade or sell)

33c Berries – B1111-19; B1112 –5; B2221 –15; B2221-6; B2222 – 15.

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PNCs found on personal, university mail

To the Editor:

During 1999 I found the following used PNC and booklet number stamps on our personal, in mail to a university and in purchased definitive mixtures. Listed are date for the 33c rate period only.

Water-activated stamps – H – 1111 –12; Flag/City – 1111-4; Wetlands S1111– 34; Green Bicycle S111 –2; Diner S11111-4.

Booklet stamps – Flag/City – V1111-6; V2212-4.

Self-adhesive stamps – H – 1111-34; 1131 – 18; 2222 – 112; 3333 – 37; 1111 round corners – 1;

Flag/City 11111-6; 22222-22; 33333-10; 3433 – 9; 4443 – 6; 4444 –11; 5555 –17; 6666 –5; 7777 – 2; 8888 – 2.

Berries – B1111 –18; B2211 –5; B2222 –8.

Wetlands – 1111-2.

Green Bicycle – 222-3; 333-2; 344 –1.

Eagle & Shield Presort STD - 11111 –1.

Diner – 11111 –3.

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14 attend Sarasota Regional Meeting

By Tom Haire

The Fifth Annual Regional Meeting was held Saturday, Feb. 6 during the Sarasota National Stamp exhibition in Sarasota, FL.

There were 14 in attendance with all but one being a member.

The meeting was informal as usual. Each attendee spoke about his PNC3 collecting for about five minutes. Almost all members collected mint strips of some kind and used singles. We also collectors of number on number, used strips and covers.

The Post Office had a big sales area with four clerks. We had very little wait for service but were disappointed again as the Post Office will not carry the large rolls of coil stamps, because they cannot sell all of them. We had no chance to search for some of the new bike coils. They did carry about a dozen old coil issues and some of us bought to get strips of seven to replace strips of five in our inventories and collections.

One complaint was that there were no PNC dealers with the bourse at the show. There were 29 dealers. Perhaps we could encourage one of our dealer members to take a trip to sunny Florida at the peak of winter, sell some strips and enjoy the weather.

Lighthouse PNC supplement in summer 2000

The editor has received a copy of a postcard received by a member in The Netherlands that indicates Lighthouse is planning to issue its new PNC supplement this summer.

Guglielmo van der Koore sent the info he received from Lighthouse, a firm based in Germany.

The card reads:

“Thank you very much for your letter and your interest in Lighthouse products. The new PNC supplement will be available in summer next year. Yours sincerely, Andre Thomas, Editor. The card was dated Nov. 23, 1999.

Rich Nazar indicated last summer at the Annual Meeting in Cleveland he was working with Lighthouse on the supplement but at the time was not sure of the publication date.

Remember to order your copy of the new Plate Number Coil Catalog. Members should use the order form that can be found on the bottom of the 'Cover of the Month' page in this issue of Coil Line.

CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

02/10/00

AHT

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, 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

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 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 (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)

(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 D

(10c) AUTO [14]

#S111 B, C, D
 #G222 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
 #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

■ 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

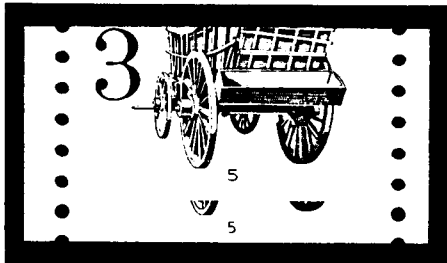
By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

Canal Boat #5 is a new number this month. See the following item for something that amounts to another. And farther on you'll find still another old number that gives us a new collectible strip.

A New Conestoga #5

Plate number 5 of the 3¢ Conestoga Wagon has been around for a long time. A new printing of it has been found in rolls of 3,000 that has different gum and is printed on different paper. But those two differences are not the big news. This new edition with its low gloss gum and dull surface paper uses a different font in the plate number. The figure 5 is smaller and its base is almost round where the original sleeve's 5 has an almost oval base. You've probably already guessed that BEP has done it again and reused a suffix number on an entirely new sleeve. Data from the Bureau confirm that fact because the full six digit plate number does not match the original. No one can figure out why this was done. There was no squeeze on numbers for this issue, since 7, 8, and 9 were available before double digits were reached. A comparison of the two plate numbers is shown below.



City Flag #5555 Goes Back to Press

When City Flag PSA #5555 started popping up everywhere again, Rich Nazar checked the printing logs to see if it was coming from the original cylinders. It was, but that in itself raises a question. BEP has repeatedly stated it does not refurbish gravure cylinders that have yielded more than a million impressions, and the first press run exceeded that number by a factor of about three. If set 5555 was still usable, why were sets 6666 through 9999 used to print stamps? Sure, numbers through 9999 have been used and the double digit ogre has arrived, but why is BEP so afraid of that "A" suffix? It's baffling.

Did You Notice?

How many of you Porch Flag die cut incision specialists noticed that an inverted die cut on 88888A 10PV/10VP has been demonstrated to exist? Because of its 10/10 structure this die cut makes an identical peak and valley pattern when the die mat is used upside down. But when examined closely the "tie" count can reveal the fact the mat was inverted. Go back to the February Coil Line and take another look at the incision style charts (page 19). The chart and the style "D" pictures indicate 88888A exists with an inverted die cut. It does. There's one in my collection.

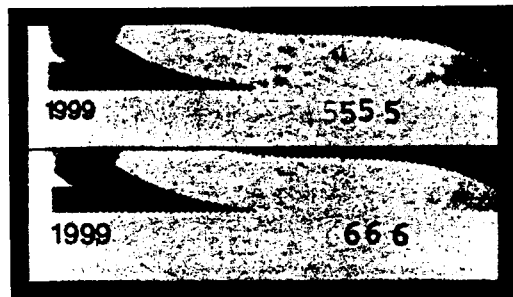
Hyphenated Hat Not an Under Inking

Trying to evaluate a stamp from a photocopy just doesn't work. Al Maestas sent a strip of his "Hyphenated Hat" and it is not at all what it appeared to be in his prior photo. The gray 2 (third digit) is certainly shifted upward but it is also fully inked. The long hyphen between the second 2 and the fourth 2 is in black ink, not gray. The black line still leaves one with the impression that the number is 22-2. It's a constant plate variety, not a printing anomaly as was implied in the January snippet. See the photo below.



City Flag Date Size

Richard Nazar has provided a nice enlarged photocopy of the City Flag PSA coil date change. The original photograph will appear in the new PNC Catalog. The larger date on numbers after 5555 is easy to see in the picture below.



A "New" FOP Strip to Collect

If you thought you were through collecting Porch Flag strips, you're probably wrong. With all our attention on the PSA version of these coils, a different variation of WAG #22222 slipped by many of us. That cylinder combination actually has three collectible types rather than the two we previously thought. It turns out that the stamps from rolls of 100, 500 and 3,000 are all different. Plate number strips from rolls of 100 have gloss gum and thick plate number digits. Those from rolls of 500 have gloss gum and thin digits, and the ones from rolls of 3,000 have shiny gum and thin digits. The latter two came from the same 18 row cylinders but are on differently gummed paper. Rich Nazar discovered the third variation.

Another 20¢ Flag #9 Small Perf

Alerted by the item in the January issue that both large and small hole perforation types exist on the 20¢ Flag over the Supreme Court, Ken Moreau checked his extra strips of that issue and found one #9. He didn't, however find any from the 22¢ Flag series. Did anyone else have any luck with this?



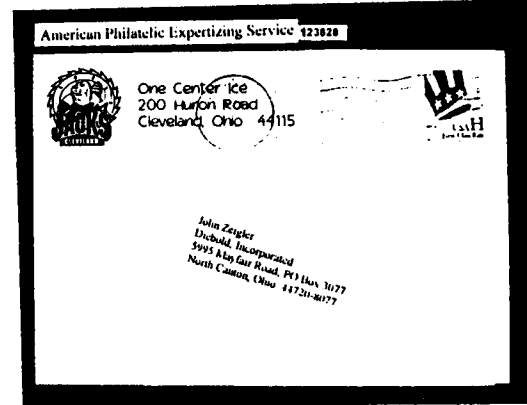
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American Philatelic
Expertizing Service



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STATE COLLEGE, PA. 16803

CERTIFICATE: 123828

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Members of The American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is United States, Scott No. 3265, Plate #1141, used on cover, 3/16/1999, genuine in all respects. - - - - -

Robert E. Lamb
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(ASDA Authorized Signature)

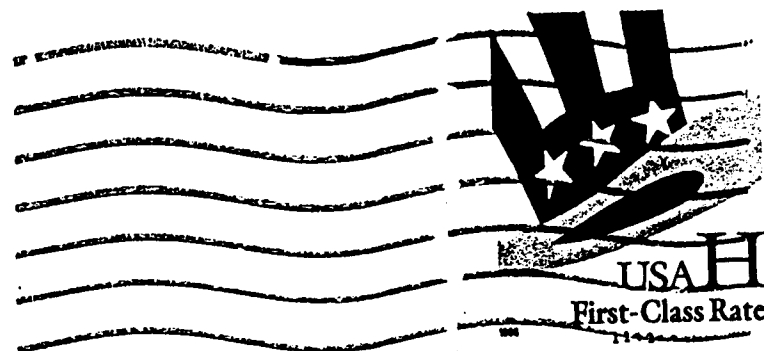
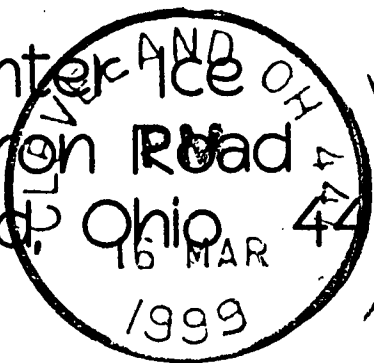
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INCIDENCE OF REPORTED PNC COMCL COVERS BY NUMBER

INCREMENTS=100

"H" (WAG)

1111-lo .. 1
 1111-hi 212
 3333 .. 14
 3343 .. 24
 3344 .. 15
 3444 .. 13

"H" (PSA)

1111-rnd .. 3
 1111-sqr 531
 1131 ... 110
 2222 2078
 3333 797

CITY FLAG (WAG)

1111 ... 176
 2222 .. 6

CITY FLAG (PSA)

1111-rnd .. 5
 1111-sqr 384
 2222-rnd .. 0
 2222-sqr 771
 3333 520
 3433 306
 4443 234
 4444 ... 190
 5555 906
 6666 666
 7777 411
 8888 507
 9999 .. 8

BERRIES

B1111 1319
 B1112 238
 B2211 309
 B2221 238
 B2222 1205

UNCLE SAM (WAG)

1111 .. 0

UNCLE SAM (PSA)

1111 .. 5

PHEASANT

1111 .. 5

KESTRAL

YMCB .. 10 BYCM .. 14 BCYM 0

This report includes all of the Commercial cover and sort reports through the February 2000 *Coil Line.*, plus 3500 commercial PNC covers from Eastern seaboard and CA utility companies. The numbers are increasing throughout the self-adhesive items but show an extreme absence of growth in the water-activated areas. Only the "Hat" 1111 displays marked increases in numbers there. Rolls of 3000 of these appear to be used regularly in stamp issuing machines in P.O. lobbies and the stamps on covers show cuts which are slightly out of adjustment, resulting in wider margins on one side or the other.

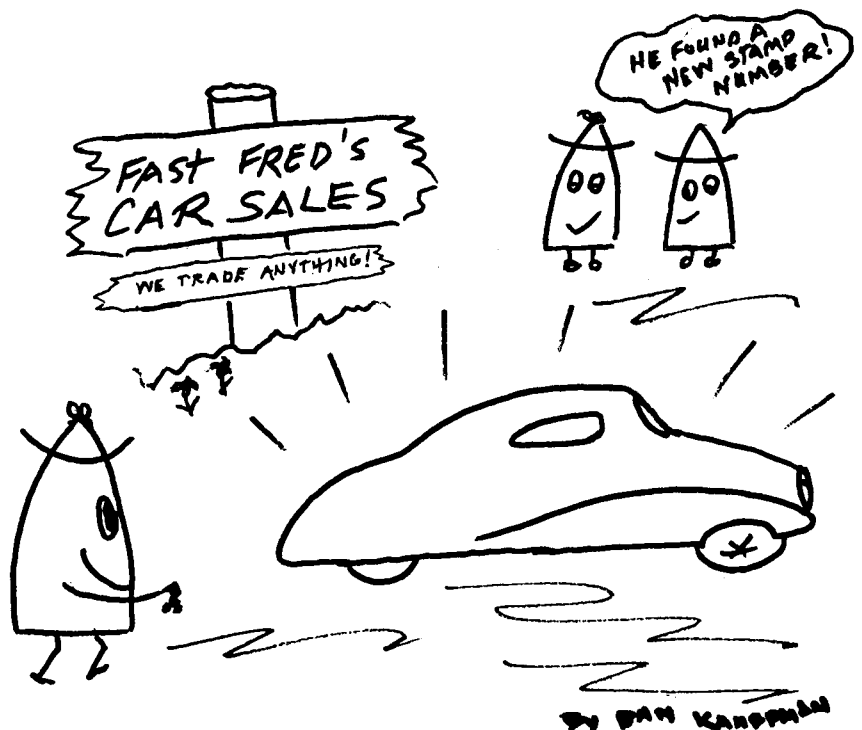
Difficult numbers remain to be the water activated "H" and City Flag issues. Lack of use in the regular mail stream stems from the lack of stocks at sales counters and less demands which do not prompt ordering by accountable paper people. Even when specific requests are processed, the PNs are usually the more regularly seen and the more numerous numbers. Anyone finding the rolls of 100 of the low black 1 on the "H" WAG issue should stock a few coils away for the rainy days ahead!

The 9999 City Flag is now making its appearance in mails with 8 copies in my last sort from MD. The EKU in these was 23 December 1999 from Suburban MD (Bethesda) area.

It was interesting to learn of the confirmation of the "H" 1141 plate number. Dan Ferrar gained a certificate for this, so far, unique number. How might one seek others? I think one would first have to attempt to gain the mailing list, then pursue each individual recipient for a possible copy of the ad card. An attempt to learn the mailing source might also prove advantageous. But there are probably few, if any, more to be found. I did not include it on the chart listings as of this date.

As BEP approaches the point of straight plate numbers, will be be subjected to another letter suffix or another new "Flag Over" issue? Time will tell.

Please keep the reports coming. They are beneficial to all.



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 (3)

2c WOODPECKER #3045

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B	4M
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(5c) 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		
	PINK	4T	4B		
S333	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B		
	PINK	4T	4B	5T	5B

5c CIRCUS WAGON # 2452D

S1	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PURPLE	5T	5B	
S2	PINK	5T	5B	
TAGGED INK VARIETY (LARGE HOLES)				
S2	PINK	5T	5B	
TAGGED INK VARIETY (SMALL HOLES)				
S2	PINK	5T	5B	5M

(5c) MOUNTAIN # 2904

S111	BLACK	5T ^^	
	PINK	5T	5B

(5c) WETLANDS SMALL PERF. HOLES # 3207

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

S1111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
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(10c) AUTOMOBILE # 2905

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 # 2804

S22222	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PURPLE	5T	5T-U	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 # 3353

#1111	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	4B ^^		

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SELF ADHESIVE PNC BACK NUMBER CHECKLIST

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

(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		
#2222	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		
#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		

32c FLAG OVER PORCH # 2915B

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

(L10/R10) FOP # 2915D

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

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

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

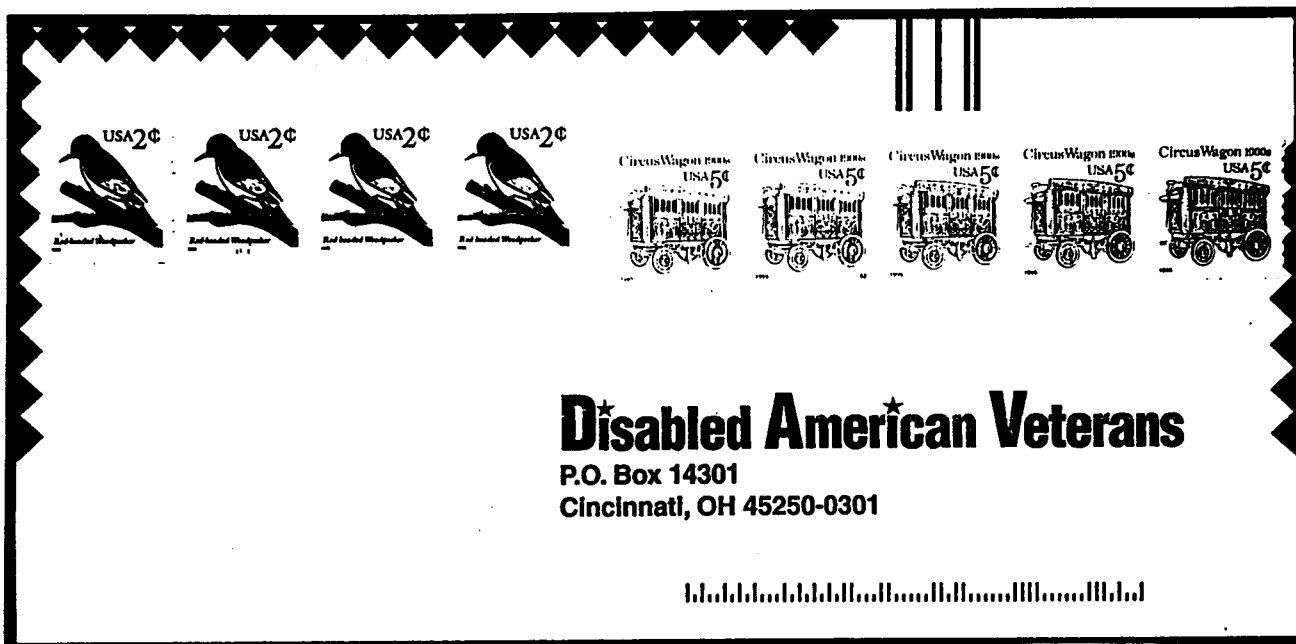
#1111	GREEN	4T	4B		
#2222	GREEN	4T	4B		

33c CITY FLAK (10K)

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

SPECIAL THANKS TO MICHAEL KELLER
 WHO FOUND THE (10c) AUTO PINK 5-B-U

COVER OF THE MONTH



The above cover is an unused self-addressed, stamped envelope from the Disabled American Veterans. Attached to the envelope are 5¢ Circus Wagon #S2 and 2¢ Woodpecker #1111 PNCs. (Cover courtesy of George Leduc.) (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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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 PO Box 756 Princeton Jct., NJ 08550		NJ residents add 6% sales tax	
		Shipping (\$3.25 per catalog)	
		Total	
Ship catalog to:			
Name: _____			
Street Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	
Country: _____		ZIP/Postal Code: _____	
		PNC ³ #: _____	

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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*.

The Plymouth Show, Saturday, April 29, Plymouth, MI. If it's Spring it must be time to meet in Plymouth. This show is held at Central Middle School and features a gymnasium packed with exhibits and dealers. There are two local USPS units who know PNC collectors will be there. There may not be any surprises but if you don't find something for your collection or to buy and use as trade material, you probably haven't gone through the right box.

President Gene Trinks didn't have a time for the meeting but details will be available in the April issue.

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. This show attracted a couple of PNC dealers in Cleveland last summer and we can only hope that one of these days USPS will get its act together and stock the booth with a decent supply of the PNC material that's supposed to be on the market ready for sale.

COIL LINE

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Ads

COMING IN MARCH! PMCs; A Guide to Collecting Purple Machine Cancels by Rob Washburn.

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TRADE OR PURCHASE used PNC singles. Trade your extras for mine at 100% value as listed in my price guide. Get details at <http://www.connix.com/~philart> or send for price list to Philatelic Arts, 370 Saw Mill Road, Guilford, CT 06437. E-mail philart@connix.com Fax 203-453-0097. SASE appreciated.

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WANTED: EARLY STAMP machines, U.S. Postal artifacts, gumball, nut machines, trade stimulators. Wayne Hise, 813 Elden St., Herndon, VA 20170-3715.

LOOKING FOR USED PNC singles. Have used PNCs, other U.S. used and worldwide to offer in trade. Norman Ellis, 568 Forest St., Kearny, NJ 07032-3608.

WANTED PS6 SC #2602 Plate 43335 imperf; SC #2603 Plate # 11111 misperf x transition; SC #2603 Plate # 22221 misperf x transition; SC #2603 Plate # 22222 imperf x transition; SC #2603 Plate #33333 and #44444, misperf, imperf & transition all needed. All numbers on top have the 22222s. Ken Moreau, 402 Coronation Dr., Franklin, MA 02038 Phone/Fax 508-528-9028.

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Humor:

The New Revenuers!

As in the days of prohibition and illegal booze, there are people who are tasked with the protection of incomes, taxes, and pursuits of legalities.

Contemporary standards do not require kicking over stills and the breaking up of equipment, however, some actions of the current "protectors" are perceived to be as destructive. The new crop doesn't have to wield axes, clubs or guns, aren't apt to be shot or caused to endure the rough confrontations from angry recipients of their acts. Yet they, too, are held in harsh contempt.

The "Revenuers" now take the easy way out to destroy property or desirables. Their tools are BPPs (Ball Point Pens), MMs (Magic Markers), FTPs (Felt Tip Pens), and inkers of any sort. Their targets are the uncanceled stamps; skips; flowing through the mailstream. These "escapees" which have circumnavigated or otherwise evaded the crush of the monster facer/canceler automated machinery are at their mercy. Armed with their destructive devices, they set upon unsuspecting and placid stamps and wreak havoc upon them for their innocent passing by obliterating them beyond recognition. Slash marks, gouges and gashes, crosses, tic-tac-toe, designs and faces are evident in their deliberate thwarting. Their vengeance is merciless. If protests by voice or grimaces are evidenced, they, like Lucy Borden, will probably give a couple of extra whacks!

The obliterators manifest themselves in every nook and cranny in the Postal Kingdom. They can be found locally and nationwide in every echelon of postal level, from prelate to peon. They are particularly bountiful in package departments which provide a larger playing field for their "artistic" endeavors. We get to know them all by their works.

Of particular attention and concern seems to be the PNs of coils. Blanked to oblivion with big blots of black are rare and elusive numbers, now relegated to the trash bin because their numbers are no longer identifiable. Even some innocent canceled recipients are subjected to the onslaught. They are overrun with the exuberant activities of the all righteous effacers.

While being drastic and spiteful, they never-the-less provide us with Postal History. Reflective of olden times when pen cancels were vogue, their meanderings are yet saved and perhaps prized as evidence of what is and how done. Will we find the day when such revenue protection is relished and sought after? Brings a higher price? I take pen in hand....
A PN SEER

Re-mounting the Mounts

By Dan Kauffman

(I've neglected sharing some good information provided to me from a fellow collector now living in the Memphis area. I shall dally no longer!)

If you're tired of throwing away those Scott, Showgard, Prinz, or other type mounts after a couple of licks or so, your salvation may be at hand. These items can be used and reused ad infinitum with just a little service to the backside. No, not yours – to the mount's!

3M of St. Paul, MN 55144-1000, produces a removable double coated tape which works excellently for the proposed and described purpose. Archival safe and harmless to attachments, the tape itself can be easily removed from what ever without harm or remnants.

A small tab applied to the back of a mount allows lifting, movement and reattachment to album pages, etc. It acts vary similar to Post-it notes. And yet the tape itself can be removed easily from what ever it has held in place, if desired.

After years of purchasing relatively expensive mounts – only to be disposed of after minimal use – this tape saves money and tempers (when you run out of mounts and still have five more items to go!).

The Scotch brand 667 comes in a roll ¾ in. by 600 in. (that's 16.6 yds.) in a plastic dispenser and dispenses like all Scotch tape. I purchased mine at a Staples outlet. The cost is in the \$7 range.

No more staple holes, rusted paper clip markings, corner bends and tears for me. I use this tape, you see? The manufacturer can be further contacted at <http://www.3M.com>.

Samples of selected sufferers of malevolent markings of pernicious penmen with penchants odious.

