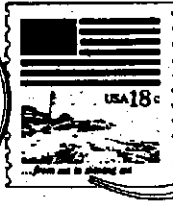


# PNC<sup>3</sup>



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## Quiet members = slim issues

Your editor wishes he could do as good of job at slimming down as *Coil Line* has done the past couple of months.

President Gene Trinks pushed to hear more from members last month. Readers of Alan Thomson's Snippets column will find a similar plea this month. And now, your editor is tempted to join the chorus.

However, the editor will start out by thanking everyone who does get involved. Look in your mirror, smile and go on with the day. The editor knows people are busy, hopefully, not so busy that your PNC collections are gathering dust.

Let's hear what's going on. Who is exhibiting? What are your finding-or not finding? Thanks!

## New PNC Catalog should start finding its way into mailboxes this month

The first section of Rich Nazar's new *PNC Catalog* should start showing up in the mailboxes this month of those placed an order.

Nazar encountered some problems with a printer and had to handle that situation. President Gene Trinks reports the problem has been solved and catalogs should be shipped as supplies are received.

An order blank can be found on page 58 of this issue.

The club is not publishing the catalog but did agree to help Nazar promote it. Several members have inquired as to the status of the catalog. Be assured all of us are as interested in seeing it as the next person.

## Washburn updates his PMC book

Member Rob Washburn has issued a revised edition of his "PMC: A Guide to Collecting Purple Machine Cancells". He reports the new book contains almost twice as many listings as the 1994 edition. The spiral bound book costs \$20 postpaid. Send checks to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

*A message from the President:*

## Postal Service continues to disappoint at shows

The problem of inadequate selection of coil material at Postal Service stations at stamp shows continues. I am still hearing from our members, who have attended stamp shows recently, that they are disappointed with the available coil stock. Of course, this is not the case for every show, and for those that do have a good selection of coils, we congratulate them on a job well done!

In one case, it has been reported that the Postmaster has directed that any coils sold must be sold in complete, unopened rolls (even 10,000s); in another, that the Postmaster has directed that no coils be brought to a particular show.

These decisions would seem to be a violation of the Postal Service's own policies and directives. It is hard to understand why such edicts, if accurately reported to my correspondents, can be upheld if made known to the senior managers in the Postal Service hierarchy.

The solution to the problem, however, lies not in complaining, but in a more active effort to alert the decision makers that we (the customers) have an active interest in good variety in the coil stock sent to shows, and would expect to purchase coil material if it is available.

The old adage that one can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar will apply in most cases. The way I see it, we need an interested party (say, a member of PNC<sup>3</sup>) to take some initiative in every case where a show is planned. In the following paragraphs, I'll call this individual the PNC Advocate (PA for short).

Here are some suggestions. They require a bit of effort, but this effort can reap rewards in more than one way. First, the PA should make contact with the show organizers. If you don't know anyone in the sponsoring organization, there is usually a contact point listed in the philatelic press. Someone has contacted the local Post Office

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to request that a postal station be set up at the show. Find out from that person who the contact person at the Post Office is. Then call the Post Office contact and tell him/her that there will be persons at the show who are interested in purchasing coil material. Ask if additional supplies might be requested from the supply center to fill the demand for variety (not quantity).

If presented with a reasonable request, most will try to accommodate. This is a good time to make suggestions for the type of material in which you have particular interest (such as back numbers or rolls of 10,000). After the show, a thank you note to the Postmaster, crediting the work of the persons involved, will help smooth the path for next year.

The PA benefits by 1) having more and better material to select from at the Postal Service table or booth; 2) by making a contact at the Post Office supplying the coils (this contact may prove useful later when searching for future numbers); 3) by making a contact at the sponsoring organization (tell them that you'd like them to ask the dealers to bring PNC materials to the show).

Don't worry about multiple contacts. If two or more people take the above action, it will reinforce the fact that there's interest in PNCs and will encourage the contact(s) to take the requests more seriously. In fact, if two or three PAs coordinate their efforts, that might be a good idea.

If you can't take the time to do all of the steps described above, do some of them. If you don't like making phone calls, use the mail. The important thing is to take some action.

All PNC collectors attending the show will benefit from these efforts. Don't just be a complainer (though reporting problems remains important to keep them in focus), do something to remedy the problem.

-Gene Trinks

### 18c Flag #6 found on donated cover

*Linn's Stamp News* reports on page 14 of its April 24, 2000 issue the finding of a commercial cover franked by an 18c Flag #6. The cover was postmarked Oct. 7, 1981 in Denver. It was found in a box of donated commercial covers. The stamp is tied by a purple machine cancel, which was used for just a short period because it was found the purple ink was fairly easy to wash off.

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## PNC Price List

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32¢ FoP PSA 88888A .....\$4.50  
either 8's high or low (Coil Line p49)

32¢ FoP 22222 LGG Thick 2's.....\$4.50  
(Coil Line p35) LGG Thin 2's.....\$10.00

## Plate Number Coil Price List

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**Satisfaction is guaranteed and you have  
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new issue service on any size plate strip  
you collect.**

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# SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

## New Numbers

There are two new numbers this month and they are both from the PSA City Flag issue. Start looking for rolls of 100 of 2222A and 3333A.

## FOP Split 5's Data

Unless someone is sitting on information about this rare printing error on the Flag over the Porch self adhesive coil, there is very little to study or tabulate. There are nine strips of this variety that came from the two discovery rolls. Why the extra strip, when there are ordinarily only four strips per roll? One roll was cut in such a way that the last stamp had four cylinder numbers on it and the next to last stamp had one number. Thus that roll contained four normal strips and one odd strip that had no extra stamps on the right side. The six stamps in the irregularly configured strip are X-X-X-X-5-5555. The split 5's have never been reported in used condition, either as a stamp with a single digit or as a stamp with four digits. If you know of any used examples, please share the information with us. At least some of you are now wondering what the price of one of those eight normally configured strips is, but there is no reliable answer to that question. The few transactions that took place many months ago mean nothing and there is no traceable market at this point. If one attempts to build a price based on movement of the 31 reported split 9's (a similar error), a split 5 could be up near \$2000.

## Some Help Would Help

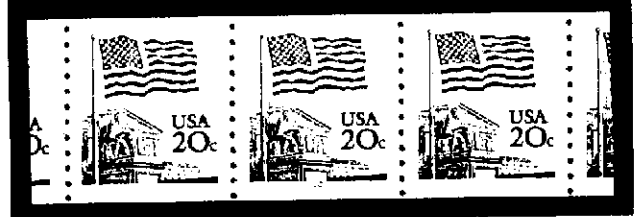
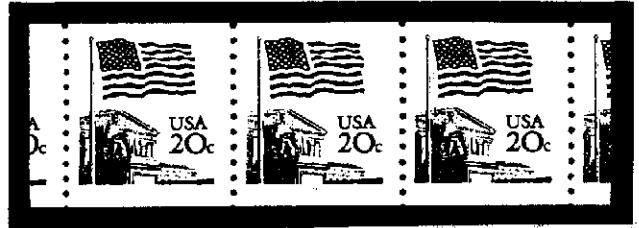
In last month's letter from President Gene Trinks he made an appeal for study of PNC's and a sharing of information when you find items of interest. I want to reinforce that appeal, but in a less kind manner; a little thumping about the head and shoulders so to speak. I think most members like reading Snippets and I enjoy writing it - when there is something to write about. I depend on you for the ideas and the material. I'm glad to do the research, if necessary, and do the writing so all of you can share in what's happening in PNC's. But if more of you can't put forth the effort to contribute ideas and information, Snippets is going to disappear. The input since the first of the year has been slim and I'm just about ready to shut down the column. If there is really a dearth of information, Snippets will appear only when there is enough material to warrant it. Sweating out filling the column each month is not my idea of fun.

## No Green Brim Hat

Mention was made in last month's Coil Line of a "green brim variety" of the Hat stamp. Apparently the word has not gotten around about this changling that was first noticed on Hat booklet stamps from used mixtures. This so called variety is a "make you own" thing. The green, instead of gray, brim on the hat is the result of prolonged exposure to bright light, especially sunlight. Tests were run by several people and all reported that the green color could be produced by exposing the stamps to bright sun for several days. The gray ink will turn to a pale green. Don't waste your time looking for these accidents of handling.

## More Small Hole 20¢ Flags

After checking his 20¢ Flag over Supreme Court collection, Gene Grace found two strips that have the small hole perforations. One is from plate #9 which has been reported by two other collectors. The other strip is from plate #10. From the three reports so far only plates #9 and #10 have been found to have small as well as large perforation holes. A comparison of Gene's two strips shows that the plate #10 strip (in the bottom photo) has holes that are even smaller than those on the #9.



## An Unusual Splice

Usually spliced rolls have the same plate numbers on both sides of the splice. Jeff Fiszbein has found a post-printing, pre-processing splice on the Green Bicycle self adhesive coil that has two different numbers on a long strip. Cylinder combination #666 is on the seventh stamp to the left of the spliced stamp and combination #555 is on the seventh stamp to the right. The even spacing from the splice is simply pure chance. The different numbers are also by chance. The operators just happened to choose a web roll from another printing to paste onto the end of the #555 roll. The back numbers on the strip are in proper sequence and properly spaced.

## Kestrel CPV's Keep Coming

David Andrews has come up with yet another constant plate variety on the 1¢ Kestrel coil from the original "D" press printing. (Color sequence BYCM) The variety has a broken "A" in USA on the 1R stamp.



# CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

04/10/00

A-107

**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  
 #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 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)  
 #2222 C

**(5c) MOUNTAIN[24][14]**

#11111 B, C  
 #S111 D

**(5c) MTN (SA) [21][15]**

#1111 C  
 #V22222 D  
 #V333323 D  
 #V333333 D  
 #V333342 D  
 #V333343 D

**(5c) WETLANDS [14]**

S1111 D

**(5c) WETLNDs (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

**(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  
 #322222 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.

# COVER OF THE MONTH

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The above cover features a multiple ounce cover using three of the 25¢ Diner self-adhesive coils, one with plate number #22211. (Cover courtesy of Dan Wilder.) (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.)

## 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 <b>PNC<sup>3</sup></b>		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	
<b>Ship catalog to:</b> Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____ PNC <sup>3</sup> #: _____			

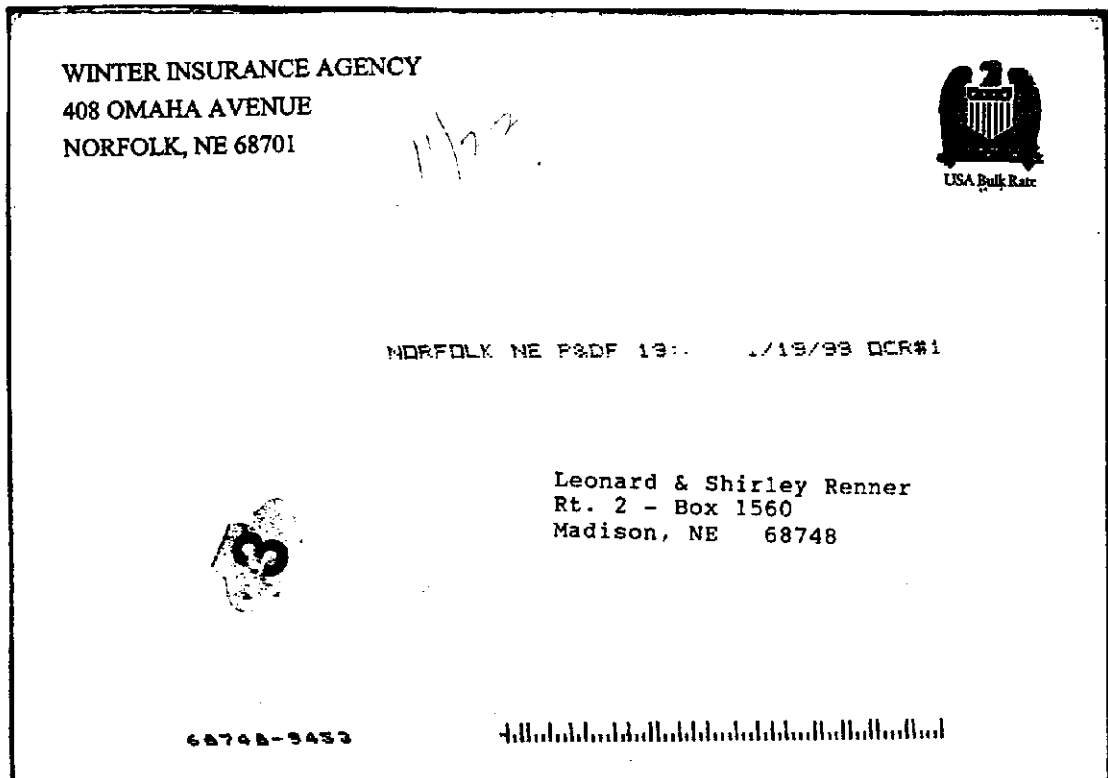
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## NEW FINDS AND REPORTS

It has been a couple months since my last installment, and during that time some new finds have been discovered. One of them is the cover pictured below featuring a 10¢ Eagle/Shield water-activated #444444.



I really did not think that I would ever find this PNC on cover. Water-activated stamps are on their way out, and even though the 10¢ Eagle/Shield coil has been replaced by the 10¢ Auto and now the 10¢ Handlebars, this particular plate number was released by the USPS last year. A bonus for this cover is the fact that it received a spray cancel which appears to be 11/19/99. Has anyone found any other covers with this PNC?

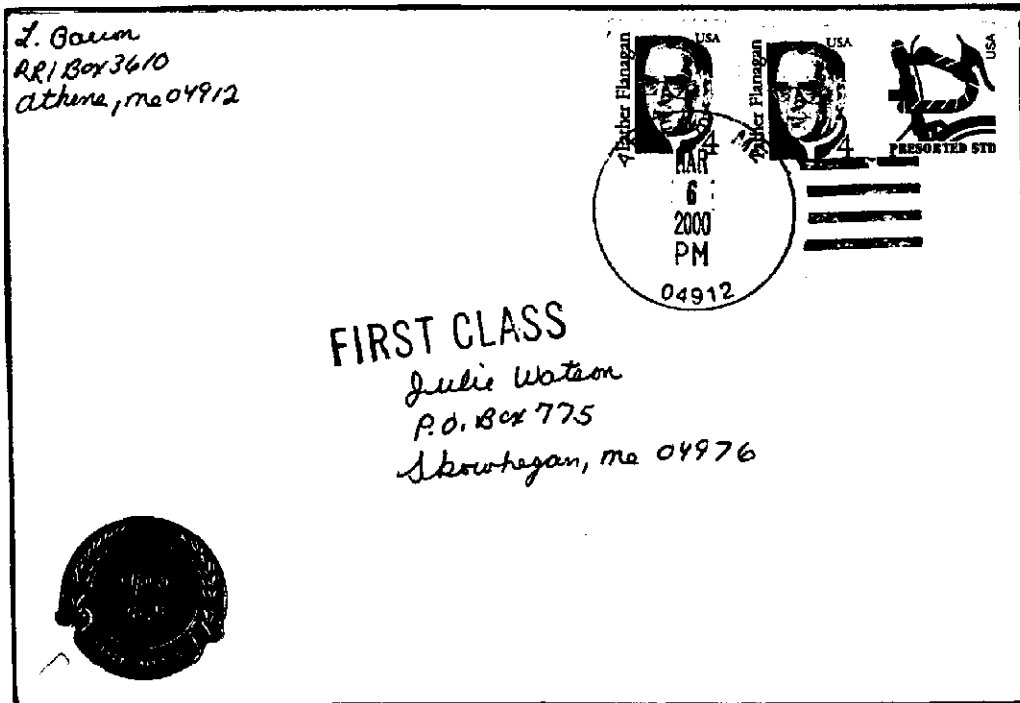
Another interesting cover is the one pictured on the top of the next page featuring a 25¢ Flag/Yosemite #5 preph. tagged.

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CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Office Of The Superintendent  
P. O. Box 1029  
Fort Payne, Alabama



Note that there is a full plate number "5" at the bottom and there is also approximately 75% of a "5" at the top. It is almost a double number PNC! The only known full double number PNC (that I am aware of) is on the 8.3¢ Ambulance (Cottrell) #1, and this 25¢ Flag/Yosemite #5 PNC cover is the closest I have seen to that. Very unusual!

Another neat usage is the cover pictured below.

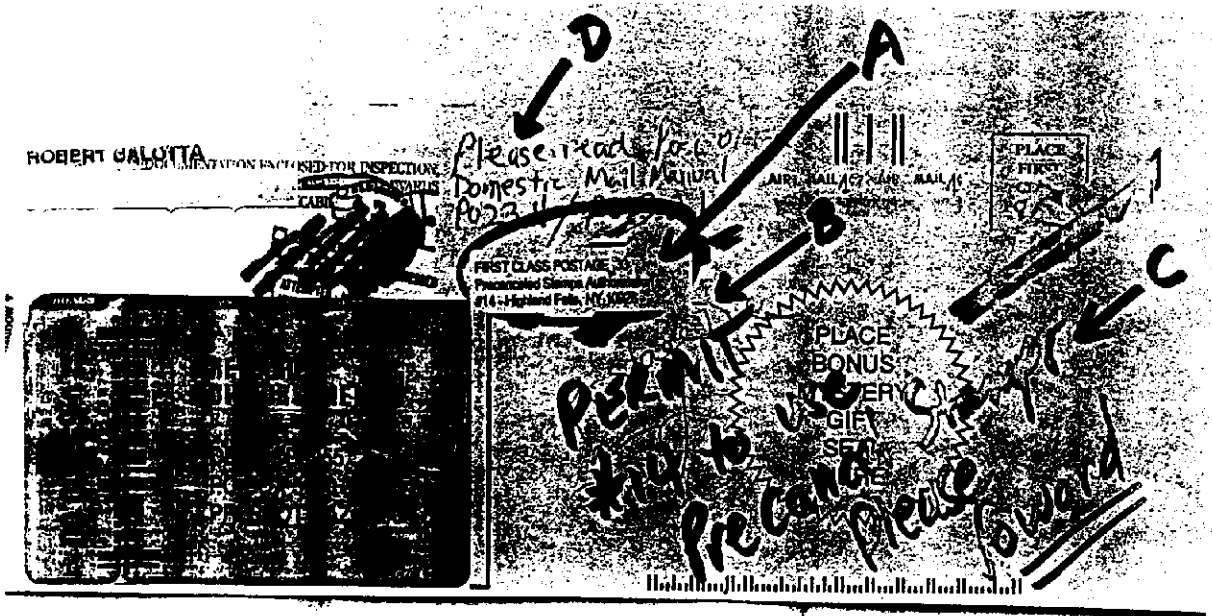


This cover is a true commercial usage sent by a church member to another member with a birthday greeting inside. Although I cannot be sure, it certainly appears that a 10¢ Handlebars coil was mistaken for 25¢ value by the sender. In addition, it is an improper usage of the 10¢ Handlebars because it fails to show the precancel stamp permit number endorsement. How did this happen! I don't know, but since it was handstamped at the small post office it was sent from, you would think the postal clerk would have noticed.

I also want to report that the earliest known usage date for the 5.2¢ Sleigh Prec. #6 on cover has been improved dramatically. The previous EKU listing was 12/1/87, but now it is 2/9/85 with the discovery of such a cover with a dated machine cancel. Other new EKU cover reports are as follows: 1¢ Omnibus (Revised) #2 untagged (10/3/94), 32¢ H #1141 (3/16/99), 32¢ Flag/Porch SA #88888 (11/10) (6/1/96), 33¢ Flag/City SA #7777 (8/10/99), SA #8888 (9/27/99), SA #9999 (12/23/99), and 33¢ Berries #B2211 (8/13/99). Also, I need to report an error report concerning the 33¢ Flag/City WA #2222. The EKU cover for that stamp should be listed as 4/26/99, not 3/11/99 as previously reported. I want to thank Dan Wilder, Robert Thompson, Frank Nemeth, Dan Kauffman, Don Thompson, Richard Beecher, Martin Raymer, David Andrews, Dave Nelson, and Rick Lancaster for their letters and reports.

### Another mailing 'horror story'

Member Robert Calotta of Highland Falls, NY, tells this story about the cover illustrated below. He mailed the letter twice, using one non-denominational Juke Box coil and two four-cent airmail stamps, Scott C48. He says the stamps were torn off. The envelope was mailed in January with a sticker (A) stating that a permit had been granted for use of pre-canceled stamps. Two weeks later he received the envelope back with a postage due notation (B). He then added the larger typed notice (C) and the reference to USPS manual rules (D) and re-mailed the envelope. He got it back again in early February. Across the torn stamps is imprinted DEPT-C89955. Robert has been using the permit 10 years and only in the past year has gotten items back from the USPS with a variety of notations.



# 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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## 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.  
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## PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings

A monthly listing of scheduled Regional and Annual Meetings will be published in *Coil Line*. Regional Meetings are to be arranged through John Peterson, Regional Meeting Committee Chairperson, 6605 Bell Bluff Ave., San Diego, CA 92119-1147. 619-265-2916.

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

**The Plymouth Show, Saturday, April 29, Plymouth, MI. - 10 a. m. - 1 p.m., Central Middle School.** Open meeting for discussion, show and tell and trading. (See page 45).

**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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## Letters

### A search of FOP #88888A

To the Editor:

As a result of seeing Alan Thomson's March and April 2000 Snippets columns concerning the Flag/Porch #88888A, I decided to go through my 19 covers to see what I have, and to see if there is any correlation between the die type incision and the low/high plate number variety. Here is a breakdown of what I found.

#### Type A

High red 8 - 2 (EKU: 11/2/98)

Low red 8 - 1 (EKU: 8/7/98)

Type D 'normal' (2 ties per peak on R side and 3 ties per peak on L side)

High red 8 - 7 (EKU: 10/9/98)

Low red 8 - 8 (EKU: 9/14/98)

Type D 'inverted' (3 ties per peak on L side and 2 ties per peak on R side)

High red 8 - 1 (EKU: 8/12/98)

Low red 8 - 0

I hope you will report this information in *Coil Line* and ask the members to report their findings in *Coil Line* as well, or they can write me.

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### Update:

Last total .....720

New members .....8

Total .....728

Reinstatements .....5

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