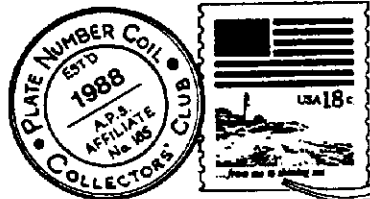


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Members' Interests lists conclude

This issue of *Coil Line* finishes the annual listing of our members' interests. This list is the second of two installments.

It is unfortunate that the type size of the list cannot be larger. Basic information needed to contact a member and the list of categories determines the type size, since we must put all that information on a single line across the length of an eleven-inch page.

The number of different categories of interests we track is really the determining factor in the space needed. We try to offer as much detail as practical, but not every sub-specialty can be broken out. There is a real likelihood that we will replace the 'Paper Types' category with the new category 'Back Numbers' next year.

If this does occur, those persons now having a listing for 'Paper Types' will be listed as 'Other' next year, and we will call for those collecting back numbers to make that interest known. Let Gene Trinks know if you have a preference for which category will be listed going forward.

Auctioneer calls for auction lots

Club Auctioneer Joe Sedivy, who is trying to figure out how to relax with the Chicago Cubs in first place, has called for members to submit lots for the next auction.

He would like to have all auction lots in his hands by Aug. 18 so that he can have an auction ready for publication in the October *Coil Line*. A submittal sheet is attached to the back of this issue of *Coil Line*.

Please ignore the change of address that was published for Joe in the July issue. We're still trying to figure out how it got listed on the monthly report from the secretary to the editor. My apologies to Joe and to any of you who used that address.

Members are encouraged to be realistic in their minimum bids so that bidders are encouraged to bid early and bid often when the lots are listed.

A message from the President:

Change is good!

Some will agree and some will not, depending on the circumstances, of course. In the PNC world, however, change is generally a positive factor.

We have just had another rate change. This will mean more to the postal history buffs (in the PNC world, that term largely translates into commercial cover collectors) than it does to the average PNCer. We will not see another series of rate change stamps, because the first class letter rate doesn't change, but the 21c Bison is now destined for use primarily on post cards instead of its original intended use as a second ounce rate payer.

Now is the time to add those second ounce usages to your collection. Usually such a short rate period makes for hard-to-find items in future years.

What was originally thought to be a negative factor about the Bison may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. By this I mean that the recurrence of a PNC every five stamps should mean that there are more PNCs out there to be found exhibiting this usage. We should also find many examples of the Bison PNC used on post cards at the new 21c post card rate.

The new second-ounce rate is once again 23c. Will we see new printings of the previously issued 23c Lunch Wagon? As this is written, I haven't yet seen an announcement of a new coil design to pay the second ounce rate. It's a fair bet that there will be one, though. Which design series will therefore have an additional component? Or will we see still another change and the start of another series of designs. Which would you prefer?

Speaking of change, if you have not planned to attend the Annual Meeting in Chicago on August 25th, why not change your mind and come meet with the gang that will be there. Now's your chance to meet Joe Sedivy, our hard-working Auctioneer. Other regular attendees at these yearly get-togethers are Alan Thomson, Joann Lenz, and many other friendly faces.

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Perhaps we'll also see Ron Maifeld, our Webmaster. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors with similar PNC interests, so why not add to the fun by being there yourself?

-Gene Trinks

Letters

Help sought to identify stamp columnists

To the Editor:

The Publicity Committee of PNC needs help in identifying the stamp columnists that appear in local newspapers. We want to develop a network that can help us spread the word about collecting PNC's.

If your newspaper has a stamp column please send me the name and contact information for the columnist. (i.e. name of the columnist, e-mail address, name of the newspaper, what day(s) the column appears, and the address of the newspaper).

Send that information to:

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Census sought on 'Lenz' paper Plate #2

To the Editor:

I recently was fortunate to acquire a lot through a well known Internet auction site and found a used 29c Rushmore #2 'Lenz' paper.

I am very curious to know how common these might be. After checking with some knowledgeable folks, it seems that no one knows the answer. I invite correspondence from anyone who can contribute information.

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Club Web site good replacement for catalog

To the Editor:

I have been reading in *Coil Line* about the discussions of Mr. Trinks with Mr. Nazar about publishing a PNC Catalog, noting the failure to reach an agreement. May I, as a new member, report my current attitude regarding a catalog, and these debates?

I am really a Novice in all this, having collected PNCs for only about 7 years, and I am really very pleased so far if I can just keep up with one of each of the available varieties.

My accumulation, therefore, has been in very substantial disorder, caused by my ignorance, - wrong number assignments, unawareness of varieties, surprise

finding that items exist that I don't have. Dealer's lists do help, notably Michael Lipson's. Basically, however, I have much more need for a catalog than most of our more knowledgeable members.

Recently, my problems have been very greatly relieved, if not totally removed. The source of my joy? PNC3's WEB site. Ron Maifeld is doing one fine job of identifying, classifying, and illustrating the wide variety of types of PNCs that are available.

It is very clear, very, very thorough, it is easily researched. The work that Ron and his coworkers have been accomplishing is truly outstanding, and I am most delighted and well served. Every PNC question that I have recently had has found a ready answer in his PNC Master Coil List.

The sum of all this is that I do not now need a published catalog, for an effective alternative is developing right there in front of us, complete with color illustrations, - outstanding. And its being refined, improved and expanded every day. Clearly, Mr. Nazar is reaching for some ultimate in perfection not yet available, but Mr. Maifeld today is providing a very useful resource of very high quality.

A printed catalog, even if bound in leather, is no more useful than a WEB site. (Please note that I just bought the 33 volumes of Encyclopedia Britannica on a single disk for \$ 25. If E B can go digital, we certainly can.) Actually I have downloaded the PNC3 catalog on to my computer, but I still go to the site every day for news and updates. Some day we can sell CD's or DVD's carrying the catalog at a fair price, and save me all the trouble of downloading.

Perhaps in a future issue of *Coil Line* you might highlight the values being generated by our Web site, and then request all members to contribute helpful suggestions that will permit this growing work to soon reach that level of ultimate perfection conceived by Mr. Nazar. If we all join in, this will be an extraordinary resource for the entire hobby, and these unseemly debates will be past.

Arthur Westneat
PNC3 # 1338
APS Life Member

Got a question about collecting PNCs?

Is there something about collecting Plate Number Coils that baffles you?

Do you have something in your collection that you just can't find listed in a catalog?

Then you're a good candidate to submit a question that will be forwarded to a knowledgeable club member who can provide an answer for you and share it with everyone else in the club. Chances are if you have a question, someone else has the same or a similar question. Send questions to halallen@wcnf.org

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

EP - EMBEDDED PHOS UT - UNTAGGED,
 SP - SURFACE PHOS [xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL
 BK - BLOCK TAG (NL) - LINERLESS
 OA - OVERALL TAG * **NEW NUMBER**

Plate number intervals are shown in brackets following the stamp name. If more than one is indicated, the order is that in which the different printer's plate numbers are listed.

Example: Juke Box [24] for BEP, [14] for Sennett Security.

PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTERS:

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

(34c) LIBERTY [24]

#1111 C

(34c) LIBERTY (SA) [24]

#1111 A (SM DATE)
 #1111 A (LG DATE)

(34c) FLOWER (SA) [12]

#B1111 A

34c LIBERTY [24]

#1111 A, C, D

34c LIBERTY (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A
 #3333 A
 #4444 A
 #5555* A

34c LIBERTY (SA) [21]

#1111 C, D
 #2222 D

34c FLOWERS (SA) [12]

#B1111 A
 #B2111 A
 #B2122* A
 #B2222 A

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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 D (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

22c U. SAM (SA) [24]

#1111 A

22c UNCLE SAM [24]

#1111 C

21c BISON (SA) [5]

#V1111 A

20c PHEASANT (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A

2c WOODPECKER [24]

#1111 C, D
 #2222 D

1c KESTREL [24]

#1111 B, C (TYPE I)
 #1111 B (TYPE II)
 #1111 C (TYPE III)
 #2222 C
 #3333 C

(5c) MOUNTAIN[24][14]

#1111 B, C
 #S111 D

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

#1111 C
 #V222222 D
 #V333323 D
 #V333333 D
 #V333342 D
 #V333343 D

(5c) WETLANDS [14]

81111 C, D

(5c) WETLND (SA) [21]

#1111 C (light color)
 #1111 D (dark color)
 #2222 C, D
 #3333 C, D
 #4444 D
 #5555* D

(10c) ATLAS (SA) [20]

#B1111* D

(10c) LION (SA) [21]

#S11111 D
 #S22222 D

(10c) GREEN BIKE [14]

#S111 B, C, D

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(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 STD [24]

#11111 D
 #22222 D

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

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D
 #33333 D

(15c) TAIL FIN [24][14]

#11111 C
 #S11111 D

(15c) TAIL FIN (SA)[21]

#S11111 D

(25c) JUKE BOX [24][14]

#111111 B, C
 #212222 B, C
 #222222 C
 #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

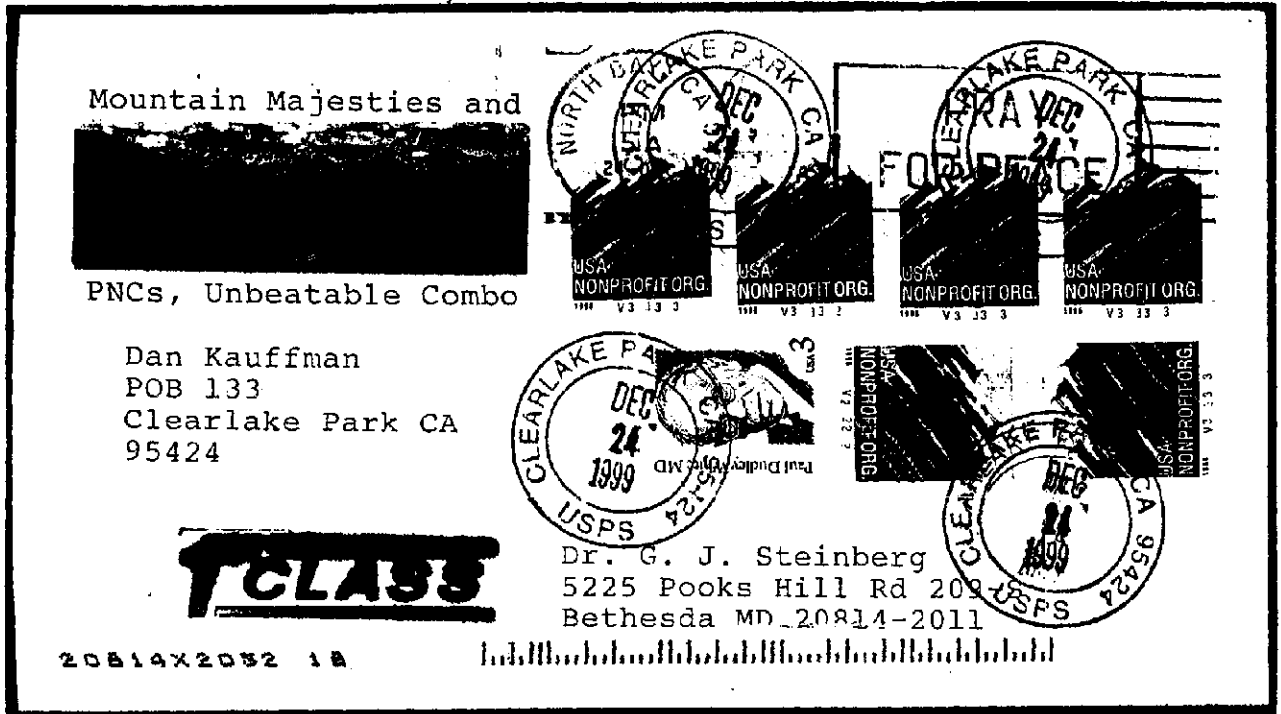
(25c) DINER (SA) [21]

#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



The above philatelically contrived cover features five different versions of the 5c Mountain self-adhesive: V333333, V333342, V333343, V333323, and V222222. (Cover courtesy of Dan Kauffman.) (If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976-0840.)

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, James Markley, 100 Sparrow Drive #14, Royal Palm Beach, Fla. 33411 with the objection. The committee will recommend for or against membership.

New applicants:

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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, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953 or call 619-466-3443.
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, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953. 619-466-3443.

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

Annual Meeting August 2001

APS Stampshow - Aug. 25, Chicago, IL. The Board Meeting is at 9 a.m. Saturday in room 29A. The APS has allotted three hours for the room.

The general membership meeting is slated for 1 p.m. in room 29 and has been given a 2-hour assignment.

The meeting site is the Donald E. Stephens (Rosemont) Convention Center, 5555 North River Road. The center is near O'Hare International Airport, which is located on the west side of Chicago.

Special rates have been secured by APS at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, which is connected to the center by a skywalk, and the Rosemont Suites, just across the street. Early reservations are recommended. (It may already be too late).

Anyone with issues that they want the board or general membership to consider should contact President Gene Trinks as soon as possible. His address is in the box to the right.

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Changes of address: Should be sent to and membership applications are available from Don Eastman, Secretary, 24 Bemis St., Berlin, NH 03570. easte@landmarknet.net

Mailing list: Rental of the club mailing list is available. A one-time usage of labels costs \$50. Contact the secretary (above).

Dues: Are \$10 per year (\$15 for First Class mailing of *Coil Line*, \$15 for Canada and Mexico and \$20 for all others) and should be sent to Tom McFarland, Treasurer, P.O. Box 756 Princeton Jct., NJ 08550
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E-mail - halallen@wcnet.org
Members are entitled to two free, 40-word ads per year. Word ads are available at 6 cents per word per issue to nonmembers and those members who have used their free ads.

Ads

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Exhibiting

Please forward all exhibiting reports directly to Gary Davis, Award and Exhibit Chairperson.

Contact Gary at 515-279-9598 or gjdstamp@uswest.net

No information to report this month.

No Snippets this month

Alan Thomson reports that he did not receive sufficient contributions to compile a Snippets column for this issue of *Coil Line*. If members wish to have Snippets continue as a regular feature, they will have to supply Alan with information.

He can be contacted at P.O. Box 91, Northwood, NH 03261 or at mrsnips@tds.net

Alan did supply the following information:

There are four new plate numbers that have appeared during the last month. Statue of Liberty in rolls of 100 #5555 has been found, as has Flowers #B2122. The large roll Wetlands PSA coil has been found with #5555 also. The Atlas (10c) coil #B1111 is also new.

There is no change to the highest and lowest production back numbers on the Bison stamp. They remain 943136 and 22639. The contest seems to be frozen.

Woody Wagon Presorted Stamp



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The Postal Service will issue a nondenominated, presorted First-Class Mail® postcard rate (15-cent value) *Woody Wagon* stamp (Item Number 778700) in Denver, Colorado, on August 3, 2001. The stamp, designed by Kevin Newman of Santa Monica, California, goes on sale nationwide August 4, 2001. The stamp will be produced in self-adhesive coils of 10,000.

The *Woody Wagon* stamp features a woody station wagon. Wood-paneled vehicles, or woodies, captured the imagination of the American public from the 1930s through the 1950s. Woodies came in several models including sedans, convertibles, station wagons, and trucks. Originally designed as stylish cars for wealthy buyers, woodies were later marketed as practical transportation for families, who found woody wagons ideal for shopping trips and vacations. Today, woodies are favorite attractions at automobile shows.

NOTICE:

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

Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet
 Photocopy this page. A separate sheet is required for each lot.

Auction consignment deadline is Aug, 18, 2001

Please Note: There is a 50-cent charge per lot.

- 1) Use a separate consignment sheet for each lot.
- 2) Keep this entire page intact and attach lots in a glassine with tape to the top half (do not use staples). I understand that this may not be possible for longer strips.
- 3) **LIMIT YOUR CONSIGNMENTS TO 25 LOTS.**
- 4) As I still find that there is no totally acceptable definition of a commercial cover, all covers will be listed as First Day Covers or Other Covers. There will be no exceptions.
- 5) If you do not state a minimum bid, your lot(s) will go to the highest bidder regardless of the price(s) realized.
- 6) Do not enter anything under Lot # on the consignment sheets.
- 7) Bidding increments are: \$0.00 to \$4.75/25c \$5.00 to \$9.50/ 50c \$10 to \$49.75/\$1 \$50 to \$97.50/\$2.50
 \$100 to \$495/\$5 \$500+/\$10

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Name _____ PNC³ number _____

Address _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Lot#	Scott#	Description of material	Minimum Bid (see rules above)
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For COTTRELL issues please grade both design centering and line centering.
 Centering-Overall for non-Cottrell issues or Cottrell designs (see grading notes)

(Circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Centering (line) Cottrell issues only (circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Faults (describe below)

Buyer # Hammer price

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