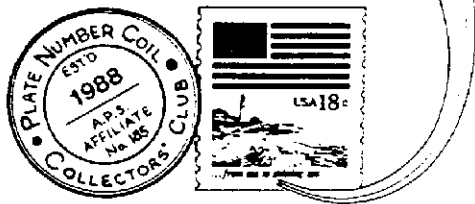


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Bisons, Bisons and more Bisons

The recent Bison coil stamp issue has intrigued Alan Thomson, who has prepared an extensive article filled with interesting and educational information.

Those among the membership who like varieties, will find lots of ideas to follow up on for their study and collections. But simply put, it's just another example of why PNCs have attracted a loyal following. The article starts on page 49.

Regional Meeting set May 5 at ORCOEXPO

There will be a PNC3 regional meeting in conjunction with the ORCOEXPO stamp show on May 5. This ORCOEXPO will take place at the Holiday Inn in Monrovia from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The address is 924 W. Huntington Drive, just off of the 210 freeway.

For further details, contact John E Peterson by email at jkpete@pacbell.net or by phone at (619) 466-3443.

Also, a reminder for those who receive this issue in time, the Regional Meeting at Plymouth, MI on April 28 starts at 10:30 a.m.

Auction results are listed here and online

Results from the 24th PNC3 auction are found on the last page of this issue of Coil Line. Many of you have already probably found the results on the club Web site.

Auctioneer Joe Sedivy reports the auction, although smaller than usual, was successful, with a high percentage of items sold.

Moreau seeks information on PNC varieties

Ken Moreau has an interest in varieties found on PNCs. His question about a 2c Locomotive variety in the April issue received several responses. On the second membership page of this issue, his latest question is illustrated. It is a red mark found under the first #1 of the plate number. He's looking for other examples to confirm the variety. Contact him at 402 Coronation Dr., Franklin, MA 02038, if you have something similar among your treasures.

A message from the President:

Survey brings responses

In reviewing the suggestions forwarded as part of the membership survey that went out last year, it is apparent that there is a need for more "beginner's" information. With the next issue of *Coil Line*, we will initiate a beginner's section, so our newer members can have a clear path to having questions answered. So, let your Editor know what topics you want covered, or questions answered, so that we can treat the topics needed. It takes only a few moments to jot a note with a simple question. Do it now while you're thinking of it. We're not going to publish the name of the person asking the question, unless you ask that we do so, so there is no need to be concerned about seeming poorly informed. As the famous saying goes, the only dumb question is the one that remains unasked.

Many members took time to note their satisfaction with the Snippets column. I'd like to share with you something about the folks that have contributed so much to *Coil Line* over the years. The reason they take their time and make the efforts they do is that they hope to improve the hobby and the club for the members. They don't need financial compensation. Their reward is in the gratification they get from knowing that their contributions have value to our members.

Have you noticed that we don't have a Snippets page this month? This is because there has been surprisingly little new information reported to Alan Thomson. Snippets isn't a product of his imagination, but a summary of the input of a number of correspondents. Without input, no Snippets. A very direct relationship. Your direct input is the way to show how much you value the column, and keeping the information flowing is the way to keep the column vibrant and useful.

Ken Moreau has been working with Rob Washburn recently to confirm some "suspects" in the plate variety category. You'll be seeing some of these in *Coil Line*

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CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

04/10/01

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.

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

34c LIBERTY (SA) [21]

#1111 C, D
 #2222 D

34c FLOWERS (SA) [12]

#B1111 A
 #B2111* A
 #B2222* A

LEFT
 BLANK

LEFT
 BLANK

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]

#11111 C, D
 #22222 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]

#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 C, D

(5c) WETLND (SA) [21]

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

(10c) LION (SA) [21]

#S11111 D
 #S22222* 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 (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
 #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.

Hunting the Bison - Hunting for Answers

By Alan Thomson

When a stamp printer produces an issue in a style or format that is new to the company, we can look forward to some unusual and sometimes puzzling features on the stamps. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing demonstrated this with its first small roll (100) pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) coil, the Flag Over Porch. We found all sorts of new and unusual characteristics on them that swelled our collections beyond simple plate number accumulating. Die cutting variations were most responsible for this.

The 21¢ Bison coil assigned by USPS to Avery-Dennison is Avery's first venture into the small roll PSA coil world and it is not disappointing the PNC variety specialists. Only one cylinder combination has been found so far, V1111, but that has not limited collecting to one strip. Avery has shown us some innovations in its processes, and one number can turn into three or more collectible strips. And that doesn't consider some of the freaks found to this point.

Avery used a Dai Nippon Kiko gravure press with a cylinder circumference of 35 stamps and a width of 11 stamps (rows). Plate numbers are at five stamp intervals.

The Bison coil was issued 22 February 2001 and almost immediately some collectors and dealers said they had found two die cut types. Both types counted 10 peaks on each side of the stamp, but the left side of one started with a peak (P) and ended with a valley (V). This is commonly referred to as a PV type. The other style started with a valley and ended with a peak on the left side, and is known as a VP type.

To have such a distinction, there must be some separating device in the serpentine line that defines a start and stop point for the cut on each stamp. If it's not there, the serpentine line is just like a row of perforation holes that moves non-stop across the entire web. A defining point is not readily apparent on the Bison. The question became, "Is one there, and if so, what is it?"

On the Porch Flag coil the interruption, or separator, in the serpentine line was simply a straight line. It was usually easily seen at both the top and bottom of both sides of the stamp. To illustrate how this little straight cut crossed from one row in the printed web to the next we just took two successive stamps from a roll and placed one above the other. The lines matched perfectly. Figure 1 shows how this was done. But using stamps from the same roll worked only because all the separators were the same; all straight lines.

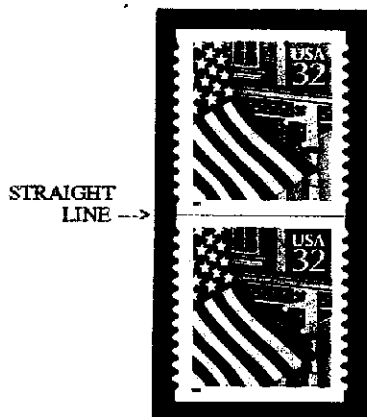


Fig. 1

There was much speculation and several theories were offered about what the Bison separator was or whether it even existed. It was not at all evident by just examining a single stamp. I decided to repeat the row above row simulation that had worked on the FOP, with disastrous results. Figure 2 shows the die cuts did not match at all and no separator was revealed.

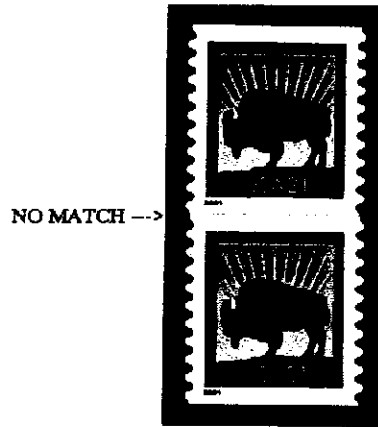


Fig. 2

One stamp was inverted and the die cuts matched but that suggested the stamps were printed *tete-beche*. That was not likely because then half the rolls would be wound backward when the stamps were processed. No one had found even one roll that was wound so that it unrolled to the right instead of the standard left.

Fate, and some hunting, intervened. I located a post office that had over 400 rolls of the Bison. Searching through them for some clue, I found two rolls that were so badly sliced the dates and the plate numbers were on top of the stamps. One roll revealed a separator that is a shallow elongated valley with a normal peak at either end. This would define a PV die cut. Looking across to the right side, the matching form was a stubby vertically elongated peak with a standard valley at either end. Figure 3 shows the miscut stamp. The shallow valley appears to be just half normal depth, and the stubby peak seems to be half as tall as a normal one.

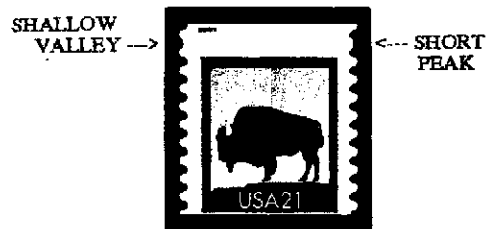


Fig. 3

The other roll solved the puzzle. It had the two separator shapes reversed. The stubby peak is on the left and the shallow valley is on the right at the top. This defines a VP type die cut. By placing a stamp from each roll one above the other, the continuity of the die pattern came to life. It was a perfect match and showed that the two types of separators alternated from row to row. If row 2 had a shallow valley at the top, row 3 had a stubby

peak at the top. Figure 4 shows the stacked stamps and how they fit together. This discovery not only proved the two types of cuts, PV and VP, but showed that the available quantities of each were about equal. To this point the Bison had two different separators.

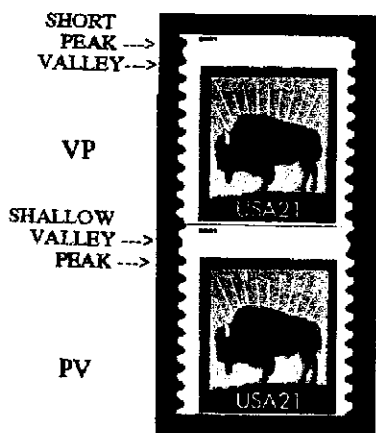


Fig. 4

I wondered how the beginning and the end of the die cut looked and returned to the lucky find post office. Combing through the rolls again I found another misscut roll but it had no dates or plate numbers on top, just a big white margin. It was the very top row in the web and it had a different shape at the top; perfectly straight lines on both sides. That made three different separators. This top row started with a valley below the straight line and made that row a VP type. The top row misscut is shown in Figure 5. Notice that the straight line, if extended downward, would pass through the center of the peaks along the side.

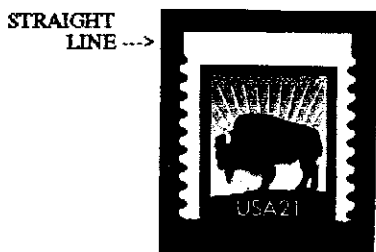


Fig. 5

The fact that all three separators are only half as high or deep as the peaks and valleys on the side of the stamp is a key to identifying a PV or a VP type on a normally sliced stamp. More about that later.

Finding the top row stamp with its straight line ending suggested that the bottom row in the web also had a straight line, but at the bottom. It does. The stamp in Figure 6, although not misscut to the same extreme as the top row stamps, shows the straight line. The pictured stamp has a very small top margin and a jumbo bottom margin which reveals enough of the final cut to determine it is straight, and not part of a shallow long valley or stubby broad based peak.



Fig. 6

For full clarity I decided to reconstruct the top four rows of the web. The stack of four stamps in Figure 7 is built entirely from misscut rolls and demonstrates the relative positions of the three kinds of separators and how the two interior types alternate in the descending rows. Note that plate number/date-on-top freak strips exist in both the PV and VP varieties.

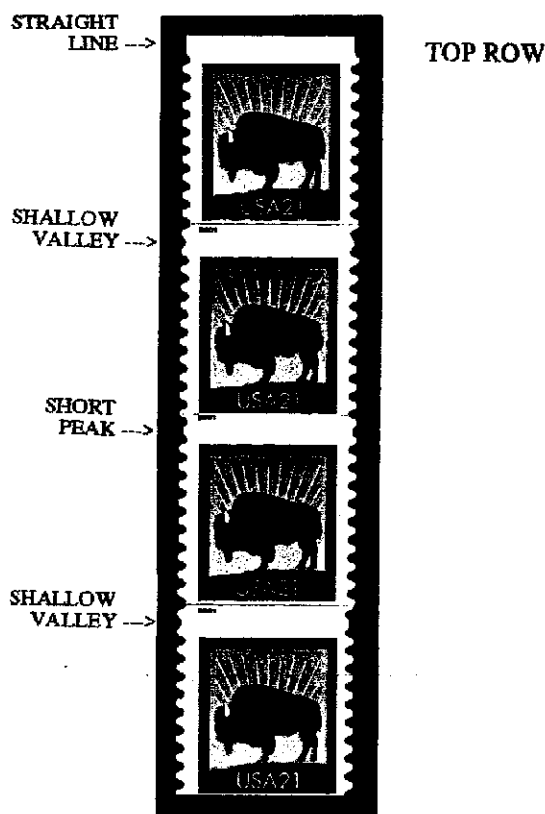


Fig. 7

Distinguishing PV and VP strips from normally sliced rolls is not easy on the Bison coil. As previously mentioned the fact that the separating device is only half the height or depth of a regular peak or valley is the key. Look in the upper left corner of the stamp in Figure 8, the extreme top half shape sticks out only half as far as the first full peak below it. It's a stubby peak. The first full shape below the stubby peak is a valley. The last shape at the bottom is a peak that turns into the start of a shallow valley. The starting valley and ending peak make this stamp a VP. Now look at the normal stamp in Figure 9. The converse is true. The upper left partial

shape is a shallow valley with a full peak directly below it. In combination with the lower left final complete shape, which is a valley, this is a PV type.

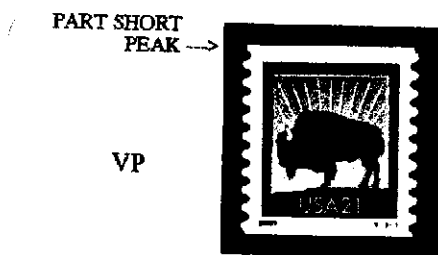


Fig. 8

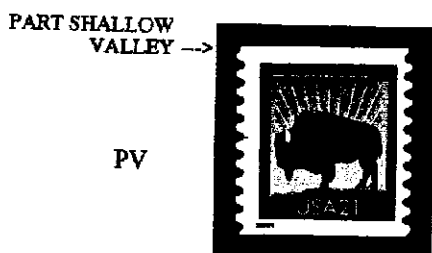


Fig. 9

Avery didn't stop with a new kind of die mat design. At a very early stage a collector found and reported a large nine digit number printed at 35 stamp intervals on the backs of two or three adjacent stamps. The number is printed by black dot matrix and the digits are approximately 6mm tall. The number usually has one or more leading zeros, and is always inverted in relation to the stamp face.

The value of the number increases by one with each appearance and, due to the 35 stamp spacing, the maximum times it appears in a roll is three. It will be two if the first appearance is far enough into the roll.

The range of stamps on whose backs the number appears (in relation to the plate numbered stamp) is not uniform. While some of the nine digits may extend over three adjacent stamps, this span has been found anywhere from 4L to 2R. (The plate number stamp is 1L.) This range has been expanding since the first report was made. The number location can change vertically as well, appearing either at the bottom, in the middle or at the top of the stamp back. It's in the middle most frequently and that's where it's probably intended to be.

This number serves as an internal accounting device. It is not just a record of cylinder impressions per se. Avery is using it as a wastage control and to track the quantity of stamps processed and shipped.

The number is applied only to the bottom row in the web and starts at zero when the first run of the design is printed. The value of the number at the beginning of subsequent runs picks up where the last run stopped. Lower numbers come from earlier runs.

A photocopy of the roll backing doesn't work well. It shows the counter number but doesn't show the location of the stamp seams on the other side. In Figure 10 lines have been added to indicate where the die cut seams are on the front. Stamp positions have also been added and placed as if they read "on the back of". The 1L position

in the photo is the back of the plate number stamp.

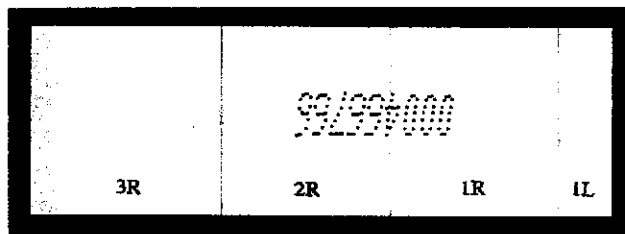


Fig. 10

The back number is applied to only one row. This statement was initially based on a statistical relationship derived from the number of rolls with the number compared to the quantity without a number throughout a large group from several flats of 50. The calculation takes into consideration the number of rows in the web and that only six of the rows are VP. Rolls with a number are only the VP type. Avery has since confirmed that this statistical computation leads to the right answer.

There is a great deal of interest in this number and collectors and dealers are looking for a way to increase the odds of picking one out of a group of rolls. The two clues to a correct selection are the VP type and that bottom straight line. It may not prove to be sure-fire because there is a catch. The catch is insuring you really have a roll with a straight line at the bottom. It's difficult to be sure when looking at a normally sliced stamp.

The Bison coil has one other peculiarity. It is sliced so that it's just under 1mm taller than PSA rolls of 100 of other issues that have come from BEP and Banknote Corporation of America.

Measured with a perforation gauge the die cut is 8.4 and has 10 peaks on each side. This 10/10 mat layout conforms to the PSA coil standard established by USPS after the FOP wild ride. In our language the full designations for the two types of the Bison are 10VP/10PV and 10PV/10VP.

More questions about this new coil may arise but this is a start. It's created a new item of study for us.

I wish to thank Richard Nazar for his help in gathering information from Avery. My appreciation is also extended to the Avery technical representative who supplied critical information that helps us understand this interesting new coil stamp.

Small and Large Date Listings on recent Plate Number Coils

This chart is to help clarify the assignment of catalog numbers by Scott Publishing for recent coil stamps with "Small" and "Large" year dates.

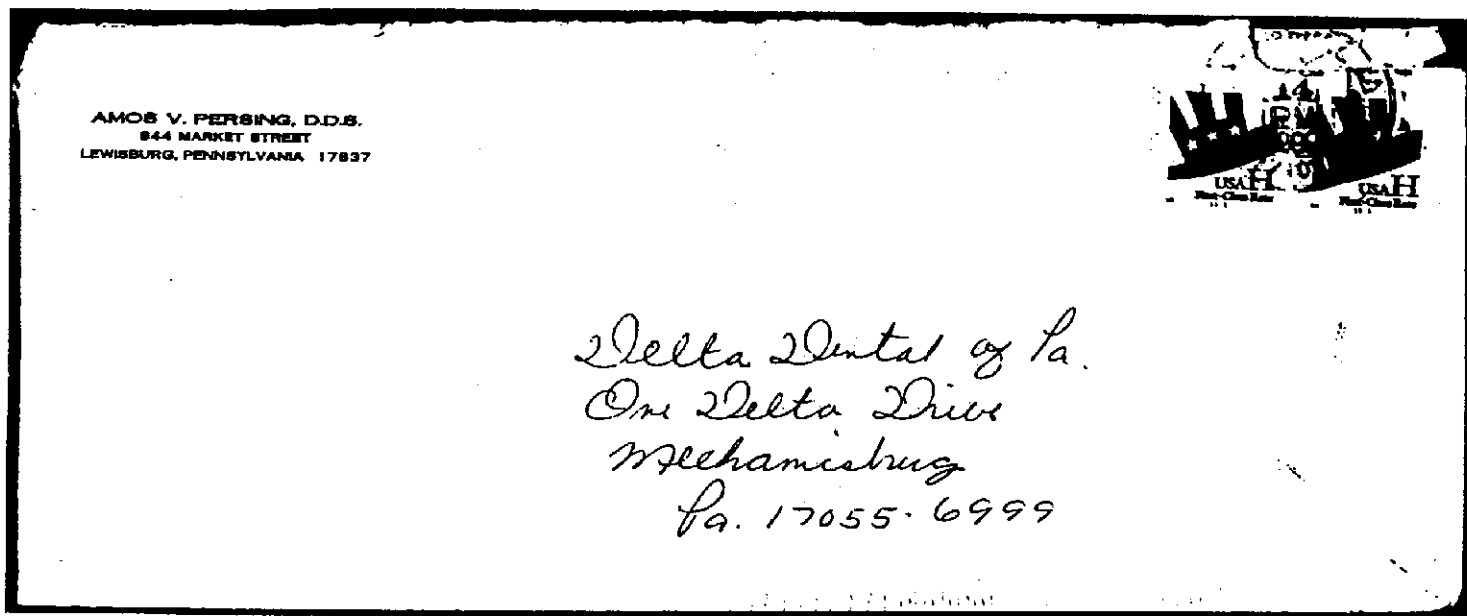
All of the issues were already listed in the 2001 Scott Specialized Catalogue, but without a number assigned for the two different date varieties, except for the 33c PSA Flag, which was missing some plate numbers. The following changes will appear in the 2002 Scott Specialized to be published this fall. Ron Maifeld

3228	(10c) Green Bicycle	Self-Adhesive	Small 1998	111, 221, 222, 333, 344, 444, 555
3228a	(10c) Green Bicycle	Self-Adhesive	Large 1998	666, 777, 888, 999
3270	(10c) Eagle & Shield	Lick n Stick	Small 1998	11111
3270a	(10c) Eagle & Shield	Lick n Stick	Large 1998	22222
3271	(10c) Eagle & Shield	Self-Adhesive	Small 1998	11111, 22222
3271b	(10c) Eagle & Shield	Self-Adhesive	Large 1998	33333
3280	33c Flag and City	Lick n Stick	Small 1999	1111, 2222
3280a	33c Flag and City	Lick n Stick	Large 1999	3333
3281	33c Flag and City	Self-Adhesive	Large 1999	6666, 7777, 8888, 9999, 1111A, 2222A, 3333A, 4444A, 5555A, 6666A, 7777A, 8888A, 1111B, 2222B
3281c	33c Flag and City	Self-Adhesive	Small 1999	1111, 2222, 3333, 3433, 4443, 4444, 5555, 9999A

If you find any errors in my listing, please let me know ASAP and I'll make the changes.

Thanks , *Ron Maifeld* - ron.maifeld@pnc3.org

COVER OF THE MONTH



The above cover, which appears to be a truly commercial, non-philatelic usage, has two 33c H #1111 PNCs on it. (Cover courtesy of Ken Cherry.) (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.)

PNC3 AUCTION RESULTS FOR #24 CLOSING MARCH 24, 2001

We had 56 bidders in this auction with all but 9 winning at least one lot.

Of the 258 lots listed, 181 sold. Again THANK YOU to all that made this a good auction.

We sold many of the club lots.

UN SOLD LOTS ARE NOT LISTED

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
4	\$20.00	52	\$6.50	95	\$8.00	141	\$80.00	181	\$10.00	227	\$1.50
6	\$42.00	53	\$27.00	96	\$8.00	142	\$320.00	183	\$6.00	228	\$3.00
7	\$4.00	55	\$225.00	97	\$5.50	144	\$5.00	184	\$7.00	230	\$5.50
9	\$15.00	56	\$28.00	98	\$18.00	145	\$10.00	185	\$20.00	231	\$13.00
12	\$1.75	57	\$135.00	99	\$50.00	146	\$10.00	186	\$10.00	232	\$4.00
14	\$55.00	58	\$5.00	101	\$5.50	147	\$17.00	187	\$36.00	233	\$6.00
15	\$7.00	59	\$26.00	102	\$10.00	148	\$11.00	188	\$6.00	234	\$6.00
16	\$8.50	60	\$2.00	103	\$11.00	149	\$7.00	189	\$6.00	235	\$5.00
17	\$8.00	61	\$9.00	104	\$13.00	150	\$7.00	190	\$4.50	236	\$9.00
19	\$10.00	62	\$21.00	105	\$41.00	151	\$5.00	191	\$2.50	237	\$11.00
23	\$3.50	63	\$4.00	106	\$41.00	152	\$19.00	192	\$1.25	238	\$12.00
24	\$10.00	65	\$5.00	107	\$2.00	153	\$13.00	193	\$2.00	241	\$1.00
25	\$10.00	66	\$8.00	108	\$8.00	156	\$3.00	194	\$2.00	242	\$3.00
26	\$50.00	67	\$5.00	110	\$5.50	157	\$5.00	195	\$2.00	243	\$0.75
27	\$34.00	69	\$25.00	111	\$10.00	158	\$6.00	196	\$6.50	244	\$0.50
30	\$11.00	71	\$2.50	112	\$8.00	159	\$13.00	197	\$3.00	245	\$2.50
33	\$20.00	74	\$12.00	113	\$2.75	160	\$45.00	198	\$36.00	246	\$0.70
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36	\$2.50	77	\$5.50	115	\$5.50	163	\$210.00	200	\$5.00	251	\$10.50
38	\$3.00	79	\$11.00	116	\$75.00	164	\$45.00	201	\$15.00	252	\$3.00
40	\$25.00	80	\$7.00	117	\$110.00	165	\$32.00	202	\$8.00	253	\$5.00
41	\$6.00	83	\$24.00	118	\$165.00	166	\$55.00	205	\$2.00	254	\$4.50
43	\$25.00	84	\$7.00	119	\$150.00	167	\$80.00	207	\$2.00	255	\$7.00
44	\$5.50	85	\$7.00	120	\$65.00	168	\$45.00	210	\$45.00	256	\$5.00
45	\$21.00	86	\$9.00	122	\$80.00	169	\$70.00	212	\$150.00	257	\$5.00
46	\$6.50	87	\$7.00	125	\$5.50	172	\$40.00	213	\$10.00	258	\$2.25
47	\$5.00	89	\$5.00	126	\$80.00	173	\$80.00	219	\$36.00		
48	\$175.00	91	\$6.00	127	\$80.00	175	\$5.00	222	\$50.00		
49	\$11.00	92	\$7.00	133	\$40.00	176	\$25.00	224	\$8.00		
50	\$8.00	93	\$5.00	134	\$33.00	178	\$3.50	225	\$9.00		
51	\$7.50	94	\$7.00	138	\$42.00	179	\$5.50	226	\$15.00		

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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.

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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.
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PNC³ meetings

A monthly listing of scheduled Regional and Annual Meetings will be published in *Coil Line*. Regional Meetings are to be arranged through John Peterson, Regional Meeting Committee Chairperson, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953. 619-466-3443.

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

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

April 28, 2001 – Plymouth Show, Plymouth, MI. Central Middle School at 10:30 a.m.

Gene Trinks is in charge. The updated slide show, information exchange and trading are on the agenda.

There will be a PNC³ regional meeting in conjunction with the **ORCOEXPO** stamp show on **May 5, 2001**. This ORCOEXPO will take place at the Holiday Inn in Monrovia from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The address is 924 W. Huntington Dr., just off of the 210 freeway. For further details, contact John E Peterson by email at jkpete@pacbell.net or by phone at (619) 466-3443.

Annual Meeting August 2001 APS Stampshow - Aug. 26-29, Chicago, IL. Details will be announced in early summer. The general membership meeting is usually held on Saturday.

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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
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Ads

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

COMPLETE SET USED White Ace Albums with two dust covers. Included commemorative, regular, air mail, special delivery, postage due, etc. \$75.00 plus shipping. Elmer Brown 253-884-5777 or 11703 Hillcrest Drive, Anderson Island, WA 98303.

HAVE MINT PNCs PS-5's All are F-VF. Collected stamps, covers, etc., since 1926. 93-years-old, si have given up active collecting and am trying to dispense of my material. Send for my list to see what you may need and make an offer. Paul Dixon, 2023 41st Ave NE, Salem, OR 97305.

WE ALL HAVE duplicate coil strips and conversely blank spaces in our collections. Why not see if we can't do some intra-club trading and improve our collections. If you have an interest let me know. The expression of interest will show if it is worth the effort to develop a program. Personally, I joined the club looking for such a program. Let's make it happen. Terry Barnes, 269 Meadowood Lane, St. Paul, MN 55127-6009. 651-787-0707 persecl1@aol.com

BI-MONTHLY U.S. MAIL BID SALES. 9th year. Free catalog on request. Many PNCs and much more! Member: APS, USSS, PNC3. Gordon Collins, POB 2388, Daly City, CA 94017-2388. Phone/Fax: 650-994-3803. E-mail: gordonsmbs@yahoo.com

Survey

(Continued from page 47) over the next few months. He's looking for help in finding confirming copies, and mentioned that he had a great response to his note in last month's issue. So keep up the good work and let's dig through our holdings to help Ken identify previously unknown varieties.

The survey form provided a lot of feedback directed at getting a catalog in the hands of the members. Your club officers are committed to going forward with publishing a catalog with all due speed. Hopefully, we will be picking up where Rich Nazar left off with his project. It will still take a great deal of effort to take the project to completion. We will need volunteers for the following tasks: Printing & Distribution, Final Layout and Editing, PNC Pricing, Research and Writing, Advertising, Budgeting, and overall Management. Some good folks have already volunteered to help in a variety of ways. If you can see yourself helping in one of the above areas, let me know.

One last thing. We will need to acquire a Macintosh type computer and software to handle the catalog layout tasks. We don't need the latest model. If you know of someone who has retired a Mac recently, and would be willing to donate it to the club, let me know about that, as well. If you have page layout experience with a Mac and could work on that part of the project, your help would be most welcome.

- Gene Trinks

Below is Ken Moreau's latest inquiry on varieties. Please see note on page 47 for information.

Membership Update

Last total	820
New members	1
Total	821
Resignations.....	0
Deceased	0
New total	821

Exhibiting

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

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

All of the following are for Bill McMurray's Classics Exhibit Trail 2001 20th Anniversary of PNCs.

Plymouth Show -rejected.

Philatelic Show 2001 - accepted
Holiday Inn
Boxborough, MA May 4-6

Pending at the following shows:
National Philatelic Exhibition of Washington, D.C., McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Va., June 1-1-3.

Minnesota Stamp Expo July 20-22
Crystal Community Center
4800 N. Douglas Drive
Crystal, MN

Stampshow 2001
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL Aug. 23-26

Midaphil 2001
Lenexa Community Center
93rd and Pflumm Road
Lenexa, Kansas Oct. 12-14

Ken Cherry exhibited his Computer Cachet Covers at the York 2001 Stamp Show Jan. 26-27 in York, PA.