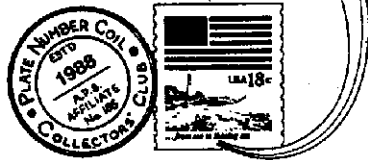


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Election results

The following Plate Number Coil Collectors Club election results have been supplied by Richard Beecher. I am enclosing the official election results as supplied by Richard Beecher for publication in Coil Line.

- President** – Frank Covey--259 votes
- Vice President** - John Peterson-194 votes
 - Charles Still-65 votes
- Treasurer** – Andrew Jakes-256 votes
- Secretary** – Tom McFarland-257 votes
- Members at Large** – Ken Cherry-175 votes
 - Scott Adams-161 votes
 - Richard Nazar-114 votes
 - Burt Robbins-71 votes
 (Cherry and Adams elected).

Officers will be officially introduced at the Annual Meeting in Atlantic City. Their terms begin Sept. 1.
 Don Eastman-Secretary

Call for auction lots issued

Club Auctioneer Joe Sedivy has issued a call for lots for the next club auction.

Please have all lots in Joe's hands by Aug. 18. This will allow Joe time to review the lots and to put the auction together. Plans are to have the lots published in the October issue with an Oct. 26 closing date. This will allow the auction to be completed and out of Joe's life in time for the holiday season!

A form detailing instructions is attached to the back of this issue. Joe's address is on the form.

Volunteers needed to help out at Stampshow

Volunteers to staff the show table at the Annual Meeting. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug 15, 16, and 17. On Sunday, Aug 18, the show is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Message from the President:

Changing of the Guard

My thanks to everyone who took the time to vote in our bi-annual election. The results have been tabulated and are posted in the left column of this page. The newly elected Board assumes office on September 1, and will bring new ideas and new energy to lead us into the future.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the outgoing Board for their efforts on behalf of the membership. They have always acted with the best interests of the members in mind and it has indeed been a pleasure and an honor to serve with them. The chairs of the various committees that make the club viable have also earned a well deserved round of applause.

I also want to express heartfelt thanks to those critically important individuals that make it possible to provide the many services members enjoy as part of their membership. These include those responsible for getting *Coil Line* to you each month: Harold Brown, Editor; and Alan Thomson, Distribution Manager. Also the many individuals who contribute material to *Coil Line*, including the regulars, Alan Thomson, Rob Washburn, Dr. Bob Rabinowitz, and the many individuals who regularly report on their findings.

I also need to thank Joe Sedivy and his crew of dedicated volunteers (a.k.a., his family) for the great efforts on the auction. And last, but certainly not least, are Ron Maifeld and John Cropper who have put our club on the e-map with our award-winning Web site. It has undergone many improvements over the last couple of years (with more planned), and is sure to stand out among the best philatelic sites long into the future.

Next month, this space will be filled by your incoming President, Frank Covey. I have had many conversations with Frank in the last few months, and am really excited about the plans he has in mind to improve the club and its impact on PNC collecting. Frank will introduce his plans next month. I will be an active supporter of these efforts,

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Changing

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and urge those of you who have some time to spare, to work actively with Frank and the new committee chairs to make the new initiatives into a reality. As I understand it, there will be plenty to do. As the saying goes, 'Many hands make light work', so the more volunteers we get, the easier it will be.

This is a good time to give Frank some input on the state of affairs in PNC-land. Whether Club-related or general hobby-related, Frank can benefit from your thoughts and ideas much as I have benefited from hearing from you. So don't be shy, let's hear your thoughts and opinions. His contact information can be found on the Members' Interests List found in this issue. Since the list is sorted by State, you can find him in Macomb, IL.

Lastly, I want to say that it's been a genuine pleasure serving as your President for the last four years. There have been some trying times, but I've always had great support from all of you as well as from the members of the Board.

I am looking forward to staying active in club affairs, and will be able to devote more time to my PNC collection, I hope. I have found some great friends among those folks I've worked with in the past and look forward to the future with expectations that those friendships will endure and expand. Thanks to you all!

-Gene Trinks

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Volunteers

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Duties are light, just pass out information brochures, and chat with people interested in PNCs and other members.

The most difficult hours to staff are the Thursday hours, and Sunday afternoon, though it would be good to have enough volunteers for all days that we could assign people in 2 hour shifts. We also need to have a volunteer (perhaps a spouse, perhaps a member's friend) who can be at the table during the 2 hours of the Annual Meeting itself, from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Incoming President Frank Covey will make scheduling assignments from among volunteers, so people should contact him if they can help. He can be reached at cquail@macomb.com, or 16 Grandview Dr., Macomb, IL 61455. Phone: 309-837-5218

New handbook and supplement delayed

A new Handbook, and Handbook Supplement, were to be issued in early July to record the rate change stamps, and stamps related to that process. By mid-July, however, more than half of the anticipated new PNCs had not been issued. Quite obviously, both preparing and buying a premature set of pages, with many gaps, would be wasteful for everybody.

Since only five of the expected issues have appeared, and eight have not, as of this writing, making a new Handbook right now certainly seems premature. Different coil sizes may imply collectible differences. I prefer to wait a little while longer to publish the new data - hopefully until early in August. The many members who have already sent in money will be separately notified.

The new Handbook, with the new price list, still will go for \$16, and the Supplement, with Price List, for \$1.50.

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SAVE THIS ISSUE

Please make sure to save this issue of Coil Line and the August issue.

The first half of the Collecting Interests listing is in this issue and the second half of the list will be published in August. Members can refer to this list throughout the year to enhance their own collecting experience.

SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

There are four confirmed new numbers this month, three from the rate change issues and one from an older issue by a different printer. A new 37¢ Flag with water activated gum has plate number S1111, while a large roll SA Flag bears number B1111. The BEP version of the self adhesive 37¢ Flag has been found with cylinder combination 1111. The 23¢ George Washington has been printed by Avery and has plate number V11. The original issue of this coil was printed by BCA. The two are easy to identify without opening the bubble pack because one back panel has BCA printed on it while the other indicates AVR as the maker. — No one has reported finding the 3¢ Star coil yet despite a 7 June release date.

Die Cut Invert Found on Atlas Coil

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing seemed to have a corner on coils with inverted die cutting until Charles Still found a used copy of the (10¢) Atlas coil with the peak and valley configurations reversed. A normal stamp is VV on the left side and PP on the right. The stamp Charlie found has PP on the left side and VV on the right. This switch indicates the cutting mat was rotated 180 degrees when it was installed. After this was put out on the internet, a dealer reported that he had found another used copy in his stock. No one has reported the invert in mint condition. A comparative photocopy is shown below with the invert on the left and a normal stamp on the right.



Has Them All for FOP #9.9999

Dan Forgues has been looking for used copies of all the incision styles on both die cut sizes of the Porch Flag SA coil with cylinder combination 9.9999, the one with the little red dot. After a lot of mix searching he now has a complete used set of the 11/10 size in styles A and C, and the 10/10 size in styles A, B and C. Perseverance pays off.

Errors in PNC Pricing Guide

Two errors appeared in the new PNC pricing guide published in *Linn's Stamp News* 10 June issue. The first one came to light when a dealer called and asked if he'd missed something and there really was a #2222 from Scott 3476. That's the 34¢ Statue of Liberty SA large roll coil. It's in the table but does not exist, and is a copy error. There is also a typographical error in the "H" Hat coil section where a plate #3433 is listed and was intended to be #3343. There may be others but it should be said that Dave Cockrell and Linn's did a magnificent job getting all those numbers on paper with so few mistakes. Great job. Thanks to both.

DAV Changes with the Rates

Sticking with the same stamps but adding three more cents, the DAV sent out contribution requests with the usual return envelopes franked with four Conestoga Wagons and five Circus Wagons last month. Richard Beecher says he received one on 18 June. I received a similar one at about the same time. We are wondering when the Circus Wagon supply will give out and possibly be replaced by the Toleware 5¢ coil. Maybe the combination will eventually be stars and coffee pots. Not as attractive as the present combination.

Toleware Number Deceptive

The cylinder combination on the new 5¢ Toleware coil can be very deceptive. Last month it appeared here and in the Roll Chart as S111111, with six 1's. That's not right. It's S1111111 with seven 1's. What makes it hard to read is the first digit which can be partially hidden by the letter "S". That first 1 is the cylinder number for the background color that covers the whole paper surface except for the white dropout box with the full plate number in it. All the press releases were correct and a careful examination of the actual stamp confirmed that. *Mea culpa.*

Some New Kestrel CPV's

Bob Murrin has found two new constant plate varieties on the Kestrel coil. Both of them are on the old original "D" press printing with the color sequence of black, yellow, cyan and magenta (BYCM). One has a black vertical line through the cent sign on the 1L stamp. The strip it appears in is the same one that has a black dot in the margin at 2L. The other new CPV is more than just stray black lines, and very appealing to Bob and to me. It's called the Butterfly and appears way out at 10R. It's in the right margin, and is very colorful because one wing is blue and the other is black. The two wings are well formed, quite large, and you don't need a magnifier to see them clearly. Too bad it's so far from the plate number. It's a winner for the CPV collector.

No Change in Shoulder Cut Chart

There have been no changes to the BEP large roll die chart this month and it does not appear in this issue of Coil Line.

Late Flash About George

Facing a 10 July deadline, I was without a phone or internet service from 5 July until late on 9 July. When I got back on line a message from Brian Engler was there that indicated he had found the new George Washington coil printed by Avery-Dennison, number V11, with two different die cuts. One has VP left and PV right. The other is just the opposite, with PV left and VP right. Brian had rolls of both types. I have not seen these stamps and therefore reserve opinion on whether they represent another case of a mat inversion. When I can examine them I'll pass along any information to you.

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CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

07/10/02

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	

(37c) FLAG (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A

37c FLAG (SA) [20]

#B1111* C, D

37c FLAG [14]

#S1111* A, C, D

37c FLAG (SA) [24]

#1111* A

34c LIBERTY [24]

#1111 A, C, D

34c LIBERTY (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A
 #3333 A
 #4444 A
 #5555 A
 #6666 A
 #7777 A

34c LIBERTY (SA) [21]

#1111 C, D
 #2222 D

34c UNITED (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A
 #3333 A

34c UNITED (SA) [21]

#1111 D

34c FLOWERS (SA) [12]

#B1111 A
 #B2111 A
 #B2122 A
 #B2211 A
 #B2222 A

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
 #B1 D
 #B2 D (GLOSS)
 #B2 D (SHINY)
 #B3 D

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

23c G. W. (SA) [12] [11]

#B11 A
 #V11* A

21c BISON (SA) [5]

#V1111 A
 #V2222 A

20c PHEASANT (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A

5c TOLEWARE [10]

#S1111111 D

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
 #4444 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) WETLNDs (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) E&S STD [24]

#11111 D
 #22222 D

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

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D
 #33333 D

(10c) GREEN BIKE [14]

#S111 B, C, 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

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

#11111 C
 #S11111 D

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

#S11111 D

(15c) WOODY (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
 #55555 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.

The High Costs of Scarce Stamps

By Dan Kauffman

Ever so often we read about extremely high prices being paid for "rare" stamps: Those scarce items which are few and far between. Often the only distinguishing feature from similar items is the number of perforations, or perhaps the printing methodology. Several items come to mind in this regard and are readily identifiable with a fast perusal of a catalog - and noting the quoted prices accorded the issues.

Recently, such an item, a 1923 Green Franklin, boasted a six-figure sale price in the philatelic press, and counted the numbers of like items at more than a dozen.

Such items are normally stamps of long standing longevity and have had opportunities for several ownership changes, thus providing a basis for establishing a price status based on consumer demand.

Even some low production number stamps achieve the high price tag, such as the zeppelins.

How does all of this affect PNC afficanadoes: Those who pursue the PNC specialty, either primarily or in conjunction with other philatelic pursuits? It can strike you in the pocketbook!

As a relatively new specialty, PNC prices show standards of stability, as do other issues of the U.S. of long standing. But there is a wealth of uncommon and abnormally special items in the PNC field which far surpasses the normal issues of the Postal Service. As such, they demonstrate upgraded prices due to their scarcity.

As production aspects of different types were implemented in search of standardization, varieties and scarcities were generated. These items reflect the difficulty of acquisition by their prices. And we already have items of increased value many times their face - due to low production numbers - as the 18c Flag #6.

And yet there are still items which prices can only be speculated upon, as there are no comparable sale figures upon which to base a fair-market value, nor a pricing which would indicate the marketability of such items. Speculatively, these items will continue to increase in value as they age and come on the market. This will be when their owners, or heirs, choose to reduce their activity in maintaining such collectibles.

Several cases in point occur in the Flag Over Porch issue. Diligent collector reviews identified many collector varieties - all as different as a perf variation - and the availability of such varieties dictates the pricing. Some are plentiful, some very difficult to find. And their numbers are fewer than the previously referenced 1923 item. Will their prices escalate to a 4-figure range? Perhaps 5 or 6 figures? Only time will tell. As new followers of the specialty grow, so will the prices trend upwardly.

Some varieties, such as the FOP 66666 12/11 PP is known in only 3 cases; one used off paper and two on cover. Although other numberless samples exist, no new finds have come to light. None have changed hands and listings carry an insufficient reference dash. Other FOP varieties account for low quantity finds with 6 or so known copies. Some are without mint examples. One such was the FOP 13231A 10/10 VP variety - until Randy Fisher discovered several unused strips and copies in his surplus file. Their strip price is still undisclosed in the latest Cockrell survey, although some have changed hands. A used single lists at \$945 upwardly.

Although there may still be opportunities of discovery in bulk mixtures; there are periodic reports of finds of tough numbers; I do not anticipate any new discoveries in the mint field. The publicity and searches have covered the spectrum of holdings sufficiently to preclude any new finds, to my belief.

New issues and new techniques are keys to rarities. And just as sheet-waste can produce rarities, so also can production waste and disposals slip by with discoveries by those diligent eyes: Cite Farrar's 1141. Happy hunting.

ERRATA:

In the June 2002 issue, the article "Production Varieties of Self-Adhesive Coil Stamps (Part I)" contained a table with erroneous information. The correct table is shown here.

YELLOW ROSE INCISION STYLES																				
PLATE NUMBER																				
Incision Style	1111	1112	1122	2222	2223	2233	2333	3344	3444	4455	5455	5555	5556	5566	5666	6666	6677	6777	7777	8888
A	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										
C																			X	X
D																			X	X

Table 1. Occurrence of incision style varieties on the 32c Yellow Rose. Known varieties are indicated by an X in the respective column. The Style D on #8888 has tie tips on the left (TTL).

Regional Meetings Coordinator

(Editor's Note: The following is the second in a series of articles detailing the duties of the various committee chairpersons of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club. This is an effort to let members know more about the committees and the responsibilities of those who volunteer to fill these positions. It is also hoped that this knowledge may encourage others to volunteer to head committees when vacancies occur.)

Some of you may have attended one of the PNC3 Regional Meetings around the country held in conjunction with a major stamp show. These meetings come about through the efforts of the local Regional Meetings host and the PNC3 Regional Meetings Coordinator (RMC.) John E Peterson has filled this post for the past four years.

PNC3 would love to have a Regional Meeting at every major stamp show. This gives PNC3 members a chance to meet face-to-face and share knowledge about our hobby. The planning for these meetings starts two to three months prior to the meeting. A free meeting room and a local host willing to sponsor the meeting are the key ingredients necessary to make a regional meeting possible.

If you would like to see a regional PNC3 meeting at stamp show near you, contact the Regional Meeting Coordinator at least three months before the show and offer to host a PNC3 regional meeting. Do not assume that because there was a regional meeting at your favorite show last time that there will be one this year. Attend a PNC3 regional meeting if one is available near you. Better-attended meetings always make for a more interesting experience.

After the meeting is over the meeting host should send a copy of the attendance sheet to the RMC and submit an article for *Coil Line* explaining the highlights of the meeting. Reading these can give you ideas for your own regional meeting. The July 2002 *Coil Line* had a front-page article about the Regional Meeting held at STAMPEX in Monrovia CA.

John Peterson is running for Vice President of PNC3. Should he be elected, PNC3 will be looking for someone to fill his shoes as Regional Meetings Coordinator. (Since this story was written, John has indeed been elected vice president. He will take office Sept. 1 with the rest of the new officers.) In the mean time, if you're wanting a regional meeting at your stamp show contact John Peterson, 6987 Coleshill Dr, San Diego CA 92119 or e-mail him at jkpete@pacbell.net.

As of the deadline for this issue of *Coil Line*, no regional meetings have been announced for the fall or winter. Now is the time to start the planning.

PNC3 will hold its annual meeting in Atlantic City NJ in conjunction with STAMP-SHOW. The PNC3 meeting is Saturday, August 17 from 1-3 p.m.

NOTICE:

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

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.

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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.

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.

Annual meeting details announced

August 17, 2002 – Annual Meeting in conjunction with the APS Stampshow in Atlantic City, NJ Aug. 15-18.

The Board meeting will be Saturday, Aug. 17 at 9 a.m. in room 309.

The Annual Meeting will be held the same day from 1 to 3 p.m. in room 306.

Both meetings have traditionally been open to any member.

New officers will be announced.

Anyone with items for consideration can submit such to President Gene Trinks. The address is on the front page.

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Dues: Are \$12 per year (\$15 for First Class mailing of *Coil Line*, \$17 for Canada and Mexico and \$22 for all others) and should be sent to Tom McFarland, Treasurer, P.O. Box 756 Princeton Jct., NJ 08550
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Ads

ATTENDING THE APS Stampshow in Atlantic City? Stop by and visit Brian R. Engler, Sr. I have mint PS3, PS5, PS7s, errors, imperfs, misperfs, computer vended, used and covers. Bring your list. Many key strips available. Discount offered for PNC3 members.

PNCs: A Guide to Collecting Purple Cancels (Copyright 2000). Contains dial types, slogan types, earliest and latest known usages, flats, machine types and more. Illustrated. Spiralbound. Special offer to PNC members: \$15.00 postpaid. Rob Washburn, Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

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All members are entitled to two free 40-word ads per year. Copy should be mailed or e-mailed to the editor and be in his hands no later than the 15th of the month before publication is desired. Additional ads may be purchased at a cost of six cents per word per month. All checks should be made payable to PNC3.

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No report this month.

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Committee chairpersons

As a regular monthly feature, some of the PNC3 Committee Chairpersons will be listed in *Coil Line*.

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Editor's Corner

By Harold Brown

Plate Number Coil Collectors have had the opportunity to add two valuable references to their libraries this summer.

The first was courtesy of *Linn's Stamp News*, which recently published an updated listing of PNC Values. This listing provides prices for strips of three and five and for used singles. It is also available on the club's Web site.

I find the listing helpful but in many cases I believe the values listed are unrealistic. This is especially the case for used singles. I have been a mixture sorter almost since I started collecting PNCs in the early years of the specialty. I have spent far too many evenings sorting mixtures and throwing logs on the fireplace! I have been able to find some gems over the years. In some cases I believe the "toughies" are worth what the listing states. But the common numbers ought not to have more than the 20-cent base listing found in the Scott Catalogs. Giving some 32c Yellow Rose or 32c FOP numbers, for example, any more than this value is misleading.

I realize this reflects dealer price lists and also that Dave Cockerill deserves our thanks for putting this massive list together. I just don't 'buy' a lot of the values I'm seeing. My duplicates box says 'too high.'

The second reference is Julian Jakobson's 2002-3 *Guide to Collecting Plate Number Coil Stamps*. I purchased this guide after passing on last year's. In the short time I have had to review it, I find it a welcome addition to my library. It serves as his price list, a basis for either sales or trades.

The full-color guide also includes a new section that PNC3 member Gary Davis wrote about Gaps in 1991 and several of his exhibit pages, complete with comments on how he hopes to improve the pages.

There are also values for mint strips and other data for each issue. I'll comment further after I have a few weeks to used the catalog.

STAMP ANNOUNCEMENT 02-31

Official Mail Definitive Stamp



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The Postal Service will issue a 37-cent *Official Mail* definitive stamp in a water-activated gum (WAG) coil of 100 (Item 780800) and a #10 stamped envelope (Item 218300) in Washington, DC, on August 2, 2002. The stamp, designed by Bradbury Thompson, goes on sale nationwide August 2, 2002.

How to Purchase the Stamps

Official Mail definitive stamps and stationery items are authorized for use only by official branches of the U.S. government. They may be purchased for stamp collecting purposes only by telephone at 800-STAMP-24, or by mail from:

STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES
 DEPT 7231
 PO BOX 7247
 PHILADELPHIA PA 19101-9014

How to Order the First Day of Issue Postmark

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first day of issue postmark by mail. They may purchase the new stamps and envelopes by mail from the above address, affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place them, along with a

larger self-addressed stamped envelope, in an envelope addressed to:

OFFICIAL MAIL DEFINITIVE STAMP
 POSTMASTER
 SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS
 PO BOX 92282
 WASHINGTON DC 20090-2282

- Issue: *Official Mail*
- Item Number: 780800
- Denomination & Type of Issue: 37-cent Definitive
- Format: Coil of 100 (1 design)
- Series: N/A
- Issue Date & City: August 2, 2002, Washington, DC 20066
- Designer: Bradbury Thompson
- Art Director: Joe Brockert, USPS, Washington, DC
- Typographer: Bradbury Thompson
- Modeler: Donald H. Woo
- Manufacturing Process: Gravure
- Engraver: Southern Graphics
- Printer: Sennett Security Products (SSP)
- Printed at: American Packaging Corporation, Columbus, WI
- Press Type: Rotomec, 3000
- Stamps per coil: 100
- Print Quantity: 25 million stamps
- Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III
- Adhesive Type: Water-Activated
- Processed at: Unique Binders, Fredericksburg, VA
- Colors: PMS 185 (Red), PMS 286 (Blue), Black
- Stamp Orientation: Vertical
- Image Area (w x h): 0.72 x 0.810 in./18.26 x 20.57 mm
- Overall Size (w x h): 0.87 x 0.962 in./22.10 x 24.43 mm
- Full Pane Size (w x h): N/A
- Plate Size: 616 stamps per revolution
- Plate Numbers: "S" followed by three (3) single digits
- Marginal Markings: N/A
- Catalog Item Number(s): 780840 Full Coil of 100 — \$37.00
 780820 Strip of 5 — \$1.85
 780861 First Day Cover — \$0.75

After applying the first day of issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by October 1, 2002.

Stamp Fulfillment Services (SFS) also offers first day covers for new stamp issues and postal stationery items postmarked with the official first day of issue cancellation. Each item has an individual catalog number and is offered in the quarterly *USA Philatelic* catalog. Customers may

The July 11, 2002 issue of the Postal Bulletin reports the new 37c Official Coil stamp will have a plate number – an S followed by three digits. It is to be issued Aug. 2. This page and the next are from the 7/11/02 Postal Bulletin.

request a free catalog by telephoning 800-STAMP-24 or writing to:

INFORMATION FULFILLMENT
DEPT 6270
US POSTAL SERVICE
PO BOX 219014
KANSAS CITY MO 64121-9014

First day covers remain on sale for at least 1 year after the stamp's issuance.

Philatelic Products

There are no philatelic products associated with this stamp.

Distribution: Item 780800, 37-Cent Official (Penalty) Mail Definitive Stamp, WAG Coil of 100

Only stamp distribution offices (SDOs) designated to accept penalty mail requisitions from authorized government agencies will receive an automatic distribution of Item 780800. Only those designated SDOs may distribute the new official mail stamp to authorized government agencies that submit PS Form 17-G, *Penalty Mail Stamp Requisition*. SDOs must not distribute these stamps to government agencies before August 2, 2002.

Initial Supply to Post Offices

This *Official Mail* coil of 100 will not be made available at regular retail windows for customer sale. Authorized government agencies must submit PS Form 17-G to their designated penalty mail SDO for fulfillment.

Philatelic Requirement

This *Official Mail* coil of 100 will not be made available to philatelic centers for customer sale. Only SFS will offer this stamp for sale to collectors via mail order from *USA Philatelic* catalog.

Additional Supply

Designated penalty mail SDOs requiring additional stamps must order them from the appropriate accountable paper depository (APD) using PS Form 17.

For fulfilling supplemental orders from designated penalty mail SDOs, all APDs will receive additional quantities of item 780800.

Distribution: Item 218300, 37-cent Official (Penalty) Mail Envelope, #10 Regular

Only SDOs designated to accept penalty mail requisitions from authorized government agencies will receive an automatic distribution of Item 218300. Only those designated SDOs may distribute the new official mail envelope to authorized government agencies that submit PS Form

17-G. SDOs must not distribute these envelopes to government agencies before August 2, 2002.

Issue:	<i>Official Mail</i>
Item Number:	218300
Denomination & Type of Issue:	37-cent Stamped Envelope
Format:	#10 Regular Envelope
Series:	N/A
Issue Date & City:	August 2, 2002, Washington, DC 20066
Designer:	Bradbury Thompson
Engraver:	N/A
Art Director:	Joe Brockert, USPS
Typographer:	Bradbury Thompson
Modeler:	N/A
Manufacturing Process:	Flexo/Deboss, phosphor tagging
Printer:	MeadWestvaco
Printed at:	MeadWestvaco, Williamsburg, PA
Press Type:	VH-1
Stamps per Coil/Pane:	N/A
Print Quantity:	250,000 envelopes
Paper Type:	100% recycled paper, 30% post consumer
Gum Type:	Water-activated
Processed at:	MeadWestvaco, Williamsburg, PA
Colors:	Blue Indicia, Red denomination
Envelope Orientation:	Horizontal
Envelope Size (w x h):	9.50 x 4.125 in./241.30 x 104.77 mm
Image Size (w x h):	1.125 x 1.375 in./28.58 x 35.26 mm
Marginal Markings:	© 1983 USPS * Recycle logo followed by *THIS ENVELOPE IS RECYCLABLE AND MADE WITH 100% RECYCLED PAPER, 30% POST-CONSUMER CONTENT*
Catalog Item Number(s):	218340 Number 10 Envelope — \$0.45 218361 Cancelled Envelope — \$0.55

Initial Supply to Post Offices

This official mail envelope *will not* be made available at regular retail windows for customer sale. Authorized government agencies must submit PS Form 17-G to their designated penalty mail SDO for fulfillment.

Philatelic Requirement

This *Official Mail* envelope will not be made available to philatelic centers for customer sale. Only SFS will offer this stamp for sale to collectors via mail order from *USA Philatelic* catalog.

Additional Supply

Designated penalty mail SDOs requiring additional Item 218300 must submit PS Form 3205, *Requisition for Plain Stamped Envelopes*, to SFS.

Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet

Photocopy this page. A separate sheet is required for each lot.

Auction consignment deadline is

Aug. 18, 2002

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

OWNER IDENTIFICATION

Name _____ PNC³ number _____

Address _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Lot#	Scott#	Description of material	Minimum Bid (see rules above)
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It is assumed that all mint material is never hinged, with undisturbed gum, sound perfs, etc. If otherwise, please note under faults. Used materials are assumed to be unhinged with sound perfs, etc., If otherwise, please note under faults.

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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