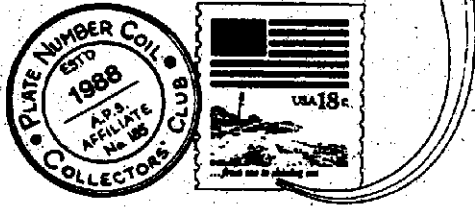


# PNC<sup>3</sup>



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## Regional Meeting at ARIPEX Feb. 16

There will be a PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting at the ARIPEX Stamp Show Feb. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cholla 2 room. ARIPEX takes place Feb. 15-17, in Mesa, AZ at the Centennial Hall Community Center, 201 N. Center St. Those wishing to know more about the meeting should contact John E Peterson at (619) 466-3443.

## Change your address on club Web site

Members with Internet access can now change file a change of address at the club's Web site (address at top of page). From the home page click on the PNC3 Membership Bar on the left and follow instructions.

## Constructing a Plate Number Coil Catalog By Arthur S. Westneat

Recently, I finished preparing a complete PNC catalog of 165 loose-leaf pages, one per PNC item, in excellent color, most printed on both side. My efforts and approach, and the costs in terms of time, money and effort, as well as comment on the resulting value, may be of interest to other PNC3 members.

We are privileged to have a superb Web site, generated by Ron Maifeld, which includes a complete database of PNC records. Each file, one on each type of PNC, contains full color illustrations of the numbered strip, and often illustrates the significant variations. It lists extraordinary detail of the background of the item and reviews the numerous subsets that are often involved, including those that carry an array of Scott numbers. The record is very complete, listing even the recent 15-cent Woody and the 34-cent United We Stand. Gaps in this record are rare and filled as soon as attention is drawn to them.

The site also includes additional cross reference of all PNCs by Scott numbers, against name and denomination, and as well a partial listing of coils by denomination, against their Scott numbers and name, both extremely useful tools. This involves 15

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## Message from the President:

### What's Your PNC Objective?

In a lot of ways, the changing scene of the PNC world forces collectors to rethink their interests and revise their collecting objectives as the years go by and we experience new postal policies and production technologies.

I've been thinking about the direction that PNC production has been taking in the last couple of years. Gone are the highly regarded Transportation Series coils. The water-activated (and, consequently, perforated) coils have been nearly completely replaced with their self-adhesive (and, consequently, die cut) cousins.

Accounting concerns have resulted in the introduction of back numbers on many of our issues. Other production information is now provided on the back of some of the 21c Bison (Buffalo) stamps. Bureau precancels have been replaced with service inscribed "precancels" that bear little resemblance to their forbears.

It occurs to me that many of our members may have revised their PNC interests in view of the changes we have seen, and I wonder how we will define our interests going forward into the 21st century. Will interest in paper types wane until there are few concentrating on these varieties? How many will continue to pursue precancel gap varieties now that they seem to be a part of the history of PNC collecting?

In more general terms, what effect do changing postal policies and new technologies have on our hobby? Are many collectors discouraged by the changes? Are more excited by them? For those that find their area of intense interest among the "retired" PNC sub-specialties, how to keep the interest alive? Is completeness important, or is it the thrill of the chase that captures our interest? Have we established an active trading network among others with similar interests?

Do we know all the PNC dealers who can supply new material for our collections? Have we circulated our want lists to them?

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## Objective

Some of the excitement of PNC collecting derives from the many "experiments" that have been tried using coils. These would include the first truly high volume production and distribution of modern self-adhesive stamps; the trial of many different die cut varieties found on the 32c Flag Over Porch; the use of coils in computer vended postage; the (thus far) limited attempt to produce the so-called 'liner-less' coils to economize on production costs; and as previously mentioned, the abandonment of bureau precancels in favor of service inscribed postage.

In the final analysis, it's up to each of us to keep our focus on the things that interest us. PNC collecting can offer far more variety and challenge than many other collecting specialties, and sometimes the changes can be unsettling. By and large, however, I believe we share one of the most interesting of all collecting specialties, and hope that the future will continue to challenge us in many ways.

- Gene Trinks

## Catalog

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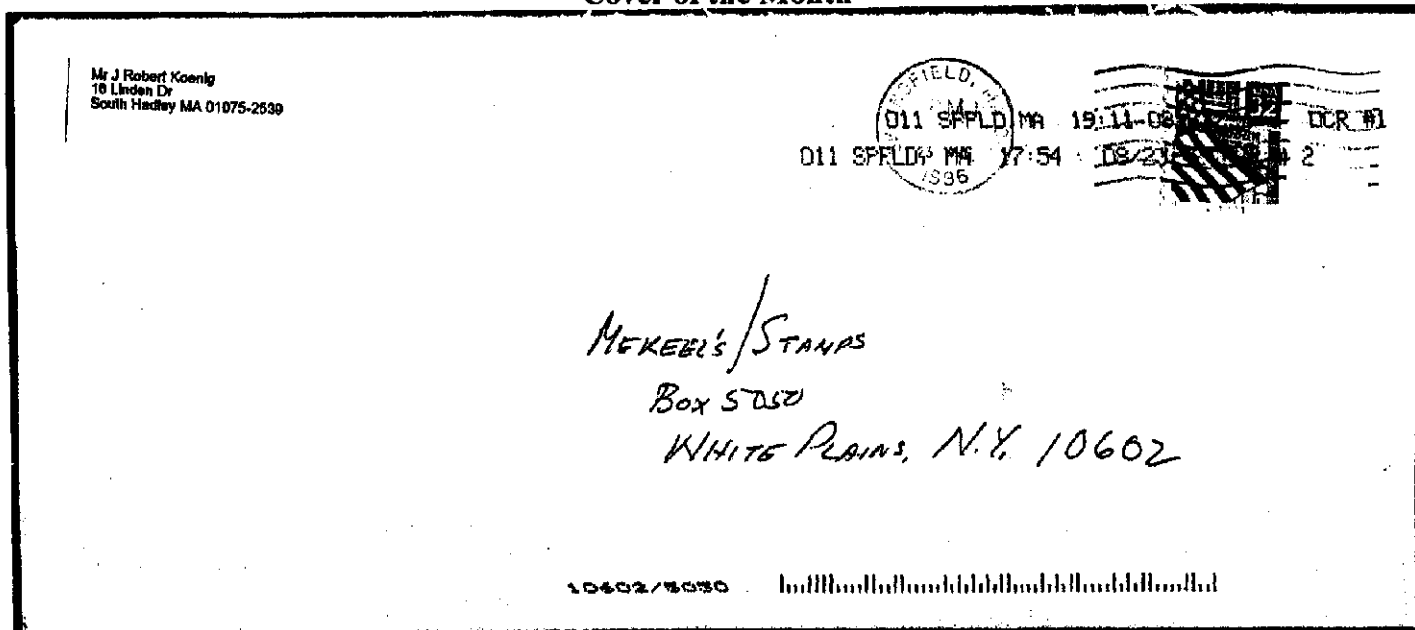
Additional double-sided pages.

I am personally lost without a catalog, for my accumulation is not a collection until I can see it in overview, when I can identify the gaps, relationships and variations. The Web site had helped immensely in the past, except that it is relatively awkward to reach, and my near-obsolete computer makes it very time consuming to study. So I decided to print out the entire database, for I do like to hold a reference text in my hand.

The task is easier to talk about than do. My telephone line slows my incoming data to 22K and my 300MHz clock, plus the cheapest available Lexmark printer, are feeble compared to any modern system. Despite all that, I surged ahead. The result: Each page took about 2 minutes to load into the system and to print out. The whole job took perhaps 8 hours in total; but when spread out over three weeks, it was tolerable. The out of pocket cost was less than \$2 for paper and perhaps \$10 for printer ink, plus an old ring binder.

The result has been very attractive and useful. I have found that my previous identification of items has often been in error. I had not been aware of some substantial gaps in my collection. It encouraged me to remount my collection in a more logical way, paralleling better the catalog format. I have long felt the absence of a good catalog and am now delighted to have the superb tool at hand. PNC collecting is much more fun.

## Cover of the Month



The above cover features a 32c Flag/Porch #V11111 PNC tied by a 8/23/96 cancel. This cover was found in a dealer's "under a dollar box." (Cover courtesy of Tony Bruno). 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, ME 04976-0840.

# SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

## New Numbers

We have three new numbers this month. The United We Stand coil in the large roll format with cylinder combination #1111, and #2222 in rolls of 100 are available. The 1¢ Kestrel is still turning up with new plate numbers. Tony Willson found #4444 in a machine in southern California that dispensed the stamps directly and not as change for the purchase of another stamp.

## Bison PBN Contest Static

There has been no change to the Bison production back number listings. V1111 high is 001849139, and the low is 000019117. The V2222 high remains a unique item and is 002779407.

## First CPV on United Coil

The new United We Stand coil has been found by Joe Sedivy with a constant plate variety in the 7L position of #1111. The variety consists of what appears to the unaided eye as a fairly dark digit 1 directly below the second zero in the date 2001. Under magnification the black vertical line thins out passing through the zero and then extends up into the vignette. The fact that the variety is so far from the plate number may affect its popularity. A photocopy is shown below.



## Are There Others?

Until Jim Tod found a rounded shoulder die cut on the Eagle & Shield Standard #11111, all three reported numbers of that issue were known only with the square die cut. Jim wants to know if members have checked their holdings to see if either of the other plate numbers exists with a rounded cut. If one does, let us know.

## Bits of (PNC) History

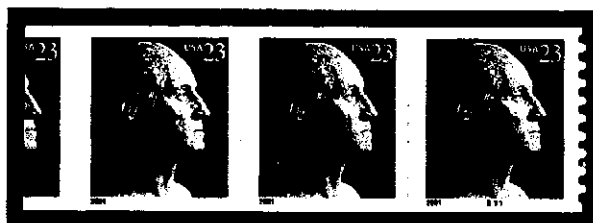
How long has it been since you looked at your strips of the rouletted 29¢ Tulip coil? A close examination reveals that every strip of five has one or more little tufts of paper sticking out of the top or bottom straight edge. The tuft spacing is about four stamps. Those nubs are actually torn bridges that held together adjacent rows of the web after the rows were sliced. Why keep them together after slicing? The answer lies in a bizarre coil configuration that the old Stamp Venturers, now Sennett Security Products, devised called a stamp stick. These rouletted coils were packaged so that ten rolls, one stacked on top of the other and still fastened to each other by the tiny paper bridges, formed a "stick". When the "stick" was unwrapped a roll could be broken off either end and sold without any covering. It was possible to break off two or more connected rolls, and when the still attached rolls were unwound, blocks of stamps could be made from them. The trick was to keep the bridges from breaking when part of the rolls was laid flat. The stamp stick is unique to the Tulip coil.

## Another, Different Kestrel Colon

There's a new twist to the Kestrel CPV with little colons in the plate number. In the November 1999 Snippets the Kestrel coil from the D press (BCYM) was reported with two colons in its plate number, one in magenta and one in blue, each following the digit 1 of the respective colors. This makes the plate number appear as 11:11. Jim Tod has now found similar marks on the F press (YMCB) Kestrel where the colons still follow the magenta and blue digits, but make the plate number appear as 11:1:1. These, the Yellow Rose version from last month, the FOP period (9.9999) and Hat dash (2-22) could make a punctuation collection.

## 23¢ Washington Roll Ends

Frank Covey has pointed out that the new Washington coil shows an unusual form of separation at each end of the roll. Instead of being cut by a knife, the strips of 100 stamps are separated along the serpentine die cut. We have encountered this type of thing before and were told by the maker that the strips of 100 were "torn" apart. Just how it was done was not fully explained, but we were told that a "bursting" device was used. That stamp was the American Bank Note Eagle and Shield, a water activated gum coil, which was printed and processed by Guilford Gravure. The perforations on either end appeared to have been torn, rather than cut. Guilford Gravure is also the printer and processor of the Washington coil for Banknote Corporation of America. It seems reasonable that a similar device was used to make the Washington "cut". A roll-end photo is below.



## Sennett's FOP "Hopper"

All the previously known FOP cylinder number hoppers have been on stamps turned out by BEP. This one, found in a mixture by Doug Iama, is a full-fledged distortion of S11111 (Sc. 2914) where the yellow 1 has hopped over the "S". Other color numbers have also moved. While the yellow and gray moved left, the light blue and dark blue shifted right. The gray 1 actually lies on top of the light blue 1 and makes the plate number appear as 1S111. All FOP "Hoppers" have only been found used, however, Hat and FOC examples are known in mint strips. (Coil Line, February 01 and April 01)

## RAPD's and SDO's

Regional Accountable Paper Depositories and Stamp Distribution Offices are part of the USPS stamp distribution system. Printers send their stamps to RAPD's, which in turn supply SDO's, which supply post offices. Only BEP can store its stamps outside a RAPD. This is usable information. After an initial distribution from an SDO, large PO's can order stamps direct from BEP, and that raises the possibility that large post offices may have different numbers than small ones in the same SDO area. Find out what area your SDO serves.

# CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

01/10/02

MHT

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

EP - EMBEDDED PHOS      UT - UNTAGGED  
 SP - SURFACE PHOS      [xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL  
 BK - BLOCK TAG          (NL) - LINDERLESS  
 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 Bennett Security.

**PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTERS:**

A - American Bank Note	S - Bennett 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  
 #6666 A  
 #7777 A

**34c LIBERTY (SA) [21]**

#1111 C, D  
 #2222 D

**34c UNITED (SA) [24]**

#1111 A  
 #2222\* 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) [32]  
 #1 B, C (OA) [32]  
 #1 C (EP) [32]  
 #2 B, C  
 #3 C  
 #4 D (OA)  
 #4 C (EP)  
 #5 D

**5c CIRCUS [48] [24] [14]**

#1 B, C (OA) [32]  
 #1 B, C (UT) [32]  
 #2 C  
 #A1 D  
 #A2 D  
 #A3 D  
 #B1 D  
 #B2 D (GLOSS)  
 #B2 D (SHINY)

**3c CONESTOGA [48]**

#1 A, B, C [32]  
 #2 C  
 #3 C (DULL)  
 #3 B, C (SHINY)  
 #5 C (LARGE #)  
 #5 C, D (SMALL #)  
 #6 C, D

**23c G. WASH'N (SA) [12]**

#B11 A

**22c U. SAM (SA) [24]**

#1111 A

**22c UNCLE SAM [24]**

#1111 C

**21c BISON (SA) [5]**

#V1111 A  
 #V2222 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  
 #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) 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) 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

■ 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.

# 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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## 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, 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.

**Feb. 2, 2002 – Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, Sarasota, FL,** Exhibition Hall. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. in the north half of the balcony in the exhibition hall. Fred P. Sener will be in charge of the meeting. Any ideas or offers to help should be directed to his attention at 5217 Far Oak Circle, Sarasota, FL 34238-3306.

**Feb 9, Ameristamp Expo, Riverside CA.** – During the American Philatelic Society's Winter Show, to be held at the Riverside Convention Center Feb. 8 to 10.

The PNC3 meeting will take from 1 to 3 p.m. in the La Sierra Room.

**Feb. 16 ARIPEX Stamp Show** noon to 1 p.m. in the Cholla 2 room. ARIPEX takes place from Feb. 15-17, in Mesa AZ at the Centennial Hall Community Center. Contact John E Peterson. (Phone above).

**August 2002** – Annual Meeting in conjunction with the APS Stampshow in Atlantic City, NJ Aug. 15-18. The meeting is usually on Saturday, with the board meeting in the morning. Details later.

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### Moreau seeks information

Ken Moreau wonders if anyone else has found a Scott #2603 E&S with an extra blue 1 under the red digit. The stamp is untagged #33333. Ken also reports a used strip of Scott #1901A 5.9c Bicycle #5 off cover with a 4/21/87 cancel has been confirmed as EKV. Contact Ken at 402 Coronation Dr., Franklin, MA 02038 (508)528-9028

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