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Scott Publishing Co. and PNC³ have signed a license agreement permitting use of Scott Catalog numbers in the PNC Catalog.

The three-year agreement permits use of Scott Numbers for identification purposes, but PNC³ is not authorized to use Scott values. The agreement covers a printed catalog, but does not allow use of Scott numbers in any electronic version of the catalog. Scott is willing to sign an agreement for electronic presentation of the catalog, but the PNC³ Board thought it best to address that issue later.

Plymouth Regional Meeting April 26

In what has become a rite of spring, the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club has scheduled a regional meeting for Saturday, April 26 at the Plymouth Show in Plymouth, MI.

The meeting will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Central Middle School. Club President Frank Covey will discuss plans for the new PNC Catalog. There will be time to hear member feedback and discussion.

PNC color variations in handbook

There are at least five PNCs with substantial color variations. Ron Maifeld has entered new files on the PNC3 WEB site, which illustrate these collectible alternatives, which I can copy for you if you wish. The PNCs listed are:

- # 1895 20c. Flag over Court Slate Blue (Building)
- “ “ “ “ Brick Red (Flag)
- # 2115C 22c Flag over Capitol Black (field of stars)
- # 2280 25c. Flag over Yosemite Black (Trees)
- # 2466 32c. Ferry Boat Bronx Blue (Boat)
- # 2609 25c. Flag over WH Indigo Blue (Building)

Five album pages in color, in the Handbook format, are available at my cost for \$ 3.50. The color is surprisingly true. The Handbook remains available, with the latest additions, some 410 pages, for \$ 18.75. I am taking competitive bids on the printing to try to reduce the price. Arthur Westneat, 15 Davis Avenue Durham, N. H. 03824

Message from the President:

PNC Catalog underway

Members who ordered the Catalog Sampler should expect to begin receiving their copies during the first two weeks of February. Those ordering late in January will not get their copies until late February or early March.

Member Elmer Brown posed two questions to Andy Jakes, our PNC³ Treasurer, and member of the Catalog Committee. "What is the time frame for the completion of the PNC Catalog?" and "Will there be ... opportunity to contribute constructive comments ... ?" Since other members may have the same questions let me address them here.

The Catalog will be done in sections over a period of time. How long it takes depends on the help we have and on how frequently we choose to publish. I was pleased that over 80 percent have chosen the color version of the Sampler. It was my favorite too. Color, while more expensive, allows better presentation of the material. If we could produce a 300 to 400-page catalog right now, no one would want to pay the price for color. By making delivery three or four times a year and keeping the out of pocket cost reasonable for each piece, I think almost everyone can have a color catalog.

In one sense, the eleven issues of 2002 are "done". However, I am sure most if not all of these pages will need updates based on new information we get or want to show. By putting a single PNC ID on a pair of pages we have the flexibility to publish updates on any timetable we choose. Some PNC IDs are active i.e., new plate numbers are still being printed and so updates will be needed for those pages. Other PNC IDs are inactive i.e., no new printings are expected. Inactive pages would only need to be updated when there is something new to show. From these comments, one can see that in another sense, the catalog will always be a work in progress.

The primary purpose of having a Catalog Sampler was to allow our membership to comment before we got too far

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Catalog

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The PNC ID System has the approval of the PNC³ Board and will be used in the PNC Catalog to reference the coils on the catalog pages. However, the Catalog Committee is seeking help from those who would like to participate in assigning sub-ids. Sub-ids are the part of the PNC ID that identifies a variety. Catalog Committee member Gene Trinks has an article on this very subject in this issue of *Coil Line* that I hope you will all read. (See pages 21-24). Scott Numbers will also be in the Sampler and the PNC Catalog now that PNC³ has an agreement with Scott Publishing.

Some of the catalog volunteers already have their assignments. Others will be hearing from me in the next two weeks. If you have heard nothing from me by mid-February please take the initiative to get a hold of me. In general, I have been assigning volunteers several PNC ID pages at a time because that's what most people have chosen. Once pages are returned they are formatted so they have the same style and then are sent to reviewers who find mistakes and/or missing information. At some point, the catalog committee will feel we have done as much as we can and pages are ready for publication.

- Frank Covey

Letters

Have faith fellow sorters, the #s are there

To the Editor:

The relative shortfall of used PNCs of the Antique Toys and Snowmen may be discouraging to sorters of mixtures and kiloware. Just remember that plate numbers fall only on the Fire Pumper and only on the twelfth stamp running. Eleven others must precede on mailings before that magic U1 can make its way into a potential finding. The same holds true on the Snowmen coil issue whereon the PN falls on the Top Hatted Snowman only.

Hypothetically, one should find a numbered stamp every 12th snowman coil stamp. Realistically, if 100 people bought a roll of stamps and used them to send bills to the same source receiver, one would still have to pour through 1,100 instances of usage before being deluged with those elusive PNCs. In fact, all do not go to the same destination and the opportunity to capture that PNC is accordingly reduced.

But even with the numbers quoted above, the occurrence of PNCs have better odds than those Transportation Series issues of the past which occurred every 52nd stamp.

Fear not, hearty sorters! They will appear. My "vast" accumulation already boasts 4 Pumpers and 5 Top Hatters! I plow through lots of covers!

Dan Kauffman
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4,583 covers net 75 with PNCs

To the Editor:

I recently sorted through 4,583 envelopes. I found a total of 75 PNC's. These envelopes were mailed mostly during the period of Oct. 1 through Dec. 30, 2002, and came from all over the U.S.

The breakdown is as follows:

Sct. no. 3622-(37c) Flag #1111 (16)
3622-(37c) Flag #2222 (6)
3632-37c Flag #1111 (17)
3632-37c Flag #2222 (12)
3631-37c Flag WA #S1111 (4)
37c Toys #B12222 (6)
37c Snowman #G1111 (3)
34c Flowers #B1111 (2)
34c Flowers #B2222 (2)
34c United We Stand #1111 (2)
34c Statue of Liberty 3333(1),4444(1), 5555(1),
6666(1)

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To the Editor:

Do you suppose BEP is miffed at being slowly phased out of the stamp production business? Or have they RIFFed their Quality Assurance people?

The majority of the coil produced products are seriously miscut - at least at this location. It's hard to find a roll of "Flags" which answers the call of VF-XF, let alone Superior.

Are others finding this problem?

A sample from some rolls is included herewith. As can be seen, the die cuts into the vignette. Although this is extreme, all other rolls show a left orientation.

If the cuts were further into the stamp, one could claim them freaks - but alas!



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SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

New Numbers

There are no new numbers reported this month.

New FOP 66666 10/11 Found

The eleventh reported copy of the rare 10/11 inverted die cut of the 32¢ Flag Over the Porch #66666 has been found. Jim Stallenwerk culled this copy from a used mix. The 10/11 stamp is known only in used condition with nine singles and two covers making up the 11 reported copies. The error stamp is so scarce there is no traceable market in it and thus no established value. If one is ever sold or traded, we'll try to get the figure for you. A photocopy of the new find is shown below.

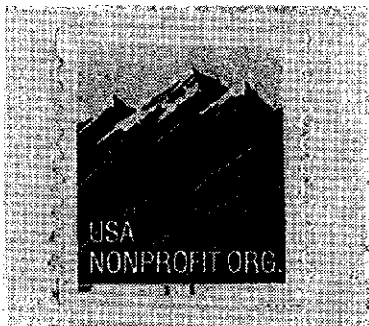


(37¢) USA Flag Die Cut Omitted

A die cut omitted nondenominated self adhesive USA Flag coil with plate number 1111 has been found by Steve Unkrich. Apparently the entire roll of 100 is without any die cutting, and at least part of it has already been sold. This stamp is assigned Scott #3622.

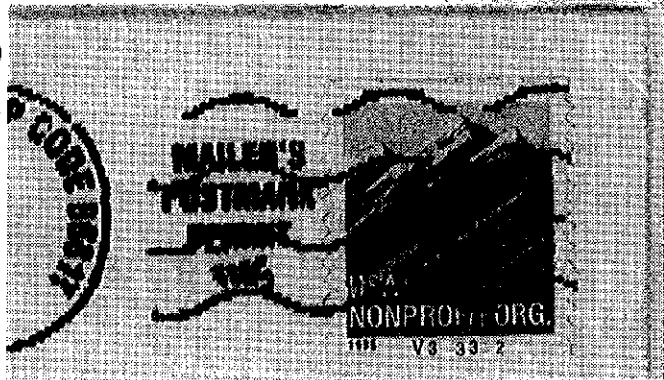
A Mountain of Difference

The photo below of a 5¢ Mountain coil that has been cropped from a cover found by Rob Washburn is very different than the usual cylinder combination #1111 known previously. This stamp has a die cut of 9/10 rather than the common 10/10. The new Mountain find, printed and processed by BEP, has an interesting parallel with the large roll Flag Over Porch stamp from BEP that exists with both 9/10 and 10/10 die cuts (2915D). They were both produced in the same time period and released by USPS on the same 6 January 1997 date. The two cuts on the FOP were found immediately while this one took six years to turn up. The hunt will be on to find more of this new variety but don't confine your search to just this Mountain stamp. A third stamp, the Juke Box from BEP, was also from the same production period and released on exactly the same date as the FOP and Mountain. It's known only with 10/10 die cutting, but could exist with the 9/10 too. The Juke Box has two numbers, 111111 and 222222. Check them both



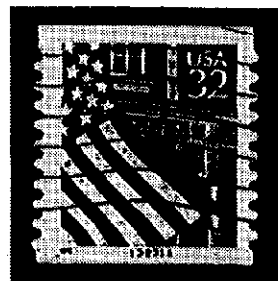
A Potential Escapee

As recently as January of 2001 I wrote (again) about the fact that Avery's PSA Mountain coils have five different cylinder number combinations, but one of them was known only with an inverted die cut. Four of the numbers have a 13/12 peak count and one, #V333342, was known only with a 12/13 peak count. Another specialty shaking find by Rob Washburn has changed all that. Rob found two covers with V333342 on them and the stamps have the regular 13/12 peak counts. Avery's PSA Mountain stamps, issued in June of 1996, did not see a lot of service and covers with any of the five numbers are scarce. Number V333342, last in the set to be printed and the one with the smallest net print total, is scarcest of all. Photocopying white-on-white is difficult and I hope the picture below reproduces well enough to show the 13/12 cut. The stamp is tied by a mailer's postmark device with an unreadable number. The ZIP code is blurred but appears to be 65817, which places it in Missouri. Check your mint strips and used copies for this unusual stamp. If no mint numbered stamps are found, it will join the elite FOP group of escapees.



Who Owns this Stamp?

Somewhere along the line someone sent me the photocopy shown below of 13231A VP and I failed to record the owner's name. The owner's first name could possibly be Jim. Whoever owns this nice item please contact me by mail or e-mail and let me know it's yours. PO Box 91 Northwood, NH 03261 or mrsnips@tds.net



Credit Card Response

Steve Unkrich replied to last month's Kansas City Cave item about credit cards. He ordered from KC in early December and was told no credit cards for precanceled stamps. After Christmas he was told it was OK. Gee! These people can't make up their minds.

CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

01/10/03

ART

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 - 3M	

(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
 #2222 A
 #3333 A
 #4444 A

37c TOYS (SA) [12]

#B11111 A
 #B12222 A

37c SNOWMEN (SA) [12]

#G1111 A (NL)

37c OFFICIAL [14]

#S111 A

1c KESTREL [24]

#1111 B, C (TYPE I)
 #1111 B (TYPE II)
 #1111 C (Type III)
 #2222 C
 #3333 C
 #4444 C

2c WOODPECKER [24]

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D

3c STAR [14]

#S111 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)
 #S3 D

5c TOLEWARE [14]

#S1111111 D

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

#B11 A
 #V11 A
 #V22 A

(5c) SEA CST (SA) [20]

#B111 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
 #6666 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

(10c) ATLAS (SA) [20]

#B1111 D

(10c) LION (SA) [21]

#S11111 D
 #S22222 D
 #S33333 D

(10c) E&S STD [24]

#11111 D
 #22222 D

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

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D
 #33333 D

(15c) WOODY (SA) [21]

#S11111 D

(25c) DINER [14]

#S11111 D

(25c) DINER (SA) [21]

#11111 D
 #22211 C, D
 #22222 D
 #33333 D
 #44444 D
 #55555 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)

■ The Wetlands color differences on 1111 are in the stamp background.

■ 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.

Identifying PNC Varieties With The PNC ID System

For the new PNC catalog that is being developed by the members of PNC³, one of the first tasks is to unequivocally identify the many different PNC varieties that have been located by PNC specialists. We need members with expertise in the many PNC sub-specialty areas to assist in further defining the PNC ID beyond the basic, high level categories that have been used to this point.

BACKGROUND

There is a need for a specialized PNC catalog because the various popular catalog publishers, such as Scott and Minkus, do not distinguish between important PNC features in their numbering systems. As a result, many collectable varieties are not identified, and many true PNC rarities are ignored. PNC collectors need a better way to track their collecting interests and locate material for their collections.

Previous efforts to develop a serviceable PNC identification system have met with limited success, but have largely fallen into disuse in today's market. It has been suggested that a reason for this is that those systems have grown complex and unwieldy as the hobby has developed and new aspects of PNC collecting have come into being.

PNC³ President Frank Covey has suggested a new PNC ID System for use in the catalog. It has several attractive aspects, and has been explained at a high level in prior issues of Coil Line. As the first 'Sampler' pages of the catalog are produced and distributed, the system is being exercised in the real world of PNCs for the first time. It is apparent that this system, too, could become complex as earlier issues are identified and numbered for future catalog pages.

President Covey has suggested that it be a requirement of the new ID system that " ... each variety that can be identified by a specialist should have a separate PNC ID number. " In order to serve the needs of all PNC³ members, the system should be flexible enough to serve the specialist, but at the same time be simple enough that the basic PNC collector will find it useful.

To recap the system proposed by Frank Covey, a major PNC ID number is assigned that is based on the issue date of face-different PNCs. This would be the number that the basic PNC collector would use and be familiar with. In most cases, it could be directly cross-referenced to Scott or Minkus numbers. Minor ID numbers are then assigned to varieties according to a prioritized list of sub-categories. The following is a description of the ID numbering system as proposed.

A PNC ID is assigned for each face-different stamp under normal light. The number assigned is based on the year of issue and the approximate date within the year. In some cases this date is not known. In other cases the stamp was not available on the promised date. Test coils will be assigned a number based on the year they were first discovered.

For example, the first coil issued in 2002 was the 5-cent American Toleware. It has an assigned PNC ID of 2002-1.

When a coil has more than one variety, a sub-ID is appended to the PNC ID by adding a decimal point and another unique number. The first digit following the decimal has the following meaning:

- .1xxxx tagging difference
- .2xxxx perf/die cut difference
- .3xxxx color/font difference
- .4xxxx constant plate variety
- .5xxxx paper type difference
- .7xxxx backnumber/control number
- .8xxxx gum type

THE CURRENT NEED

The system developed by President Covey has certain characteristics that need to be more thoroughly investigated to assure that it will remain useful as more PNC issues are included under it. If the proposed system breaks down under the weight of a large quantity of discernable varieties, it would need to be revised or replaced. This effort must be made now, before a great deal of time and effort is invested in a system that might not be suitable going forward.

An example of how the system might work is given below for the Flag Over Porch self-adhesives. Two alternative solutions are offered as possible solutions to the assignment of ID numbers for the varieties known today. Members are encouraged to review the alternatives and communicate with the catalog committee about which is easier for them to use. If anyone has thoughts about a simpler system, they are invited to submit them.

Remember, the goal here is to have a PNC ID number for each variety that can be identified by a specialist.

Example Problem

The Flag Over Porch self-adhesive (square corners) is separated by Scott into two major catalog numbers, 2915A and 2915C. The only difference is the die cut. Scott 2915A has die cut 9.7 vertically, and 2915C has 10.9 vertically. Is it necessary to have two major Scott numbers for the same design? Scott seems to think so, based on the difference in die cut. They try to force die cuts into a system designed to handle perforations. But they ignore the other die cuts that have been identified for this issue.

PNC ID 1996-8 (Scott 2915A) comes with die cuts 10x10, 10x11, and 11x10. PNC ID 1996-15 (Scott 2915C) comes with die cuts 11x12, 12x11, and 12x12. Almost all of these exhibit different incision styles. Known incision styles have previously been labeled A, B, C and D. Furthermore, for incision style D, tie-tips can be either on the right or left (right is known only on #88888A). There well could be more combinations discovered in the future. The PNC sub-id assigned for die cut or perf varieties is .2xxx. What .2xxx number would you assign to each of these different varieties?

Example Solution

Below are two possible ways to solve this numbering problem.

Hierarchy Solution:

Since the most distinguishing feature is the die cut, assign a number value for each of the six die cuts as follows:

.21xxx	10x10 die cut
.22xxx	10x11 die cut
.23xxx	11x10 die cut
.24xxx	11x11 die cut
.25xxx	11x12 die cut
.26xxx	12x12 die cut

The 10X10 variety comes with either Peaks on the upper left of the stamp (known as PV) or Valleys at the upper left (known as VP, or reverse die cuts). These could be distinguished by the third digit as follows:

.211xx	10x10 PV configuration
.212xx	10x10 VP configuration

Next most important is the incision style. The value for incision style would occupy the fourth digit as follows:

.2xx1	Style A
.2xx2	Style B
.2xx3	Style C
.2xx4	Style D

The least discernable feature is the tie-tip location of right or left. Either may be found on #88888A with Style D incisions. The fifth digit could be assigned as follows:

.2xxx1	Left tie-tip
.2xxx2	Right tie-tip

A completed PNC ID for the FOP #88888A 10x10, VP, Style D, with tie-tips at left would therefore be: 1996-8.21241

Sequential solution:

Randomly assign a number to each die cut variety. It is unlikely that there would ever be over 1000 varieties discovered for this sub-id. As each new variety is identified, assign the next highest number.

Below are some sample numbers and their meanings:

.2001	Die cut 10x10 Incision Style A, PV configuration
.2002	Die cut 11x10 Incision Style A, PP configuration
.2003	Die cut 10x10 Incision Style B, PV configuration
.2004	Die cut 12x12 Incision Style A, VP configuration
.2005	Die cut 12x11 Incision Style A, PP configuration
.2006	Die cut 10x10 Incision Style C, PV configuration
.2007	Die cut 10x10 Incision Style D, VP configuration, left tie-tip
.2008	Die cut 11x10 Incision Style B, PP configuration

Etc.

Under this solution, the completed PNC ID for the FOP #88888A 10x10, VP, Style D, with tie-tips at left would be: 1996-8.2007.

Alternative solution:

Specialists in the FOP issue may have other ideas for a solution. Please make suggestions!

There are other areas of complexity that need to be addressed as well. In the Transportation Series, there are dozens of plate varieties for many of the issues. How are these to be numbered?

How will the sub-ID numbers be assigned if there is more than one minor category involved? For example, the recent Statue of Liberty WA (PNC ID 2001-3) is printed on both US-made and British papers, with differences in both tagging and back numbers. We will need to develop a convention on the sequence of the sub-ID, (i.e, according to the list above, should the variety be known as 2001-3.1 or 2001-3.5 or 2001-3.7?). A case could be made for each.

Specialists in other areas will be able to identify other issues that will come to the forefront going forward.

This is the time to address these issues and iron out solutions to any questions and/or conflicts.

ASSIST IN WORKING OUT THE DETAILS OF THE SYSTEM

We need to know that the proposed PNC ID system will be comprehensive and flexible enough to handle all the currently known distinct PNCs, and that there is room for expansion as technology advances into the future. This can only be accomplished by encouraging all PNC specialists to contribute their thoughts in this formative stage of the PNC ID system.

How are your problem solving skills? Do you find it challenging and interesting to plot a course into uncharted territory? It is not required that individuals serving in this way be experts in the sub-specialty areas involved. We can get experts to share their knowledge. What is required is that people working on the project have an interest in working with their co-workers to thoroughly analyze the information gained and reconcile any conflicts that may arise. The sub-committee will be challenged to specify the PNC IDs for past and future issues, and may be called upon to add to the system in the future.

If you'd like to contribute to this important effort and make your mark on the hobby for decades to come, please contact the catalog committee at catalog@pnc3.org or write to Frank Covey at 16 Grandview Dr., Macomb, IL 61455

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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PNC³ meetings and slide shows

A monthly listing of scheduled Regional and Annual Meetings will be published in *Coil Line*.

Regional Meetings are to be arranged through RMC Chairperson Tony Willson will coordinate PNC³ meetings and also supervise the PNC³ slide programs. Anyone who wishes to host a regional meeting or check out one of the slide programs can write to Willson at: 1041 Bradcliff Dr, Santa Ana CA 92705-2334. He can be reached by e-mail at: **ANTHONY.**

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NET or by phone at (714) 544-6799.

He 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. Please work as far in advance as possible.

Upcoming meetings:

Plymouth Show, Saturday, April 26,
10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Central
Middle School, Plymouth, MI.

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He may refer you to Charles Still at 15826 N.E. 184th St., Holt, MO 64048 for older issues. Please include an SASE. There is a modest charge to cover expenses.

Changes of address: Should be sent to and membership applications are available from Tom McFarland, Secretary, P.O. Box 756, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550 secretary@pnc3.org

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

Dues: Are \$12 per year (\$17 for First Class mailing of *Coil Line*, \$17 for Canada and Mexico and \$22 for all others) and should be sent to Andrew Jakes, 2303 Horseshoe Ct., Grayslake, IL 60030-9327 treasurer@pnc3.org

Advertising rates: Are \$42 for a full page, \$24 for 1/2 page and \$12 for 1/4 page per issue. A check or money order made payable to PNC³ must be submitted with the advertising copy. All copy should be sent to the Editor, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402-2107.

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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

OFF PAPER SINGLE PNCs for sale: 165 pieces, different numbers, no damage, approx. \$300 catalog value +/- for \$40. Two orders of same for \$75. Postpaid. No limit. Nistoran, 4831 W. Elm Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85031-1343.

ALBUM FOR used PNC singles. Complete from 1981-2000. \$47.95. 2001 supplement \$15. S&H \$7.00 CT add 6% tax. Get details! www.philatellicarts-pnc.com or send 60c #10 SASE Philatelic Arts, 370 Saw Mill Rd. Guilford, CT. 06437.

WANTED TO BUY: Strips of 8 and 12, mint and used with and without PNC, of Tugboat Coil Scott # 2260. No folds. Can send want list on request. Don Brown, P.O. Box 386, Oak Harbor, MO (360) 279-1906.

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WANTED: 1897 #3 split number; 1897A #'s 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, split number, 2132 #1 split number, 3271 #22222 round die cut. Want PS 5 or 6 of each, F-VF, mint non-hinged. Ken Moreau, 402 Coronation Dr., Franklin, MA 02038

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 Cypress, CA 90630-0453.

JUST PUBLISHED! 240+ pages, 2002-3 Guide to Collecting PNC Stamps. Detail info and color pictures, Scott #'s, spiral bound. Article on PNC GAP's. Prices for strips, used singles. \$39.50 plus \$5.25 S&H. CT add 6% tax. www.philatellicarts-pnc.com Philatelic Arts 370 Saw Mill Rd. Guilford CT. 06437

Forward exhibiting reports to Gary Davis, Award and Exhibit Chairperson at 515-279-9598 or gjdjstamp@uswest.net

Committee chairpersons

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

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Volunteer needed To host meeting at NAPEX in Virginia

We are in need of a volunteer to host a PNC3 meeting at the National Philatelic Exhibition (NAPEX). NAPEX is being held this year June 6 - 8 in McLean, Virginia

I would host the meeting, but I reside in southern CA, - a little far for a day trip. If you are from the DC area or are planning to attend the show from out of town and wish to host the meeting don't be shy! I will work with the volunteer to set up and plan the meeting. Please contact me, Anthony Willson, National Meeting Chair, at 714-544-6799 or via the internet at Anthony. Willson@worldnet.att.net. Look forward to hearing from you.

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Philadelphia lawyer elected head of Postal Service's Governors

S. David Fineman, the Managing Partner at Fineman & Bach, P.C., a 30-lawyer firm in Philadelphia, was elected as Chairman of the Postal Service's Board of Governors. He succeeds Robert F. Rider.

Fineman was elected Vice Chairman of the Board in January 2001 and re-elected in January 2002. He serves as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. President Clinton appointed him a Governor to the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors in May 1995 for a term expiring in December 2003. He has served as Special Counsel to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Secretary of Banking and the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner. In addition, he was a member of the Industry Policy Advisory Committee, a CEO-level committee advising the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and U.S. Trade Representative on international trade policy issues.

Fineman is a former member of the Philadelphia Planning Commission and a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations. He also has been active in a series of other business and civic organizations including serving on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. A former business law lecturer at Temple University, Fineman has a bachelor's degree in government and public administration from American University. He has been in private practice since earning his law degree with honors at George Washington University.

Postal Service 'Fortune 500'

Three of the Postal Service's businesses would qualify for the Fortune 500 business list.

Correspondence & transactions

a \$35.9 billion business

Business advertising

a \$15.7 billion business

Expedited delivery

a \$5.9 billion business

Publications delivery

a \$2.2 billion business

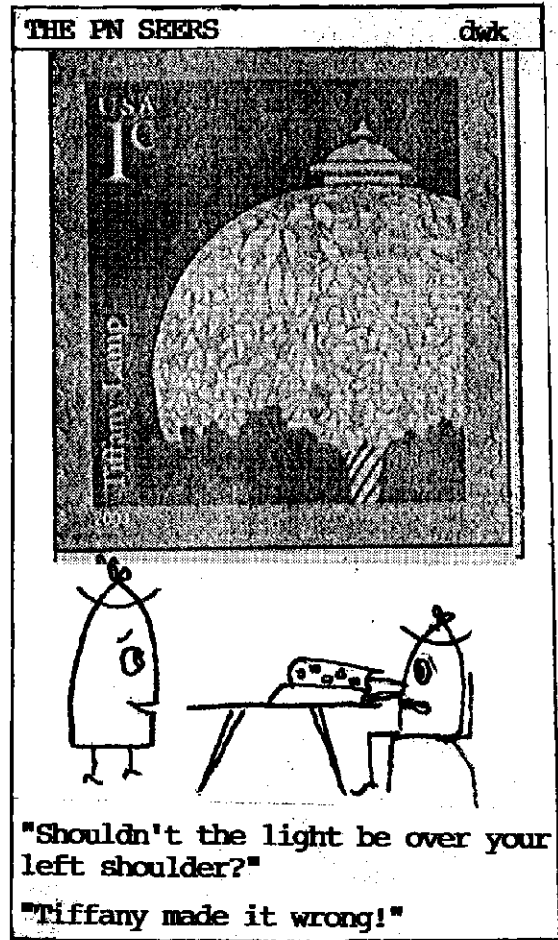
Standard package delivery

a \$1.99 billion business

International mail

a \$1.7 billion business

The Postal Service is part of the \$900 billion mailing industry which employs nine million people and accounts for 8% of the gross domestic product.



E-mail charge rumor won't 'die'

A completely false rumor concerning the U.S. Postal Service continues to be circulated on Internet e-mail. As a matter of fact, the Postal Service has learned that a similar hoax occurred recently in Canada concerning Canada Post.

The e-mail message claims that a "Congressman Schnell" has introduced "Bill 602P" to allow the federal government to impose a 5-cent surcharge on each e-mail message delivered over the Internet. The money would be collected by Internet Service Providers and then turned over to the Postal Service.

No such proposed legislation exists. In fact, no "Congressman Schnell" exists.

The U.S. Postal Service has no authority to surcharge e-mail messages sent over the Internet, nor would it support such legislation.