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Deadline for Dec. *Coil Line* Nov. 12

The deadline for the December 2003 issue of *Coil Line* has been moved up to Wednesday, Nov. 12. This change is to allow your editor and distribution manager to get the monthly responsibility out of the way to accommodate their holiday plans. If you are mailing something please allow adequate time for it to reach the editor by Nov. 12.

Linn's article spurs interest in PNC³

An article about the club's PNC Values publication in the Oct. 3 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* has spurred much interest in the club.

The article by Editor Michael Schreiber can be found on page 3. He provides an extensive explanation/review of the PNC Values. The article concludes "Any serious collector of U.S. plate number coil stamps should have the PNC³ Values List and should belong to the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club."

Club Treasurer Andy Jakes and Secretary Tom McFarland both report interest and applications, many mentioning the *Linn's* article. Jakes reports a third printing of the Values is planned in December and that more than 250 copies have been mailed. The list is available only to members. Order forms were attached to the August and September issue of *Coil Line*.

"Looks like we'll be busy for a while," McFarland writes in an e-mail.

Thoughts on being a Webmaster

By Ronald E. Maifeld

(Continued from October *Coil Line*)

Shortly thereafter, sometime around 1997, the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, PNC³, spearheaded by John Larson, started discussing the possibility of having a web presence.

I became involved in the discussions and offered the material I already had online as a starting point for a PNC³ web site. Eventually the proposal was accepted and I developed a more complete site with the philatelic informa-

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Message from the President:

New Dues Procedure for 2004

PNC³ is implementing a new dues notice procedure. In the past, the November *Coil Line* had a form to be filled out and sent with your dues to our Treasurer.

This year we will be mailing individualized statements. This is a two-page document. The first page will contain information we have on file about you. To correct wrong data cross out wrong data and write in the correct data. To add missing data, write it on the form. To delete data, cross it out. If you have made changes to page one, return the form to Andrew Jakes, Treasurer or e-mail the changes to Tom McFarland, the club secretary at secretary@pnc3.org. If no changes, you may discard page one.

We require your name, address, and your membership number. All other information is optional. We collect the optional data in order to better communicate with you and serve your collecting interests.

The second page will be the standard renewal form. Calculate the dues you owe based on where you live (non-U.S. mailing is more) and the class of mail (First Class U.S. mailing is more) and remit your check or money order to Andrew Jakes, Treasurer.

Our hope for the new procedure is that we will get your renewal of membership on a timely basis and at the same time allow you to correct any misinformation we have about you.

Under the old procedure, Life Members did not mail us a check unless they wanted First Class mail service on *Coil Line*. In the past, we often did not get input from them when their phone number, e-mail address or collecting interests changed. The new procedure should remedy this.

If for some reason, you no longer wish to be a member of the club, please return your statement to our treasurer indicating that you want your membership in PNC³ dropped. Each year the treasurer incurs extra work and club expense sending January reminder notices to those who have not paid their dues for the upcoming year.

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New dues

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Prompt return of your dues form to the Treasurer will be appreciated.

As with any new procedure, there may be things we have overlooked. Tell us what you like or dislike about our new method. We especially want to hear from you if you have improvements to suggest.

Your dues notice should arrive in your mailbox during the first few weeks in November.

Letters

Donations to club are appreciated

To the Editor:

From time to time, the PNC³ Treasurer receives amounts from members in excess of what is due the organization. Examples include dues payments, receipts forwarded by Arthur Westneat in excess of his costs to produce the Handbook, and payments in excess of the purchase price of Plate Number Coil Collectors Club PNC³ Catalog sections. The officers of PNC³ are grateful for these occasional receipts, and thanks members for the donations.

Andy Jakes, PNC3 Treasurer

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#77777A	V/P	\$65.00

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New P.O. machines may reduce WAG usage

To the Editor:

Starting later this year, the USPS is going to be putting Automated Postal Center machines in the lobbies of many Post Offices (Linn's, March 10, 2003, page 2).

I spoke with a vending machine technician in a PO that is scheduled to get one of these machines, and he said that to make room for it (they are quite large), he was going to have to remove one of the coil vending machines.

I'm not suggesting that these new machines are going to completely displace all coil vending machines, but they do sell stamps (specifically Scott CVP35), so we may see a reduction in the usage of water activated gum first class coil stamps as a result.

Doug Iams - via e-mail

37c Flag color variations pages made available

A new color comparison sheet is available!

The USPS blessed us with six very similar 37 cent Flags. With this one sheet you can examine their different formats and variations. Available \$1.50. Also the five color sheets showing consistent color variations in five PNCs. \$3.50

The latest PNC Handbook, 200++ double-sided pages, indexed by Scott's and denomination, available postpaid, \$19. Update your old Handbook with a supplement. Last year there were over 40 new and revised pages for new stamps, new Pl. #, new research. Check in to see the pages you need. Arthur Westneat, 15 Davis, Durham, N.H. 03824 603 868-6480 a.westneat@verizon.net

Values feedback from members

Following are some of the comments received from members who have received the PNC Values List.

Gene Goeller, Forest Hill MD

I liked . . . notes, layout, comprehensiveness.

Substitute . . . No continue count

Frequency . . . Once per year

Donald Brown, Oak Harbor WA

I liked . . . Scott number included

Substitute . . . PS3 and covers for count

Changes . . . PNC ID are so out of line with what?

Frequency . . . Once per year

George G. Capuzzo, McKinleyville CA.

I liked . . . Very clear; Easy to Read; Excellent Printing

Substitute . . . PS3 and covers for count

Changes . . . Values for singles mint

Frequency . . . once per year

Bill Korchick, Bloomington MN 55431

I liked . . . count column

Substitute . . . continue count column

Changes . . . List 29c Flag over Rushmore 1991-3 plate #1

Toledo Brown even though no dealer prices i.e. acknowledge existence

SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

Mountain 9/10 Found Mint

It's nice to have friends who want to share their collection with you. Recently Scott Adams was invited to a friend's house to view his U.S. collection. After looking at the albums, Scott started through a stock book with PNC's in it. The friend is not a serious PNC collector but saves strips he encounters. There, staring at Scott, were two Mountain 1111 strips of five and two numbered singles still on long pieces of backing paper and all had 9/10 die cuts. The collector was eager for a trade, keeping one PS5 after Scott explained the situation, and offering the other PS5 and singles to Scott. All this paints a rosy picture but there is a down side to the story which again demonstrates the hazard of stamp ignorance. The reason the two singles were still on long strips of backing paper, showing they weren't roll ends, was that the collector had picked the unnumbered stamps off to use on mail. Sad. When questioned, the collector thought he bought the coil piece in 1998. Below is a cropped copy of one of the singles showing part of the long backing paper.



Another Copy of Snowman G1112

Dealer and collector John Himes has acquired another used copy of the Snowman G1112, the third such stamp reported. This one came from the same mixture sorting supplier who found the original example. I wish we could say that means these stamps were sold in California but we don't know the origin of the mixtures. They could have come from anywhere.

Big Shift on A/P Seacoast Coil

Another report from John Himes involves a major black color shift of the cylinder that prints the date and the plate number prefix "P". In the picture below you can see a pronounced move of the date to the right, and if you look closely at the bottom edge of the last peak on the right, you will see part of the "P" prefix. The cylinder digits are far to the left of the partially cut away letter.



GW Bottom Row Stamps

The assumption that the lone PV row in the later numbers of the George Washington 23¢ coil is the top row just received a shot in the arm. Scott Adams has found a roll in which the die cut is shifted up slightly and the slicing cut is low, exposing a long straight line at the bottom. This appears to be from the bottom row and is a die cut termination as it goes off the lower edge of the web. This stamp has a VP cut, which is a little hard to detect due to the upward die shift, and eliminates the bottom row as a possible PV row. A photo example is shown below. It's looking more and more as if the top row is the culprit.



ND Stamps in the Roll Chart

I've lost count of the people who have asked for some designation in the Roll Size Chart that indicates a non-denominated stamp, so maybe it's time to point out that it's already there. A stamp's nominal value, where it is not printed on the face, has for years been designated by enclosing that value in parentheses. It's that way in catalogs, price lists and even in philatelic publications. The Roll Chart also uses this convention. If it's a non-denominated issue, those little bow legs are around the value.

Untagged 20¢ Flag #3

Collector Ken Moreau claims he has found a PS3 of the 20¢ Flag coil plate number 3 that is untagged. I haven't examined this strip and so far there is no certificate. Ken's record with untagged errors is pretty good, but I encourage him to have this piece expertised. An untagged error on #3 has not been reported before and it would be good to know positively.

Received No Publicity

Several months ago Dan Hein notified me he'd found a used copy of FOP 66666 10/11. He later sent a picture of it for the record. I recorded it, mounted the picture and promptly forgot to publicize it here. His stamp was the 12th single and fourteenth overall to be reported. My lapse does not change the previously reported total of 16 examples of this scarce stamp. My apologies Dan.

Why Do They Do It?

Frequently ads appear from casual PNC dealers, not our specialist dealers who are mostly members of the Club, in which they offer plate number coil strips without specifying the plate number. Gee. That number is the whole idea. Do these blind descriptions ever sell any stamps? Not many collectors want a pig in a poke.

CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

10/10/03

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) - 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: G. Washington: [12] for BCA, [11] for Avery.

PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTERS:

A - American Bank Note	P - Ashton-Potter
B - Banknote Corp. of Am.	S - Bennett Security Prod.
G - Guilford Gravure	V - Avery-Dennison
M - 3M	None - BEP

(37c) FLAG (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A

37c FLAG (SA) [20]

#B1111 C, D

37c FLAG [14]

#S1111 A, C, D

37c F (SA) [24] [12] [14]

#1111 A
 #2222 A
 #3333 A
 #4444 A
 #5555 A
 #6666 A
 #7777 A
 #8888* A
 #B1111 A
 #S1111 A

37c TOYS (SA) [12]

#B11111 A
 #B12222 A

37c SNOWMEN (SA) [12]

#G1111 A (NL)
 #G1112 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

1c LAMP [14]

#S1111 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) [32]
 #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
 #V13 A
 #V21 A
 #V22 A
 #V24 A
 #V35 A
 #V36* A
 #V46 A

(5c) SEA (SA) [20][22]

#B111 D
 #P1111 D

(5c) SEACOAST [10]

#B111 B, 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) LION [14]

#S11111 B, C

(10c) E&S STD [24]

#11111 D
 #22222 D

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

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D
 #33333 D

■ 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.

Webmaster

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tion as a focal point. Just in case I forget, the site can be found at www.pnc3.org.

Even though I'm now retired, it seemed that it took forever to do all the things that needed to be done, and there were never enough hours in the day to spend working on the site. It took a lot longer than I had ever imagined getting all of the plate number coils scanned and listed.

In addition to the list of 'wanted' items provided by the web site committee, I also had many ideas of things that I would like to include on the site. My ultimate goal was to make the PNC3 web site the current definitive source of information on Plate Number Coils.

I never had any intention of turning the Web site into a catalog, and still subscribe to that premise, but with all the data now online on the site, and the lack of a PNC catalog, it almost serves that purpose. The addition of the 'Linn's Trends' data last year pushes the line a little closer.

Several things happened almost at the same time a couple of years back, which brought the web site from just being a repository of data to a very active role in supporting Plate Number Coil collecting.

John Cropper, now PNC³ Publications Advisory Chairman, offered to host the PNC³ site on his servers, which allowed for more available storage space and the opportunity to use more advanced technology in the design and layout. It also eliminated those pesky pop-up ads that have become standard on the Internet.

The new layout offered the opportunity to have a front page with up-to-date and breaking PNC news. John also provided a copy of Microsoft Front Page, which became the editor of choice for updating the web site. This nifty program did most of the hard programming work, but I was and still am happy to have my HTML background to tweak the program now and then.

John and I do not always see eye to eye on what we consider an improvement to the basic layout, but I think we have worked well together over the years to produce a terrific and useful Web site.

The acquisition of a professional scanner, which I bought originally to scan color transparencies (slides) for my railroad hobby, proved to be just the right tool to scan Plate Number Coil strips. The difference was like night and day.

One of my responsibilities as part of my job with the US Postal Service was installing and servicing the retail Integrated Retail Terminals (IRTs) and instructing the clerks on their use, but that did nothing to prepare me for some of the problems encountered by those stopping by the site.

Problems that happen with upgraded technology stem from the fact that not everyone has the latest gee-wiz, faster than light computer and therefore can't use some of the bells and whistles we have provided. It's frustrating when someone writes that he/she can not access some portion of the Web site or is having trouble even bringing up the

menu bar or 'nothing happens' when I log on. Many of these situations have been addressed and fixed after consultation with John. In some cases we have provided a 'work-around', in some other cases we have to just shake our heads and wonder why. I'm usually not knowledgeable enough about the inner working to provide a ready answer. In a couple of cases, John installed a new feature and I had no clue about how it worked. You might say that I'm the reporter and John is the Editor.

Back in the old Geocities days, the Web site was getting about 12 to 15 visitors a day. This has slowly increased over time and today we routinely average 50 to 60 visitors a day, a number that usually drops slightly on the weekend. We just hit the 88,000 mark recently since going online in September of '97.

Much of the increase in the number of visitors can be attributed to more media coverage of our site and the recent inclusion of US Booklets, which is a secondary collecting specialty of many of our members.

In the September, 2001 issue of the *American Philatelist*, in his Glassine Surfer column, Michael Mills listed us as one of the "Best Sites of the Year".

In 2001, the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) awarded our site a '2 Star' designation in the International Literature Competition at Hafnia '01 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Last year, we were upgraded to '3 Star', at Philakorea 2002 in Seoul, Korea.

Last spring, *Linn's Stamp News* published the long awaited PNC 'Trends' that was compiled by Dave Cockrill. We secured an agreement to publish the data concurrently on our web site.

Along the way, we were able to get permission to copy and add the entire run of Steve Esrafi's publication, *The Plate Number*, in addition to posting back issues of our club newsletter, *Coil Line*.

This past spring, John Larson penned an article for the *US Specialist* that includes several favorable references to the PNC³ web site, and features the philatelic offices in Providence, RI and Tucson, AZ. We host the Tucson inventory list on our site, and regularly promote both offices.

As a result of the above and a more general awareness of our site in the hobby, we are often mentioned and even quoted in news articles and reviews.

Most of my goals for the site have been realized, and I plan to keep adding data on new PNCs, updating the technical data on older issues as new information surfaces and provide current news concerning plate number coils. It's slowing taking shape, but the booklet section is progressing nicely with some information on all booklets and data pages on those from the present back to 1996 or so.

What comes around goes around. It's almost ironic that one of the principle reasons for the original Web site, the philatelic offices section, has because of the decisions of postal officials to close scores of philatelic counters, become almost unnecessary.

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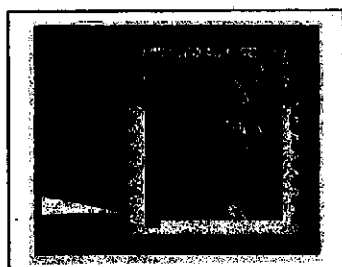
More on the 23c Washington Die Cut Puzzle

By Frank Covey

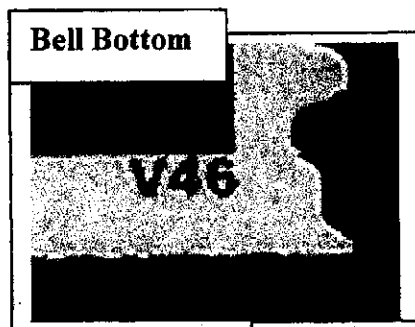
In the October 2003 Coil Line lots of attention was devoted to new 23c Washington die cut varieties. This article continues that exploration.

Doug Iams suggests that there may be a second die mat for the 23c Washington coil. This may well be the case, but I would like to present evidence for a different explanation.

Below are the die cut variations that I know about. The bell varieties were shown last month, but the "Exposed shallow valley" and the "Exposed Knoll" are new.

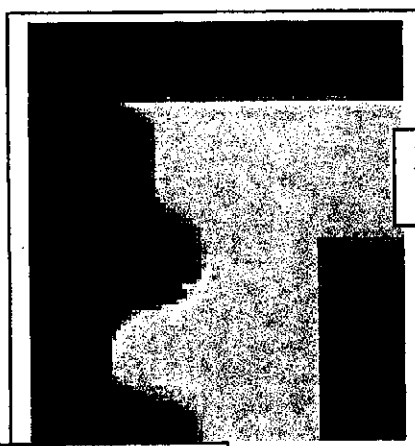


Full Shallow Valley Left/Knoll right
from August 2003 Coil Line
Plate Number Unknown



Bell Bottom

V46



Bell Top

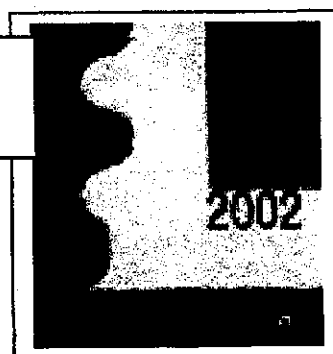
Both Shown in October Coil Line



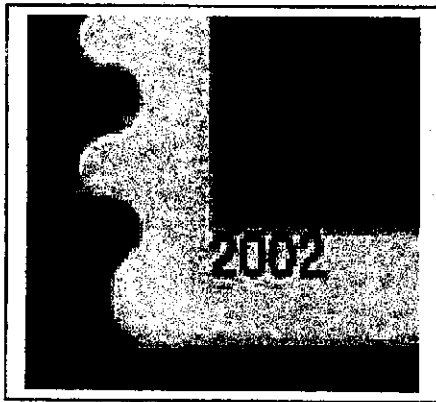
Exposed Shallow Valley UL
From plate V22

Shown are examples from plate V22 of the "Exposed Shallow Valley UL" and from plate V35 another "Exposed Shallow Valley LL".

Exposed Shallow Valley LL
From plate V35



2002



**Exposed Knoll LL
From plate V35**

When I e-mailed Doug Iams images of the “Exposed Shallow Valley” and “Knoll”, here were his observations.

“If you see . . . an exposed shallow valley, then it is proof that there is a VP on top of a PV”.

“If you see . . . an exposed knoll, then it is proof that there is a PV on top of a VP”.

“Both your V46 “bell” pictures are proof of a VP on top of a VP”.

I have been looking for evidence of a PV on top of another PV, but have found none. Per the PNC3

Website and the Catalog, there are 264 subjects on a print cylinder rotation. Plate numbers are 11 stamps apart on the 23c Washington dictating that the web is 24 rows high. The table to the left assumes the top row is a PV. Look at the highlighted and underlined combinations of VP and PV above. The table accounts for all combinations.

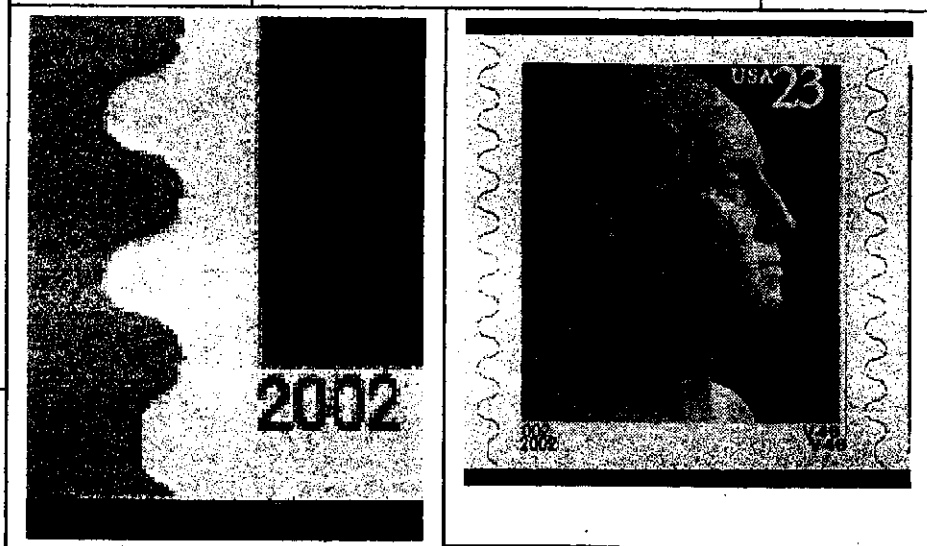
The table shows that there are 8 PV in a column and 16 VP. The image below shows that both bell and knoll can be found with the same plate number. My V46 came from different sources so there is not strong proof that bell and knoll exist on the same die cutting mat.

Doug Iams’ original thinking could still be correct.

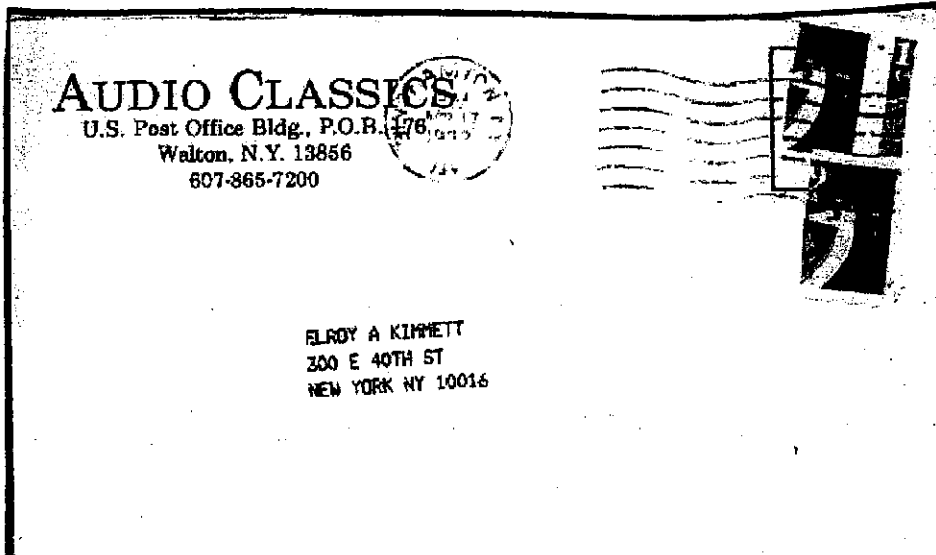
Row 1	PV
Row 2	VP
Row 3	VP
Row 4	PV
Row 5	VP
Row 6	VP
Row 7	PV
Row 8	VP
Row 9	VP
Row 10	PV
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Row 12	VP
Row 13	PV
Row 14	VP
Row 15	VP
Row 16	PV
Row 17	VP
Row 18	VP
Row 19	PV
Row 20	VP
Row 21	VP
Row 22	PV
Row 23	VP
Row 24	VP

**Table of
Possible row
Configuration**

**V46 with Bell Top and Bottom
is shown on first page.
V46 with the Knoll LL is below**



COVER OF THE MONTH



The above postcard features two miscut (by affixing equipment) 19¢ Fishing Boat coils. The top coil appears to be only a 1¢ stamp and the bottom coil appears to be a 9¢ stamp. (Cover courtesy of Joann Lenz.) (If you have an interesting, out of the ordinary, scarce, or unusual 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.)

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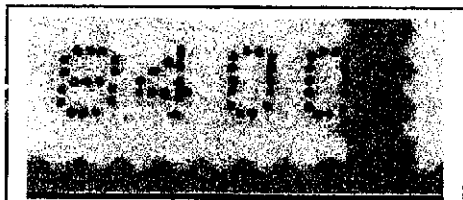
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PNC# member # _____

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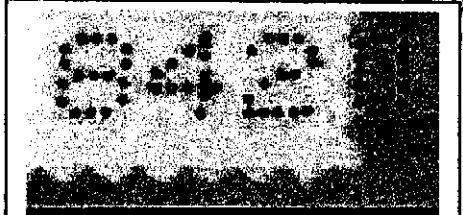
Seacoast Backnumber Shifting

By Frank Covey

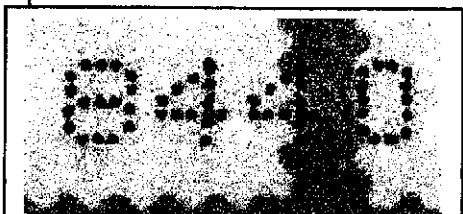


Zero off the edge of stamp

Accounting numbers are found on coils with more than 100 stamps. Collectors call them backnumbers as they appear on the reverse side of the stamp or on the liner on which the stamp is mounted.

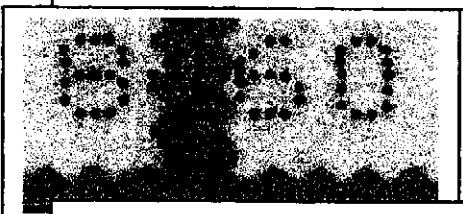


Illustrated to the left are backnumbers from an Ashton-Potter Seacoast coil with plate number P1111. These backnumbers are upside down in relation to the stamp on the front. So the numbers shown are actually at the top of the liner instead of the bottom. They are shown right side up here for readability.



Zero moves to next stamp

Note how the numbers slowly progress off the stamp they should be on and creep to the next stamp. By the time backnumber 8600 appears, three of the four digits have migrated to the next stamp making it impossible to tell where the backnumber should be.



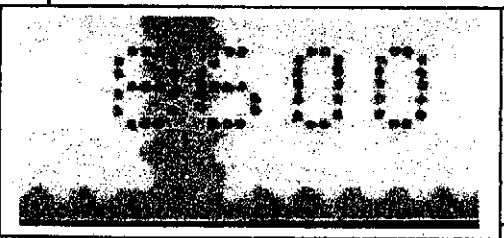
Two digits on next stamp

Backnumbers on these 10K Seacoast rolls are twenty stamps apart and plate numbers are twenty-two stamps apart. On some rolls backnumbers can fall on the same stamp as the plate number. These are termed "even" rolls. On "odd" rolls, the backnumber will fall to the left or right of the plate number. The even or odd relationship should be constant throughout the roll.

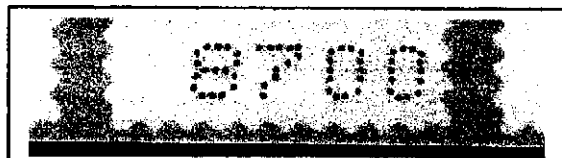


Partial correction

This roll was an even roll, but almost mutated into an odd roll before correcting itself. There was a splice on this roll between stamp 8667 and 8668 with a plate number on stamp 8668. By 8700 the backnumber was back on the right stamp.



Three digits on next stamp



Number is back on correct stamp

Turning the Light on SOL

By Dan Kauffman

Always a good American and patriotic subject, the Statue of Liberty became the design feature of yet another issue at the end of year 2000.

This sometimes confusing issue, with its several forms and formats, has had an extended service life over several years, and was one of the workhorses for the rate change from 32c to the 34c Standard Rate.

First issued on December 15th, 2000, in non-denominated booklet and coil formats, PNCers welcomed the newest perforated water-activated (WAG) coils in rolls of 3,000, and a similar design in pressure-sensitive (PSA) die-cut 100 stamp rolls.

The coils, printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), bore four digit plate numbers every 24th stamp and aqua counting numbers on back of every 20th stamp on the larger rolls. Color lay-down is yellow, magenta, cyan and black.



Scott #3452 WAG perforated and #3453 PSA die-cut varieties of the Statue of Liberty issue.

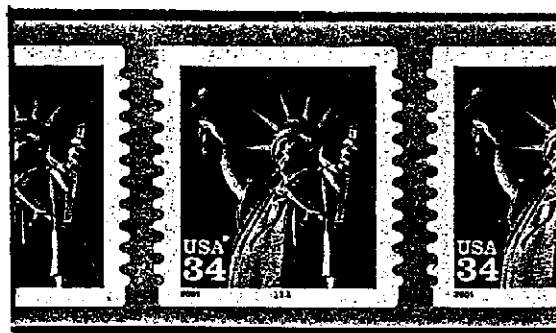
The stamps all bear the "First Class" wording as a value, departing from the alphabetical tradition used previously for rate changes. A horizontally oriented form on vending booklets also bore a plate number on the lower right stamp per pane. All display a 2000 year date at the lower left bottom of the stamp.

Collectors noted a difference in the tone and dimensions of the year date of the PSA variety early on and questioned the cause. The light and bold year dates are attributed to a light re-chroming of the black sleeve, according to a BEP spokesman.



Scott # 3453 with light and bold year dates. The light number measures 1.3mm, the bold number is longer and measures 1.5mm.

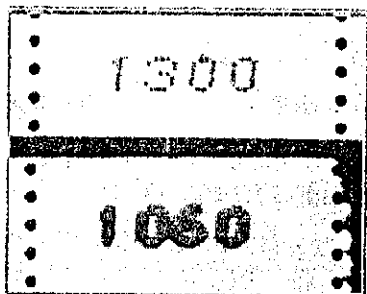
Additional denominated SOL 34c stamps followed the early issues. On January 7th, 2001, a PSA die-cut variety in rolls of 10 thousand were issued. The stamps were attached to a backing paper larger than the stamps and were separated from each other by spaces. The rounded corners help to identify used items. A four digit plate number occurs at 21 stamp intervals. These stamps also bore a counting number on the backing paper at 20 stamp intervals, top or bottom. All bear a 2001 year date.



Scott #3466 SOL on larger backing paper and spaced between stamps of 10,000 rolls.

3,000 stamp WAG coils were also produced and issued of February 7th, 2001. These conventionally perforated rolls also display a color lay-down of yellow, magenta, cyan and black. Two different papers were used in production; one by Spinnaker Coating shows a grainy appearing solid tagging (American) and one by Tullis Russel (British) shows a smooth solid tagging under short wave UV light. All are perfed at 93/4 and have PNs at 24 stamp intervals. Blue numbers for counting appear

top or bottom with the British paper appearing more cleanly while the American paper numbers appear fuzzy and blurred.



Counting numbers on back of British and American papers of SOL Scott #3476.

The 100 stamp coils, also issued February 7th, also bear the 2001 year date. These PSA items are on the same sized backing paper and have square corners. The color lay-down is the same as the 3,000 rolls. This, the major workhorse of the SOL issue has 7 known numbers to date.



Scott # 3477 SOL workhorse coils.

An interesting aside to the SOL coils are the PNBs on the vending booklets whereon a plate number is displayed on the lower right stamp of each pane. The stamps are oriented horizontally and there are three different numbers known on this 34c item. It is the 5th such PNB issued.



Sample PNB of the SOL issue.



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Issue:	Snowy Egret
Item Number:	782200
Denomination & Type of Issue:	37-cent Definitive
Format:	Coil of 100 (1 design)
Series:	N/A
Issue Date & City:	October 24, 2003, New York, NY 10199
Designer:	Carl T. Hermann, Carlsbad, CA
Artist:	Nancy Stahl, New York, NY
Art Director:	Carl T. Hermann, Carlsbad, CA
Typographer:	Carl T. Hermann, Carlsbad, CA
Modeler:	Avery Dennison, SPD
Manufacturing Process:	Gravure
Printer:	Avery Dennison, (AVR)
Printed at:	AVR, Clinton, SC
Press Type:	Dia Nippon Kiko
Stamps per Coil:	100
Print Quantity:	2 billion stamps
Paper Type:	Prephosphored, Type I
Adhesive Type:	Pressure sensitive
Processed at:	AVR, Clinton, SC
Colors:	Egret Yellow, Egret Light Blue, Egret Dark Blue, Black
Stamp Orientation:	Vertical
Image Area (w x h):	0.720 x 0.818 in./18.288 x 20.777 mm
Overall Size (w x h):	0.86932 x 0.982 in./22.081 x 24.943 mm
Full Pane Size (w x h):	N/A
Plate Size:	396 stamps per revolution
Plate Numbers:	"V" followed by four (4) single digits
Catalog Item Number(s):	782240 PSA Coil of 100 — \$37.00 782261 First Day Cover — \$0.75

UNITED STATES

10 bicolor nondenominated (25c)

AMERICAN EAGLE Coil Stamps

"Presorted First Class"

- 3792 gray background & gold eagle
- 3793 gold background & red eagle
- 3794 dark blue background & gold eagle
- 3795 gold background & blue eagle
- 3796 green background & gold eagle
- 3797 gold background & gray eagle
- 3798 blue background gold eagle
- 3799 gold background dark blue eagle
- 3800 red background gold eagle
- 3801 gold background green Eagle

3801a
Stamp of !!!
3792-3801

PNC 11 #S. S/A
 Back # on #
 AMERICAN EAGLE (25c)
 June 26th, 2003

Printed by Sennett Security Products
Chantilly, VA

Self-adhesive in rolls of 10M

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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.

No meetings scheduled at this time.

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New Total	799

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It's been a very enjoyable, albeit sometimes frustrating experience, and I'm very happy with the contribution that I'm making to the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club. I'm proud of the fact that many of our new member applications are coming from the Web site. I also feel that this endeavor has furthered my collecting knowledge and is contributing to the greater enjoyment of those collectors that I have had the pleasure to help, either in person or on the web.

And finally, thanks to all those collectors who have helped me with tips, news items, scans, and corrections. It wouldn't be the same without you!

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