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## Added difficulty in identifying coils?

By Dan Kaufman

Will we be faced with difficulty in identifying used coil stamps in the future? Sheet, coil or booklet, from where did it come?

As many know, the USPS is monitoring a test in which the Sea Coast coil issue, produced by Ashton-Potter, is serpentine die-cut entirely around the stamp. According to Steve Esrati, these are attached to the backing strips with gaps.

In the never-ending changing ways of the USPS, will we see future coils, sheets and booklets of an issue replicated in different formats, yet appear the same? If so, will perforated-all-around stamps be identifiable from one another?

It is difficult to imagine the reasoning for such die-cutting. It would seem the selvage would be more readily removed with straight cuts than undulating. We know the 10,000 coil separated stamps have rounded corners vice square for the purpose of keeping them from lifting from the liner during the selvage removal process. Doesn't it seem likely there would be a greater chance of lifting a peak or two with the corners on full cuts? Perhaps that's what the test is about.

According to Don Smeraldi, USPS spokesman, A-P initiated the reprint with the die-cut approval. If such production methodologies continue, we may find difficulty identifying future used stamp coil formats.

## PNC Values List orders still being taken

Attached to the back of this issue of *Coil Line* is an order form for the PNC Values List being offered by the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club.

This list will be available only through Sept. 25. The first printing has already be ordered with shipping expected approximately Sept. 15. The second and final printing should be ready for shipping by approximately Oct. 15.

The list provides the median price asked by dealers for mint PS5 strips, used PNC singles and mint strips with backnumbers.

## Message from the President:

### Annual meeting update

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> was a busy day for your PNC<sup>3</sup> Board. In the morning, we held a three-hour meeting and in the afternoon we held our PNC<sup>3</sup> Annual meeting for two hours. I would like to share these decisions and ideas with you.

**Dues - Dues and fees remain unchanged for 2004.** We are able to keep costs low because some of our members put in an incredible number of hours each month as volunteers on your behalf. Thank them whenever you get the chance.

**Annual Dues Renewal -** In late October or early November we will make a first class mailing to you urging you to renew your membership in PNC<sup>3</sup>. In this letter we will show you the information we keep on our membership database about you and ask that you make corrections to it. In the past we have included a membership renewal sheet in the November issue of *COIL LINE*. Under our old procedure we did not hear from our Life Members (about 100 members). Others did not tell us of e-mail and phone number changes because they could not see what we kept on file. We think the new procedure will better help us keep in contact with you.

**Regional Chapters of PNC<sup>3</sup> -** Does PNC<sup>3</sup> want to consider regional chapters? PNC<sup>3</sup> members can be found all across the United States and in several other countries. Many never get the chance to meet other plate number coil collectors. The regional chapter concept would be a step up from the regional meetings we have now. Efforts would be made at the regional level to organize and bring members together. The chapters would operate under the PNC<sup>3</sup> bylaws, but would otherwise be free to do their own thing. No decisions were made about this concept because we wanted to hear from the membership first. Please write the *COIL LINE* Editor with your thoughts.

**Washington 2006 -** The PNC<sup>3</sup> Board would like to make a big splash for PNC<sup>3</sup> at the next International show to be held in Washington DC in 2006. This show

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## Annual meeting

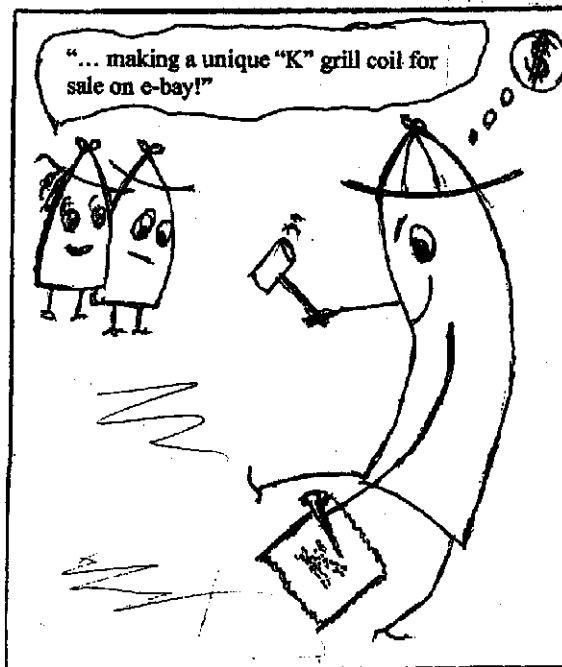
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coincides with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first year plate number coils were introduced, starting with the 18c Flag . . . from sea to shining sea. We are seeking members willing to serve on a committee to collect ideas, plan and carry out these ideas in time for the 2006 show.

**The Catalog** - Since we have not been able to get a catalog section published yet and we do not want to fall further behind, the catalog committee will offer the 2003 new issues package sometime in early 2004. We will also republish the 2002 new issues with updates for those members who did not purchase the Sampler in January 2003. For the members who did purchase the Sampler, should we also offer a 2002 mini-updates package consisting of only those pages with substantial updates i.e., 37c Flag SA (new plate numbers), 23c Washington SA (new plate numbers, new die cut, new color shift) and 37c Snowmen (new plate number)? We want to know the preference of those members who purchased the Sampler: complete 2002 new issues with updates or mini-update package? Write us at [catalog@pnc3.org](mailto:catalog@pnc3.org).

- Frank Covey

## THE PN SEERS by Dan Kauffman



### OFF PAPER PNC SINGLES FOR SALE

175 pieces, different numbers, no damage, approximately \$300 Catalog value +/- for \$35.

Two orders of same for \$65 plus big gift. Postpaid, no limit.

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32c Flag/Porch Scott #2915

Plate #	Perf.	Cat. Value
#78777	10x10	\$525.00
#88898	10x10	\$230.00
#13211A	P/V	\$80.00
#77777A	V/P	\$65.00

Photocopies available.

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An advertisement from Michael Lipson was published in the August 1, 2003 Coil Line.

This advertisement offered special prices that were good only through July 31, 2003.

The Editor wishes to apologize for this error.  
Harold Brown

# SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

## Eagle Splice Combines Numbers

The (25¢) Eagle coil has turned up with an interesting splice that combines plate numbers S1111111 and S2222222 in a long strip. Donna in Providence discovered this number change in a roll she was breaking down to fill orders but didn't recognize it until the spliced piece was already in the mail. It went to a California collector who reported it and wishes to remain anonymous. The collector's strip had a configuration reading from left to right of S2222222, 13 stamps, a splice with clear tape on the back and a design match, and then seven stamps ending with number S1111111. The numbers are the appropriate 20 stamps apart. The back numbers, however, are all jumbled. The S2222222 stamp has a BN of 380. The next BN is 300 and the following one is 330. This is not the first time this issue has been found with improper back numbering, and Sennett seems to have an on-going problem with the counting numbers here.

## Close, but No Cigar

The used red G coil (Sc. 2891) from Sennett pictured below appears to be a black ink missing error. The stamp, which belongs to Rich Nazar, has a few tiny black dots that show up under very high magnification. It doesn't qualify as an error but is still a nice collectible item.



## It's Red, Not Pink

In last month's listing of early PSA Kansas City coils without plate numbers, I typed the wrong color for the 29¢ Rose. That stamp is a red rose, not a pink one. The pink one is correctly mentioned later as a 32¢ coil. No, I'm not color blind, just have clumsy fingers on the keyboard.

## Seacoast PSA Serpentine All Around

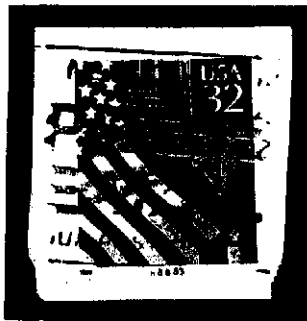
Speaking of pink roses.... The Ashton Potter version of the (5¢) Seacoast self adhesive coil brings back the four sided serpentine die cut that has appeared only once before. Sennett Security's rendition of the 32¢ Pink Rose coil of 1995 used this type of cutting that looks more like a pane stamp than a coil. Sennett switched, but we'll have to wait to see what A-P does.

## Atlas Paper

The Atlas coil has been found on hi-bright paper. It was noticed by Jim Tod on several used copies because the colors seem to have a dull appearance. Under 30X magnification the black color seems to lose its dot pattern and become solid on top of other inks. This may affect the gloss but it doesn't seem logical the different paper is the reason for it.

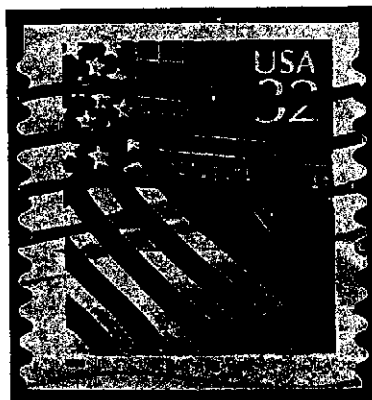
## Ink Void Makes FOP 88883

Little spots of missing ink in a plate number can create a "new" number as it has in a Porch Flag used copy of #88888. The left side of the brown 8 has no ink and turns it into a very convincing 3. It was found by Jim Tod and is another fun stamp for a collection of oddities.



## Number on Number

A number on number is usually back number language but in a Porch Flag stamp found by Pat Rinaldi it literally means digit on top of digit. We've seen these printing shifts before but seldom as perfect as this one. The red 8 (in #88888) obliterates the brown 8 and reduces the number to 8888. How it got that way is a bit different too. This was not a simple shift of one printing cylinder, but involves a shift to the right of the light blue, dark blue and red colors. The leading tan color and the final brown color are correctly placed. The blue and red movement makes the printed area slightly narrower than normal with the top red stripe in the flag actually touching the porch post scrollwork. See below.



## Rushmore Flag Misperf

The copy of the gravure rendition of the Rushmore Flag shown below has a severe misperforation. It's from Rich Nazar's collection of EFO's.



# CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

08/10/03

**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	P - Ashton-Potter
B - Banknote Corp. of Am.	S - Sennett 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 FLAG (SA) [24] [12]**

#1111 A  
 #2222 A  
 #3333 A  
 #4444 A  
 #5555 A  
 #6666 A  
 #7777 A  
 #B1111 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]**

#S11111 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]**

#S111111 D

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

#B11 A  
 #V11 A  
 #V13 A  
 #V21 A  
 #V22 A  
 #V24 A  
 #V35 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]**

#S1111 B, C

**(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 C, 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)

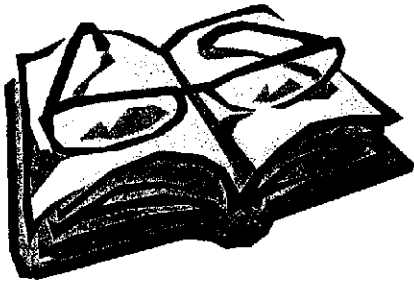
**(25c) EAGLE (SA) [20]**

#S111111 D  
 #S222222 D

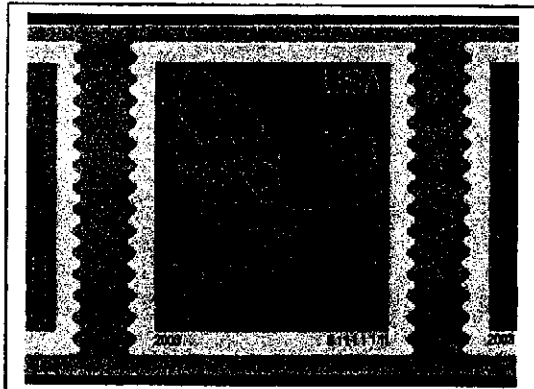
■ The Wetlands color differences on 1111 are in the stamp background.

■ 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.

Catalog Corner



The Presorted First-Class American Eagle which appeared June 26, 2003 in Santa Clara CA is the first coil issue to have 10 designs on a single coil strip. Actually it's a single design with 10 different color combinations. The colors used are green, red, slate gray, blue-green, and navy-blue. These colors alternate with gold to make the ten combinations. The blue-green and navy-blue are very difficult to distinguish from one another under dim light.



(25c) NDN American Eagle SA  
PNC ID 2003-6

If this coil were collected in the usual format, it would be collected as a strip of 21. A strip of 16 is needed to show all the features. The features are the 10 color combinations mentioned above, a green on gold stamp with a black bar behind it, the same without a black bar, a backnumber, and a gold on green with a plate number.

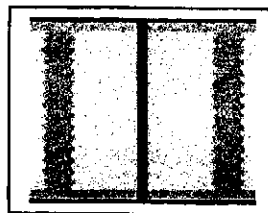
Many may choose the more manageable PS11 length with the plate number centered. In this format all features are present except a gold on green stamp without a plate number.



**Green on Gold  
With black bar visible  
Top and bottom**

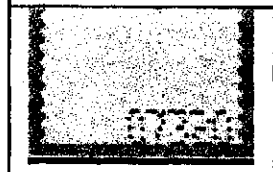
This issue has already been found with plate number S1111111 and S2222222; pink and black backnumbers; top, middle, bottom backnumbers.

Plate numbers and black bars occur every 20 stamps. Backnumbers occur every ten stamps. Plate numbers always have a backnumber behind them.



**Black bar  
On liner**

**Bottom Pink  
Backnumber**



## Coils For sale at STAMPSHOW

On Thursday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, the first day of STAMPSHOW in Columbus OH, PNC<sup>3</sup> members introduced themselves to the personnel running the USPS sales booth. Since we had a computer and printer at the show, we offered to make a list of the coil stock they had for sale so that we could have the list at our table and so that they could have a list to show to their coil customers. They agreed and found this list to be a real time saver for them.

The surprise coil at the show was a new flag coil of 100 printed by Stamp Ventures. It comes in sticks of five rather than bubble packs and has a plate number of S1111.

The missing coil was the Ashton-Potter (5c) NDN Seacoast. USPS had lots of inquiries, but it was not available. After the third day USPS had exhausted their supply of the 1c Tiffany lamp and the 19c Fishing Boat S111 (one loop of rope on post).

Below is a list of coils that were available at STAMPSHOW.

1c Tiffany Lamp S1111  
 1c Kestrel gummed 1111 color order BYCM  
 1c Kestrel gummed 3333 color order YMCB  
 1c Omnibus gummed 3  
 2c Locomotive 1 B-Press  
 2c Woodpecker 1111 4-digit top backnumber  
 3c Conestoga Wagon 3K  
 3c Star gummed S111 5-digit top pink backnumber  
 4c Steam Carriage 1  
 5c Circus Wagon gummed 1 No backnumber  
 (5c) NDN Mountain gummed S111  
 (5c) NDN Butte gummed S111 4-digit top purple backnumber  
 (5c) NDN Wetlands SA 3333 4-digit top backnumber  
 (5c) NDN Seacoast SA (2002) B111 5-digit top black backnumber  
 5c Canoe brown 1  
 (10c) NDN Lion gummed S11111 3-digit top backnumber  
 (10c) NDN Lion SA S22222 5-digit bottom backnumber  
 (10c) NDN Atlas SA VP B1111 5-digit bottom backnumber  
 10c Tractor Trailer gummed 22  
 (10c) NDN Green Bicycle gummed S111  
 (10c) NDN Green Bicycle SA plate number unknown  
 (10c) NDN Eagle & Shield gummed 11111  
 (15c) Tail Fin gummed 11111 No backnumber  
 (15c) Tail Fin SA S11111 5-digit pink bottom BN  
 (15c) Woody Wagon SA S1111 5-digit pink top backnumber  
 19c Fishing boat (1 loop of rope) S111  
 19c Fishing boat (2 loops of rope) A7779  
 20c Cog Railway 2  
 22c Uncle Sam 1111 4-digit top aqua backnumber  
 23c Washington V24 VP  
 (25c) NDN Juke Box gummed 222222 No backnumber  
 (25c) NDN American Eagle S1111111 5-digit pink bottom backnumber  
 34c Statue of Liberty SA spaces 1111 4-digit top aqua backnumber  
 34c Statue of Liberty British Paper 1111 4-digit top aqua backnumber  
 37c Official S111  
 37c Flag (BCA) SA B1111 roll of 100  
 37c Flag (SV) SA NEW at STAMPSHOW 2003 S1111  
 37c Flag (SV) gummed S1111 Roll of 100  
 37c Snowman SA G1111  
 \$1 Seaplane 3 Shiny gum

## SELF ADHESIVE PNC BN CHECKLIST

Key: T=Top; B=Bottom; M=Middle; D=Double;  
U=Upsidedown; ^^ No #on#; \*\*=New Listings (8)

### (5c) BUTTE # 2902B

S111	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PINK	5T	5B	5M

### (5c) MOUNTAIN # 2904A & # 2904B

V222222	BLUE	5M - U	
V333323	BLUE	5M	
V333333	BLUE	5M	5M - U
V333342	BLUE	5M	
V333343	BLUE	5M	
#1111	GREEN	4T	4B

### (5c) WETLANDS # 3207A

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B
#2222	GREEN	4T	4B
#3333	GREEN	4T	4B
#4444	GREEN	4T	4B
#5555	GREEN	4T	4B
#6666	GREEN	4T	4B

### (5c) SEA COAST #3693 & #3785

B111	BLACK	5T ^^	5B ^^
P111	GREEN	3TU**	5TU**

### (10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 2907

S11111	BLACK	5B	
	PURPLE	5T	
	PINK	5T	5B 5M

### (10c) E & S #3271 (UNTAGGED)

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B
#22222	GREEN	4T	4B
#33333	GREEN	4T	4B

### (10c) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 3271 (TAGGED)

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B
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### (10c) E & S # 3271v - CHOC.BROWN

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B
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### (10c) AUTOMOBILE # 2906

S111	BLACK	5T	
	PINK	5T	5B 5M

### (10c) BICYCLE # 3228

#111	GREEN	4T	4B
#221	GREEN	4T	4B
#222	GREEN	4T	4B
#333	GREEN	4T	4B
#344	GREEN	4T	4B
#444	GREEN	4T	4B
#555	GREEN	4T	4B
#666	GREEN	4T	4B
#777	GREEN	4T	4B
#888	GREEN	4T	4B
#999	GREEN	4T	4B

### (10c) LION # 3447

S11111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
S22222	PINK	5T	5B	5M
S33333	PINK	5T	5B	
	BLACK	5T	5B	5M

### (10c) ATLAS # 3520

B1111	BLACK	5T ^^	5B ^^
REVERSE DIE CUT			
B1111	BLACK	5T ^^	5B ^^

### (15c) TAIL FIN # 2910

S11111	BLACK	5T ^^	5B	
	PINK	5T	5B	5M

### (15c) WOODY #3522

S11111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
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### (25c) JUKE BOX # 2912A & 2912B

S11111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
S22222	PINK	5T	5B	5M
#111111	GREEN	4T	4B	
#222222	GREEN	4T	4B	

### (25c) DINER # 3208A

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B
#22211	GREEN	4T	4B
#22222	GREEN	4T	4B
#33333	GREEN	4T	4B
#44444	GREEN	4T	4B
#55555	GREEN	4T	4B

### (25c) AMERICAN EAGLE #3801a

S1 X 7	BLACK	5T**	5B**	5M**
	PINK	5T**	5B**	5M**

### 32c FLAG OVER PORCH # 2915B

S11111	BLACK	5T	5B	
	PURPLE	5T	5B	
	PINK	5T	5B	5D 5M

### (L10/R10) FOP # 2915D

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B
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### (L9/R10) FOP

#11111	GREEN	4T	4B
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### (33c) H-HAT # 3266

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B
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### 33c CITY FLAG # 3282

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B
#2222	GREEN	4T	4B

### 34c STATUE OF LIBERTY # 3466

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B
#2222	GREEN	4T	4B

### 34c UNITED WE STAND # 3550A

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B
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### 37c FLAG #3633

B1111	BLACK	4T^^	4B^^	5T^^	5B^^
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# WATER ACTIVATED PNC BN CHECKLIST

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 U=Upsidedown ^^No #on#; \*\*= New Listings (4)

**1c TIFFANY LAMP #3757**

S11111	PINK	4T	4B	4M
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**2c WOODPECKER # 3045**

#1111	GREEN	4T	4B	4M
#2222	GREEN	4T	4B	

**3c STAR #3616**

S111	PINK	5T	5B	5M
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**(5)c BUTTE # 2902**

S111	BLACK	4T	4B	5T	5B
	PURPLE	4T	4B	5T	5B
	PINK	4T	4B		
S222	BLACK	4T			
	PURPLE	4T	4B		
	PINK	4T	4B		
S333	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B		
	PINK	4T	4B	5T	5B

**5c CIRCUS WAGON # 2452D**

S1	BLACK	5T		
	PURPLE	5T	5B	
S2	PINK	5T	5B	

**TAGGED INK VARIETY (LARGE HOLES)**

S2	PINK	5T	5B	5M
S3	PINK	5T	5B	

**TAGGED INK VARIETY (SMALL HOLES)**

S2	PINK	5T	5B
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**(5c) MOUNTAIN # 2904**

S111	PINK	5T	5B
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**(5c) WETLANDS (SM. PERF. HOLES) # 3207**

S1111	PINK	4T	4B	5T
		5B	5M	

**(5c) WETLANDS (LARGE PERF. HOLES)**

S1111	PINK	5T	5B
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**5c TOLEWARE # 3612**

S 1 X7	PINK	5T	5B	5M^^
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**(5c) SEA COAST #3776**

B111	PINK	3T ^^	3B ^^	5T^^**	5B^^**
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**(10c) AUTOMOBILE # 2905**

S111	BLACK	3T	3B	4T
		5T	5B	
		PURPLE	3T	3B
		4T	4B	4M ^^
		5T	5B	
S222	BLACK	5T	5B	
		PURPLE	3T	3B

S333	PINK	3T	3B	3B - U
		4T	4B	5T ^^

**(10C) EAGLE AND SHIELD # 2604**

S22222	BLACK	5T	5B		
		PURPLE	5T	5T - U	5B
		PINK	5T	5B	

**(10c) BICYCLE # 3229**

S111	PINK	3T	3B	3M	4T
		4B	5T	5B	5M

**(10c) LION #3769**

S11111	PINK	3T	3B	3M^^**
		4T	4B	4M

**(15c) TAIL FIN # 2909**

S11111	PURPLE	5T	5B
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**(22c) UNCLE SAM # 3353**

#1111	BLUE	4T	4B
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**(25c) JUKE BOX # 2912**

S11111	BLACK	5T	5B	5M
	PURPLE	5T	5B ^^	
S22222	PINK	5T	5B	

**(25C) DINER (SM. PERF. HOLES) # 3208**

S11111	PINK	5T	5B	5M ^^
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**(25c) DINER (LARGE PERF. HOLES)**

S11111	PINK	5T	5B
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**(32c) RED "G" # 2891**

S1111	BLACK	4T	4B		
	PURPLE	4T	4B	5T	5B

**32c FLAG OVER PORCH # 2914**

S11111	BLACK	5T	5B	5D ^^
	PURPLE	5T	5B	
	PINK	5T ^^	5B ^^	

**33c CITY FLAG # 3280**

#1111	PINK	4T	4B	4M
		5T	5B	
	BLUE	4T	4B	
#2222	BLUE	4T	4B	
#3333	BLUE	4T ^^	4B ^^	4M ^^

**(34c) STATUE OF LIBERTY #3462**

#1111	BLUE	4T	4B
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**34c STATUE OF LIBERTY # 3476**

#1111	BLUE	4T	4B
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**34c BRITISH PAPER #3476V**

#1111	BLUE	4T	4B
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**37c FLAG #3631**

S1111	PINK	4T	4B	4M	4D
		5B	5T ^^		

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## PNC<sup>3</sup> 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 PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings and also supervise the PNC<sup>3</sup> 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.WILLSON@WORLDNET.ATT.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.

No meetings scheduled at this time.

## COIL LINE

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New Total	784

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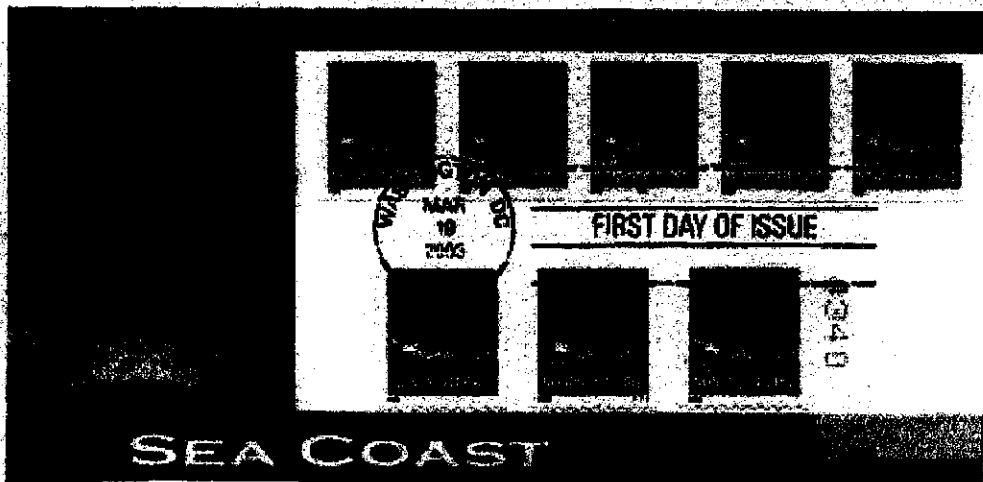
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Above is a scan of a Sea Coast FDC Konrad Keydel was able to create. You might call it an unofficial/official FDC for the Ashton Potter version of the Sea Coast coil which first appeared around June 1 this year. By virtue of the cancel it's probably some sort of EKU for this version. The version had no official first day of issue. The USPS apparently considered that it was simply a continuation of the original SA version produced by BCA issued last Fall (10/21/02) and did not warrant a first day. Since folks were provided 90 days to service FDCs for the WAG version issued 3/19/03 and the USPS did not designate an official first day for the Ashton Potter version collectors were provided a small window of time to piggy back a strip of the Ashton Potter version on the WAG version covers they sent for FDC servicing. So far I have not heard of anyone else who attempted this. Unfortunately, most collectors are under the impression that they have only 30 days of grace to submit covers for servicing, however, this is not necessarily true. It is important to check the postal bulletin announcements carefully. For several recent issues folks have been permitted 90 days rather than the usual 30. This is true, for example, for the recently released Presorted First-class American Eagle. By the way, Dealers/Cachet Makers registered with Kansas City always have 90 days to submit their covers.

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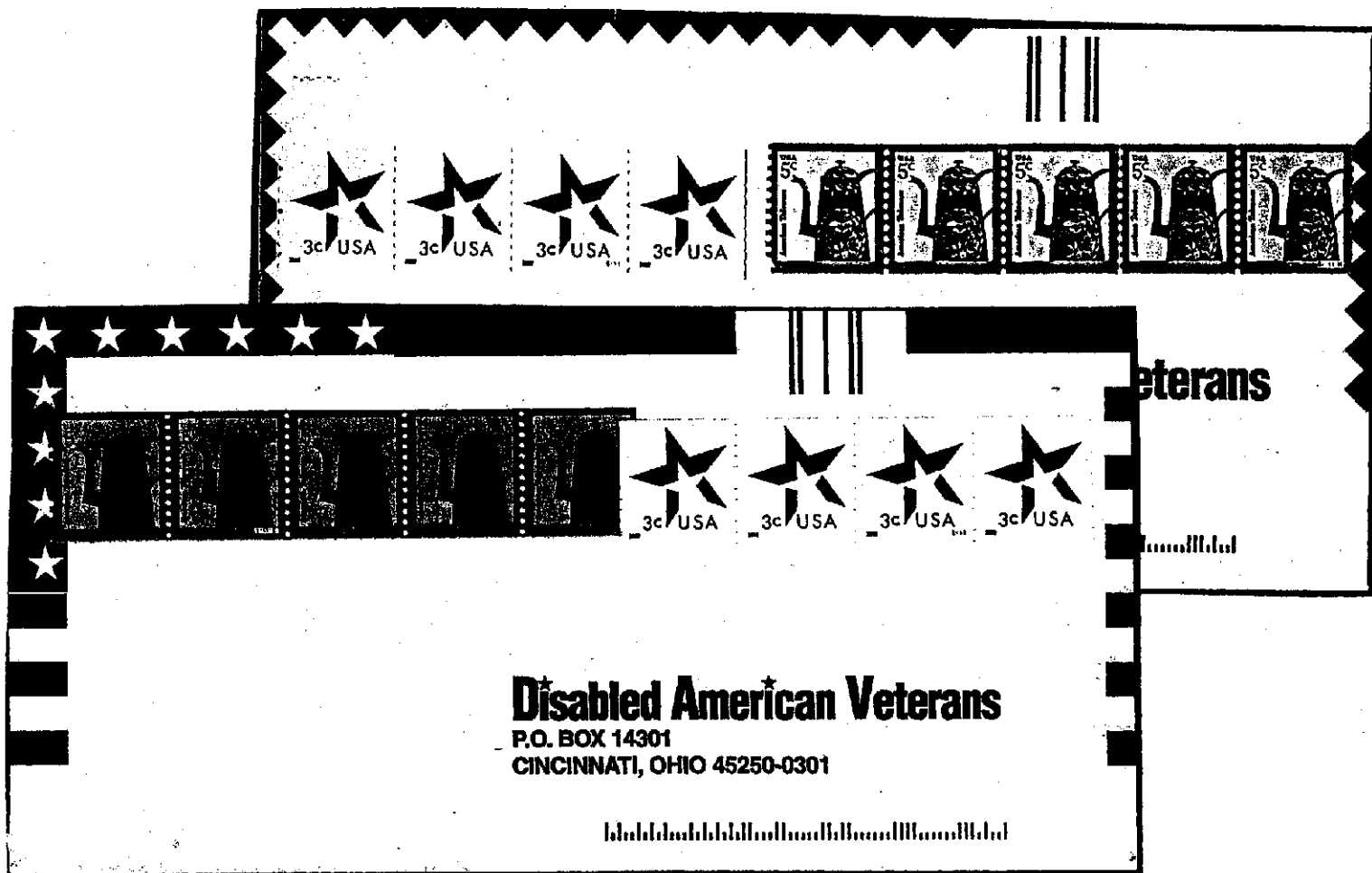
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The above unused DAV covers feature two different PNCs, a PS4 of the 3c Stars #S111 and a PS5 of the 5c Toleware #S111111. The top cover was provided by Ken Moreau, and the bottom cover was sent in by Don Brown. By the way, Ken Moreau's DAV cover had the extra bonus of being enclosed in a DAV cover which had a 5c Wetlands SA #666 affixed to the front. What are the odds of that! (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.)

## PNC Values List Order Form

The Plate Number Coil Catalog Committee has compiled its first PNC Values List, consisting of the median price asked by dealers for mint PS5 strips, used PNC singles, and mint strips with backnumbers. The list is in denomination order and is identified both by Scott and PNC-ID numbers.

The PNC Values Report is available for purchase by Plate Number Coil Collectors Club members only during August and September 2003. Orders and remittances received by the Treasurer before August 20 will be sent on or about September 15; thereafter, orders and remittances received by the Treasurer before September 25 will be sent on or about October 15. Orders in the USA will be sent as printed matter bound. Orders from outside the USA will be sent by air mail.

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