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Thanks to all who help PNC³

With another year nearly finished it's time for the *Coil Line* editor to thank everyone who helps to make this job a bit easier.

This is a collective "thank you" because as soon as I start naming individuals, someone will be left out. Members need only look at each issue to know who has been contributing. There are other people working behind the scenes who deserve the same "thank you."

Please take the time to renew your membership for 2007 before the holiday rush begins. If for some reason you choose not to remain a member, please let the club know, and if you would, provide a reason or a criticism that can be addressed.

Club membership has been approaching a record 900 this year. It's my belief that much of the growth is the result of publications such as the Values List and the various parts of a catalog. I know there's lots of stuff out on the Internet. But these publications provide a handy reference that has been prepared by people with the most knowledge of the specialty. The dedication and time put into these items is many times what it takes to do this job.

—Harold Brown

Auction lot is pulled

Auctioneer Joe Sedivy pulled one lot in the recently-closed auction due to it being mis-described.

Lot 243, a 32c FOP #78777, was described as a 10X10, but is really a 11X10.

ISSN ID added to issues of Coil Line

Earlier this year *Coil Line* completed registration with the Library of Congress National Serials Data Program. That is the reason for the ISSN 1931-5112 found to the right of the date at the top of this page.

This number will be a part of all future issues. There is no cost for this registration. The only reason for this short story is an attempt to answer possible questions about the appearance of the number. The program has been in existence for many years. Similar numbers can be found on other serial publications to which you may subscribe.

Message from the President:

Electronic Coil Line in wings

After several months of testing and getting feedback, our monthly journal, *Coil Line*, will be published in an electronic format starting with the January, 2007 issue, in addition to the hard copy edition on paper.

Attached to the front of this issue of *Coil Line* is a Dues Notice / Renewal Form that gives several options on how members can receive our monthly journal. Please select only one of the three delivery options.

The first of these is by Bulk Mail. The 2007 dues to have your issue of *Coil Line* delivered in this manner are the same as last year, \$12.00, which is the basic dues rate, or \$14.00 for a late renewal.

The second option is to receive your *Coil Line* by First Class Mail. The cost of this service to United States addresses has been raised by a dollar to \$18.00, for on-time renewals, to cover the cost of the increased postage that will be in effect next May. If you pay after the first of January, the first class mailing rate is \$20.00. Members in Canada, Mexico and the rest of the world will continue to pay the same amount as last year. First Class mailing to Life Members has also increased by a dollar to \$6.00 per year.

A first time, new option, is electronic delivery of *Coil Line*. The Executive Board, at the board meeting in August at Stampshow in Rosemont (Chicago) decided to make *Coil Line* available to all members through email. Rather than vote to increase dues, it was felt that we can save enough money with an electronic edition of *Coil Line* to offset rising postage and production costs.

Any member that opts to receive his/her *Coil Line* electronically will receive the December issue both ways, i.e.: by U. S. mail and by email. Please provide the email address on the renewal form where you would like to receive *Coil Line*. Hopefully this will give us a whole month to iron out any bugs before we go live in January.

Note that members outside of the United States can receive *Coil Line* for \$12.00 and take advantage of the reduction in dues. Life members and Junior members are

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Electronic

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also invited to switch to electronic delivery if they wish. There is no charge for Life members and Junior members can get their electronic copy for \$5.00.

The costs associated with producing *Coil Line* have increased over the years and now run more than we take in from dues. In addition to considerable cost savings with electronic delivery, there are quite a few other pluses for those who opt to receive their *Coil Line* over the Internet. The club also benefits down the line because three years from now, when it's time to post the archived copy, we will have a clean, sharp copy for the website.

The copy will be delivered in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format for which you will need the free Adobe reader. This format provides a clearer, sharper copy that can be read online or printed out for reading at your convenience. Most of the pages will be searchable, and eventually with working links, except for those that are 'paste-up'. We will be able to provide some pages in color, an advantage where we are illustrating coil stamps and varieties. Online delivery should result in your getting *Coil Line* in a more timely manner, especially those outside the United States.

Frank Covey is going to handle the online distribution and will send two emails, one with the URL of the current issue and another with the password needed to open the file. Please do not share that information with non members.

We hope to have a smooth transition to electronic delivery, but Frank, Harvey, our treasurer, and I will try to stay on top of things until we get any bugs ironed out.

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Jack Wasserman called to let me know that he and Jewell Meyer will be hosting a Regional Meeting at the APS AmeriStamp Expo in Riverside, California on February 10, 2007. I plan to be there.

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Thanks to the work of Gene Trinks, I have the pleasure to appoint another committee chairperson. The following individual has agreed to serve in the position of Chairperson: Awards and Exhibits – Todd Uebele

I have asked Todd to make recommendations and develop guidelines for a 'Presidents Award' to be presented to a club member or members who have contributed significantly to the betterment of our organization.

There are still a few committee chairs that need to be filled, including By-Laws, Estate Advisory and Ethics. I'm seeking several individuals who desire to be active in the club to fill those positions. They are basically on an 'as needed' basis and do not see a lot of activity. The duties of each committee are spelled out in the by-laws. If you are, or know of someone who is interested in helping out the club in one of the three positions, please contact me by email, ron.maifeld@pnc3.

—Ron Maifeld

Letters

Atlas plate number typo in '07 Specialized

To the Editor:

When you get your new 2007 Scott Specialized and see a plate #V22212 listed for the 3770 Atlas, don't freak out that it is a number you are missing, it is just a typo for V22211. More about new information on PNC's in the 2007 Specialized is planned for next month.

Doug Iams

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Stamp shows important to this club

To the Editor:

Stamp shows, particularly those at which PNC3 sponsors a booth, are a Godsend for greeting and meeting individual members of our club.

We often deal or correspond with one another and, other than officers of appointees pictured on our Web site, images of them are as concocted in one's mind eye. It can be "amazin" and "confuzin" sometimes, but always delightful to meet people in real life and get to know them better.

The Washington, D.C., show provided such opportunities on a grand scale and generated patronage of our

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This and That by Doug Iams

Department of Corrections

In last month's column, the piece on the Avery 39c Flag coil of 100 should have said: "This time the PV die cut is reported to be **more** common than the VP die cut, the exact opposite of previous Avery coils."

My Corrections to Linn's Ashton Potter Egret Data article (pg. 130) needs to be corrected itself. The gross total number of stamps printed was not 2.5 billion as listed at the bottom of the table, but instead was 2,823,286,560. As a result, the 4th and 5th paragraphs should read:

The corrected gross figures total a little over 2.8 billion stamps, which is about 13% higher than the total quantity shown shipped in the USPS Accountable Paper Shipped Postal Fiscal Year reports for PFY2004 (1,231,200,000) and PFY2005 (1,268,800,000).

The total 2.5 billion shipped matches the total quantity ordered that was listed in the five Cylinder Activity reports for this stamp. Each of the 5 Cylinder Activity reports shows an order for 500 million stamps. Since the net printed for the P22222 was less than 500 million, they must have made up the shortfall with leftovers from the P11111 production, and similarly for the P55555.

Steve Esrati Retires

Dealer Steve Esrati is selling off his PNC stock. He is best known for publishing The Plate Number from 1986-1995 which contained a wealth of PNC information, and for publishing the early editions of The Plate Number Coil Catalog.

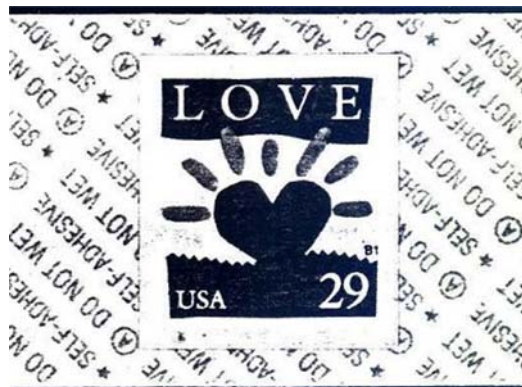
New Coil Format?

Rumor has leaked out that next year we will be seeing a coil in "a new format." Rolls of 50? Double sided coils? Die cut in an unusual shape? We shall see.

29c Love Sunrise Liner Variety

Scott Adams recently found two strips of 18 of the Love Sunrise #B1 with the type B liner (upside down liner writing). Although the type B was first reported on the Love Sunrise more than 3 years ago, it remains elusive. For those of you who joined since then, it is illustrated in the cropped image at right.

The 29c Pine Cone and 29c Blue Eagle also exist with both rightside up and upside down liner writing, but the upside down versions are not as tough as on the Love Sunrise.



CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

10/10/06 AHT

KEY: A - 100, B - 500, C - 3000, D - 10000
 EP - EMBEDDED PHOS UT - UNTAGGED
 SP - SURFACE PHOS [xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL
 BK - BLOCK TAG (NL) - LINERLESS
 OA - OVERALL TAG * **NEW NUMBER**

Plate number intervals are shown in brackets following the stamp name. If more than one is indicated, the order is that in which the different printer's plate numbers are listed.
 Example: Atlas: [20] for BCA, [10] for Avery.

PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTER:

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

39c L/FLAG (SA) [10]
 #V1111 C, D

(39c) L/FLAG [14]
 #S111 C

39c L/FLAG [14]
 #S1111 A, C, D

(39c) L/F (SA) [14] [11]
 #S1111 A
 #V1111 A
 #P1111 A [31]
 #P2222 A [31]

39c L/FLAG (SA) [14] [31]
 #S1111 A
 #P1111 A
 #V1111 A [14]

1c KESTREL [24]
 #1111 B, C (TYPE I)
 #1111 B (TYPE II)
 #1111 C (TYPE III)
 #2222 C
 #3333 C
 #4444 C

39c CROPS (SA) [25]
 #S1111 A

1c LAMP [14]
 #S11111 C

2c WOODPECKER [24]
 #11111 C, D
 #22222 D

3c STAR [14]
 #S111 D

37c EGRET (SA) [11] [31]
 #V1111 A
 #V2111 A
 #V2121 A #
 #V3211 A #
 #V3212 A
 #V3221 A
 #V3222 A
 #P11111 A
 #P22222 A
 #P33333 A
 #P44444 A
 #P55555 A

3c COFFEE POT [14]
 #S1111 D

5c TOLEWARE [14]
 #S1111111 D

10c CLOCK [14]
 #S1111 D

24c BUCKEYE (SA) [11]
 #V1111 A

39c OFFICIAL [14]
 #S111 A

(5c) SEA (SA) [20] [22] [20]
 #B111 D
 #P1111 D
 #P2222 C, D [27]
 #P3333 D [27]
 #P4444 D [27]
 #P5555 D [27]
 #P6666 D [27]
 #P7777 C, D [27]
 #S1111 D

(10c) LION (SA) [21]
 #S11111 D
 #S22222 D
 #S33333 D
 #S44444 D
 #S55555 D [20]
 #S66666 D [20]
 #S77777 D [20]

(5c) SEACOAST [10] [14]
 #B111 B, D
 #S1111 C
 #S1111 D (lum ink)

(10c) LION [14]
 #S11111 B, C

(15c) WOODY (SA) [21]
 #S11111 D

(10c) ATLAS (SA) [20] [10]
 #B1111 D
 #V11111 D
 #V11222 D
 #V12222 C, D
 #V13222 ?
 #V21111 D
 #V21211 C, D
 #V22111 D
 #V22112 D
 #V22211 C
 #V22222 D
 #V23113 D
 #V32332 D
 #V33332 D
 #V33333 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) EAGLE (SA) [20]
 #S1111111 D (03 DATE)
 #S2222222 D
 #S3333333 D
 #S1111111 D (05 DATE)

(25c) EAGLE [10]
 #S1111111 C

? = Known used only

Sennett's SA Lion S55555 was printed with a *different size cylinder than previous plate numbers*. Consequently the plate number interval changed from 21 to 20. S55555 & higher have the 20 interval.

Ashton Potter's SA Seacoast P2222 was die cut with two different mats. One is serpentine cut on all four sides while the other has serpentine cuts on the sides and straight cuts on top and bottom

In printing the SA Seacoast with cylinders P2222 through P7777 AP changed the cylinder size from that used to print P1111. Thus the plate number intervals changed from 22 to 27. P3333 through P7777 have a small date and color order of BCMY.

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.*

- Known used only

Reporting the Rarities

by Gene Trinks (11/06)

There has been a slight pickup in reports during the late summer. Totals for used singles have increased on four issues. The most exciting find is of another copy of the Flag Over Porch #88888 with 11/12 die. This brings the known examples of the rarest of the rare FOPs to four used copies. Still no mint or on cover have been reported. I wonder when the mainstream philatelic world will begin to realize that there are true modern rarities among the PNCs that we so avidly seek. How many of the 'classic' issues have four known copies?

There have been three more discoveries of the Diner #22211 with round shoulders, two more Green Bike #444 with square shoulders, and two more Egret # 3211 V/P. As time goes on, it will be interesting to see how many of the rare Egret numbers show up with the P/V die variety. I doubt there will be very many. I'd guess that most of the leftover Egret production has been destroyed, and if they haven't shown up by now, we won't see them in any quantity.

The revised list therefore stands as follows:

| PNC Issue | PNC ID | Scott No. | Mint* | Used | On Cover |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------|------|----------|
| 32¢ Flag over Porch ('Famous Five') | | | | | |
| 66666 10/11 die | 1996-8.221 | 2915A | 0 | 20 | 2 |
| 66666 12/11 die | 1996-8.241 | 2915C | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| 78777 10/10 die | 1996-8.211 | 2915A | 4 | 64 | 5 |
| 88888 11/12 die | 1996-8.252 | 2915C | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 13231A 10/10 VP die | 1996-8.212 | 2915A | 8 + 6 | 44 | 14 |
| (5¢) Avery Mountain V333342 13L/12R die | 1996-10.211 | 2904A | 0 | 19 | 3 |
| V333343 round corner die | 1996-10.211 | 2904A | 0 | 4 | |
| (5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die | 1997-1.22 | 2904B | 2 + 2 | 12 | 2 |
| (25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die | 1998-7.21 | 3208A | 0 | 65 | 7 |
| (10¢) Green Bike #444 square shoulder die | 1998-4.22 | 3228 | 0 | 25 | 2 |
| (10¢) Eagle & Shield STD #11111 round shoulder die | 1998-15.21 | 3271 | 3 + 1 | 10 | 4 |
| 37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die | 2003-8 | 3829 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| V2121 PV die | 2003-8 | 3829 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| V3211 VP die | 2003-8 | 3829 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| V3211 PV die | 2003-8 | 3829 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

• In MINT column, first number is known ps/5s and second number is known mint singles (See January 2005 issue for illustrations of the round and square corner and shoulder die varieties)

If you have a new find to report, you should send a report to me at 16415 W. Desert Wren Ct., Surprise, AZ 85374. I have a new e-mail address (gctrinks@cox.net), and will be happy to hear from you by that method. Send a scan too, if you have the capability. And many thanks to all members who have reported in the past. Keep up the good work!!

More on the Scott 3133 Coil Die Cuts

By Todd R. Uebele, Sr.

There has been a lot of debate since the release of the Flag Over Porch Linerless coil stamp, issued in New York City on March 14, 1997. The focus of the discussion has been revolving around the Die Cuts, and whether or not they are 13/13s, or 12/12s. There is a lot more to it than just these two designations.

It all starts with the uniqueness of the Dies used on these coils. They were made in a continuous Peak/Valley format. It differs from all the others in the separation of the coil strips. All other S/A FOP stamps, with the exception of the 2915, and the 2915B, with the Peak/Valley configuration have a straight line separator between the coils. The 2915 and 2915B are fully cut into individual stamps, and are separated on the liner backing, and are both PP/PP. The 2915D has both VV/PP and PV/VP die varieties.

To further complicate matters, the placement of the cutter wheels, have been known to shift up or down slightly, either individually, or in some instances, two adjacent wheels would



Figure 1
12/12 PV/PV



Figure 2
12/12 VP/VP

shift together. When properly set, the correct configuration for all normal 3133s are in fact 12/12, PV/PV (Figure 1), or 12/12 VP/VP (Figure 2). Figure one is also an example of a pair of cutter wheels shifting together. The large margin on the bottom corresponds with the smaller

margin on the top, thus if the cutters were in the correct position, then that stamp would be a VP/VP.



Figure 3
13/13 PP/PP



Figure 4
12/12 VV/VV

When the shift of two cutter wheels spread apart, then a slightly larger stamp (1 – 1 1/2 mm) would occur height wise, with larger than normal margins on the top, and/or the bottom of the stamps. This is what caused the appearance of a 13/13 PP/PP variety, (Figure 3), and a 12/12

VV/VV variety, (Figure 4). These are in fact miss cuts. Note the larger margins on the bottom of Figures 3 and 4. If they were shorter by 1 ½ mm, you would have the normal 12/12s as in Figure 1 and 2. The opposite occurs when the cutter wheels shift closer together. This produces a shorter height, and has the appearance of a 12/12 (PP/PP), which is also a miss cut. This causes narrower margins on the top and bottom of the stamp. When the cutter wheels are correctly aligned, there will always be the 12/12 configuration appearing as PV/PVs, or VP/VPs.



VP/VP

PV/PV

VP/VP

PV/PV

VP/VP

Figure 5 Showing alternating 12x12 die cut varieties.

Now, why are there two different PVs and VPs occurring? Apparently the design of the die cutters produced cuts that are reversed, causing every other stamp to be reversed in the die cut peak/valley configuration, from its predecessor on the roll. This is why two different varieties occur equally within the PNC strip, thus VP/VP - PV/PV - VP/VP - PV/PV - VP/VP, see figure 5. (Stamps are separated for illustrative purposes). Every other PNC has opposite die cuts. Note

that the Plate Number Stamp will always be the same variety as the end stamps on a PNC5, or opposite on the PNC7s. All of the above are 12/12.



This anomaly also occurs on the miss cuts as PP/PP – VV/VV – PP/PP – VV/VV – PP/PP, with the PP/PP being a 13/13, and the VV/VV being a 12/12, see figure 6. Notice the oversized margins on the bottom of the stamps, which were caused by the cutter wheels being slightly spread apart.

"WANTED TO BUY":

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Used PNC's currently in stock include 1891 18c Flag # 6 PS-3. 3770 10c Atlas # V12111. 3520 10c Atlas # B1111 PP/VV (Reverse die cut). 2915A 32c Flag Over Porch # 78777 PV/VP (10 x 10). 2915A 32c Flag Over Porch # 13231A VP/PV (10 x 10).

All are P.O.R., or I'll accept counter proposals from you.

Contact Jim Nelson, before 3 P.M. Mon-Fri. Anytime Sat or Sun. Eastern time.

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Used 10c Atlas Survey By Doug Iams

This data represents the findings of 11 of our members plus one non-member; Bob Murrin, Chris Landa, Jeff Fiszbein, Ron Hayes, Herb Kelsey, Dennis Ladd, Gene Trink, Richard Moore, Lewis Miller, Dan Farrar, Debi M., and myself (in random order in the table with the two smallest reports combined into column H). While more people participated in this survey than in the Egret survey in June, readers are again cautioned not to take the totals for any particular plate number and say it represents the total known since it only represents those who reported. There are plenty of other used searchers, both members and non-members, who have examples of these numbers. The purpose of this survey is merely to get an idea of what is relatively common and scarce.

| Plate # | % | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K |
|---------|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| V11111 | 29.1 | 17 | 34 | 36 | 283 | 120 | 147 | 23 | 3 | 28 | 11 | 74 |
| V11222 | 5.6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 34 | 16 | 59 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 29 |
| V12111 | 0.7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| V12222 | 25.1 | 8 | 27 | 26 | 308 | 75 | 59 | 40 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 105 |
| V13222 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| V21111 | 20.8 | 6 | 21 | 16 | 293 | 44 | 92 | 24 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 44 |
| V21211 | 3.4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 46 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 |
| V22111 | 2.7 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| V22112 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| V22211 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| V22222 | 6.4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 67 | 14 | 39 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 32 |
| V23113 | 2.1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 21 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| V32332 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| V33332 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| V33333 | 2.1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 11 |

By far, the most common plate numbers are V11111, V12222, and V21111. Together they make up 3/4 of the total. The V22222 also seems to be fairly common used, although it has not been easy to find mint and one dealer has moved it up to \$10 for a mint PS5.

While the V12111 carries by far the highest asking price for a mint PS5, it ranks as only the 6th least common in this used survey. The least common used number at this time is the V13222, which also happens to be the only number that has not yet been reported in mint condition.

Readers are cautioned that this issue is still on sale and, unlike the Egret, it will not be withdrawn for destruction when a new Presorted Std. design is issued and will not become obsolete if there is a rate change.

Readers are also cautioned that there is always a delay between when a plate number shows up in post offices and when it shows up in mixtures, so more recent plate numbers are preferentially underrepresented. While the V33333 does not appear to be a particularly common number in this survey, it and the V12222 are the most common numbers in use right now, and thus its quantities should rise significantly.

Which numbers will remain scarce after the dust has settled? We shall see.

PNC³ Q&A

While preparing for our club's participation in the Washington 2006 show, many suggestions were presented as to how we could be more interactive with our membership. One proposal, while not directly applicable to the show, was to host a monthly question and answer forum in our own Coil Line. The response from members who were solicited for input was overwhelmingly favorable to such a feature. Now that the excitement of the show has subsided, I would like to present to our membership the first of what is to be a monthly feature.

Each month a question will be posed by a fellow club member. Everyone is encouraged to participate, regardless of your level of knowledge, whether it be novice or expert. I will not report the name of the person presenting the monthly question, so that you need not feel any "embarrassment" asking what you want. Remember, if you pose a question, there are undoubtedly other club members who want to know the same thing. With 25 years of PNC's now under our belt, certainly you may have unanswered questions whose answers are probably within the realm of knowledge of our own club members.

Responses to the question will be presented in the following month's issue. The format will be a combination of all responses received, followed by credits to those who participate in the answer, unless you request anonymity.

Both questions and answers can be sent by either e-mail (rdloeffler@optonline.net) or snail mail to:

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Let's begin the exchange of information with a question posed by someone who was involved with our club's single frame exhibit at Washington 2006:

Why was the Pink Rose self-adhesive coil of 1995 (Scott 2492g) issued with serpentine die cuts on all four sides?



The Moving Avery Bells

By Frank Covey

It's possible to find Bell die cuts on the 39c Lady Liberty and Flag (2006-9), but the bells have moved from their former locations. In the past, if a bell was on top, it was in the upper left corner. If a bell was on the bottom, it was in the lower right corner. The illustrations below show the new locations.



Bell Top Right
Courtesy of Michael Lipson



Bell Bottom Left

The movement occurred because sometime during the production of the 24c Common Buckeye coil (2006-2), a different die cutting mat was employed. Below is a Common Buckeye coil shown in vertical orientation that exhibits the bell in the upper right corner.



← **A Bell in the upper right corner of the 24c Common Buckeye (2006-2).**

This is known as a Bell Bottom Right because the 24c Buckeye is normally viewed with a horizontal orientation.

The Avery 39c Lady Liberty and Flag coils were printed on the Dia Nippon Kiko (DNK) press which prints 18 rows of stamps at once. The bottom row is a Valley/Peak (VP) die cut. The VP die cut is much less common than the Peak/Valley (PV) die cut. Below is an illustration of a mis-cut VP, which becomes a thimble bottom indicating it was the bottom row of the web. I am not sure if more than one of the 18 rows has the VP die cut. If the VP is only on the last of the 18 rows that would mean that only 5.5 percent of the Avery Lady Liberty and Flag coils are VP.



← Only a sliver of a peak shows on this VP LLF coil from Avery. The valley in the upper left corner is hard to discern because of the mis-cut.

In the lower right corner is a long straight cut making this a Thimble Bottom coming from the bottom row of the web.

← Thimble die cut



Knoll Top

Enhanced to show knoll features

Courtesy of Dr. Robert Rabinowitz

← The full knoll top image may not show up well in black and white.

When a VP die cut is mis-slit in the other direction, a knoll top is formed. A knoll top is formed when a PV coil is on top of a VP coil and the two rows are separated with a cut higher than it should be in relation to the die cutting mat. Knolls and Thimbles are much harder to locate than bells.

Because of the new Bell locations, it is now necessary to add either “Right” or “Left” to the Bell description as in “Bell Top Right”, the first illustration shown on the prior page.

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, Janet Gillis, 2485 Falmouth Rd. Fairlawn, OH 44333-4045 with the objection. The committee will recommend for or against membership.

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PNC³ meetings and slide shows

The Regional Meeting chairman is: Tony Bruno, P. O. Box 624, Easy Lyme, CT 06333-0624
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ARIPEX, Saturday Jan. 20, 2007
— Tucson, AZ. at 1 p.m. The event will be held at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Center St., Tucson, AZ. More information is available at the show website, www.aripexonline.com

APS AmeriStamp Expo 2007 — Saturday, February 10, 2007. The meeting will be held from Noon until 2 p.m. at the Riverside convention center, Riverside, California. Jack Wasserman and Jewell Meyer will host the meeting.

Plymouth Show, Saturday, April 28, 2007. The meeting will be held during the 38th Plymouth Show, at the Plymouth, Michigan Central Middle School starting at 11:30 a.m. with time afterwards for selling, trading and conversation. Conrad Keydel and Ron Maifeld will host.

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| Previous Membership Count | 892 |
| New Members | 3 |
| Deceased | (1) |
| Reinstated | 0 |
| New Membership count | 894 |

Letters

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Members in large numbers. We all got to meet many folks for the first time.

It's unfortunate there isn't some vehicle to assist in recognition of members on a larger scale. I once attempted to picture members in

humorous situations using pictures similar to our "Bullet Heads" in PN SEERS. I thought it was a good idea, but it wasn't shared. Thus was born the substitute.

A personal meeting is, of course, the choice way. All should endeavor to attend such shows and meet the members as well as enjoy the event.

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"Hi, I'm Todd."
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