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2006 New Issues

Color	14	@ \$13.75
B & W	3	@ \$ 4.50
2007 PNC ID Lists	4	@ \$ 5.50
2005 New Issues		
Color	13	@ \$16.50
2006 Values List 19		@ \$12.50

These items continue to be available:

Flag over Porch	@ \$ 8.00
Flag Waving	@ \$12.50
Glossary	@ \$ 4.50
Avery Die Cuts	@ \$ 7.25

Members may use the order form from the February 1, 2007 issue of *Coil Line*. Postage & handling is an additional \$2.50 for the first item ordered + \$0.25 for each additional item. Please send orders and remittances to

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Inquiries and questions may be sent to
pnc3treasurer@aol.com.

Catalog orders received before Feb. 23 were mailed about March 7. Orders received Feb. 24 thru March 9 were mailed March 12. Subsequent orders will be sent from time to time.

12th Regional Meeting held at Sarasota

The 12th Annual Sarasota PNC³ Regional Meeting was held on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at 10 AM during the three-day Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition. Six members and two non-members attended the meeting; Attendees included: Web Hall, Al Light, Gary Hendren, Wade Saadi, Arnold Zenker, Fred Sener, Jim Soule and and Karla Holwerda.

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Message from the President:

Membership Application Form

We are getting very low on our current supply of membership applications and need to reprint them. We need to update the application with the current contact information for the treasurer and make a few other changes. I need someone to work up a new application in Microsoft Word format. Contact me at ron.maifeld@pnc3.org or 513-231-4208 if you would like to volunteer.

New Printing of 24¢ Common Buckeye coil stamp

In February of 2007, while the PNC³ '2006 New Issue Pages' were being formatted for the catalog, it came to our attention that there was a 'new' printing on the 24¢ Buckeye coil of 100.

Both Donna Rajotte and Renate Fearonce in Tucson announced that they had the 24¢ Buckeye coil in a shrink wrapped package, and both noted that the lettering on the stamps appeared to be darker than the original stamps. Donna recently confirmed that the shrink wrapped stamps she has are from a carton dated November, 2006, which incidentally coincides with the 11/06 reprinting of the Buckeye self-adhesive pane of 20 listed in the USA Philatelic catalog.

The 24¢ Common Buckeye coil of 100 was issued in Washington, DC on March 8, 2006 in a plastic bubble pack. In July of 2006, Thomas E Harley, Sr. sent me examples of a 'different' printing of the 24¢ Buckeye that he had purchased at the Saltsburg, PA post office and asked for an opinion. My reply to him at that time was that I thought the stamps were over-inked as far as the black ink and I dismissed them as just an inking variety. I returned them to Tom in the envelope provided, which was cancelled in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 24, 2006.

The announcement of the 'new' find prompted numerous emails and postings on the Virtual Stamp Club web site, the US Stamps Group on Yahoo and our own PNC³ discussion board.

An email from John Himes provided the following information: In examining the old vs. the new ... I was

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taken by the comment by Bob Novak that the left wing area is more pinkish on the older version than the new. That seemed to be true. So I kept studying the stamp, and I think I found an even more stunning difference.

On the older, original printing, the shadow under the butterfly has many small red printing dots, giving the shadow a pinkish cast. On the newer printing, the shadow seems to have very few, if any, of the reddish dots, making the shadow appear a much darker gray, with no pinkish cast whatsoever. After studying the two stamps side by side for quite a while, that was the most glaring difference I saw, and I believe it would allow me to distinguish them every time.

In the meantime, I had requested that Tom Harley return the stamps to me for further examination. Tom not only returned the stamps, but also included the postmarked envelope and our original correspondence. Tom also confirmed that the Saltsburg purchase was in a bubble pack.

After re-examining the 'new' stamps from Tom, I concluded that they matched those described by Bob Novak and John Himes and that the stamps found in July of 2006 were a second printing.

Frank Covey, chairman of the PNC³ catalog committee, asked me to re-examine the July 2006 stamps under 30 power magnification to see if they had red dots in the shadow under the left wing. If so, they are more like the original printing. If not, the July printing was new. After careful examination, I replied to Frank that I did not see any red dots in the July 2006 printing.

Frank then concluded: "Then I think it is safe to say that the July printing was the new printing even though most of us did not pick up on it until February 2007. The July 2006 printing and the February 2007 printing appear to be identical. My feeling is that the July 2006 variety was a new printing, even though it was packaged in a bubble wrap and the February 2007 find 'may' be a third printing, although other than the different shrink wrap package, the stamps appear to be the same."

I think that there might be a third printing. I posted a side-by-side comparison scan of all three on the Virtual Stamp Club site and sent emails to all the catalog committee members. The original printing in March of last year has tiny red dots creating a pinkish hue to the shadow under the left wing and in the white area near the top of the same wing. On the second printing, discovered in July, all of the lettering is darker and the shadow is devoid of any red dots, resulting in a darker, denser shadow.

What I believe is a third printing can be found in the shrink wrap packaging, which although not noticed until last month, has been around since last November. The only difference that I have noted so far is in the shadow under the left wing. On the 'third' printing, the shadow has numerous areas of lighter color giving the appearance of splotches. This is evident in the side-by-side scan,

which unfortunately will not reproduce well here.

It might be worth your while to look for examples of the second printing in bubble packs and check your correspondence for early uses of the second printing.

This whole situation with a second and possibly a third printing might well be nit-picking and drawing a real fine line, but it underscores what a big help it would be for specialists if the U. S. Postal Service would go back to the practice of changing plate numbers when there is a reprint involving design changes, especially like those with the visual differences between the first and second printings of the Common Buckeye.

-- Ron Maifeld

Sarasota

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The meeting was informal with each attendee asked to speak about his/her PNC and related collecting interests. The meeting ended about 11 AM, followed by trading and/or general discussion.

Several comments and questions were raised during the meeting including:

1. Answer to a question of whether to save PNCs on the cover or not: it was generally agreed that on cover would provide greater potential value.
2. The question about the future use of plate numbers greater than one by the US Post Office was raised: Wade Saadi was able to provide insight from his recent four-way telephone conversation with David Failor, Executive Director, Stamp Services, USPS. Wade indicated he expected a decision from the USPS by March 15th and was optimistic that serial plate numbering would be continued, as in the past, as long as the USPS (or their contract printers) were not required to keep track of the quantities of each number printed or release dates of the various plate numbers.
3. Another topic discussed was the APS judging policies for exhibits. Some indicated they had dropped their APS membership or had never joined due to exhibit judging policies. Wade Saadi said he would carry the concerns back to the APS board but said he did not think this single issue should prevent membership in the APS.

**Submitted by Fred P. Sener,
Sarasota Regional PNC3 Meeting Facilitator**

Price war among PNC dealers

A "price war" has been raging among PNC dealers for many weeks. It kind of reminds me of the stock market – just on a smaller and much less important scale.

Elsewhere in this issue Gene Trinks writes about the recent sale of one rare PNC item for more than \$3,000. But that brings the question – If some of these items are as "rare" as is believed, will the broader stamp market ever recognize the rarity? Yes, a lot of PNC material is common. There seems to be more interest, based on club membership and special publications.

Are items changing hands for bigger prices "under the radar"? Thoughts anyone? -- Harold Brown

Rare PNC Brings Big Bucks

A used single of an extremely rare PNC (plate number coil) changed hands last fall through dealer Jim Nelson at \$3500. The stamp is the self-adhesive 32¢ Flag Over Porch coil, with plate number 88888, showing the rare (for this number) die cut having 11 peaks at the left side and 12 peaks at the right. This is the only known sale of this PNC rarity, of which only four used copies are known. All are in the collections of private individuals. The buyer and seller of this rarity wish to remain anonymous.

Die cut varieties are the modern equivalent of perforation varieties found on gummed stamps. This rare die cut was discovered in March 2003, nearly seven years after the earliest known use date, for common die cuts using this plate number, of May 29, 1996. Plate 88888 is commonly found with either 10 or 11 peaks on the left side and 10 peaks on the right side. For PNC specialists, these are known as #88888 10/10 and 11/10.

Flag Over Porch stamps having 11 peaks on the left side and 12 on the right (die cut 11/12) are known on another Flag Over Porch coil, having plate number 66666. This die cut is commonly found on stamps with this plate number, however.

The 32¢ Flag Over Porch coil was printed by various printers, with by far the largest production taking place at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP). BEP production occurred at the time self-adhesive coils were introduced to the public on a large scale. It was during this production that the Bureau experimented with a variety of die cutting mats to determine which design would best serve in easy separation of the stamps from the coil rolls.

Apparently, some of these mats were, at times, installed on the production equipment in an inverted manner, resulting in die cut rarities for some of the PNC numbers. Other Flag Over Porch coil invert rarities include #66666 with 12/11 die (6 known copies, all used), and #66666 with 10/11 die (22 known copies, all used). Arguably the rarest of normal production die cuts for the Flag Over Porch coils produced by BEP is #78777 with 10/10 die (4 known mint plate strips of 5 and 71 known used).

More information on Plate Number Coils can be found at the website of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, www.pnc3.org. Information about the club is available from club Secretary, Daniel Farrar, at 3386 Excalibur Cr, NW, Canton, OH 44708.

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Letters

Setting the record straight

To the Editor:

In the interest of accuracy in membership count, I would like to submit that Louis Bauer (174) was reported deceased in the Dec. 1, 2006 issue of *Coil Line* and again as dues delinquent in the March 1, 2007 issue. Recap figures should thus be adjusted.

Louis will be remembered by many as a proponent of long stubbed perf teeth on coil strip ends and spent time showing and advising how to prefold and tear strips to obtain them.

We enjoyed his company at the Sarasota National shows

and at the Strawberry Festivals in Florida.

Louis was a great guy who also loved to travel.

Dan Kauffman
Clear Lake Park, CA

Poor pictures

To the Editor:

Over the past four months there have been many complaints about the quality of pictures that have appeared in *Coil Line*, and justly so. They have been awful. There are two factors that have been at work that result in these often indecipherable photographs.

The lion's share of the blame rests with the fact that they are scans done in color for the benefit of electronic transmission of the journal. When converted to black and white images, the pictures turn fuzzy and shadows disappear. When photocopied during reproduction of *Coil Line*, details such as die cuts can't be seen at all. If the stamp illustrations are to improve, color scanning as the source image has to go. Right now 6% of the membership receives *Coil Line* by electronic transmission. That means that 94% of us are receiving junk for the benefit of a few. E-transmission also has created a great deal of extra work for the editor, the treasurer and for me, your distribution agent.

The second factor at work here is that authors who are illustrating their writings are not placing stamps on a black background to achieve adequate contrast. If you are going to show stamps in your article, sacrifice the postage value and put them on black plastic or black paper for reproduction. Seldom is an item so valuable it can't be sacrificed for the sake of getting a point across. If it is, that certainly can be an exception.

If you're not happy with what you've seeing in *Coil Line*, don't complain to Harold Brown or to me. Talk to the powers that be who have pushed the idea of electronic transmission. In my opinion it's a disaster for an overwhelming majority of the membership.

Alan Thomson
PNC³ #180

PNC-related anacronyms

ABNC - American Bank Note Co.
AP - Ashton Potter
AVR - Avery Dennison
BEP - Bureau of Engraving and Printing
BN - Back Number
CSAC - Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee
CPV - Constant Plate Variety
CV / CVP - Computer Vended Postage
EFO - Error, Freak or Oddity
EKU - Earliest Known Use
EP - Embedded Phosphor
FDC - First Day Cover / First Day Cancel
MNH - Mint Never Hinged
NDN - Non-Denominated
PV - P/V - Peak Valley

PNC - Plate Number Coil
PNC³ - Plate Number Coil Collectors Club
PMS - Purple Machine Cancel
PMS - Pantone Matching System
PMU - Phosphor Meter Unit
PSA - Pressure Sensitive Adhesive
PSx - Plate Number Strip of x. (x is usually 3 or 5)
SA - Self-Adhesive (Pressure Sensitive Gum)
SFS - Stamp Fulfillment Services
SSP - Sennett Security Products
SV - Stamp Venturers
USPS - United States Postal Service
UV - Ultraviolet Light
VP - V/P - Valley Peak
WAG - Water Activated Gum (Lick n Stick)

CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

03/10/07 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:
 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]
 #S1111 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 [11]

1c LAMP [14]
 #S11111 C

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

3c STAR [14]
 #S1111 D

3c COFFEE POT [14]
 #S1111 D

5c TOLEWARE [14]
 #S1111111 D

10c CLOCK [14]
 #S1111 D

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

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

- Known used only

39c OFFICIAL [14]
 #S1111 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]

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

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

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

(10c) ATLAS (SA) [20] [10]
 #B1111 D
 #V11111 D
 #V11222 D
 #V12111 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.

Note: Although off sale the 37c Egret remains listed because of the "never found mint" numbers.

This and That by Doug Iams

Rate Change

The Postal Regulatory Commission has recommended that the price of a First Class stamp be 41c and the price of a post card stamp be 26c, both 1c less than the Postal Service had been asking for. For the additional ounce rate, they recommended a decrease from the current 24c all the way down to 17c (3c lower than the Postal Service was proposing), so warm up those 17c Electric Autos and 17c Dog Sleds.

By the time you read this, the Postal Board of Governors should have ruled as to whether to accept the PRC recommendations or whether to modify them. The rate change date is expected to be May 6.

Several people have reported that the non-denominated First Class stamp design features a Flag against a tan background, but early reviews have not been favorable. Dr. Rabinowitz reports that we will be seeing self-adhesive rolls of 100 from all three printers and water-activated gum coils in large rolls (3K or 10K size and printer not specified). Only one plate number combination per printer is anticipated.

The PRC also weighed in favorably on the Forever stamp proposal, but rumors so far say that the initial Forever stamps will not include a coil format stamp. Even if coils are included, they will not appear until after the non-denominated First Class stamps since they have held off printing them pending approval of the Forever concept.

Service Inscribed Coils

Obviously while my source of information back last summer that the Atlas was going to be replaced last year was wrong, this year will likely produce new designs for all the service inscribed coils since they have all been in use for quite a while, although their issuance need not be tied to the rate change and could appear at any time.

New Printing Update

Al Haake noticed that the image on the latest 39c Flag coils of 100 from Avery looks crisper than on the originals and was told they were using "new technology". I checked with a source at Avery and was told they were using a new cylinder supplier.

Buckeye Shift

In last month's Coil Line, Frank Covey pictured a 24c Buckeye with a small die cut shift. Dealer member Dave Cobb had strips of the Buckeye at the APS winter show in Riverside CA in early Feb that had a bigger die cut shift (sorry, image not available).

Atlas Back Numbers

A chart of back number positions by plate number for the 10c Atlas from Avery is planned for next month, so if anyone has any input, please contact me at dugeyes@msn.com or PO Box 7651, Santa Rosa CA 95407. Please indicate if you are counting positions from the front or back.

PNC Q^s & A^s

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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Pequannock, NJ 07440-1817

This month’s question comes from a member who wants to know:

What is meant by Type “A” and Type “B” backing paper on self-adhesive coils?

Last month’s question was:

What is meant by the term “Snowman Perfs” and what causes them?

Unique Binders, who does the perforating for Sennett Security Products, uses a process called skiving that employs a kind of pin called a cone (named after its shape) which pushes up the paper where a hole is to be made. A blade then shaves off the paper there. The entire column of holes across the web is not done at the same time. The middle section of the web is perforated with one set of cones in the first part of the perforator, and then the other two sections are done with two other sets of cones in the second part of the perforator. The holes in the outer sections extend in several holes past the outer holes of the middle section. If everything is perfectly aligned, the outer section holes will exactly overlap the middle section holes. If a misalignment occurs, the result is partially overlapping “snowman” holes.

As the cones on a cylinder are used they wear, and go from flat on top to rounded on top. The holes they produce become less perfect and slightly smaller. In order to refurbish them to their original flat topped condition, which produces more perfect holes, the cones are ground down. Since the cones are wider at their base, the more they are ground down, the wider they get on top. Narrow top cones produce smaller holes and wider top cones produce larger holes.

On this issue the overlap regions are at the middle height of the stamps, not split between rows of stamps, meaning only one or two rows out of 18 could have the “snowman” holes. This example shows what happens when either the center section of cones or one of the outer sections has been refurbished, while the other has not. The upper six holes in the row of perforations are large, and the lower four holes are small. The middle two “snowman” holes are a combination of both sizes.



"As a person involved in the hobby for over 50 years, I know that the team of Saadi, Rod and Straight are the better qualified team for the job. I'm voting for Saadi, Rod and Straight for APS Board of Vice Presidents. They represent our interests in Plate Number Collecting." --Bob Rabinowitz

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Wade Saadi

I would bring considerable leadership, financial, management and real estate experience to the APS board, at a critical time for the Society: the completion of the American Philatelic Center. In addition, I currently serve as president of the Collectors Club, New York.

- 1973- Present, Founder, President and CEO of 600-employee corporation, with offices in nine states and Canada.
- Chairman and CEO of a NASDAQ listed corporation; Very familiar with corporate finance and governance.
- "1996 Entrepreneur of the Year Award" in New York City. Ernst & Young annual award for technology.
- 1984 - Present, Licensed real estate professional; managed several full and partial building rehabilitations.



Steven J. Rod

I offer intensive and successful not-for-profit management experience. I have overseen new construction as a Chief Executive Officer and am eager to see total completion of the American Philatelic Center (Match Factory). I am also former Treasurer of the American Philatelic Society, and co-founder of the Omaha National Stamp Exhibition.

- 1980-1986, and 1986-1988, CEO of two not-for-profit organizations.
- 1988-Present, Vice President, Professional Development. Consult with and train 3,000 professional employees of 250 not-for-profit organizations on personnel matters, as well as governance and management.
- Develop and oversee these training programs throughout the year.
- Member of the American Society of Training Directors (ASTD); train others on "how to be an effective trainer."

David L. Straight

The American Philatelic Research Library is one of our greatest member assets; I bring widespread experience managing libraries and modernizing their services.

- 1993-Present, Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Librarian for a 750,000-volume facility.
- 1980-1993, Managed library's A.V. & micrographic collections; established video collection; and computerized finding aids to microform collections and built extensive web-based finding aids for government documents.
- Masters Degree in Library and Information Science; taught at University of Missouri School of Library and Information Science.
- Consultant to libraries, manufacturers and movers on storage, retrieval, and moving of library materials.



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Coil Blocks

By Frank Covey



Sennett Security Products produces their self-adhesive coil rolls of 100 in stamp sticks up to 10 rolls high. A coil in the stick is held to the coil above it or below it by a tiny piece of uncut paper called a bridge. By carefully unrolling several coils in the stick at one time, it's possible to collect coil blocks. Coil blocks are coil strips stacked on top of each other with the bridges between them still intact.

To the left is a coil stick, 4 rolls high, of the 39c American Crops (2006-5). This coil along with the 39c Lady Liberty and Flag (2006-7) are still on sale at many post offices.

This article will focus primarily on the 39c American Crops coil because I think it offers some interesting collectable combinations and it is still available at the post offices I frequent.

Coil Blocks are something you must do yourself because I know of no dealer that offers these. I generally collect my coil blocks two high but I know at least one other PNC³ collector that saves his blocks three high.

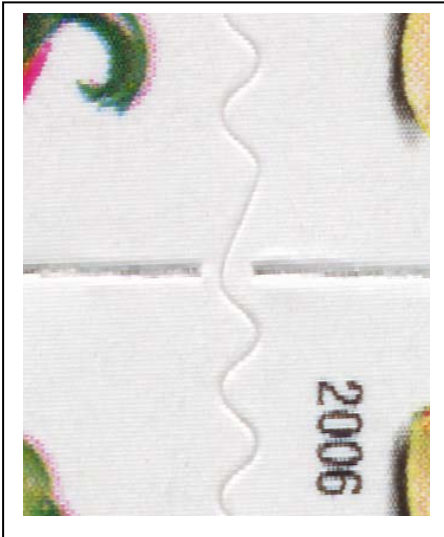
The first problem one faces is separating the coil stack into the height of the block to be collected. Care must be taken so that the bridges on the stack you are saving are not compromised. By inserting something rigid such as an unsharpened pencil down the center of the coil stack just short of the break point and then putting the stack break point over the edge of a table, a successful breakup of the stack can be accomplished.

The Sennett Security Product coils have a printed leader strip that is glued back to itself to seal the coil roll. I have found that by putting the stack in the microwave oven for 10 seconds at full power, the self-adhesive is warmed and softened allowing the leader strip to come off cleanly. Before using this method, the adhesive would adhere so tightly that some of the paper from the leader strip would come off with the adhesive making for a torn leader strip.

Once the stack has been opened, I put a piece of half inch wide drafting tape on the back of the stack to firmly hold the stack together while I work with it. Drafting tape is used

because it can be removed at anytime without leaving a gummy residue behind. Since I save leader strips as coil blocks too, I put cornstarch on the sticky parts of the front and back of the leader strip to kill its self-adhesive properties so that they can be stored later.

American Crops usually are saved in strips of 11 with the plate number centered on the strip. Before going further, I put drafting tape on the back at both ends of the PS11 to be saved. I put additional drafting tape along the back of the PS11 to firmly hold it together before I separate the coil blocks from the rolls.



With coil blocks there are other desirable blocks besides the ones that have plate numbers on them. To the left is a Crops coil with the die cut that separates individual stamps going right down the middle of the bridge. To me this is readily collectable as a coil block of 4 stamps retained to show the unbroken die cut going through stacked coils.

The Crops coil has five different stamp images. It seems worthy to save a coil block of two of each of the five different stamps with a bridge connecting the pair. Of course, the Crops coil has both a VP and a less common PV die cut, so you can save these pairs both ways.



Above is a rare double bridge, connecting a Sunflower pair of the American Crops coil (2006-5). These were found at both ends of a PS11.



Bridges on adjacent stamps.

Bridges seem to occur in set patterns in relation to the stamps. Though I doubt I have found all patterns possible, the most prevalent pattern seems to be **B- - B- -B-B** or **B- B - - B- B** where “**B**” represents a bridge and “-” represents no bridge. From this pattern I enjoy saving coil blocks two high and three long with a bridge at both ends of the block. It’s easily possible to get all five combinations of these coil blocks of 6. Each strip in the set has a different crop stamp starting at the left and a bridge at each end.

Another pattern I have found on the Crops coil is **BB - B – B – BB** or **BB – B – BB**. These I save in longer strips to show off the bridge on adjacent stamps and the pattern.



Saving strips as Coil Blocks makes it easier to see the transition cut between the stamps. Often with the Crops coil it is difficult to tell whether your strip is PV or VP.

← To the left is a block where the bridge falls at the edge of the transition cut showing off the transition cut nicely. This is a VP die cut because the transition cut goes down hill.

Recent self-adhesive coils that could be saved as Coil Blocks	
2003-7	37c Flag Waving (SSP) (SA)
2005-7	(39c) Lady Liberty & U. S. Flag (SSP) (SA)
2006-5	39c American Crops (SSP) (SA)
2006-7	39c Lady Liberty & U. S. Flag (SSP) (SA)

— The APS Vision Team for 2007 —



Ken Lawrence
for APS President

Our candidates for office in the American Philatelic Society
and American Philatelic Research Library election are:



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Nancy Clark



Jeff Shapiro

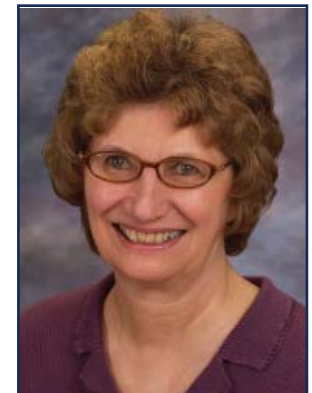
— APS Board of Vice Presidents —

The APS Vision Team's Five-Point Program:

- complete the renovation of the Historic Match Factory in Bellefonte;
- reverse the declining participation in philately through a broad outreach program;
- uphold the integrity of stamp collecting by energetically fighting fraud in the marketplace;
- provide an adequate nest egg for the future; and
- keep the business of the APS and APRL open and accessible to every member.



Wayne Youngblood
for APS Secretary



Joann Lenz
for APS Director-at-Large

Please support the APS Vision Team.

Lively opinions and discussion about all the issues of this election appear on the free Virtual Stamp Club chat board, www.virtualstampclub.com. Our candidates have a website for Board of Vice Presidents issues at www.apsvps.com.

For more information write to the APS Vision Team, Post Office Box 210, Bellefonte, PA 16823-0210, or apsken@aol.com.

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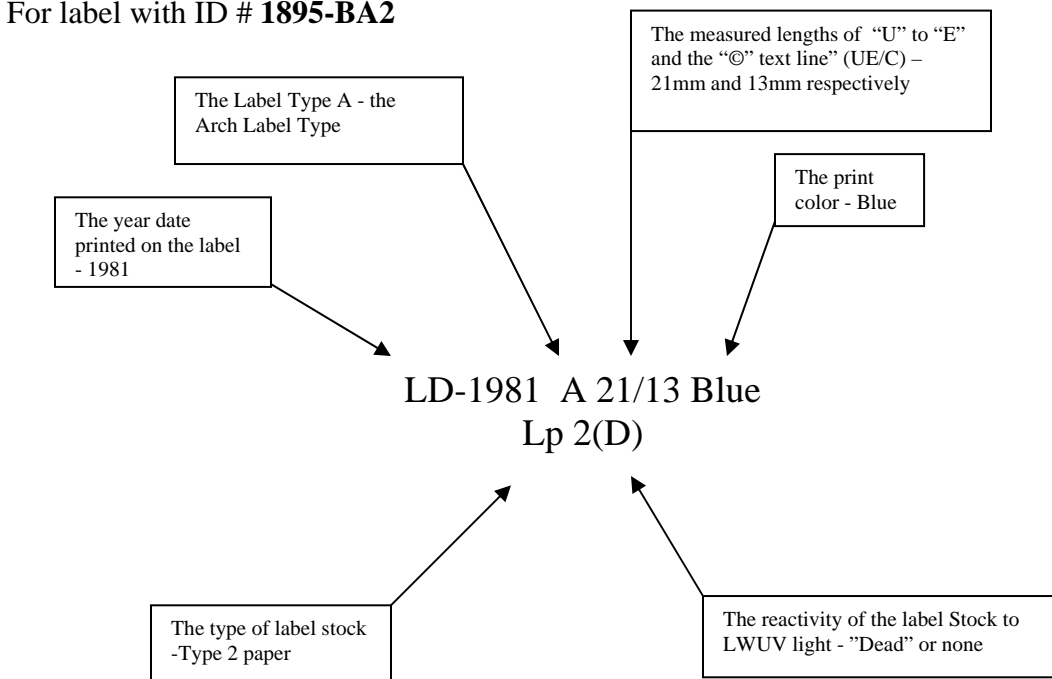
(Editor's Note: The following information has been excerpted and condensed from the pnc3.org Website in an effort to encourage members to research the site. Information by member Conrad Keydel.)
Components of the LIC (Label Identification Code)¹

The label characteristics provided in the LIC and the order in which they appear are as follows.

1. The LD (Label Date), if any, that is printed on the label, e.g., LD-2006
2. The letter that identifies the Label Type followed by the appropriate Label Type measurements in mm, e.g., S 49/20 (Split type label with DT=49mm and C=20mm). The letter "J" precedes the Label Type letter for BEP "Jumbo" labels (See V, Label Sizes below).
3. The Print Color given in commonly understood terms. Where greater color discrimination is required, Stanley Gibbons color designations are used.
4. For certain 3000-roll labels a capital letter may follow to designate the font style used for the "3" in "3000". (C for Celtic, B for Blunt, P for Point).
5. The label stock description or paper type (Lp), followed by its fluorescence in parenthesis. For paper labels where the specific label stock type is unspecified or uncertain, a question mark appears (?). The degree of Fluorescence under LWUV is designated as follows, D for "dead" or none, LB for Low Bright, MB for Medium Bright and HB for High Bright .
6. Other label characteristics that were noted and may be of significance in specifying the label, e.g., the size, color and position of over-print data.

An example of a LIC and its components:

For label with ID # **1895-BA2**



¹ For a detailed explanation of the original Label Identification Code see Label Mania # 1 (January, 1989). This publication can be accessed through the Reference tab on the PNC3 web site - <http://www.pnc3.org/>

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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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.

Annual Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 11, Portland, OR. Meeting time and location to be announced. Following tradition, the Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will be held during the annual Stampshow of the American Philatelic Society. The board will likely meet in the morning. Issues to be addressed should be sent to President Ron Maifeld.

COIL LINE

Published monthly as the journal of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, also known as PNC³. Copy must be in the hands of the editor no later than the 15th of the month. The March issue was mailed Feb. 23.

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Changes of address: Should be sent to and membership applications are available from Daniel Farrar, Secretary, 3386 Excalibur Cr., NW, Canton, OH 44708-1143
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Mailing list: Rental of the club mailing list is available. A one-time usage of labels costs \$50. Contact the secretary (above).

Dues: Are \$12 per year (\$18 for First Class mailing of *Coil Line*, \$17 for Canada and Mexico and \$22 for all others) and should be sent to Harvey Wales, 13 Birmingham Pl., Vernon Hills, IL 60061-2103
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Advertising rates: Are \$42 for a full page, \$24 for 1/2 page and \$12 for 1/4 page per issue. A check or money order made payable to PNC³ must be submitted with the advertising copy. All copy should be sent to the Editor, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402-2107.
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Members are entitled to two free, 40-word ads per year. Word ads are available at 6 cents per word per issue to nonmembers and those members who have used their free ads.

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Previous Membership Count	818
New Members	6
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New Membership count	831

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COVER OF THE MONTH



The above unused DAV SASE features a 5c Teapot #S11111 PNC strip, as well as 3c Toleware coils which have small and large perf holes on the same stamp. (Cover courtesy of Ken Moreau) (If you have an interesting, out of the ordinary, unusual or scarce PNC cover for Cover of the Month, please send a photocopy of the cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Silkowhegan, Maine 04976