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## Small group attends Regional Meeting at Plymouth Show

The annual regional meeting was held on April 28th during the 38th Plymouth Show.

President Ron Maifeld presided over the meeting in the absence of Conrad Keydel, who was not able to attend.

After the customary introduction of everyone in attendance, announcements were made and then the floor was open to discussion.

The group was small this year, with only eight people present: Frank Sandor, Jim LaPlante and Ron Maifeld attended from Ohio, while Ed Acker, Tom Jillson, Joann and Kurt Lenz and Rick Jackson were from the state of Michigan.

Rick Jackson signed an application for membership to join our group.

Discussion centered on the new membership application, the 501c (3) IRS status that the club is working on, the club catalog and the upcoming annual meeting and APS show in Portland, Oregon.

Additional discussion concerned the reprints of the 24¢ Common Buckeye and the 39¢ Flag / Lady Liberty stamps.

One door prize, consisting of a strip of five of the counterfeit Lady Liberty coil stamps was won by new member Rick Jackson.

## The 9s of the 37c Flag

By Dan Kauffmann

Almost all of the 37c Flag plate number 9999 issued by BEP in my purvey are die cut close right. It is difficult to find an item demonstrating an XF or better centering. Collectors desiring high quality well centered stamps will find problems acquiring choice strips and used singles for their collections of this number.

I have no idea why this particular printing and subsequent processing is so abominable. Perhaps as the

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### *Message from the President:*

## Plate Number Coil First Day Ceremony

As President of PNC<sup>3</sup>, I have entered into negotiations with the American Philatelic Society (APS) to co-sponsor the 41 cent Beautiful Blooms (10 designs) first day ceremony at Stampshow in Portland, Oregon on Friday, August 10. The stamps will be issued as a coil of 100, a vending booklet of 20 and a double sided convertible booklet of 20.

This opportunity arose because the United States Postal Service is not going to sponsor either of the two first day ceremonies at the show.

I feel that this is a wonderful opportunity to add a great deal of prestige for PNC<sup>3</sup> and garner nationwide publicity for our club.

Invited guests for the ceremony so far are the Mayor and Postmaster of Portland, the stamp artist and a representative of the Portland Garden Clubs. Peter Mastrangelo, Executive Director of the APS is also scheduled to speak.

PNC<sup>3</sup> will be acknowledged in the program as a co-sponsor along with the APS and I'm planned as a speaker at the ceremony.

Our Board of Directors has authorized an outlay of cash from the 'Special Projects Fund' to cover some of the associated costs. The major expenses for the ceremony will be the printing of the program, which will be largely handled in-house by the APS, and the cost of the postage to be affixed to the program. Current thinking is that we will attach a single of both the booklet stamp and the coil stamp to the program with a printing in the range of 500 copies.

We estimate that probably 300 of these will be distributed at the ceremony, with another 150 going to PNC<sup>3</sup> for resale at the show and through *Coil Line* to our members. My hope is that we can recover much of our costs with the sale of the programs.

We are still in the early planning stages of this event, which presents a golden opportunity for our club to be in the national philatelic limelight. I'll have more information as details develop and the event gets closer.

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## First day

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If you are going to be at the show in Portland, we can use your help with staffing the PNC<sup>3</sup> booth and working with us on the First Day Ceremony.

### APS Election

By the time you read this, the APS Election will be just about over. If you have not already voted, the deadline for ballots is June 9<sup>th</sup>. Both candidates for APS President, Ken Lawrence and Nick Carter are PNC<sup>3</sup> members. In addition, Life members Joann Lenz is running for a Director at Large position and Wade Saadi is running for a Vice President position.

### Membership Applications and Business Cards

I have a good supply of PNC<sup>3</sup> Business Cards and the new Membership Applications are at the printer. If you need either or both, please contact me and I'll see that you get what you need. You can view the application online at <http://members.dslextreme.com/users/mmurray/> or on the PNC<sup>3</sup> web site.

### Still Need A Committee Chair

In the last issue of *Coil Line*, I asked for a volunteer to chair the membership committee. No one stepped forward, so I'm repeating the request. This position does not involve a lot of time, but is essential to the club. Please email me at [ron.maifeld@pnc3.org](mailto:ron.maifeld@pnc3.org) or phone me at (513) 231-4208 if you can help the club in this capacity.

-- Ron Maifeld

## Letters

### No number on number a possiblity

To the Editor:

The back number position data presented by Doug Iams on page 69 of the May issue regarding the back number positions of the various Avery-Dennison plate numbers evoked some interesting thoughts.

Thus, with at least 20 different opportunities to produce a # on # strip, none occurred. Are they doing this intentionally or is just the luck of the draw? I engaged a mathematician skilled in statistics who calculated that with 20 chances to get a # on #, 88% of the time (a statistical average) one would result. And actually there may have been many more print runs with the same numbers that produced the same back number position. Now that Avery is producing only V33333 and a new presort standard stamp will be coming out soon, this issue may end without a # on #.

Bob Rabinowitz

### Switch to electronic Coil Line praised

To the Editor:

The conversion of *Coil Line* to an electronic format, while upsetting to the horse and buggy crowd, has resulted in a marked increase in picture clarity and quality. Gone

are the grainy photocopied reproductions of varieties. The illustrations are clear and accurate. It is a shame that so few have opted to receive *Coil Line* electronically. I understand - we are a stamp group and electronic mail is the enemy of the stamp collector. However, I see no reason to move backwards with *Coil Line* and eliminate digital pictures.

With any new technology, it takes time to work out the bugs. There certainly must be a way to clearly reproduce stamp images in black and white. Auction catalogs do it all of the time using digital images. I'm sure someone in our membership has the knowledge to make this work for both electronic and mailed copies of the newsletter.

Michael C. Mules  
PNC3 #1289

## Let auctioneer know if you want unsold lots held for next auction

Auctioneer Joe Sedivy reports he is waiting for some to settle their accounts for the last club auction.

He asks consignors who had unsold lots to call or email him if they want him to hold unsold lots for the next auction.

Joe has not yet announced the plans for the next auction or the official call for lots. In the meantime, if you have something to sell, please have it ready for when he puts out the official notice.

## The 9s

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BEP neared its printing obligations, they paid less attention to quality control and just concerned themselves with production numbers. Slicing, too, is showing variances which move the vignette closer to tops or bottoms.

Several items presented here to show the ranges and extremes of the die cuts are reflective of what one will find in sorts.



Figure 1: Extremely cut right examples of the 37c Flag are not uncommon or difficult to find in this issue.



Figure 2: Normally found die cut 37c Flag plate 9999 stamps. All are generally close cut on the right side.

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## Rate Change Stamps Update

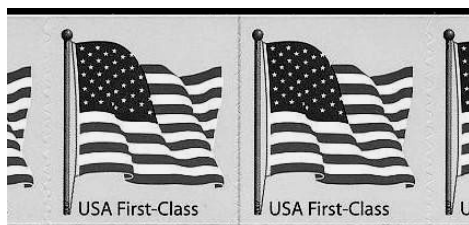
The Sennett WAG (41c) Flag coils in rolls of 100 and rolls of 10K have been released. The rolls of 10K carry 5 digit back numbers (vs 4 on the 3K rolls) and the rolls of 100 have none.

By the time you receive this, the 26c Panther and 17c Bighorn Sheep coils of 100 will have been issued. Both are from Sennett (from their BCA division) and are supposed to have a plate number interval of 31. Look for only all 1's per the new plate number policy.

## Seam Lines on Sennett (41c) Flag Coils

Dealer member Craig Selig was the first to report a strong tan line at 14L on the self-adhesive Sennett (41c) Flag coil. He then took a second look and discovered a weak white line (absence of tan) at 1R. His tan line is shown below, but the white one is not because it will not reproduce well (even the tan one may not show - if not it is right on the die cuts).

I don't have the self-adhesive version yet, but I checked on some of the WAG Sennett (41c) Flag coils I obtained from 2 different sources (east and west coast) and found they both have weak tan lines at 14L, plus one had a weak white line at 1R and the other had a weak tan line at 1R.



## Double Sennett 39c Flag Roll

Dealer member Dave Cobb recently obtained double roll (double tall) of the self-adhesive Sennett 39c Flag. These rolls normally come in sticks where the rolls are connected together by occasional paper bridges with long slits between the bridges, but this pair of rolls lacked any slitting between them. I had the chance to have a good look at this double roll, and nubs of broken bridges were present along the very top and bottom, so it was unslit between with normal slitting above and below. A "normal" imperf or die cutting omitted roll of 100 has 50 horizontal pairs, but this double roll has 100 vertical pairs (of course some may be saved as plate "blocks" of 10). An image is not available, but an image of a similar error on the self-adhesive 37c Sennett Flag was shown on page 155 of the December 2005 Coil Line.

## 39c Flag Reprint

I made the mistake of reporting that the Avery 39c Flag coil of 100 had a crisper design without examining any myself. After examining a pair or strips (1 original and one "reprint") loaned by one of the dealers, I do not see a crispness difference, nor any difference in the ring at the top of the torch or the bottom of the 39 as claimed by some internet posting (there may be a difference in the shading of the red stripes, but I do not know if it is a constant difference).

**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

(41c) Flag (SA) [31] [11]

#P1111\* A  
 #S1111\* A  
 #V1111\* A

(41c) Flag [31]

#S1111\* A, C, D

(41c) Flag (SA) [10]

#V1111\* D

(39c) L/FLAG [14]

#S1111 C

(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]

39c L/FLAG (SA) [10]

#V1111 C, D

39c L/FLAG [14]

#S1111 A, C, D

1c LAMP [14]

#S1111 C

3c STAR [14]

#S111 D

3c COFFEE POT [14]

#S1111 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

5c TOLEWARE [14]

#S1111111 D

10c CLOCK [14]

#S1111 D

24c BUCKEYE (SA) [11]

#V1111 A

39c CROPS (SA) [25]

#S1111 A

39c OFFICIAL [14]

#S111 A

# - Known used only

(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)

(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

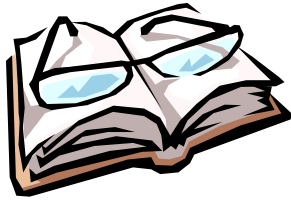
Sennett's SA Lion S55555 was printed with a *different size cylinder than previous plate numbers*. Consequently the plate number interval changed from 21 to 20. S55555 & higher have the 20 interval.

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

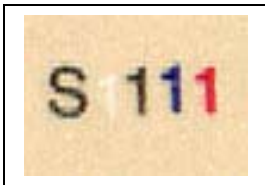
In printing the SA Seacoast with cylinders P2222 through P7777 AP changed the cylinder size from that used to print P1111. Thus the plate number intervals changed from 22 to 27. P3333 through P7777 have a small date and color order of BCMY.

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

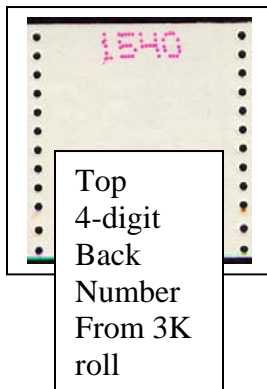
Catalog Corner



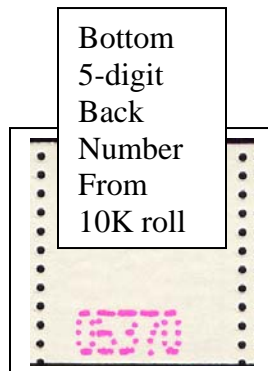
(41c) U. S. Flag on Pole  
(SSP) (WAG)  
Plate S1111  
PNC ID 2007-2



Close up  
of S1111  
Plate No.



Top  
4-digit  
Back  
Number  
From 3K  
roll



Bottom  
5-digit  
Back  
Number  
From  
10K roll

The Sennett Security Products (SSP) gummed 41c Flag on Pole is the second of five coil stamps released on April 12, 2007 in preparation for the May 14, 2007 rate increase. The stamp exhibits no denomination, but has “USA First-Class” printed across the bottom.

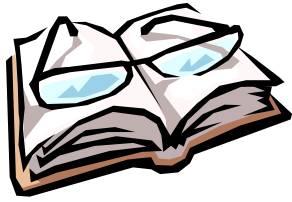
This non-denominated stamp comes in rolls of 100, 3,000 and 10,000. The rolls of 100 have no back numbers. Since back numbers occur every ten stamps on the 3K and 10K rolls, at least a strip of 10 is needed to prove that a strip came from a roll of 100. On the 3K and 10K rolls back numbers on any given roll can be on the top, bottom or middle of the stamp. Coils with middle back numbers are harder to find. 3K rolls have 4-digit back numbers. 10K rolls have 5-digit back numbers.

The S1111 plate number, in the lower right corner, appears every 31 stamps along the roll. Usually coils printed by SSP have plate numbers 14 apart, but American Bank Note Corp, a Sennett Security Products subsidiary, printed this coil. The “S” (for SSP) in the plate number is black as is the second “1”. Sandwiched between these is a faint white “1”. The last two “1s” are blue and red respectively.

At first glance the year date seems to be missing from the stamp, but “2007” can be found at the bottom of the flagpole printed vertically. At the top left of the pole is a micro-printed “USPS”.

Shown in the left column is a small hole perforation variety. The stamp has a tan background. The white areas are unprinted allowing the tagged white paper to show through.

Catalog Corner



(41c) U. S. Flag on Pole  
(AP) (SA)  
Plate P1111  
PNC ID 2007-3



**Close up of Plate Number P1111**  
The first characters “P1” are white unprinted portions of the design.

The Ashton Potter (AP) self-adhesive 41c Flag on Pole is the third of five first-class coil stamps released on April 12, 2007 in preparation for the May 14, 2007 rate increase. The stamp exhibits no denomination, but has “USA First-Class” printed across the bottom.

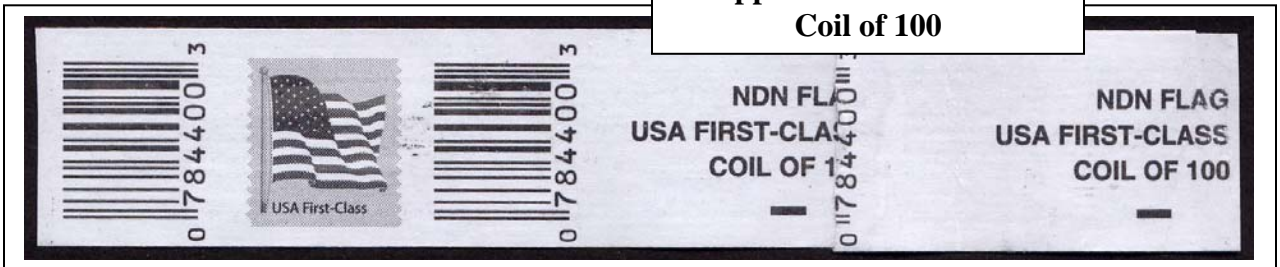
This non-denominated stamp comes in rolls of 100 secured by the wrapper shown below. Each roll is individually shrink-wrapped.

The P1111 plate number, in the lower right corner, appears every 31 stamps along the roll. The “P” and first “1” in the plate number are white unprinted portions of the design. These are followed by three ones printed in black, blue and red.

As with the other non-denominated 41c Flag stamps, the year date “2007” can be found inserted at the bottom of the flagpole printed vertically. At the top right of the pole is a micro-printed “USPS”.

An example of the stamp is shown at the left. The 90-degree angle die cut at all four corners distinguishes this stamp from the other non-denominated 41c self-adhesive issues. The stamp has a tan background. The white areas are unprinted allowing the tagged white paper to show through.

**Wrapper for Ashton Potter  
Coil of 100**



# 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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## *Update:*

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Previous Membership Count | 837 |
| New Members               | 3   |
| Reinstated                | 1   |
| New Membership count      | 841 |

## PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings and slide shows

The Regional Meeting chairman is: Tony Bruno, P. O. Box 624, Easy Lyme, CT 06333-0624  
tbbee@aol.com

**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 members would like to have addressed should be sent to President Ron Maifeld.

Stampshow will take place Aug. 9 through 12 at the Oregon Convention Center on Martin Luther King Blvd. in Portland.

The APS will be making details available on its Web site in the coming months. The show has a reputation for keeping collectors busy and there are always plenty of attractions away from the show.

Want to sponsor a Regional Meeting? Contact Tony Bruno (address above) for suggestions. He can put you in contact with others who have taken on the task. Several members have made a regular habit of promoting meetings in their area.

## COIL LINE

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10/10 die used single for (25c) Diner  
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Lawrence Secchiaroli, 22 Lobdell Dr.,  
Stratford, CT 06614-4017.

FIVE VARIETIES #2603 PNS/5,  
#33333: tan dot, blue dot, blue wispy  
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## The 9s

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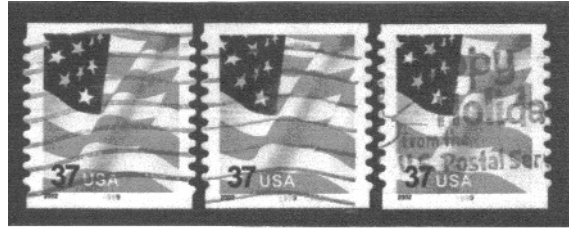


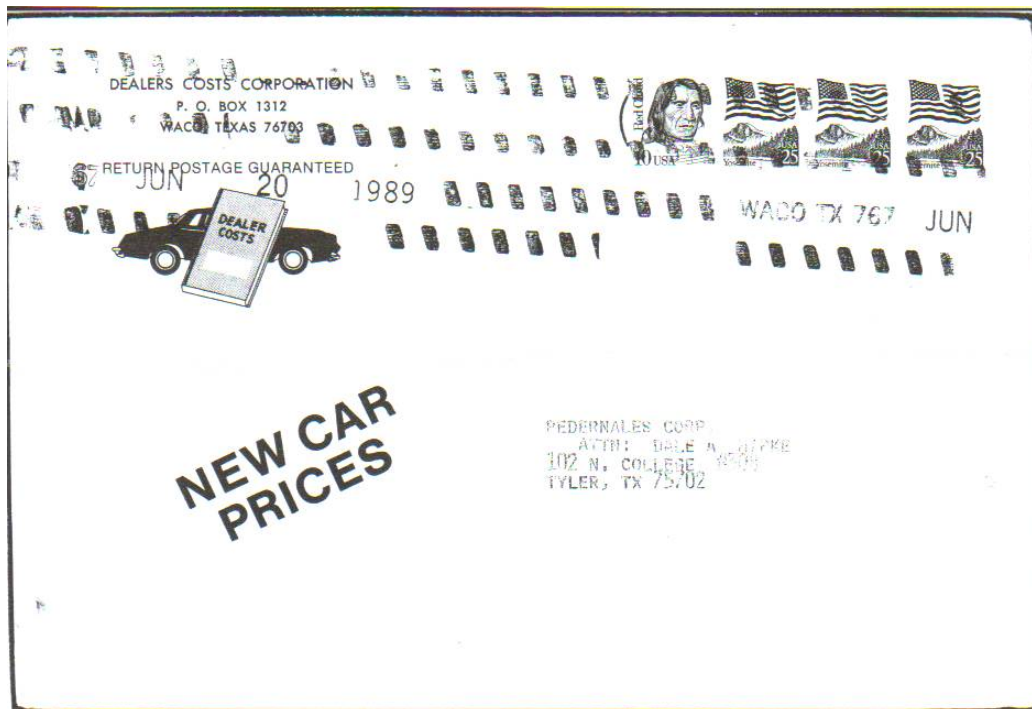
Figure 3: Unusual balanced centering of 37c BEP  
PN 9999 stamps. These 3 were among over 200 copies.

Although all numbers of the BEP 37c Flag show some sign of higher tension on coilers, resulting in a closer right die cut, the ability to find well centered stamp items is not impaired to the extent observed on plate 9999. My reference supply of the 3As, 4As, 5As, and 6As is limited to where a summary of centering is inconclusive, but I would imagine a consideration of centering would be observed as on prior plate issues.

Thoughts from others will be welcome.

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## COVER OF THE MONTH



The above cover features a newly discovered flats machine purple cancel tying a 25c Flag/Yosemite #7 overall tagged PNC which was not previously known tied by a purple machine cancel. Purple machine cancels were phased out in the early 1980s, so this is quite a late usage of such purple ink. (If you have an interesting, out of the ordinary, unusual or scarce PNC cover 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.