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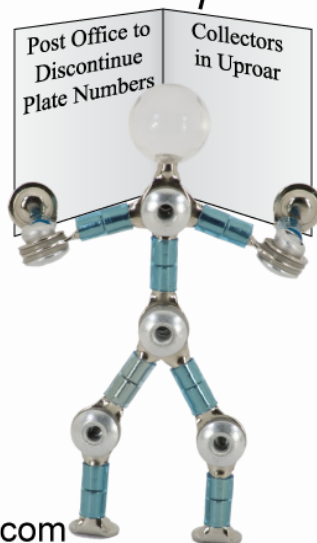
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The Post Office makes too many varieties, I wish they'd stop taking advantage of us collectors like that!



Be careful what you wish for!



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## Postal Service Destroying Plate Number Collecting In My Opinion By Robert Rabinowitz

Despite all pleas from various segments of United States Philately, the United States Postal Service has announced, Aug. 9 that it is going to stick to its  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

### Color Has Arrived!

What started out as a simple redesign of the masthead has developed into an overall reworking of almost all of the elements of *Coil Line*, not all of which will be incorporated into this issue, because of the looming deadline to get material to editor Harold Brown. The soon-to-be new editor, Todd Uebele, who will officially take over with the publication of the December, 2007 issue, and I have been working together over the past weeks to upgrade the look of *Coil Line* and 'cut down on the excess white space'. In the process, we checked on the feasibility of printing the front page in color and what you see is the result. We hope that you like the new look, and I hope that it turns out well, and we hope to do it more in the future. Comments pro or con are invited. Todd can be reached at home in the evenings at 704-735-5484 or by email at CoilLineEditor@aol.com.

This issue is being printed and distributed on a trial basis with the assistance of Brian Snippen, a PNC<sup>3</sup> member and his wife Cory, who reside in Oregon, not California as I stated last month. If you encounter any problems because of the change, please let me know.

Last month, I erred in saying that Alan Thomson expressed his desire to retire from the monthly duty of getting *Coil Line* printed and mailed to our members. Alan informed me that he had not said that. Unfortunately, that was the feeling that I was getting, so I'm sorry to have stated something that was a product of my imagination.

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decision made in 2006 about U.S. plate numbers.

The decision is that new plates employed in printing new stamps will continue to use only plate numbers consisting of only the digit "1," despite more than 100 years providing consecutively numbered higher plate numbers.

The Postal Service announcement came during a meeting of stamp journalists at the American Philatelic Society's Stampshow in Portland, Ore.

When the 2006 decision to eliminate consecutive numbering of plate numbers was announced, the plate number collecting community became outraged and sought answers.

The announcement was withheld from collectors for quite a number of months, and it only came to light after inquiries when collectors began to notice the absence of new plate numbers.

Letters were written to David Failor, the Postal Service's director of stamp services, including one signed by Janet Klug (then president of the APS), Roger Brody (chairman of the United States Stamp Society) and Wade Saadi, (president of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society). The letters urged a return to the traditional numbering system.

A four-way telephone conversation was arranged between Failor and the three society leaders during early February, and they appeared to have persuaded the Postal Service to reverse its decision.

At the time, Failor claimed he would need to discuss this with the private printing contractors. The printers would need notification of some months before they could resume using different plate numbers on new plates.

Then the stalling began.

Frankly, what needed to be discussed? Contracts called for new plate numbers, and the contractors were still operating under the old contracts. Many contacts were made by this writer and by others since February, and in each case the reply was "no decision has been made yet."

Now the decision is known.

Why did the Postal Service change the system? Failor's original reply to me indicated that plate numbers were no longer needed for accountability purposes and that their elimination would simplify the production operation.

If simplify meant "less costly," that was not

said. Nowhere along the line did Failor indicate what savings, if any, would result from the elimination of consecutive numbering.

The printing people I have spoken to say that changing the plate number is very simple and hardly costs them anything.

Failor never indicated that the Postal Service's printing costs were renegotiated following the decision and what, if any, savings the Postal Service would enjoy.

I do not think any savings were involved.

Was the real reason for eliminating consecutive numbering the fact that the numbers were no longer needed for accounting purposes? I do not think so.

What came out during the discussions that society leaders had with Failor is that a handful (fewer than five and maybe fewer than three) Freedom of Information Act requests had been made to the Postal Service for data on plate-number impressions, dates to press and other data for a whole series of coil stamps.

At least one of the requesters had a history of disfavor with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing when it was printing stamps.

All of his requests were viewed as extra work by the various printers and by Postal Service officials, even though providing the Postal Service the reports was probably included in the contracts with the various printers. I believe that Failor became so annoyed (perhaps even enraged) by these requests that he moved to eliminate them.

And he did so by turning off the plate numbers.

The society leaders pointed out to Failor that some societies exist solely or largely in part based on plate numbers.

These include the USSS, the American Plate Number Singles Society, and the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, with collectively more than 3,500 members. Also many of the members of the APS and the U.S. Classics society also collect plate numbers. The total membership in these organizations is close to 50,000.

It was pointed out to Failor that publications such as the Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog and Hebert's Standard Plate Number Single Catalogue exist solely for the plate-number-collecting community.

Failor was presented with a rough estimate that

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at least several million dollars in face value of plate number coil strips of three and five were set aside by collectors and dealers during the 37¢ rate period.

Add to that the plate numbers set aside by those collecting plate blocks of sheet stamps, vending and over-the-counter booklet panes, and the amount could be substantially more.

This money, which the Postal Service accounts for as "retention income," is dearly valued because the great majority of the stamps see no service.

With the decision on plate numbers, this retention will be lost.

I wonder how the additional out-of-pocket cost for dealing with the Freedom of Information Act requests and the changing plate numbers and keeping records on them compares to the retention income lost by eliminating the new plate numbers.

Failor never provided this information.

Those dealing with the persons who were submitting the Freedom of Information Act requests knew they would not agree to never submit another one if the Postal Service returned to the old plate numbering system. It was clear, however, that they knew what the stakes were and would be judicious.

So why not reconsider and avoid overturning a system that has existed for more than 100 years, has thousands of followers and whose costs to maintain are dwarfed by the millions of dollars of retention income generated?

What reason might exist for not reversing this obviously lose-lose new plate number policy?

Is it related to how the reversing of the decision might be explained?

Could the Postal Service state that it would be clearly in the financial best interest of the organization to reverse it?

That might seem logical, but it evokes the question why the financial numbers were not considered before the decision was made in the first place.

Thus it appears that collectors are stuck with being without consecutive numbering until at least the current postal management moves on.

There is one touch of irony in this whole thing. Recently a new stamp appeared with plate number P222 in the selva, which followed the P111 of the same stamp. What happened?

At first the thought was that the Postal Service had returned to the consecutive numbering system.

When Failor was questioned on this, he replied that second plate numbers would be used when certain significant changes are made in the printing operation, including a change in ink or paper type.

So now we do not have new plate numbers when the plates change, but we do have new plate numbers when the ink type or paper type changes.

Isn't that ridiculous? Maybe a Freedom of Information Act request for the various paper types and ink types could now be submitted to see what changed.

The above article was reprinted from the 3 September 2007 issue of Linns Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio with their permission.

## CONGRESS MUST BE INVOLVED

*By Robert Rabinowitz*

We have all tried to reach the sensitivities of David Failor, the boss of plate numbers at the USPS, via calls, emails, and letters. I believe that these have had and will continue to have no effect since they put no pressure on Failor to explain the basis for his actions.

He is a bureaucrat and the only time he will feel any pressure is if it comes from above him. The most logical way to get this pressure applied is through Congress. Some of you know senators and members of the House personally. Others obviously know who their representatives are. Addresses are available in your phone books under U.S. Government. Here in Stamford, local, state, and federal government information appear in a central section in the phone directory.

The preceding article was a summary of the plate number situation that I wrote in Linns' 9-3-07 issue. I think that a short covering letter with this summary attached would be the way to go. The covering letter should state that the USPS and David Failor have given up hundreds of thousands of dollars, possibly a million dollars of annual retention income from the sale of stamps to plate number collectors without any explanation for it, while at the same time, destroying a mode of collecting that has gone on for more than a hundred years.

**Tell your representatives that we want to know why, and add your contact information, including your signature so that they can get back to you.**

# CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

10/10/07 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 LETTERS:**  
 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] [31]**

#P1111      A  
 #S1111      A  
 #V1111      A [11]

**(41c) FLAG [31]**

#S1111      A, C, D

**(41c) FLAG (SA)**

**[10]**

#V1111      D

**41c FLAG (SA) [11]**

#V11111      A

**41c FLAG (SA) [10]**

#V11111      C

**1c LAMP [14]**

#S11111      C

**3c STAR [14]**

#S111      D

**3c COFFEE POT [14]**

#S1111      D

**4c CHAIR [14]**

#S1111      D

**5c TOLEWARE [14]**

#S1111111      D

**10c CLOCK [14]**

#S1111      D

**17c SHEEP (SA) [31]**

S11111111      A

**24c BUCKEYE (SA) [11]**

#V1111      A

**26c PANTHER (SA) [31]**

S1111      A

**41c BLOOMS (SA) [30]**

#P1111      A

**41c OFFICIAL (31)**

#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]  
 #P8888\*      D (27)  
 #S1111      D

**(5c) SEACOAST [10]**

**[14]**

#B111      B, D  
 #S1111      C  
 #S1111      D (Lum Ink)

**(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

? = Known used only

**(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

**(10c) BANNER (SA)**

**[27]**

#S111      D  
 #V111      C, D [10]

**(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]**

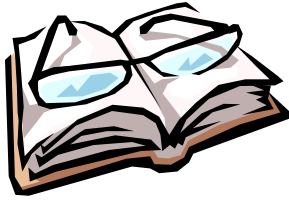
#S1111111      C

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 P8888 have a small date and color order of BCMY.

# Catalog Corner



41¢ American Flag on Pole  
(AVR) (SA) Round Corners  
Plate V11111  
PNC ID 2007-13



Close up  
of V11111  
Plate No.



The Avery Dennison (AVR) self-adhesive American Flag on Pole with round corners was the first 41c denominated American Flag on Pole to be issued. It has “41 USA” near the flagpole in the lower left corner. It was released August 15, 2007.

This 41c stamp comes in rolls of 3,000 and is intended for use by mass mailers. This stamp can be distinguished from the four other 41c American Flag on Pole coils by its rounded corners and by the liner, which is higher than the stamp. Also there is a space between one stamp and the next on the liner.

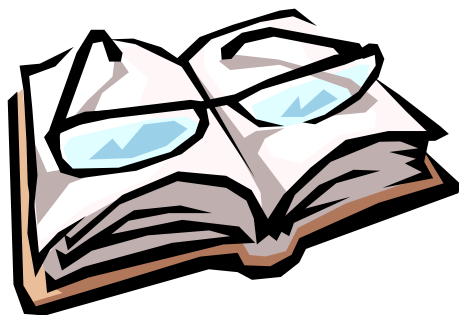
The V11111 plate number in the lower right corner appears every 10 stamps along the roll. The plate number has one more digit than its non-denominated predecessor (2007-5).

Five digit blue middle back numbers appear every 10 stamps along the roll on the back of the liner. An image of back number 00790 is shown in the left hand column.

Since the back number interval and the plate number interval are the same, the back number is always in the same position relative to the plate number on a given 3K roll. Back number positions, though constant on a given 3K roll, may be in a different position on another 3K roll.

As with the previous American Flag on Pole coils, the year 2007 is printed vertically at the bottom of the flagpole.

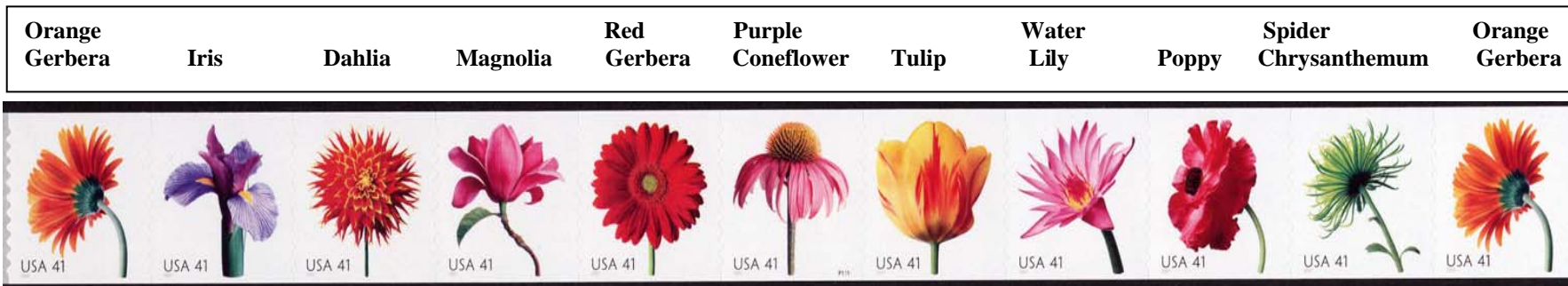
The white areas of the stamp are really unprinted areas of the design that allow the paper to show through.



## Catalog Corner



**41 cent Beautiful Blooms  
PNC ID 2007-12**



The 41c Beautiful Blooms coil was released August 10, 2007 at STAMPSHOW in Portland Oregon. The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC<sup>3</sup>) and the American Philatelic Society jointly hosted the First Day Ceremony. This first class stamp comes in rolls of 100 secured by the wrapper shown below and shrink-wrapped.

The P1111 plate number is in the lower right hand corner on the Coneflower stamp. The plate number repeats every 30 stamps along the roll. The "P" and first one are black followed by a blue, a red and a yellow one. A faint year 2007 is printed under the bold USA 41 in the lower left corner. Red and black seam lines have sometimes been found on the left edge of the plate numbered stamp or on the right edge of the stamp one stamp left of the plate numbered stamp.

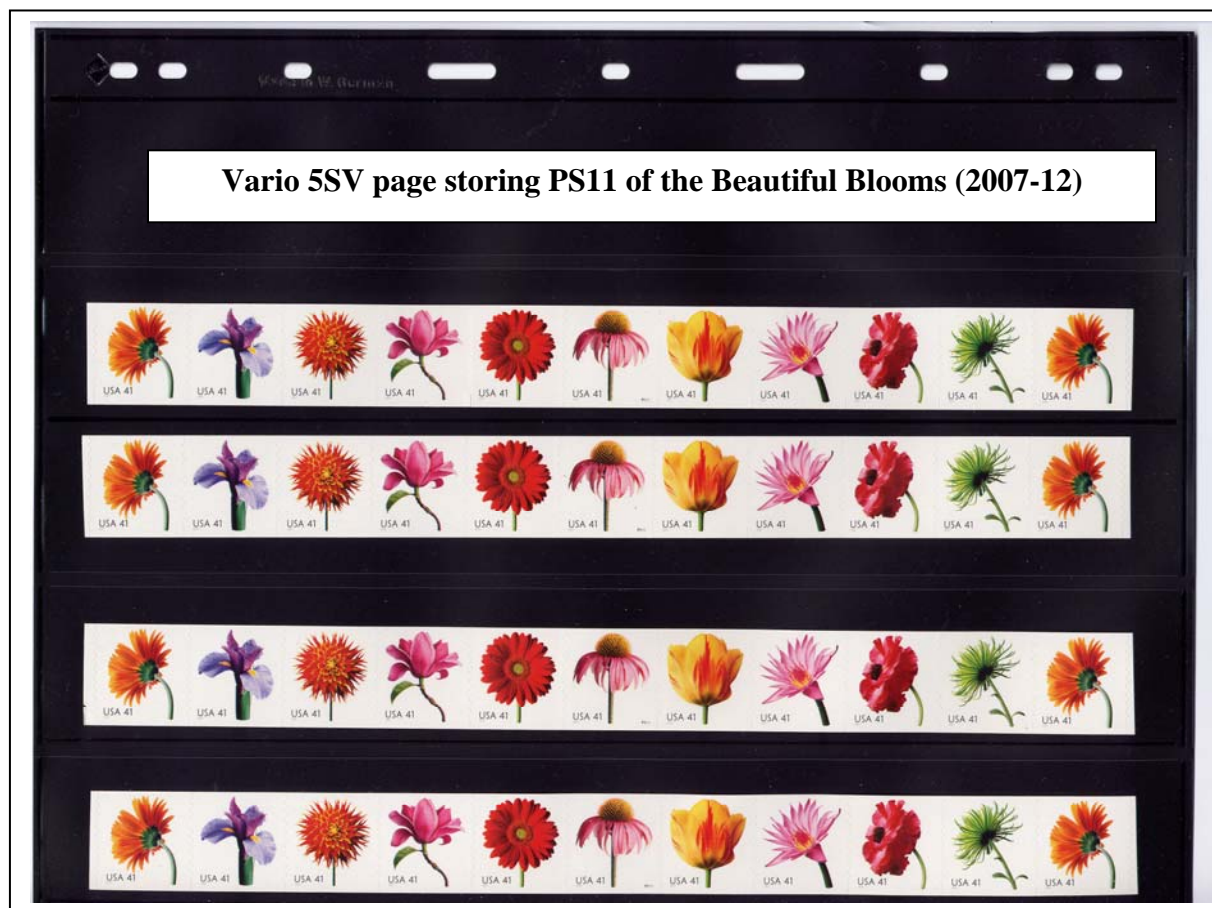
The most popular collecting format for these is likely be plate strips of 11 (PS11) showing one example of each flower with an orange Gerbera Daisy at each end of the strip as shown above on this page. Plate strips of 21 (PS21) will also be collected by a few collectors. The PS21 will have the Purple Coneflower with a plate number in the middle and Purple Coneflowers without plate numbers on each end.



## Storing Long Coil Strips

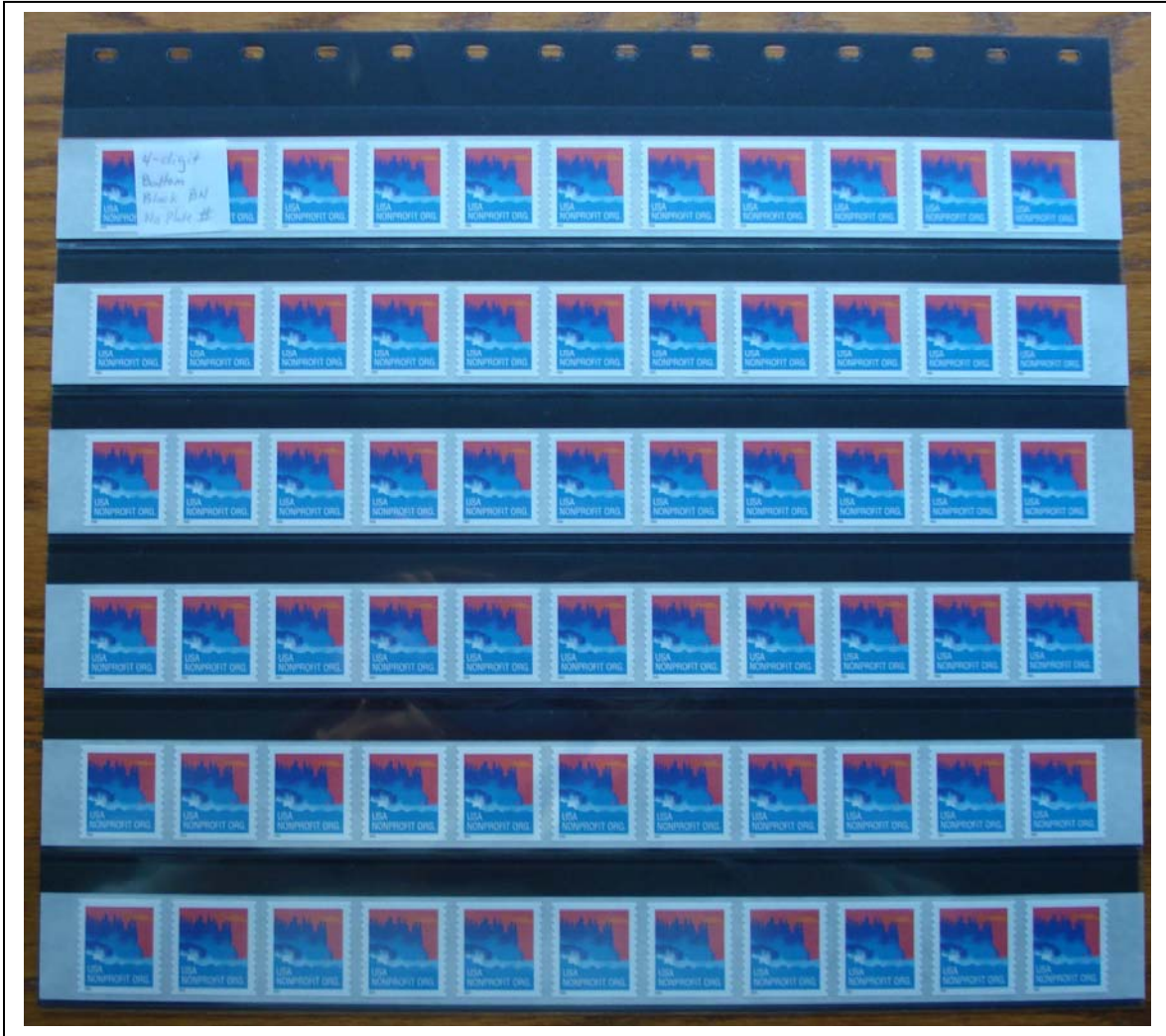
By Frank Covey

In recent years USPS has created a few se-tenant strips that plate number coil collectors desire to save in plate strips of 11 or 21. Below are some ideas for storing these. The Vario 5SV page shown below holds a PS11 nicely. The page fits in a three ring binder. It's inexpensive and is available from a variety of suppliers. I buy mine from Scott Publishing. The Vario 5SV holds 10 PS11 in 5 pockets on each side of the page.



The first image on the next page shows a PS11 of the Seacoast (2003-5). This self-adhesive Seacoast has spaces between each stamp on the liner. These PS11 are stored in a Garant 829 page. These pages hold a PS11 of self-adhesive stamps with spaces or a PS13 of gummed perforated coils. These pages are more expensive running about \$3.10 per page. They hold six coil strips. Since the page is clear, it's perfect for storing coil strips with back numbers as both the front and back can be viewed. I buy these from Subway Stamp Shop, Inc, Altoona PA (800) 221-9960. Item number ASA829 gets you a packet of 10 pages. Pages can be put in a purchased binder or hung on hooks.

Since the Garant 829 pages have no sealed ends on them, it is possible to use clear packaging tape to tape two pages together for storing PS21 coils as shown on next page.



**PS11 of the Seacoast (2003-5) stored on a Garant 829 page.  
The pages are clear, but a separate black backing sheet is provided with each page.**



**Six PS21 can be stored on two Garant 829 pages taped together. The pages are clear on both sides, but are shown with the black backing sheet provided with each page.**

# Reporting the Rarities

By Gene Trinks

I have had only two reports this month, both for the Diner #22211 round shoulder die. I hope everyone is keeping alert to the need to report when a new discovery is made. The Peak/Valley varieties of the rare Egrets are proving most elusive, with still only one copy each of the V2121 and V3211 reported.

OK, for all those whose summer did not include reading this column (must be most of y'all), I really need to have some reports on the Atlas #V13222. It is likely that I will list this as a rarity within a couple months, since no mint examples have yet been reported. My request for reports last time apparently didn't have much readership because only one member has contributed info so far, and I know there are others holding this PNC.

Adjustments this month, this time to the FOP 78777 and 13231A. Alan Thomson and I have reviewed our respective files and find that he had a report some time back that was not in my records and I had a duplicate report from a member. So, the 78777 used single count is increased by one, to 67 and the 13231A reduced to 45.

The revised list therefore stands as follows:

PNC Issue	PNC ID	Scott No.	Mint Single	Mint P/S 5	Used Single	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	67	5
88888 11/12 die	1996-8.252	2915C		0	4	0
13231A 10/10 VP die	1996-8.212	2915A	6	8	45	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	4	12	2
(25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die	1998-7.21	3208A		0	72	7
(10¢) Green Bike #444 square shoulder die	1998-4.22	3228		0	27	2
(10¢) Eagle & Shield STD #11111 round shoulder die	1998-15.21	3271	1	3	10	4
37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die	2003-8	3829		0	10	0
V2121 PV die	2003-8	3829		0	1	0
V3211 VP die	2003-8	3829		0	22	0
V3211 PV die	2003-8	3829		0	1	0

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!!

## Letters

### No where near 162 plates numbers

To the Editor:

While Kalr Vinsek is free to have his opinion that a return to the traditional plate numbering policy is not what he wants to see, his assertion that there would be 162 different plate number strips for the upcoming commemorative series is totally unfounded.

The series is designed to run 3 years (2 sets per year). The 37c rate ran for a total of 3 & 1/2 years. During that run, there were a total of 38 plate numbers on all of the issues that were in rolls of 100 from all three of the printers combined (none of which are the printer that produced the G coil that he objects to - they lost their contract long ago). Even if they decide to treat this series as a definitive and issue no other definitives in rolls of 100 (or 50), we would only expect about 35 plate numbers total - a far cry from 162. And Failor is on record as saying they might not even carry a plate number. The real problem with this series is its mammoth physical strip length.

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### Plate numbers are at heart of the specialty

To the Editor:

Karl Vinsek's letter in the Oct. 2007 supporting the new USPS policy of not providing new plate numbers when plates (sleeves) are changed is misleading and, in my opinion, not in line with 95% of the members of PNC3.

The PNC organization was founded more than 20 years ago by collectors and dealers who enjoyed collecting and searching for the various plate numbers that appeared on coils. They recognized that a stamp with a plate number is different from a stamp without one, and that stamps with different plate numbers are different stamps. Based on what Vinsek wrote, he either doesn't collect different plate numbers or doesn't enjoy that aspect of plate number coils. Most of the rest of us do.

He tries to scare collectors by suggesting that the new Flag coils of 50 will have 3 different printers (where was this announced?) and I assume speculates that if we returned to the numbering of new plates with new numbers, then each of these three printers will employ a total of nine cylinder changes each (how he arrived at this number was

not explained), we would wind up with 162 PNC combinations for this 60 stamp set. This is all rubbish.

He declined to support the effort to return plate numbering to the "old policy" which, by the way, dates back to the 19th century. To underline his degree of misinformation by writing "the USPS was formed under an act of Congress, to deliver the mail. Is there anything in the Act of Congress mentioning how they cater to collector interests?" But the USPS has had a history of doing just that for collectors. Is he aware of the efforts involved in setting up first day ceremonies and the cancellation of phony first days covers? What about philatelic outlets and the Kansas City Philatelic operation? And doesn't the USPS participate in shows throughout the country? And don't forget special cancellations.

The USPS is up to their neck in philatelic activities and their move to terminate the use of additional plate numbers when cylinders are changed was ill-conceived and worse.

If Mr. Vinsek isn't interested in different plate numbers on coils he may be a member of the wrong organization.

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### Flags of Nation – both sides of the coin

To the Editor:

The announcement of the upcoming 'The Flags of Our Nations' coil draws applause and disappointment.

The size will be in a welcome format of a commemorative stamp, but the length, in strip of 10, simply makes it a big headache to mount on an album.

Learning from the sheet stamp or booklet, a simple solution comes to the light: put the stamp layout in 2 rows, each row in the popular strip of 5.

If Sennett would process the roll in the stick format, the collector can easily obtain a loosely-connected block of 10. Or even better, if an uncut press sheet (half or full plate size) would be issued, the dormant PNC community has everything to celebrate.

The collector's voice is out; would USPS listen?

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## Membership update

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, Robert E. Thompson, 12431 Golden Thistle, Houston, TX 77058-1225 with the objection.

The committee will recommend for or against membership.

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Previous Membership Count	853
New Members	3
New Membership count	856

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## PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings

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

**No meetings have been announced.**

## Editor's Corner

This issue of *Coil Line* brings to an end my tenure as Editor. I never expected to "hang around" this long. A few months ago I decided it was time for someone else to take over the responsibility.

My early impressions are that the board has found an excellent successor in Todd Uebele.

In fact, Todd and President Ron Maifeld are responsible for much of what you see in this issue. A redesign is under way. I expect members will see additional changes in the coming months.

I want to thank all of the club officers, members and anyone else who has been involved in the *Coil Line* efforts over the years. I trust the membership will continue to be involved and urge everyone to share their ideas, opinions and information.

I expect *Coil Line* to continue to represent a wide variety of PNC collectors and their views.

A special thanks to Alan Thomson.

**--Harold Brown**