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## Letters to the Editor

In Charles Neyhart's letter to the editor in the November issue about his 29¢ White House color variety he wrote that "the variation only appears in the bottom half of the design". This is not true. While it is easier to see in the bottom half, the top half also shows the color variation. The reason it is harder to see in the star field at the top is because the ink density is higher there, so the color looks very dark in that area for all of them.

*Editor's Note: This letter continues on page 212.*

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With reference to Harold Brown's letter about the Atlas stamp on page 193 of the November issue, this color misregistration freak was quite extensively covered in Snippets in the January 2003 edition of *Coil Line*.

[mr.snips@verizon.net](mailto:mr.snips@verizon.net) Alan Thompson Member#180

*Editors Note: Please see article on page 215.*

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PNC values have been adjusted in the new 2009 Scott Specialized to start to reflect what has been happening in the market the last two years. While a small number of strips are flat, or even up slightly, the majority have been given a 5-30% haircut, and some of the early PS3's have been given more of a buzz cut. Like any bubble, prices were doomed to fall, and like the current economic mess, there is plenty of "blame" to go around on both sides of the table.

Doug Iams #625

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My thanks go to member Lubomir Purchart, our internal expert on matters relating to the Czech Republic (because he lives there), for explaining the symbol in the corner of the cover shown on page 196 in November's *Coil Line's* "This Month's Cover." I was incorrect in my speculation that there was a Russian connection. It turns out that the symbol and the connection is Czechoslovakian. Lubomir reports that the symbol is from the 1920s, and the translation of the inscription is: "Truth Prevails". I'm glad he was able to provide me with the correct information so I could pass it on our members who may have wondered.

Gene Trinks Member # 1

*Editor's Note: Lubomir was kind enough to supply us with a color photograph which is pictured on the front cover of this month's issue.*

The key in the October "Current Number and Roll Chart" does not reflect what was agreed upon at the tagging nomenclature meeting in Hartford. The presently appearing terms PG and PS are mavericks that don't properly indicate the type of phosphor application. The names unanimously agreed on were embedded phosphor (EP) and surface phosphor (SP). Both should appear in the key. Despite the fact that EP paper was designed for engraved printing, and line engraving is a thing of the past, EP paper can and has been used for offset printing. There may not be any EP paper stamps in the chart now, but it still should be in the key.

The EP and SP terms are planned to appear in the 2010 edition of *Scott's Specialized Catalogue*. One of the main reasons editor James Kloetzel decided to accept them was the fact that the Club had reached a unified position and that our publications would use them consistently. We should not be undermining this change with made-up terms such as PG and PS. I have already submitted to Scott a list of post 1980 catalog numbers that need revision of the tagging description. It includes all stamps, not just coils. Because of the subject's importance, I did this nine months ahead of my annual coil review for the *Specialized*.

The Roll Chart is not a catalog with every minute explanation needed. If you insist on listing variations in surface phosphor paper coils, add the variation to the accepted terms: SP-G for grainy and SP-U for uneven. Don't knock the props out from under this significant step forward with Scott by using confusion-inducing terms.

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*Editor's Note: Corrections have been made.*

\* \* \*

I received my November issue today, and I really like the new magazine style. The outer wrapper does a good job protecting the color front page, and the rest of the magazine. The improvements to *Coil Line* during the past year have been outstanding. I want to congratulate the Editor and Staff for bringing to us a fine journal. Todd, sorry to see you leave and thanks for a great publication.

Vic Collinino Member #603

*Editor's Note: Thank you! I will be remaining on staff as Associate Editor for the time being.*

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# Regional Meetings

## Want to sponsor a Regional Meeting?

There is no charge for announcements in this column. Please submit to Editor 3 months prior to the meeting date. Thank you.

## Regional Meeting Chairman

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06333-0624, email: [tbbee@aol.com](mailto:tbbee@aol.com).

Contact Tony Bruno for suggestions. He can put you in contact with others who have taken on the task. Several members have made it a regular habit of promoting meetings in their area.

## Upcoming Regional Meetings

### Sarasota, Florida

A Regional Meeting is planned in conjunction with the February 6-8 Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, sponsored by the Sarasota Philatelic Club, Inc., at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida.

Fred Sener is again hosting the Regional Meeting, which will be in the North Balcony of the Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, February 7th at 10 a.m. Fred can be reached at 941-922-3416 or by email at [fsen213@aol.com](mailto:fsen213@aol.com). Please put "PNC<sup>3</sup>" in the subject line if you email Fred.

Nothing is set in stone at this time, but President Ron Maifeld is trying to make arrangements to be at the meeting. Please contact Sy Bricker, [mto.stamps@gte.net](mailto:mto.stamps@gte.net), [www.sarasotastampclub.com](http://www.sarasotastampclub.com); 941-993-0919; 941-907-6604 for more information about the show.

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*A special thanks goes out to our member Bill Elston, #1642 for helping us with the mailing costs for this month's Coil Line. This will cover the first class postage and most of the bulk postage for this issue. He sent us over \$240.00 from his excess postage stamps. Cory and Brian Snippen were still able to place a PNC on almost all the mailings by trading out some of his postage for PNCs from their postage stock. Thanks Bill!*

*The Editor and Staff, Coil Line*

### Arlington, Texas

APS AmeriStamp Expo/TEXPEX, sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, will be the site of a PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, Texas. The meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. At this point in time, we do not have a show schedule.

In addition to the Regional Meeting, PNC<sup>3</sup> will have a society booth on the convention floor. We should have more details in the January issue of *Coil Line*.

For more information about the show, contact Dana Guyer, [stampshow@stamps.org](mailto:stampshow@stamps.org); or email at [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org); 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

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### Plymouth, Michigan

A PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting will be held this coming April at the Plymouth Show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, at the Central Middle School, 650 Church Street, Plymouth, Michigan. This meeting has been an annual event for quite a few years and this year will be on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

President Ron Maifeld will host the meeting, and will allow time for socializing, trading and buying and or selling PNC material. Door prizes will be awarded.

For more information on the show, contact Sandra Strzalkowski, [mywssc@msn.com](mailto:mywssc@msn.com); or email [www.plymouthshow.com](http://www.plymouthshow.com); or phone 313-533-7737.



# President's Message

## FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

### New Coil Line Editor

I'm very happy to announce that we had someone step forward and volunteer to be the new *Coil Line* editor. I'm especially happy since I was beginning to think that I might be the one putting the January issue together. We are doubly blessed because the person is not currently a member, but plans to join very soon.

Without further ado, I'd like to introduce Ronald Blanks of Chesapeake, Virginia as our new editor. Ron has a long history of philatelic writing and research to his credit, and I'm looking forward to him taking over the reins.

I'm very thankful for the yeoman job that Todd Uebele has done in the past year, making *Coil Line* the fine journal it now is. I'm sure that Ron Blanks will continue the work that has been in progress and will make the club proud of him.

I plan to expand the coverage for both Ron and Todd next month.

### Wrapping It Up!

If you can judge by all the positive comments, it looks like we have a winner with using a wrap-around cover to protect *Coil Line*. We only had one member who reported damage to the 'wrap,' and he stated that it was not enough to warrant requesting a replacement copy. We plan to continue using this format in the future.

### One Last Dues Reminder

If you still have not paid your 2009 dues, you only have the rest of December to pay before being charged with a late fee. It will ease the load of the Secretary considerably if you give this matter your immediate attention.

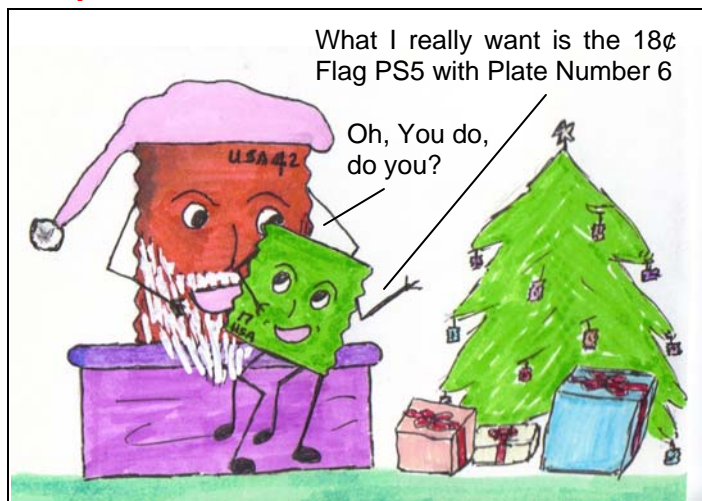
### Merry Christmas and Seasons Greetings

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from myself and all the officers of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club.

*Ron Maifeld*

### Stamp Toons

Thomas Babb



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# Flag Over White House

By Doug Iams

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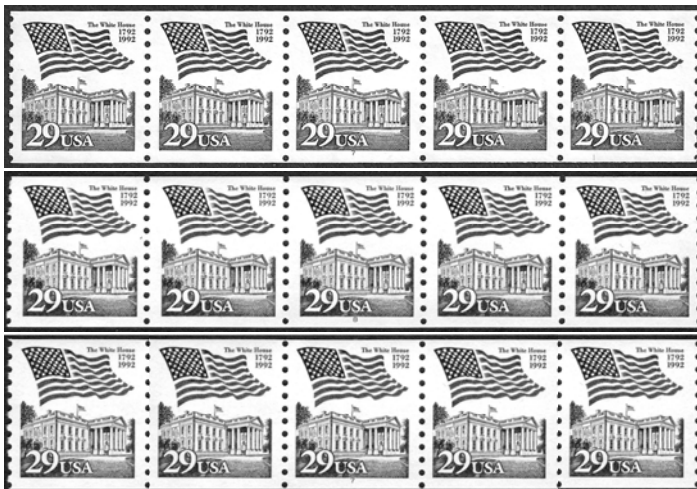
## Color Variations Explained

In the August 1994 issue of *Coil Line*, Joann Lenz reported that, "It was learned by those attending the BEP tour [in June 1994] that the F press was used for a two-day run of the White House stamps, and four different sleeves were tried, but the numbers used are not available. Since the 4¢ Father Flanagan indigo was also run on this press it was suggested that the indigo varieties in the White House might have been a trial after the Flanagan. Plate printers [from the BEP] at NAPEX asserted that a sample of the 'dark' blue White House from plate No. 7 submitted by PNCer Rich Staiger [the indigo shade] most likely resulted from use of the wrong ink." [Notes in brackets were added by me and were not part of the original article]

While not an "official" opinion, it is the best we have available. It is my recollection that the BEP stopped issuing opinions after they lost some stamps submitted for that purpose.

Lastly, one caveat, Charles wrote that "my stamp color is essentially gray". I have never seen a

White House stamp that I would call gray (if it has a blue tint to it, it is not strictly gray). Different people have different perceptions of colors, and those perceptions vary greatly with different lighting conditions. Different people also have different names for the same colors. Printed images and images on monitors often do not faithfully reproduce the true colors of the original stamp. There is no substitute for an in person side by side comparison of stamps in question.



Color variations are shown on front cover for comparison only, and it is left up the reader to decide color shades.

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# Editors Message

## FROM THE EDITOR . . . .

### New Editor at the Helm

As you all know, my tenure as *Coil Line* Editor ends with this issue. We are fortunate to have another qualified person, Ronald Blanks, step in and grab the reins as our new Editor.

I'm confident that Ron will continue the work that has been in progress and will continue with more improvements as each issue comes to press. He has a great staff to back him up, and I know that he will succeed in his endeavor to continue making *Coil Line* the great journal that it is.

For a more detailed profile, please refer to the President's Message. Thank you.

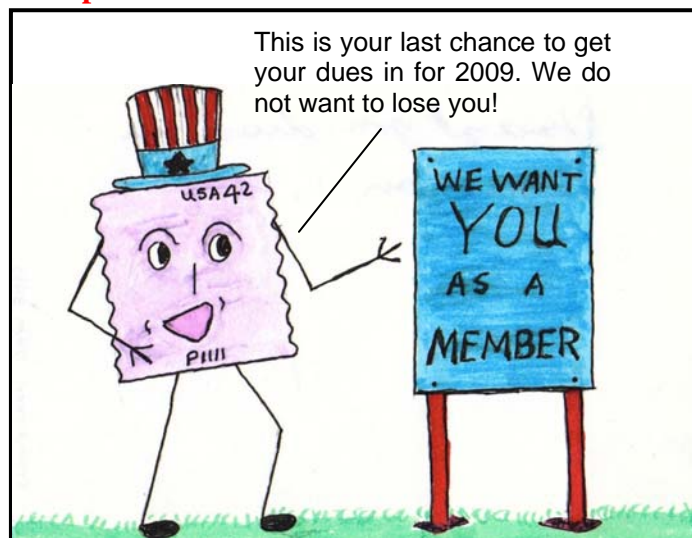
### Postage Donation

We received a generous donation of postage from member Bill Elston, #1642, at the beginning of November, amounting to just over \$240.00. This will cover the costs of mailing December's issue of *Coil Line*. This donation is very much appreciated by me and my staff, and I'm sure all members alike.

If any other members would like to consider donations in the future, please send them directly to Brian Snippen at the Incredible Bulk Mailing Company. The address is listed on the legal page of this and every issue *Coil Line*.

### Stamp Toons

Thomas Babb



### File Conversion

Many people performing many jobs are required to coordinate and format (fabricate) our journal before it is presented to the printers in a timely manner. The last stop in this process is to convert the final Word files to PDF for the printing process and the web site. These files are much more compatible with the printing equipment being used to publish *Coil Line*, and produce a much clearer image on each page.

Many times Murphy's Law gets in the way, and sometimes a glitch in the system occurs. This happened in November's issue of *Coil Line* with Frank Covey's "Catalog Corner" when one of the illustrations would not properly convert itself to the PDF format.



By the time the damaged file was detected, *Coil Line* had already gone to press. As many of you may have noticed the accompanying picture turned out as a total blur in the article. Fortunately for our electronic version subscribers, we were able to correct the problem, and insert a corrected file. For our many mail subscribers, I have reprinted the corrected graphic (above). I am also making available to all readers an original scan to anyone who requests it. This can then be copied and pasted into the original page from the last issue. Please email me with your request. Thank you.

Todd R. Uebele, Sr.

### Letters to the Editor Column

The last few months have shown a marked increase in the number of Letters sent in by many members of PNC<sup>3</sup>. This is gratifying because I believe that this is the most important part of our journal. Promoting communication among members is beneficial to both the membership and *Coil Line*. In any club, the vehicle for bringing members together and developing relationships is their publication. This

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## Editor's Message

promotes sharing of information and develops relationships with fellow club members. Many times, the letter writer's subject turns out to be something that many members want to know about, but did not know where to find it. Many times I receive inquiries about certain stamps that I am not familiar with, so I ask the requestors to submit their inquiries to the readership via the Letters to the Editor column

Two examples of requests for information appeared in last month's issue of *Coil Line*. One was about the color variations on the 29¢ Flag over White House definitive. The other was plate shifts on current Atlas stamps. Through their generosity, two knowledgeable members submitted articles on these subjects. Doug Iams wrote about the Flag over White House, and Alan Thomson rewrote and updated his article on the Atlas stamp. (Opposite page)



Charlie Still owned the example of an Atlas from a previous issue of *Coil Line* which was only available to us in black and white. I called Charlie, and asked to borrow the original so I could make a color scan for Alan's story. He was kind enough to send me that stamp, plus several others, which are pictured above for the pleasure of *Coil Line* readers. Thanks for sharing, Charlie.

### Key to above diagram

- 1st stamp has the black so far down that the text is into the orange background.
- 2nd stamp is Charlie's from the original Jan 2003 snippets.
- 3rd stamp has the green plate shifted to the left.
- 4th stamp seems to have all the colors shifted somewhat in different directions.
- 5th stamp has the red plate shifted down and to the left.
- 6th stamp has the red plate shifted way to the left and the black plate slightly to the left.

## Letters

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I just received the "stapled" November *Coil Line* which came through in fine condition! The new wrap style mailing did its job in protecting my journal. It arrived in my mailbox on November 4th.

Dave Bize Member #719

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It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness that I have to inform you that Tucson Philatelic hours are being reduced to three hours per day. This change will pretty much eliminate my internet and mail order operation, and is due to go in effect on Nov. 24th. I will do what I can for all of you, but more than likely I will not be able to keep up with your orders. Whatever happens, rest assured that any personal information will be handled in an appropriate manner.

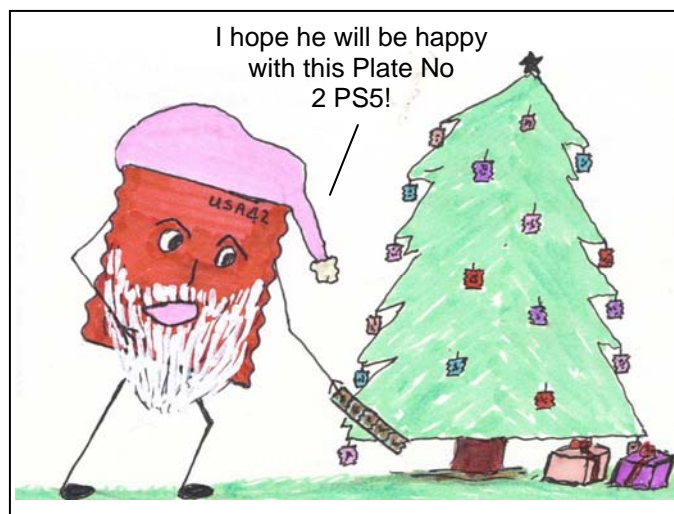
Please understand that I am not in a position to debate or discuss the merits of this decision. I have to move forward and accept what is happening in order to live my life in a positive manner. I do want you all to know that you are the finest group of individuals I have met, and it has been a pleasure to serve you for almost 14 years.

Thank you, and Happy Holidays to all of you!

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### Stamp Toons

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# Atlas Color Shifts

By Alan Thomson

This **Snippets** item first appeared in the January 2003 issue of *Coil Line* and has been modified here to include 2 new examples of color misregistrations.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

## Atlas Color Misregistration

The Atlas stamp, Figure 1, shown above left was found by Charlie Still in one of the mixtures he sorts, and he wanted to know what happened to cause the distortion of the word “PRESORTED” that appears at the bottom of the stamp. This coil uses drop-out lettering to form some words, which means the outside area around the letters is inked and the letters themselves are really just the underlying white paper. In this case the word PRESORTED is formed by perimeters of black and green ink.



Enlarged version (Cropped) From Figure 1, above left

The black color is misregistered downward and to the left and causes the first four letters of the word to sink and become distorted. The green ink is properly positioned. Further indication that the black ink is improperly aligned shows in the fine black lettering above the top of the vignette. The tiny letters now sit on top of the picture with no space between them and the stamp background.

2008 Addendum - The Atlas stamp, Figure 2, shown above center was found by Harold Brown and a partial rendition of it appeared in Letters to the Editor in the November 2008 issue of *Coil Line*.



Enlarged version (Cropped) From Figure 2, left center

The black misregistration is similar to the Still stamp, but the black ink movement is downward only. The distortion of the word "Presorted" is much the same. Note the last Plate No.



Enlarged version (Cropped) From Figure 3, above right

The Atlas stamp, Figure 3, was acquired by Todd Uebele and has the red ink shifted to the right, distorting the letters “RTE” in “PRESORTED.” This demonstrates that any of the colors (black, green, red or orange) can shift and distort the dropout lettering. Note the middle plate number.

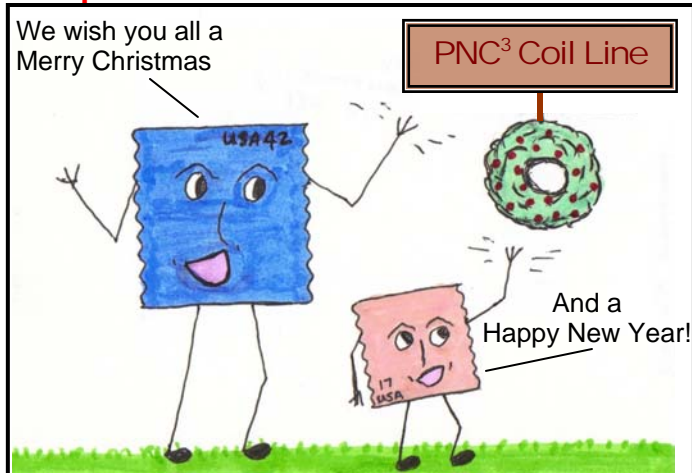
Below is a normal looking stamp with properly aligned registration of all the colors.



Enlarged version (Cropped) with normal registration

## Stamp Toons

Thomas Babb



# Catalog Corner

By Frank Covey



The water-activated (WAG) reprint of the (5¢) nondenominated Seacoast from Sennett Security Products (SSP) went on sale September 5, 2008 in coils of 500.

The S11111 plate number in the lower right corner repeats every 31 stamps along the roll.

There are 3-digit pink back numbers every ten stamps along the roll. Back numbers have been found on the top, bottom and middle of the roll. An example of a middle back number is shown below. Since the plate interval is an odd number (31), it is possible to have a back number in all positions relative to the plate number from a single roll.

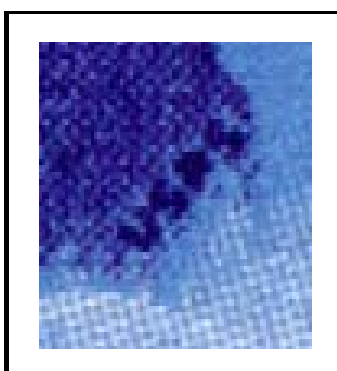
This issue can be distinguished from the earlier version of the NDN SSP WAG Seacoast (2004-4) by the 2008 date in the lower left corner and by the USPS microprinting on the tip of the rock near the middle of the stamp.

A variety exists with a cloud of blue dots over the stamp and into the margins. On this variety an unprinted break shows two perf columns left of the plate numbered stamp.

**(5¢) NDN Seacoast (SSP) (WAG)**  
**Plate S11111**  
**PNC ID 2008-11**



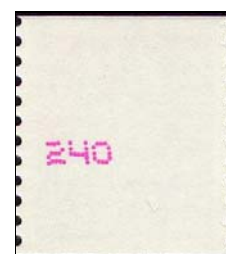
**Position of USPS  
Microprinting**



**Blowup of USPS  
Microprinting**



**Middle  
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**← A variety of 2008-11 with a dirty background, and a large unprinted area located 2L of the plate numbered stamp over the perf column.**

## Meet Fellow Member . . . . .

### Brian Snippen Collector - Hobbyist

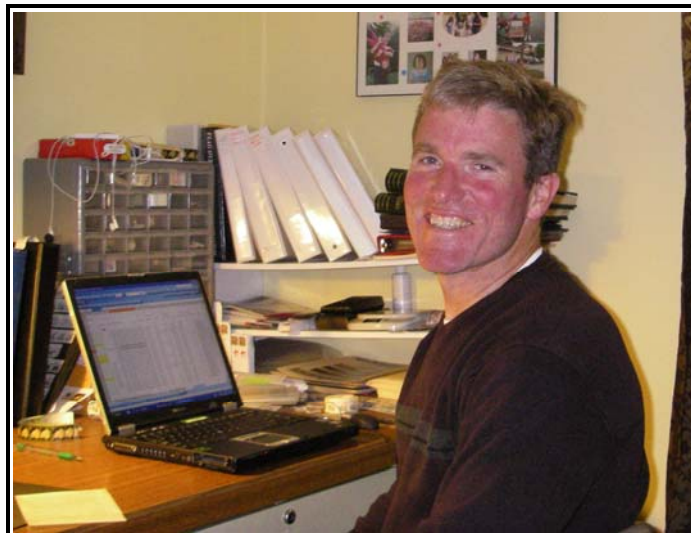
Brian was first introduced to stamp collecting through his Cub Scout den in 1976. A representative from the local post office came to talk about the Benjamin Franklin stamp club. Free information and stamps was all it took to set the hook for a lifetime of fun.

His interests soon focused on US plate blocks, mainly due to accessibility from the local post office. Brian remembers being the first person in Bend, OR to buy the 15¢ photography stamp. Occasionally he would venture to Woolworths to buy a world wide stamp packet, but his interests mainly gravitated to U.S. collecting.

Brian ventured into coil stamps in 1981 when he saw a plate number on a roll of 18 cent flag stamps. He started collecting plate number pairs, since that was the typical album space provided at the time. If he had known then how the preferred format for collecting PNCs would change and evolve, he would have collected PS/5s.

When Brian entered college in 1984, his hobby wound up on the back burner. While in college he met and married his wife Cory. After graduating from Oregon State University in 1989, he was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force. During eleven years as a C-130 Electronic Warfare Officer, he and his young family lived in California, Florida, England, and New Mexico.

Brian rediscovered his passion for collecting in early 1998, when he joined a local stamp club in New Mexico. He was off and running again.



Brian at his desk enjoying his favorite pastime.

He stopped collecting US plate blocks in 2000 and found plate number coils (PNCs) to be a natural extension of his plate number collecting interests. "I had no idea there were so many facets to this collecting niche when I first got started," said Brian. His main focus turned to plate number strips of five or longer, as well as PNC used singles, both on and off cover. The areas he enjoys most are the transportation coils (precancel gap positions) and the die cut varieties on the 32 cent Flag over Porch.

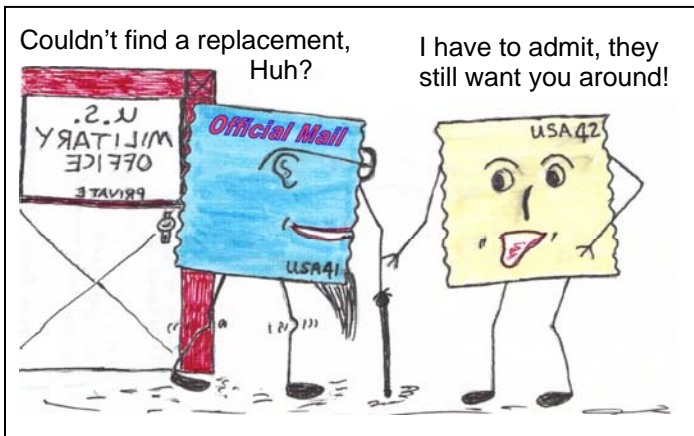
The pursuit of some of these more specialized items brought about a fair number of duplicates. As a result, he enjoys selling his duplicates on eBay (hccrush) and Stamp Wants (search4PNC).

This business created great opportunities to meet other PNC collectors, and some of them suggested he join PNC<sup>3</sup>. In February, 2007, he did just that! He found the members to be very friendly and willing to share information about the hobby. Brian and Cory immediately got involved with many club activities, including regional meetings at area stamp shows. Our President approached them at the annual APS Stamp Show, which was held in Portland, Oregon in August of last year, and asked them about the possibility of trying *Coil Line* distribution through Cory's business, The Incredible Bulk Mailing Company. The rest is history.

Brian has other interests including his family (three daughters) and exploring the great outdoors of the Pacific Northwest. ❖ ❖ ❖

### Stamp Toons

Thomas Babb



# 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.

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**The committee will recommend for or against membership.**

## Mailing List Available

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## Change of Address



Change of Address forms and membership applications are available from Daniel Farrar, Secretary, 3386 Excalibur Circle NW, Canton Ohio 44708-1143. Email: [farrar@raex.com](mailto:farrar@raex.com). Both forms are also available on our web site at: [www.pnc3.org](http://www.pnc3.org).

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Previous Membership Count	846
New Members	<u>5</u>
New Membership Count	851

# Auction Number 39 Results

By Joe Sedivy

## RESULTS FOR AUCTION #39 CLOSING OCTOBER 20, 2008

We had 44 bidders in this auction, with 38 of them winning at least one lot. Of the 308 lots, 183 sold. This was not as good as some earlier auctions, but still not bad either. I want to thank all consignors and bidders, as they are the members that make these club auctions work! Also a big thanks to all who donated lots for this and future auctions. All of the donated lots sold. Unsold lots are not listed below.

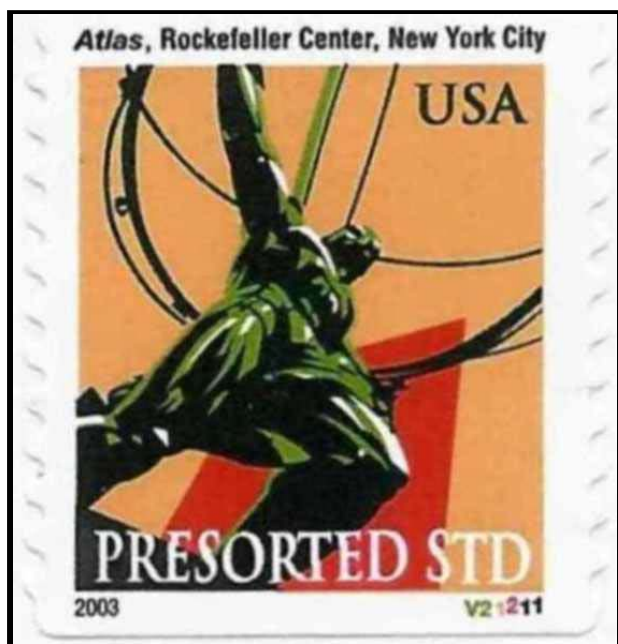
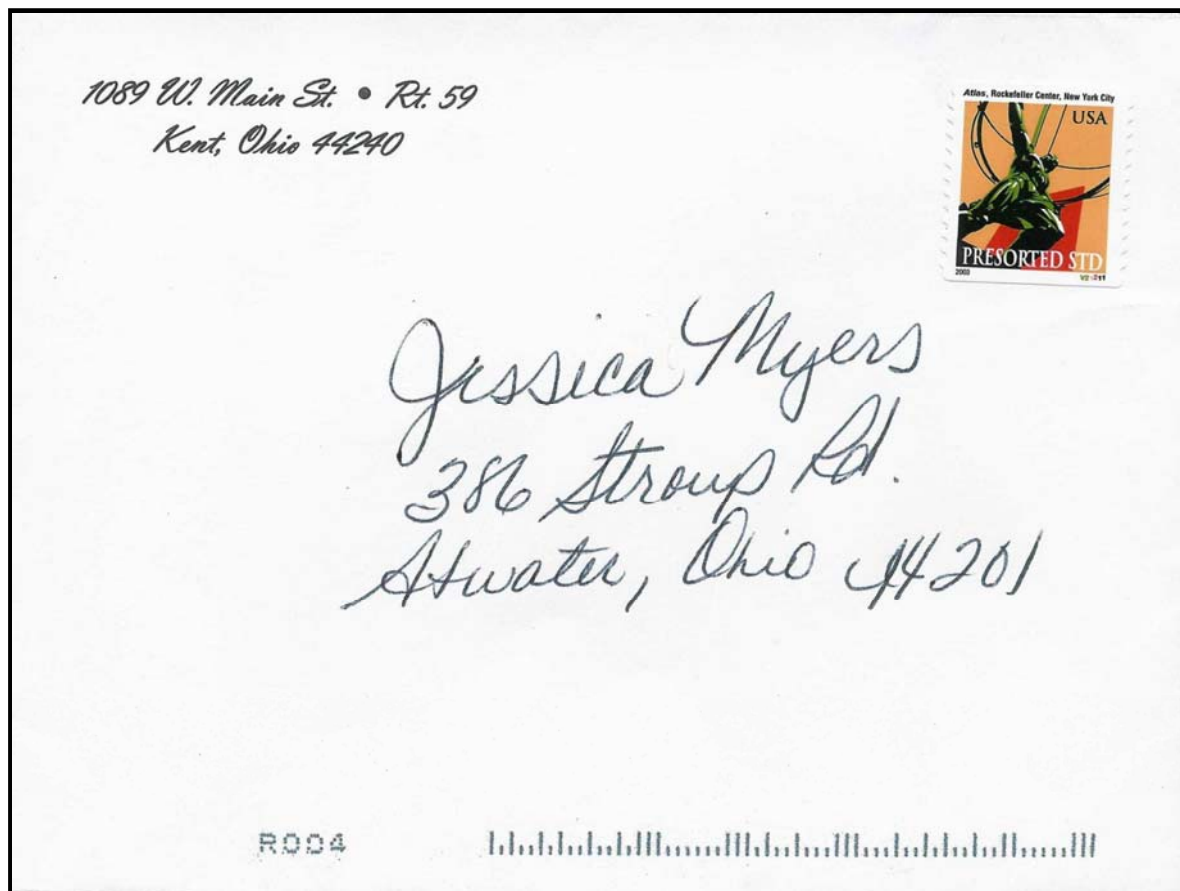
*Auctioneer, Joe Sedivy*

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
11	\$65.00	96	\$9.00	137	\$9.00	180	\$11.00	234	\$55.00	271	\$4.00
14	\$4.00	97	\$12.00	138	\$8.00	181	\$6.00	235	\$6.00	272	\$9.00
18	\$90.00	98	\$2.00	140	\$9.00	182	\$6.00	236	\$6.00	273	\$2.00
19	\$4.50	99	\$2.00	144	\$17.00	183	\$10.00	237	\$5.00	274	\$4.00
28	\$5.00	101	\$2.00	145	\$5.00	184	\$12.00	238	\$3.00	275	\$4.00
29	\$8.00	102	\$4.00	146	\$9.50	185	\$12.00	239	\$9.50	276	\$6.00
35	\$8.00	103	\$2.00	147	\$8.00	186	\$15.00	240	\$2.75	277	\$6.00
40	\$4.00	104	\$3.00	149	\$110.00	187	\$12.00	241	\$3.25	278	\$125.00
41	\$6.00	105	\$1.50	151	\$7.50	188	\$12.00	242	\$3.00	279	\$3.00
42	\$3.00	106	\$8.00	153	\$5.50	191	\$4.00	243	\$6.00	280	\$6.00
43	\$4.00	108	\$5.00	154	\$6.50	199	\$77.50	244	\$9.00	281	\$4.00
45	\$6.50	109	\$4.00	155	\$210.00	202	\$75.00	245	\$5.00	282	\$25.00
51	\$5.00	110	\$3.00	157	\$8.00	203	\$3.00	247	\$100.00	283	\$11.00
53	\$25.00	111	\$3.00	158	\$10.00	204	\$2.50	248	\$5.00	286	\$110.00
54	\$3.00	112	\$5.00	159	\$6.00	205	\$15.00	249	\$75.00	287	\$12.00
55	\$13.00	113	\$1.25	160	\$12.00	206	\$15.00	250	\$3.00	288	\$5.00
56	\$9.00	114	\$12.00	161	\$10.00	207	\$90.00	251	\$7.00	289	\$10.00
57	\$250.00	115	\$2.50	162	\$5.50	208	\$90.00	254	\$10.00	291	\$80.00
61	\$21.00	117	\$4.00	163	\$6.00	211	\$100.00	256	\$8.00	292	\$205.00
62	\$8.00	118	\$5.00	164	\$5.00	212	\$6.00	257	\$8.00	293	\$85.00
74	\$4.00	120	\$15.00	165	\$10.00	213	\$7.00	258	\$8.00	294	\$75.00
75	\$6.00	121	\$8.00	166	\$10.00	214	\$7.50	259	\$8.00	295	\$16.00
79	\$17.00	122	\$3.00	167	\$9.00	218	\$23.00	260	\$8.00	301	\$15.00
82	\$7.00	123	\$3.00	169	\$6.00	220	\$8.00	263	\$4.00	302	\$2.00
84	\$50.00	125	\$2.00	170	\$7.00	221	\$5.00	264	\$9.00	303	\$2.00
85	\$175.00	126	\$4.00	172	\$14.00	222	\$40.00	265	\$4.00	304	\$2.00
86	\$16.00	127	\$5.00	173	\$13.00	225	\$100.00	266	\$2.00	305	\$2.00
87	\$100.00	131	\$10.00	174	\$10.00	230	\$55.00	268	\$4.00	306	\$2.00
89	\$3.00	133	\$1.75	175	\$35.00	231	\$30.00	269	\$4.00	307	\$5.00
94	\$15.00	134	\$30.00	178	\$9.00	232	\$3.50	270	\$9.00	308	\$3.00
95	\$12.00	135	\$15.00	179	\$18.00						

# Cover of the Month

By Rob Washburn

## Rare Tagged Atlas with PN on Cover



This is a picture of the only known cover franked with a rare **Tagged Atlas** PNC showing a plate number of V21211.

If you have a scarce, interesting, unusual, or out of the ordinary PNC Cover that you would like to share with *Coil Line* readers, please send it to: Rob Washburn, PO Box 840, Skowhegan, ME, 04976. Please include your name, address, and phone number, for a prompt return of the cover.

However, if you have scanning capabilities, you may prefer to email a scan (Please scan at 600 dpi on a jpg file), rather than your cover, to Rob at: [stamps@beeline-online.net](mailto:stamps@beeline-online.net). Please send a copy to the editor at [CoilLineEditor@aol.com](mailto:CoilLineEditor@aol.com). Thank you

## Classified Ads

**ADVERTISING DIRECTOR:** PNC<sup>3</sup> is now aggressively seeking the right person to handle advertising for the Coil Line Journal. This will be a paid position. If you feel that you are the right person for the job, please contact Ron Maifeld by phone at 513-231-4208, or email him at [ron.maifeld@pnc3.org](mailto:ron.maifeld@pnc3.org). Thank you! 1208

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**PNC USED SINGLES**, used strips, MNH PS/5s. Great prices! Guaranteed quality! No hassles! Please send LSASE for details to John Himes, P.O. Box 453 Cypress, CA 90630-0453, or please visit my web site at <http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/HimesPNCs> or email me at [johnwhimes@yahoo.com](mailto:johnwhimes@yahoo.com) 1208

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**U.S. DEFINITIVES** on paper. Absolutely unpicked for PNCs. Five pounds, \$20; ten pounds, \$36. Over five tons sold to satisfied customers. Satisfaction is always guaranteed. Independence Stamp Co., 26 Constitution Drive, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, Email [stampco26@aol.com](mailto:stampco26@aol.com) 1208

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**UNITED STATES** stamps all varieties, including large selection of Flag over Porch including PNC5 rarities. Mountain View Stamp Gallery, Contact George Hosfield: [georgelouis@earthlink.net](mailto:georgelouis@earthlink.net) 1208

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**USED PNC SINGLES** and strips. Send for free, updated daily, pricelist. Quantity lots plus used booklet singles. Bob Murrin, PNC3-LM, P.O. Box 10100, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-0100, Email me at [murrin@gte.net](mailto:murrin@gte.net) 1208

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**FOR SALE** O135 rolls of (100), \$50 each, 2115B (TestT) \$29.00, and other PNC5s, including #2005 plus many U.S. full mint sheets from 1970s thru 90s. Best offers over face value. Please email me at [bushsan@aol.com](mailto:bushsan@aol.com) Walter Bushsan # 464 1208

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**Wanted** – One Lighthouse linerless PNC Album set. Need to house transportation gap position collection in a complete quality album. Please contact Brian Snippen at 503-612-7825 with availability and price. [snippenb@comcast.net](mailto:snippenb@comcast.net). 1208

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## Blast from the Past

Information and accompanying scans for this piece courtesy Tom Lipari, Member #262-L. *Thanks Tom*

### 1981 DEFINITIVE MINT SET - PACKET A

\$8.50  
ITEM 839



PNCs found in Year Packets from the eighties. Sample from 1981 shows a Fire Pumper pair with plate number 3, and a Mail Wagon with plate number 2.

# Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes, Tagging & Die Cuts

**KEY:** (Roll Size) E - 50, A -100, B - 500, C - 3000, D - 10000

\* **NEW NUMBER OR VARIETY**  
 \*\*\* **DATA IS TENTATIVE**

[xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL

BK - BLOCK TAG

EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR

SP-S - SURFACE PHOSPHOR, SMOOTH APPEARANCE

SP-U - SURFACE PHOSPHOR, UNEVEN OR GRAINY APPEARANCE

OA - OVERALL TAG

UT - UNTAGGED

SA - SELF ADHESIVE

WA - WATER ACTIVATED

Plate number intervals are shown in brackets following the plate number(s) and roll size(s), followed by die cut types on self-adhesive stamps (SA).

PV = Peak/Valley VP = Valley/Peak

PP = Peak/Peak S = Serpentine Die Cuts with no transition.

Tagging is listed after the adhesive type, unless there are varieties.

### PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTERS

A - American Bank Note  
 B - Banknote Corp. of America  
 G - Guilford Gravure  
 M - 3M

P - Ashton Potter  
 S - Sennett Security Prod.  
 V - Avery-Dennison  
 None - BEP

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (SP-S)

#P1111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (SP-U)

#S1111 A [31] VP, PV

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 A [11] VP, PV

### 41¢ FLAG (WA) (SP-S)

#S1111 A, C, D [31]

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 D [10] VP  
 Rounded Corners

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V11111 A [11] VP, PV  
 #V2222 A [11] VP, PV

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V11111 C, D [10] VP  
 Rounded Corners

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (SP-S)

#P11111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (SP-U) (SP-S)

#S11111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ OFFIC. (WA) (SP-S)

#S111 A [31]

### 41¢ BLOOMS (SA) (OA)

#P1111 A [30] VP  
 #P2222 A [30] VP

### 1¢ LAMP (WA) (UT)

#S11111 C [14]

### 1¢ LAMP Reprint (WA) (UT)

#S11111 C [31]

### 3¢ STAR (WA) (UT) (SP-S)

#S111 D [14]

### 3¢ SILVER COFFEE POT (WA) (UT)

#S1111 D [14]

### 4¢ CHAIR (WA) (UT)

#S1111 D [14]

### 5¢ TOLEWARE (WA) (UT)

#S1111111 D [14]

### 10¢ CLOCK (WA) (UT)

#S1111 D [14]

### 10¢ CLOCK Reprint (WA) (SP-S)

#S1111 D [31]

### 17¢ SHEEP (SA) (SP-U)

S11111111 A [31] VP

### 26¢ PANTHER (SA) (SP-S) (SP-U)

S1111 A [31] VP

### 5¢ SEA COAST (SA)

#B111 D [20] (SP-S) VP  
 #P1111 D [22] (UT) S  
 #P2222 C, D [27] (UT) S  
 #P2222 D [27] (UT) (SP-S) S  
 #P3333 D [27] (UT) S  
 #P4444 D [27] (UT) S  
 #P5555 D [27] (UT) S  
 #P6666 D [27] (UT) S  
 #P7777 C, D [27] (UT) S  
 #P8888 D [27] (UT) S  
 #P9999 D [27] (UT) S  
 #S1111 D [20] (UT) S

### 5¢ SEA COAST (WA) (UT)

#B111 B, D [10]  
 #S1111 C (Lum. Ink) [14]  
 #S1111 D (Lum. Ink) [14]  
 #S11111 B [31]

### 27¢ TROPICAL FRUIT (SA) (SP-S)

#V1111111 A [40] VP, PV

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SA) (SP-S)

#P1111 A [16] VP

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SA) (SP-S)

#S1111 A [16] PV

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SA) (SP-S)

#V1111 A [20] VP, PV

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SA) (SP-S)

#V1111 C, D [8] VP  
 Rounded Corners

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (WA) S(P-S)

#S1111111 C [12] & [16]

### 42¢ FLAGS OF OUR NATION (SA) (SP-S)

#S11111111 E [10] (Set 1)  
 #S11111111 E [10] (Set 2)

### 10¢ ATLAS (SA) (UT)

#B1111 D [20] VP, PV  
 #V11111 D [10] VP  
 #V11222 D [10] VP  
 #V12111 D [10] VP  
 #V12222 C, D [10] VP  
 #V13222 ? [10] VP  
 #V21111 D [10] VP  
 #V21113 ? [10] VP  
 #V21211 C, D [10] VP  
 #V22111 D [10] VP  
 #V22112 D [10] VP  
 #V22211 C [10] VP  
 #V22222 D [10] VP  
 #V23113 D [10] VP  
 #V32332 D [10] VP  
 #V33332 D [10] VP  
 #V33333 D [10] VP

? = Known used only

### 10¢ LION (WA) (UT)

#S11111 B, C [14]

### 10¢ BANNER (SA) (UT)

#S111 D [27] PP  
 #V111 C, D [10] VP  
 #V222 C, D [10] VP

### 25¢ DINER (WA) (UT)

#S11111 D [14]

### 25¢ EAGLE (SA) (UT)

#S1111111 D (2003) [20] S  
 #S2222222 D [20] S  
 #S3333333 D [20] S  
 #S1111111 C (2005) [20] S

### 25¢ EAGLE (WA) (UT)

#S1111111 C [10]

The 'KEY' box has been changed to reflect changes in the description of phosphor tagged stamps agreed upon at the tagging meeting at the APS StampShow in Hartford.

The notation will now be EP for stamps with Embedded Phosphor and SP for Surface Phosphor stamps. SP stamps will have an additional qualifier letter; a 'U' for Uneven and/or Grainy or an 'S' for Smooth appearance.

The 5¢ Sea Coast reprint coil of 500 has "USPS" microprinting on the tip of the rock outcrop on the left side. A printing variety with 'dirty' printing shows an unprinted area over the perforations to the left of the plate numbered stamp.

Ashton Potter's SA Sea Coast P2222 was die cut with two different mats. One is serpentine cut on all four sides; the other has serpentine cuts only on the sides.

In printing the Sea Coast with cylinders P2222 through P9999 AP changed the cylinder size from that used to print P1111. Thus the plate number intervals changed from 22 to 27. P3333 through P9999 have a small date and color order of BCMY.