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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The Year in Review

Last year at this time we started publishing *Coil Line* in an electronic format, in addition to the hard copy print version. We started out with about 60 members that wanted to receive their copy electronically. A few days ago, Frank Covey, our electronic distribution manager, informed me that we are now over the 100 mark. This equates to a savings to the club of over \$750.00 a year on printing and mailing expenses, which in turn helps to keep our dues low, and has enabled us to upgrade *Coil Line*.

Harold Brown, our *Coil Line* Editor for 17 years, tendered his resignation in July, but agreed to stay on until we had a new editor in place. We found a replacement in Todd Uebele, Sr., who has been working feverishly to upgrade and improve *Coil Line*. One of the most obvious changes was to add color to the front page, and standardize the look of the inside pages. We chose to justify the printed copy and add a border to the pages. In the future we will have some color pages inside when the situation warrants. In this issue there is a full page advertisement in color.

As a result of the postal rate increases, the perception at the time that we would no longer be able to mail bulk rate, and a few other factors, we began looking for someone to replace Alan Thomson, our distribution manager of seventeen years. We received

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FROM THE EDITOR...

New Cover Page

This month's *Coil Line* continues to improve, with several innovations, changes and additions. Please take note of the new improved cover, with the printing being done on coated, or shiny, stock. We have decided to present this to you, the membership, for evaluation, comments, and hopefully approval. Please forward your views to us via email. As usual, comments and criticisms will be published in our Letters to the Editor page, unless otherwise requested by the sender. With many publishers switching to improved covers, It is my belief that we should follow suit.

It seems that last month's editorial "*Plate Numbers, to Be, or Not to Be*" has stirred up much debate among members with this long running issue. I believe this is a good thing. By bringing different views and opinions to our membership, the editorial spurs communication. Many have written in, and their responses have expanded the Letters to the Editor page this month. So please let's put this issue to rest, and get on with the task at hand, which is focusing on new issues, varieties, and, yes, plate numbers, of our coil stamps. This is what our club is all about.

The publishing of our newsletter requires many man hours from a willing staff, a devoted

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From The President (continued from page 1)

a proposal at the board meeting in Portland from member Brian Snippen and his wife Cory, who own the 'Incredible Bulk Mailing Company', based in Tualatin, Oregon.

The proposal included both the printing and the bulk mail distribution of *Coil Line*. We ran a trial issue in November and experienced very few problems. We found that we can print the issue with the front page in color, and get it in the mail for about what we were paying in the past. We also found that by transmitting everything electronically, we get a much sharper looking copy with much better looking black and white illustrations.

We took a big hit last spring at membership renewal time, but we have bounced back with the number of members again above 850. Many of those who chose not to renew had been members for less than a year. We also had a dozen members who died.

PNCs in general and PNC³ in particular have been in the stamp news on a regular basis, much of which can be attributed to our club web site and the efforts of our publicity chairman, Gene Trinks. We can also thank Jay Bigalke at Linn's for working with us to feature PNC stories.

The club web site at www.pnc3.org continues to be a valuable resource for those looking for breaking news and for those looking for in-depth information. Shortly after you read this, sometime in the middle of January, we will reach another milestone as we climb over the 300,000 visitor mark.

We had two successful club auctions last year run by Joe Sedivy. The proceeds from these auctions are a major contributing factor to keeping the dues at current levels.

The PNC³ Catalog Committee continues to publish on a regular basis and is offering the latest values list in this issue. The 2007 new issues pages are being worked on, and should be ready to order soon.

This past year, we had an opportunity to co-sponsor the First Day Ceremony with the APS, for the issuance of the 41¢ Beautiful Blooms coil stamps at the APS Stamp Show in Portland, Oregon. Everything turned out well and went smoothly.

Last January began a long campaign to get the postal service to reverse their decision not to change plate numbers unless there was a significant change in production. It appears that all our effort was for naught and the decision, good or bad, is one that we will have to live with.

As we go forward into the coming year, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our success in the past year with their hard work and support, especially our retiring Coil Line Editor, Harold Brown, and our Distribution Manager, Alan Thomson.

A big thank you goes to Doug Iams, Gene Trinks, Alan Thomson, Frank Covey, Dan Kauffman, Ron Loeffler and Rob Washburn, who contribute to *Coil Line* on a regular basis.

Thanks also to my fellow catalog committee members, Frank Covey, Andy Jakes and Gene Trinks, and all the officers and committee members who have served faithfully in the past year: Tom McFarland, Dan Farrar, Harvey Wales, Frank Covey, Andrew Jakes, Edward Wigger, Dan Kauffman, David Bize, John Cropper and Anthony Bruno.

A special thanks to Mike Murray who worked with me in designing and reworking the membership application, Robert Thompson, who took over the Membership Committee, Steve McCollum, who does the *Coil Line* Index each year and Joe Chinnici, John Himes and Ron Archer who volunteered to proofread *Coil Line*.

And last, but not least, to all of our 850+ members, who support the club with your dues and moral support. Without you, there would be no reason to be here.

Looking back at everything that has happened this past year, 2007 was indeed a great year for Plate Number Coil collectors and the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, and we expect that 2008 will also be a fantastic year.

PNC³ at Charlotte, NC

Shortly after you receive this issue, we will be gathering at the APS winter show in Charlotte, North Carolina, which runs January 11-13. PNC³ will hold a regional meeting on Saturday, January 12 at 4:30 pm. We will also have a booth on the convention floor where we can get together and 'put some faces' with names. At the booth, we will have first day ceremony programs from the 41¢ Beautiful Blooms for sale, along with club pins and samples of past *Coil Line* issues, plus other items. We can use some help staffing the booth. Just stop by and offer your assistance. I'll see you there.

Ron Maifeld

Letters to the Editor

Much to the chagrin of most senior stamp collectors, we are going to have to accept that our hobby, whether it be PNCs or stamps in General, is changing. If we want to stay with our hobby, we must change with it.

December's Editorial "Plate Numbers, to Be, or Not To Be" is very well done, and to the point. Personally, I have taken the option of concentrating on filling in the blank spaces in my collections. Keep up the good work.

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Your editorial seemed misguided to me, and I'm sure many others. The organization that has just made you the Newsletter editor, was founded by a bunch of collectors who enjoyed the appearance, and the search for, new plate numbers. Your editorial "bites the hand that feeds you".

The fact that printing technology has improved significantly does not mitigate the desire for knowledgeable collectors to pursue identification of new plates by plate numbers. Don't you understand that putting all 1s on additional plates employed to print an issue is fraud? If the plate number is 1s that means all the colors are from the first plate employed to print that issue. If you don't understand and subscribe to that, then we need a new editor. To compound the problems with your editorial, you suggest that the use of additional plate numbers would increase costs from the printers to the USPS and that "this would" partly lead to more rate increases. I have it in writing from the USPS that they are receiving no rebates from the printers for limiting plate numbers to all 1s and one can therefore assume that any cost associated with changing plate numbers when plates are changed are trivial. Where is the data to support your comments?

Finally, I don't agree with your market analysis regarding the increased demand for older plate blocks nor do I agree with your suggestion that the void with new plate numbers will be filled with a demand for older issues.

Bob Rabinowitz
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Response

I don't see where "*Biting the hand that feeds you*" comes into play with regards to this editorial. Please reread the first paragraph, taking note of the last sentence "*It seems that this issue has created a major split in the philatelic community, with both sides strongly vocal in their views, with each having valid arguments to support their stand*". There are three indisputable facts contained in that sentence:

- 1) Major split
- 2) Both sides strongly vocal
- 3) Valid arguments.

Editorials are opinions, and just that (which I do mention towards the end of the piece). I put together ideas from both sides of the fence, and presented them from a neutral point of view. (You have to admit that there is nothing in there that is slanted one way or the other). I did and do expect to hear from both sides regarding the editorial. By the way, I put together several copies of the petition to Mr. Failor that was printed in a recent issue of Coil Line, and then had several of my friends send them in.

Nobody said anything about rebates, but the cost of making new plates, or files, is still a cost and the USPS is certainly not going to absorb these costs. They always pass them on to someone.

Please reread the editorial in the spirit in which it was written. In any issue there are always two sides, and I will continue to represent both sides. I am NOT promoting either, and will continue to present opinions of all of our members. Also some of the ideas mentioned were from outside the PNC3 club. However I respect your opinion, and anyone else's that comes to light.

Is your email intended for publication, or just comments from one collector to another? If I do publish it, I'll have to edit it down for size, but your ideas will remain intact. I will also be printing comments from the other side of the fence.

Respectfully yours,
Todd Uebele
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(Letters continue on the next page)

Letters to the Editor

"Thanks for a great Editorial in the December issue (Plate Numbers, To Be, or Not To Be). Both sides of the argument were professionally discussed and while I am certain there will be some dissention from collectors, this is truly a classic "win-win" situation. People have been complaining for years about the high cost of collecting all the new USA stamps (varieties, having to purchase full sheets, etc.) so now these people can focus on a more select area. On the other hand, the USPS will save costs by going to a digital format and not having to change plate numbers (which, according to Government regulations requires keeping mountains of paper files justifying the printing). This could possibly prolong the current postal rates. Keep the Editorials coming...you're doing a great job."

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You are WAY off when you say that changing the plate numbers would "cost a great deal of money" and "partly lead to rate increases". They should easily be able to change the plate numbers in the software files in less than an hour. This is a very small cost and one that is more than paid for by the revenue from plate number collectors. The numbers they are using now can't even be called plate numbers. They are version numbers.

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I just read your editorial "Plate Numbers, "To Be, or Not To Be". Congratulations on telling it like it is, in a straightforward and professional manner. I am sure you will receive many comments from PNC³ members. I would like to say, though, that I don't believe editorials should use a byline, and suggest that for future editorials, just write and publish without "The Editor" at the end.

Name Withheld
On Request

I have now received two copies of the new *Coil Line*, and find the new format to be a very well organized and professional publication. Many thanks, to those who are responsible.

James E Davis PNC 1561
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My compliments on another fine issue of *Coil Line*. I found it particularly interesting, due to the number of Letters to the Editor therein. Regarding these letters, it was good seeing names of many correspondents. It is good to see that some members are still alive.

I especially enjoyed the color and improved format, including the "boxing" of the pages and articles. This makes for neat looking pages. I retain all pages, however I do not punch them. Instead I place all pages in protector sleeves for much better preservation. These sleeves are widely available, at low cost, at all office supply stores.

My cartoon printed rather light, (as was the humor). How well the cartoon complimented the editorial.

Keep up the good work.
Dan Kauffman
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I can not imagine what our hobby would be like without our newsletter. From it, I have learned about peak/valley combinations, round shoulders, and round corners. I once learned about a rarity that was found years after the stamp was issued. I actually had one in my collection. It was the 2904A, perf. 10, plate #11111. Gene Trinks column is both informative and valuable. Keep it coming.

I noted that a few people were asking about wider margins for hole punching. For my *Coil Lines*, I use plastic sleeves which hold 8½ x 11 sheets of paper. These fit very nicely into a three ring binder. I hope this helps your readers.

I wish you all the best in your new role as the Editor of *Coil Line*.

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Identifying Types of the 2006 Avery Lady Liberty and Flag and the Avery Buckeye Coils of 100

Introduction

This research report lays out the evidence for the existence of two discernible types of the Avery 39¢ Lady Liberty and Flag Coil of 100 (Scott 3983) and possibly three types of the Avery 24¢ Common Buckeye Coil of 100 (Scott 4002). This report has been divided into three parts. In the first part, details of the stamp's production and distribution will be laid out as presently known along with a broad time frame for their first appearance. Three issues affecting the ability of philatelists to discern new types will then be reviewed. In part two, the characteristics that determine the three types of the 24¢ Common Buckeye will be laid out together with the evidence of whether they represent different printings. In part three, the same will be done for the Avery 39¢ LLF Coil of 100 types and then conclude with a possible explanation for the differences between the various types. This report is not meant to be authoritative but, rather, a tentative first effort based on limited information. Hopefully, collectors who read this report will take the time to study their copies of these stamps and report their own conclusions. Also, it is the hope that those with greater knowledge of the printing and distribution process of modern postage stamps will propose stronger and more definitive answers than those provided here.

Part Two

Identifying Types of the 24c Avery Buckeye Coil of 100

As noted by Ron Maifeld and others, the differences between the three Buckeye types are subtle. All three share identical tagging under long-wave and short-wave ultra-violet light, all are die cut 8.4 horizontally, are 10x10 peak count, show the 3 tie incision style, and all come in both peak-valley and valley-peak formats. The butterfly image does not change in size or its relationship to the three textual features in the stamp design: the denomination "USA 24", the issue date "2006", and the title "Common Buckeye." As illustrated in Figure 1, the primary differences between the three types lie in the amount of red ink used along the right side and bottom of the wings, the clearness of the lettering, and the size and hue of the shadowed area under the buckeye, in particular the distance between the shadow and the "U" of "USA 24." In Type A the shadow is smaller, with a distance of between 2 and 2.3 mm at its widest on the left side (as measured from the edge of the wing parallel to

the top eye to the left border of the stamp) while in Types B and C this shading ranges from 2.7 to 3 mm. Measuring the shading under the Buckeye at its widest point, just under the middle eye of the left wing, Type A's shadow ranges from 1 to 1.4 mm while Types B and C are 2 mm wide. Finally, one of the most distinctive differences between the first type and the latter two can be seen in the distance between the shadow and the "U" of "USA 24." In Types B and C the shading, as it thins out, lightly touches the top of the "U" while with Type A the shading almost always stops 0.5 to 1 full millimeter away leaving white space between the shading and the "U." The last shading difference, and the one that first caught people's eyes, is more subtle than it first appears. In Type A the pink and gray of the shading overlap almost perfectly. In Type B the pink is still present but is surrounded by a wide penumbra of gray that diminishes the effect of the pink and makes the shading appear darker. Finally, in Type C (the variant most people first became aware of) the pink is missing entirely from the shadowed area.

The primary difference that sets off Types B and C lies in the amount of red pixels present along the right and bottom border of the right Buckeye wing, the cleft, and the bottom of the left wing. This is another measure of the effect that removed the pink from the shadowed area. Types A and B both show strong red pixels (usually two deep) along the right border of the right wing, equally strong pixels along the bottom of the right wing (only one deep but an unbroken line), and then continued red pixilation through the cleft and along the right and bottom of the left wing. In Type C the pixels are either absent or only one deep in an uneven line along the right of the right wing, and disappear entirely under the right wing, the cleft, and all parts of the left wing. (See Figure 2 on next page). A close look at the rest of the Buckeye shows no consistent differences in the use of red within the buckeye image across the three variants. One promising possible difference in color was the blue-green (or aquamarine) hue along the top of the right wing. While I found no Type C's with this green hue, one showed a light mauve border. The green color appeared in various hues in Types A and B from very bright green to almost blue, and from 2-3 pixels in depth to none at all. Interesting, but ultimately not a distinguishing characteristic of the types.

Finally, one of the differences first remarked on in distinguishing the first and second types, the strength of the black ink seen most clearly in the lettering, is only helpful in distinguishing them to a point. All weak black lettering is Type A. However, stamps that on the other classification points should be Type A do, on rare

occasions, show a slightly stronger black lettering. This may be due to inking variation within Type B. In Types B and C, the lettering is bold and distinct. Occasionally, in Type C, you will see extra thickness that can be seen most clearly in the down stroke of the "2" in "USA 24." Again, this is likely due to inking variation within the type.

This gives the following rules of thumb for identifying the types:

- If the lettering is light it must be Type A. Bold, darker lettering is probably Type B or C but what appear to be Type A stamps can be found with slightly bold lettering (2 examples out of 117). These may be under inked Type B's but rules with too many exceptions should be qualified.
- If there is no pink in the shadowing, it must be Type C. If there is pink and if the pink and gray overlap very closely, than it is Type A. The wider the gray penumbra, the more likely it is to be Type B. To be sure, check the following.
- If the shadow width at its widest point to the left is greater than 2.5 mm and 1.5 mm at the bottom of the buckeye, and if there is little or no white space between the furthest extension of the gray penumbra of the shadow and the "U" of "USA 24" then it must be Type B or C. Otherwise, it is Type A.
- Finally, if there are no red pixels outside the border of the bottom side of the left wing, the cleft, and the bottom of the right wing, then it must be Type C. Types A and B have identical red pixilation in these highlight areas.

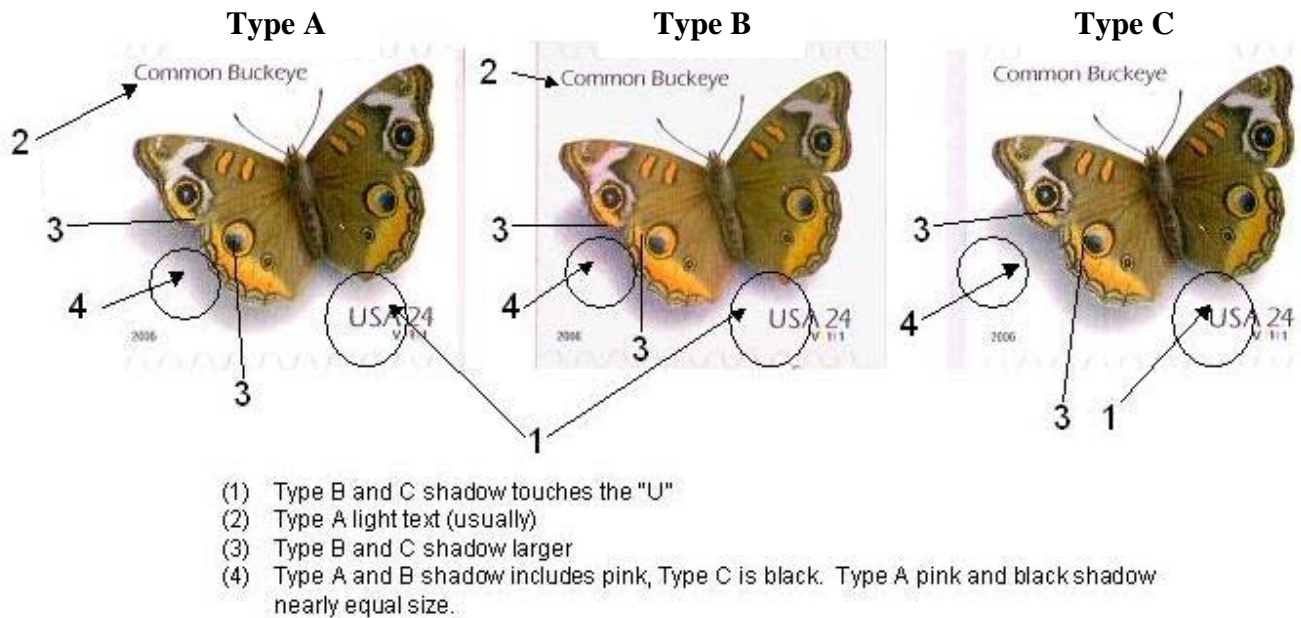


Figure 1 Type Difference in Avery Buckeye

Caveat Emptor [Author Note]

[While I am completely confident in the production sequence of the three types of Buckeye and their linkage to the leader strips and packaging mentioned in part 1, there is considerable more confusion with regards to the correct production sequence of the Avery LLF types. Dealers differ in which of the two LLF types to be described next month was the “second printing”. Originally, I was led to believe that the touted “reprint” was the lighter of the two (What I call Type A). In pursuing verification of which type came with the original white leader strip and which with the later mottled blue leader strip, I discovered that the reverse was in fact the case. The original strip was the lighter, less well-defined of the two. Oddly, at least one major dealer refers to this type as “clearer” while I and at least two major wholesalers perceive the second, darker type as such. My original mistake was compounded by my choice of words in requesting the two variants from various dealers and post offices. I requested VP and PV of the “darker” or “lighter” types. Only when I became aware of the confusion (a first niggling doubt was

raised in an email from Doug Iams) did I try to find verifiable grounds upon which to determine which type came first and whether there were any label, packaging, bar code, or other production differences between the two. Many dealers I contacted buy new issues already stripped, lowering the number of possible original sources. Other dealers vaguely recalled that there was a difference in the leader strip. Philatelic clerks I contacted recollected packaging differences although all were sure that the darker of the two was the “second batch”. Ultimately I turned to individuals who had actually stripped the coil rolls. As Scott Adams, one major wholesaler put it, “there is no doubt that the darker type was the second and always came from rolls with the mottled blue leader strip”. I personally, however, was never able to acquire the mottled blue leader strip or any leader strip with stamps still attached. I would strongly suggest to all dealers and wholesalers that should they notice a clear variation or possible type, that they store or at least scan the coil packaging and leader strips with one or two singles still attached for verification purposes.]

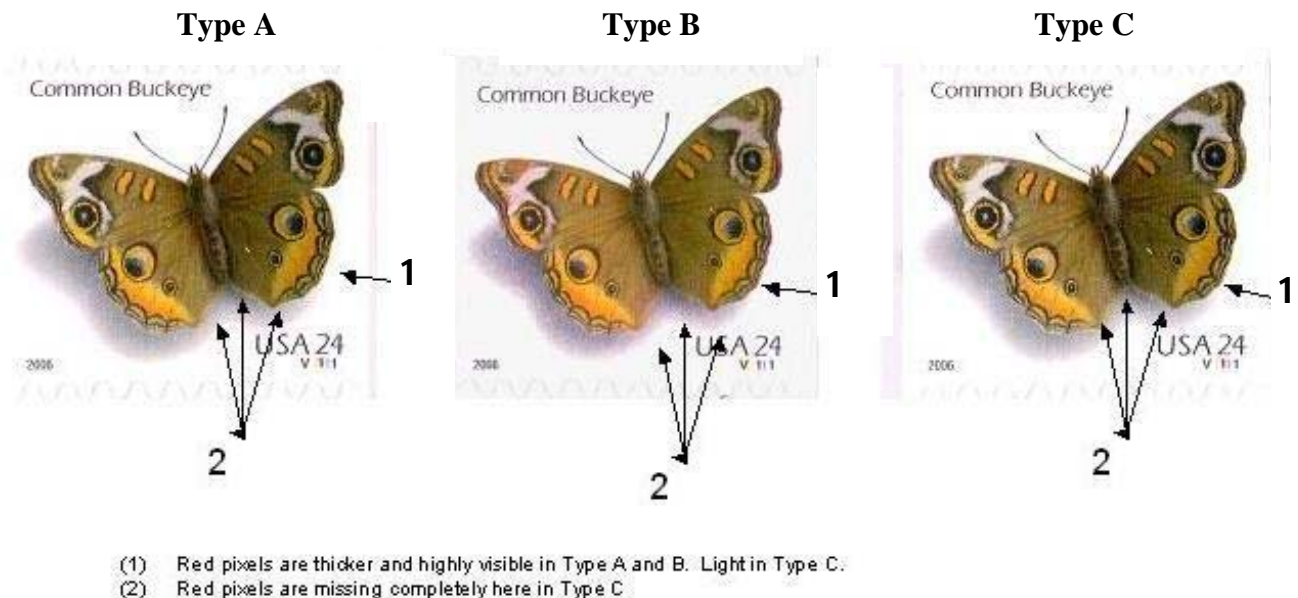
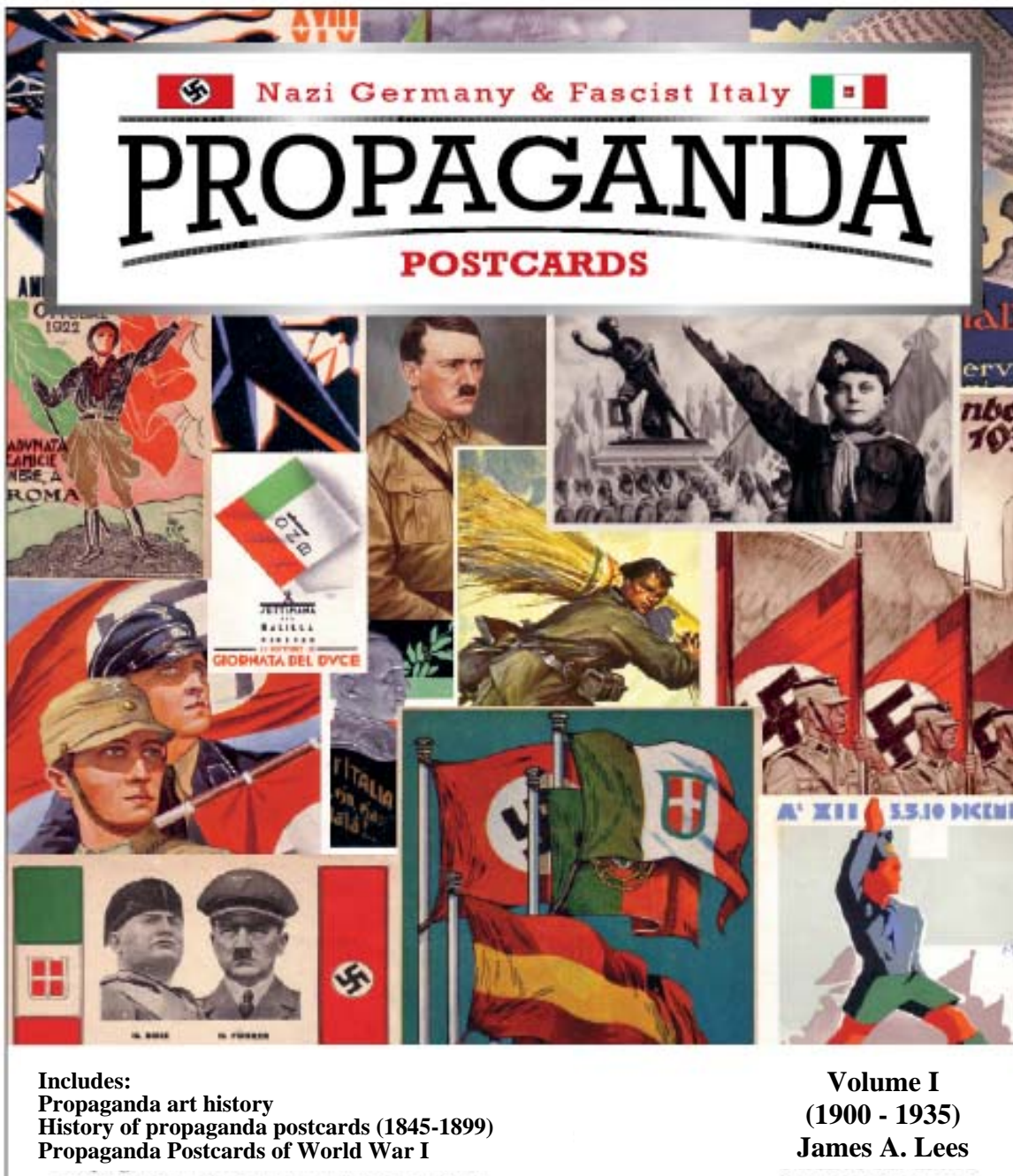


Figure 2 Red Pixel Differences from Type A and B
to Type C of Avery Buckeye



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#S1111 A, C, D [31]

(41¢) FLAG (SA) (PO)

#V1111 D [10] VP

41¢ FLAG (SA) (PO)

#V11111 A [11] VP, PV

41¢ FLAG (SA) (PO)

#V11111 C, D [10] VP, PV

41¢ FLAG (SA) (PS)

#P11111* A [31] VP

41¢ FLAG (SA) (PS)

#S11111* A [31] VP

>Can anyone confirm PV die cuts on the 41c Sennett Flag? Is there a C and D roll size on the (10c) Atlas V21211? Is the plate interval 20 on the (10c) Lion S7777?<

1¢ LAMP (WA) (UT)

#S11111 C [14]

3¢ STAR (WA) (UT)

(PS) #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) (PS)

#S1111 D [14]

17¢ SHEEP (SA) (PM)

S11111111 A [31] VP

26¢ PANTHER (SA)

(PM)

S1111 A [31] VP

41¢ BLOOMS (SA) (PO)

#P1111 A [30] VP

41¢ OFFICIAL (WA)

(PS)

#S111 A [31]

(5¢) SEA COAST (SA)

#B111 D [20] (UT)
#P1111 D [22] (UT)
#P2222 C, D [27] (UT)
#P2222 D [27] (UT) (PS)
#P3333 D [27] (UT)
#P4444 D [27] (UT)
#P5555 D [27] (UT)
#P6666 D [27] (UT)
#P7777 C, D [27] (UT)
#P8888 D [27] (UT)
#P9999* D [27] (UT)
#S1111 D [20] (UT)

(5¢) SEA COAST (WA)

(UT)

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

(10¢) ATLAS (SA) (UT)

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

? = Known used only

(10¢) LION (SA) (UT)

#S11111 D [21]
#S22222 D [21]
#S33333 D [21]
#S44444 D [21]
#S55555 D [20]
#S66666 D [20]
#S77777 D [20 ?]

(10¢) LION (WA) (UT)

#S11111 B, C [14]

(10¢) BANNER (SA) (UT)

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

(25¢) DINER (WA) (UT)

#S11111 D [14]

(25¢) DINER (SA) (UT)

#11111 D [21]
#22211 C, D [21]
#22222 C, D [21]
#33333 D [21]
#44444 D [21]
#55555 D [21]

(25¢) EAGLE (SA) (UT)

#S1111111 D (03 DATE) [20]
#S2222222 D [20]
#S3333333 D [20]
#S1111111 C (05 DATE) [20]

(25¢) EAGLE (WA) (UT)

#S1111111 C [10]

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 P9999 has a small date and color order of BCMY.

Nomination of Officers

By Ron Maifeld

It's hard to believe that I'm in the final few months of my term as President. As per the By-Laws, I'm appointing Frank Covey to chair the Nominating Committee to find candidates for the upcoming election. The applicable section of the by-laws is reproduced below.

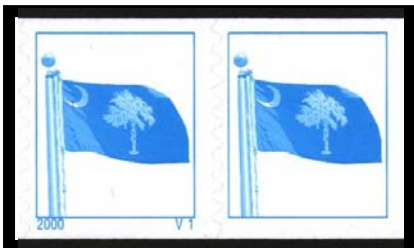
Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the three latest available Past Presidents, with the most recent Past


President serving as Chairperson. In the event that three Past Presidents are not available to serve, the current President shall appoint as required to fill vacancies.


It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to canvas the club membership for qualified candidates for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large, as required for election. Any person planning to run for office or member-at-large should not serve on the Nominating Committee.

Test stamps for sale

<u>Scott #</u>	<u>Issue</u>
TD133A	FTPO no spaces
	
<u>PN</u>	<u>PNC5</u> <u>Pair</u> <u>Single</u>
1111	\$300 \$30 \$15

<u>Scott #</u>	<u>Issue</u>
TD 135	South Carolina
	
<u>PN</u>	<u>PNC5</u> <u>Pair</u> <u>Single</u>
V1	\$225 N/A N/A
V1	\$375 – With Back #

<u>Scott #</u>	<u>Issue</u>
TD138	SSP perf 10.2
	
<u>PN</u>	<u>Strip5</u> <u>Pair</u> <u>Single</u>
None	\$10 \$4 \$2

<u>Scott #</u>	<u>Issue</u>
TD138A	SSP perf 11.6
	
<u>PN</u>	<u>Strip5</u> <u>Pair</u> <u>Single</u>
None	\$50 \$20 \$10

Postpaid, optional insurance extra at cost. Personal check OK.
 Email me at j_larson@sisna.com (Pay Pal payment accepted)
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From the editor

(continued from page 1)

Editor, and supportive membership. We need and want a quality product that requires certain mandates. Firstly, we need for all pictures to be scanned at 600dpi before submission. Secondly, we need to change the deadline for the submission of material to the 10th of the month. This is not to say that material submitted after the tenth would not make it in. However, this material will be considered on a first come, first served basis. The criteria for such material will be the editor's deadline, and available space. Thirdly, copy material needs to be pretty much ready for printing when submitted. Several of you are already helping me out in this regard. Thank you. I will be happy to supply any and all of you with the page template for your articles. As an exclusive service to the members, I will make myself available as a graphics designer for display ads. There will be a charge for this service. See my ad in the February issue of *Coil Line*.

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2008 Club Dues

If you have not already done so, please retrieve the dues notice that was included with the November issue of *Coil Line* and send it in with your dues. Dues received after Jan. 1, 2008 are \$14.00. Thank You.

Reporting the Rarities

By Gene Trinks

There is a startling new find to report this month! Todd Johnson has discovered a new Atlas plate number, **V21113**, in a mixture purchased in Pennsylvania. Since this is a previously unreported number, I am listing it this month, along with the Avery (10¢) Atlas #V13222. I believe that Atlas stamps have been exhausted (or nearly so) in the hands of mass mailers (and probably, therefore, in the USPS vaults) and we have not seen any mint examples of either of these show up. I hope everyone will search for both V21113 and V13222 and advise me of new findings.

Some non-members have contacted me after seeing my article on PNC rarities in the Nov. 5th issue of Linn's. I am glad to add their holdings to this chart. If you know of other non-members who may have any of these in their collections, please ask them to contact me (see contact information below chart). Also, after the article appeared, so did a "flock" of new Egrets (both V2121 and V3211) from another non-member. See the article in Linn's Dec 17th issue for a report by Jay Bigalke. These items have been added to the count below. Prices are mostly in the \$1,000 range. Nice. Still no covers of the rare Egrets reported, though.

I hope the cover sorters are keeping a careful watch. Somehow, in changing over to this new format in November, I picked up some old numbers in the table. The mint P/S 5 quantity of the FOP 78777 10/10 was listed as 4, and should have been 8. The quantity of covers of the Green Bike #444 square shoulder covers was listed as 2 and should have been 4. These quantities are corrected below.

The revised list therefore stands as follows:

PNC Issue	PNC ID	Scott No.	Mint Single	Mint PS 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		8	68	5
88888 11/12 die	1996-8.252	2915C		0	4	0
13231A 10/10 VP die	1996-8.212	2915A	6	8	50	14
(5¢) Avery Mountain V333342 13L/12R die	1996-10.211	2904A		0	20	3
V333343 round corner die	1996-10.211	2904A		0	4	0
(5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die	1997-1.22	2904B	2	4	14	2
(25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die	1998-7.21	3208A		0	84	7
(10¢) Green Bike #444 square shoulder die	1998-4.22	3228		0	28	4
(10¢) Egl&Shld STD#11111 rnd shoulder die	1998-15.21	3271	1	3	12	4
(10¢) Atlas V13222	2003-9	3770		0	27	1
V21113	2003-9	3770		0	1	0
37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die	2003-8	3829		0	12	0
V2121 PV die	2003-8	3829		0	1	0
V3211 VP die	2003-8	3829		0	25	0
V3211 PV die	2003-8	3829		0	3	0

If you have a new find to report, please send a report to me at 16415 W. Desert Wren Ct., Surprise, AZ 85374. My e-mail address is gctrinks@cox.net. 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!!

Banner Stamp with Double Back Numbers

Thomas Babb of North Carolina opened his package from, he believes, the U.S. Postal Service Stamp Fulfillment Services in Kansas City and discovered that the (10¢) Patriotic Banner Stamps he ordered contained a doubled back number.

The stamps were the Sennett Security Products version of the Banner stamps, which also were produced by Ashton Potter. Thomas received five strips with the following doubled back numbers: 03500, 03520, 03530, 03480, 03490, 04590, 04600 and 04610. These numbers, which are printed every 10 stamps, usually appear on either the top, middle or bottom of the stamp. Double back numbers have been found in the past, but they are not normal. They are unusual and carry a small premium. Upside down numbers have also been found.

Back number collecting is popular with plate number coil collectors and some collectors try to get an example of the back number in every possible position on a strip in relation to the plate number, with the number on number (#/#) position being the most sought after. The number on number position usually sells for a premium over any other positions.

This view shows the front and back of the same strip.

04590
04590



Commercial Cover
Banner Stamp
With Plate Number



This and That

by Doug Iams

Early Warning

Jay Bigalke reports in the November 26th issue of Linn's that the first 10 stamp installment in the Flags of Our Nation commemorative coils will be released on June 14th (Flag Day). No word yet on whether these behemoths will carry a plate number or if they will be at the 41¢ rate or possibly at a 42¢ rate (more likely). The second installment of 10 designs is tentatively set for September (with 2 more sets of 10 in each of the two following years).

Atlas Surprise

Todd Johnson reported that he has found a used Atlas with previously unreported plate number combination V21113 in a group of used stamps he bought in October. The image that he supplied for the PNC3 website clearly shows that this is the number.

Seacoast News

Rolls with plate number combination P9999 have recently turned up (in rolls of 10K). Since both the P9999's and P8888's have shown up long after the new no plate number change policy was put in place, speculation has been rampant. Is Ashton Potter operating outside this policy? Were these stamps printed long ago before the new policy and just now taken out of storage? Were the plates made before the new policy and only recently used to print new stamps?

Theresa Wajek reports finding a splice on the P8888. Last year Dr. Rabinowitz found a splice on the P7777.

Seeing Double

Jay Bigalke reports in the December 3rd issue of Linn's that the Sennett version of the (10¢) Banner has been found with full double back numbers. (See story on the previous page). While coils with a partial second back number show up from time to time (the non-denominated WAG version of the 41¢ Flag being the most recent example), examples with a full second number happen very

infrequently. (The only cases I can remember were on Sennett's WAG and SA Flag over Porch coils.)

Possible Untagged Error

A claim has been made of an untagged error on one of the Liberty Flag coil stamps, but it has not been verified. (I don't like reporting unverified rumors, but there has been a lack of news to write about.) They called it a Scott 3968, which is a non-denominated stamp, but the image shows it to be a denominated stamp, and it appears to be 3980, which is Avery's denominated large roll size coil. An untagged error is possible since they used untagged paper and applied overall tagging on top of the printed stamps. Might be worth checking for.

Shopping in the Big and Tall Section

At a stamp show about 2 months ago I had the pleasure of finding an extra tall strip of Sennett's self-adhesive non-denominated 41c Flag coil that has a full plate number at the bottom and a partial one at the top.

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Flag Over Porch at AmeriStamp Expo



There will be 2 **Flag Over Porch** Seminars, presented by Todd R. Uebele, Sr., at the upcoming 2008 **AmeriStamp Expo Stamp Show** in Charlotte, NC, January 11-13, 2008. They will be held in the

Charlotte Convention Center, 501 South College Street, Charlotte, NC, 28202. Time and Place: Friday, 11:00 AM, Room 205, for Dealers, and Saturday, at 2:00 PM, also in room 205 for collectors, with both sessions open to everyone. Speakers will include: a well known Author and Writer; Ron Maifeld, President of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC³); and, Jim Fowler, a leading authority on the Flag over Porch stamp series. The very rare 2915A 7877 PS7 will be on display, along with many other fine FOP Rarities. Door prizes will be awarded.

Avery Dramatic Die Cut Shift



Dramatic Die Cut Shift

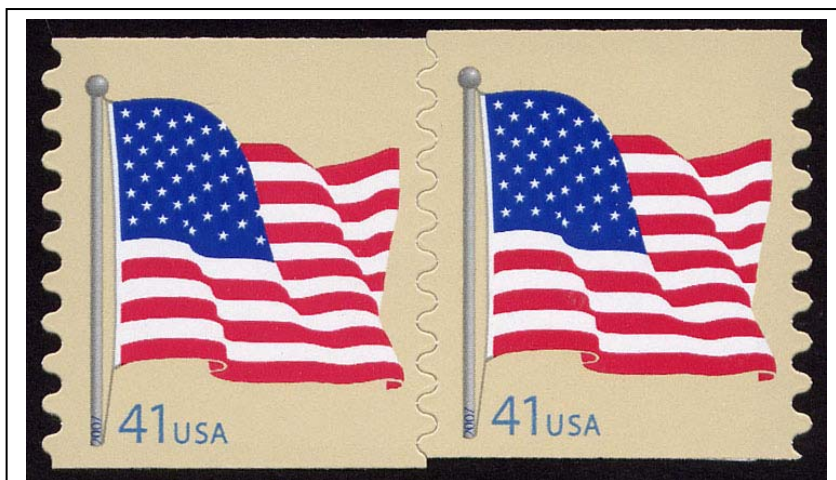


Normal VP die cut – No shift

The coil collecting community has known for some time that Avery Dennison produces interesting die cuts. Most collectors seek both the Valley/Peak (VP) and Peak/Valley (PV) versions of the Avery coils. A fewer number of collectors seek the Avery die cutting error coils i.e., the bells, knolls and thimbles.

Illustrated in the upper left corner is another Avery die cutting error. I call it the **Dramatic Die Cut Shift**. This occurs when the die cutting shifts excessively from the left edge of the stamp to the right edge, a phenomena that may be found on other Avery coils.

Both of the stamps illustrated above are the VP die cut of the Avery 41c American Flag on Pole (2007-14). But the peak in the upper right corner of the dramatic die cut stamp is too low. Next to it is a normal VP die cut stamp that preceded the dramatic die cut shift stamp. Note the peak in the upper right hand corner is very close to the top as you would expect.



To illustrate the shift better, a stamp left of the shift is nested into a stamp to the right of the shift. Note how the top and bottom margins do not line up.

Top Portion of Bell Bottom with a Dramatic Die Cut Shift



The peak in the upper left is cut in half on the left hand stamp, but is full on the right hand stamp. The dramatic shift occurred on the left hand stamp.

Bottom Portion of Bell Bottom with a Dramatic Die Cut Shift



A bell shape can be seen at the bottom left of the left hand stamp, but cannot be seen on the stamp next to it. The dramatic shift occurred on the left hand stamp.

Only some of the Avery 41c American Flag on Pole stamps (2007-14) will exhibit a dramatic die cut shift. On the rolls I have found with the dramatic die cut shift, it repeats every 25 stamps. This means that I could find only three dramatic die cut shift stamps on a single roll of 100.

Singles and cover collectors can have a field day looking for the dramatic die cut shift stamps on or off cover. Shown with this article are shifts on VP and Bell Bottom strips. But I have also found these on PV and knoll strips.

Frank Covey

Club Auctions

Members often have extra items that they're happy to part with. It is sometimes difficult to find someone who needs this material and is willing to pay fair market value to take it off your hands. As an included benefit, the Club offers periodic auctions in which members may submit, bid on, and add to their collections or stamp accumulations. Often, material submitted is valued at reduced prices, which benefits the Club and the individuals selling or buying.

The Club president appoints a volunteer as the Club Auctioneer who receives, evaluates, lists and periodically publishes a listing of offered items from members. Advance notices of future planned auctions are advertised in the club journal *Coil Line*. Bids are then submitted to the Auctioneer, who determines the highest or the first winning bid, collects monies and distributes all of the auctioned items. Final outcomes are published in both the club journal and the online

web site. Due to a possible flood of material, lots are limited to 25 items per member each auction.

Individual notices are mailed to the winning recipients and prompt payment is encouraged. Payment can then be forwarded to the item's submitting member. The club reaps rewards to bolster its coffers by eliciting fifty cents per offered item, which is then used to carry on club business and sustain dues at current levels.

Some submitters may be worried that their low-cost lots are not worth listing due to the listing fee. This can easily be overcome by combining several such lots together into a single lot.

The club has enjoyed two appointed Auctioneers since its inception. They are to be complimented for their time consuming diligence and devotion to this worthwhile and beneficial membership perk. The Executive Board and membership thank the Auctioneers for their time and participation.

Dan Kauffman

Classified Ads

Regional Meeting at ORCOEXPO, January 12, 2008, from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM. Guests welcome. Please bring duplicate stamps for trading. Special guest Speakers. Bring your want lists for used singles. Jewel Meyer will be selling stamps, with all proceeds going to charity. Please contact Jack Wasserman at 323-874-5702 for more information
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WANTED: Need a scan of the **Split 5's PNC Strip** for my FOP APS Seminar. Please contact me for details, thank you. Todd R. Uebele, Sr. 704-735-5484, email TRU120542@aol.com 0108

WELCOME to Sunny Florida, PNC3 Regional Meeting at 10:00AM, North balcony, Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. Sat, Feb 5th during the Sarasota National Stamp Exposition February 4 thru 6, 2008, email f.p.sener@ieec.org 0208

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SPECIAL: Planning liquidation of rare (Only six known) FOP 2915C 12/11 66666 on cover. Offers above \$3000.00 reserve, taken at dwkman@mchsi.co. Item shown in March 22, 2004 issue of Linns. Extended payments considered.

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Regional Meetings

Want to sponsor a Regional Meeting?

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

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Saturday, January 12, 2008, from 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM. It will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center, 501 South College Street, Charlotte, NC. This is the site of the 2008 AmeriStamp Expo. Guests are encouraged and welcome to attend. Todd R Uebele will be hosting this meeting.

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Saturday, January 12, 2008, from 12 Noon until 2:00 PM. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Anaheim South, 11767 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840. This is the site of the 33rd Annual ORCOEXPO. Guests are encouraged and welcome to attend. Jewel Meyer and Jack Wasserman will be hosting this meeting.

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Saturday, February 5, 2008, and will start at 10:00AM sharp. It will be held at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida. This is the site of the Sarasota National Stamp Exposition. Fred P. Sener will be hosting this meeting.

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Saturday, February 23, 2008, from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. It will be held at the Mesa Convention Center, 201 North Center Street, Mesa Arizona. This is the site of the 2008 ARIPEX. Guests are encouraged and welcome to attend. Gene Trinks will be hosting this meeting.

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Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. It will be held at the Central Middle School, Plymouth, Michigan. This is the site for the Plymouth Stamp Show. President Ron Maifeld and Conrad Keydel will host this meeting, which will include time for showing off new finds, trading and selling.

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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Coil Line Coated Stock

By Ron Maifeld

This month we are trying an experiment using a coated paper for the cover of *Coil Line*. We would like to get your feedback, pro or con, to see if we should continue to go this route. The coated stock costs more than regular bond paper and is heavier, which means that we will have to pay more for each issue, plus there is the possibility that we might have to eliminate an inside sheet to hold the weight down to one ounce. Does the coated cover stock justify the extra expense? Please tell us how you feel about it.

Advertise in Coil Line

By Todd R. Uebele, Sr.

We would like to encourage you, the membership, to promote *Coil Line* advertising by mentioning the advantages of *Coil Line* ads. The new color format of this newsletter makes this publication a very desirable media for promoting products and services. We have a devoted staff available to assist with design and layout so that your ads will be cost effective and productive. If you own a business or have contacts who might be willing to advertise in *Coil Line*, please contact the editor for more information.

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