

# PNC<sup>3</sup> Official Ballot for 2008 Elections

The term of office for current PNC<sup>3</sup> Officers and Executive Board Members-at-Large expires at the end of August. Please cast your ballot to elect individuals to the positions as indicated below.

In order for your ballot to be valid, it **MUST** be postmarked on or before June 30, 2008. Please provide your membership number (as found on the envelope containing this newsletter) on the outside of the envelope used to mail your ballot.

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For Vice President	Thomas McFarland	_____
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For Secretary	Daniel Farrar	_____
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For Treasurer	Harvey Wales	_____
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Todd Uebele, Sr.	_____
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# Coil Line

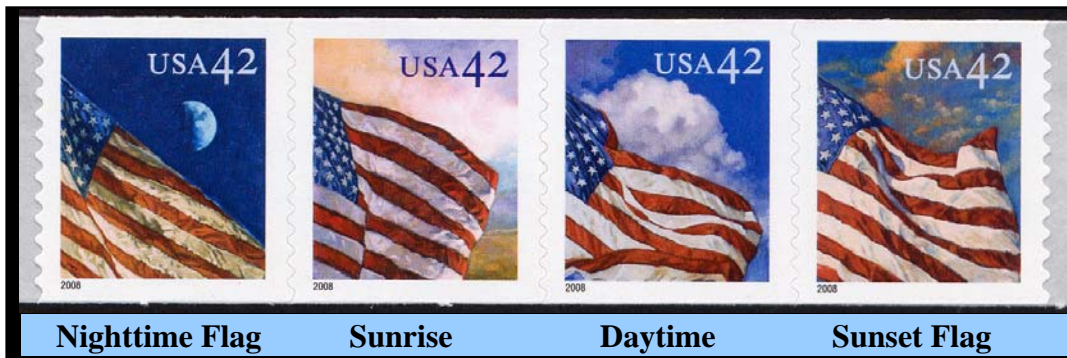
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**Nighttime Flag**

**Sunrise**

**Daytime**

**Sunset Flag**

**The new 42¢ 4 flag strip is cataloged on Page 110**

**See Page 106**

## Color Images of some High End Flag Over Porch PNC Strips



This is a scan of the 2915A 10x10 13231A VP/PV which is one of the scarcest of the rare PS5 coil strips. Estimated value of this strip is around \$6000 retail.



Here's one of the famous Split Fives PS6, the most popular strip among PNCers valued at approximately \$6000 retail.



The above PS8 of the "Split Nines" is from one of our member's collections, and is now retailing at around \$2000.

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# Letters to the Editor

Gene Trinks' "Reporting the Rarities" column is a very informative and important regular feature in *Coil Line*. However, I believe it is lagging behind in listing important rare PNCs.

For example, by restricting the FOP rarities to only five (The Famous Five) it does a disservice to the column in so much as several bonafide rare stamps cannot be listed. The "Famous Five" was a great term a few years ago, however, I believe that it is now antiquated, and should be removed from the title to allow room for listings of other very important PNC rarities.

PNCs 88898, 89878, 89899, 9999x, and xxxx9 in the 2915A Coils are just a few examples. Also the above numbers in PS/5 varieties along with the "Split Fives" and the "Split Nines" are worthy of being in the list. One only has to consult our very own "Values List" to see that these numbers are worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars as demand outpaces supply.

If space is an issue, it shouldn't be, as the column can certainly be expanded to two pages for the text and chart combined. Most articles and columns in *Coil Line* use more than one page per monthly issue.

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The table of new issues to be produced in 2008 is interesting and vast. Although we were not subjected to non-denominated rate change issues as in the past, there are still a considerable number of coils planned.

The American Flag series of 4 will be the first coil of the new priced items and will be issued prior to the rate increase. Following closely will be the scheduled Tropical Fruit issue of 5 different stamps, also in a coil of 100.

The Flags of our Nation coils will be seen as items to be included in the number category.

There will undoubtedly be others as yet unannounced to drive the coil collecting interests. Pad your finances!

Dan Kauffman #1230

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I agree with Dan Kauffman's article in the March 2008 issue of *Coil Line* on "Those Difficult Yellow Numbers." I am confused by his reference to Thom Wheeler, who found that a piece of blue film taped to a magnifier, obtained from a set of 3-D Glasses, was the solution to the problem. This may be a dumb question, but what is a set of 3-D glasses? At my age of 86, I find a lot of things hard to read.

I find that the articles Dan contributes to *Coil Line* are quite interesting, and address many of my own thoughts on the subjects that you write about. Keep them coming!

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*Editors Note: 3-D Glasses were those cardboard frames with a red and a blue cellophane lens that came with 3-D comic books in the late 50's and early 60's. The movie glasses had 2 polarized brown lenses for the early double image BW movie images.*

## Stamp Toons

Thomas Babb



## **PNCers don't have anything more to collect !??**

Rarities, liner varieties, paper types, AP, AVR, BCA, BEP, CPU, DG, EKV, LGG, LWUV, LW, NDN, PV-VP-PP-VV, SA, SE, SG, SW, VLGG, WA, rounds, squares, bells, cobras, roll size, gaps, gum grades, shiny, dull, low gloss, semi-gloss, pre-phosphored, imbedded, tagging, mottled, overall, solid, mint, used, unused, precancels, perfins, inverts, dots, back numbers, date size, PS1, 2, 3, etc., perf counting, and more!

# Editorial Page

## To Soak or Not to Soak

The United States Postal Service, in its infinite wisdom, has come up with yet another *fantastic cost saving* idea. It seems that someone has come up with the idea that if non-layered paper was used instead of layered paper for stamp production, there would be a considerable cost savings. Seemingly they have been playing with this idea for several years; however, up to now the cost savings didn't seem to be that great.

PNCers are well familiar with this problem since it started with the Flag Over Porch coil stamps 2915A with some of the "8xxxx" plate numbers, and also the 2915C, with the 66666 on the 12x12 die cut stamps. It appears that the cost savings were not great enough to justify any perceived benefit.

Since then the subject keeps surfacing with some succeeding stamp issues. These "unsoakable" stamp issues became such a problem, that later led to a regular column in Linn's Stamp News. This column was devoted to the soakability of some self adhesive stamps. Each month certain stamps were reviewed for soakability in which a "Soak-o-meter Gauge" was pictured to show how easy or difficult it was to soak certain stamps.

It seems now that this "new" idea has come up again, and seems to become a part of the cost cutting mentality of USPS Officials. This started with the flag stamps produced by Ashton Potter, which is now using the non-layered paper in their production of US postage stamps. Of course this has now become the latest controversy pitting the USPS against the philatelic community.

The basics of this hobby start with the soaking, sorting, and mounting of postage stamps from around the world. A great number of collectors get started in the hobby through this pastime. One important part of the philatelic economy starts with the soaking of stamps. By producing these non-soakable stamps, the USPS is effectively hurting a large segment of the philatelic industry. Think about it. First it starts with the supply route where kiloware by the pound is bought from utilities and others from across the country, and resold to every type of collector, including PNC<sup>3</sup> members throughout the country for sorting and soaking. Then you have all the soaking paraphernalia that is manufactured and distributed to the philatelic community. Items such as soaking

trays, drying books, soaking fluid, stamp mounts, and millions of stamp packets to name a few.

"This is finally the end of stamp collecting as we know it" say many soothsayers that can not accept the fact that times are changing. Well, this is not the case, as many changes in the past have proven that stamp collecting goes on.

The pat saying by the USPS is, "We are in the business of moving mail, not catering to the philatelic community." This statement is made totally absurd by their own policies. Why do they maintain a dedicated facility to stock and distribute millions of postage stamps to stamp dealers and collectors around the country. Why is so much emphasis attributed to "Retention Value?"

They also spend millions of dollars preparing and selling promotional material, and getting into philatelic merchandise such as first day covers, catalogs, yearbooks, etc.

On the other side of the fence is the "Woe is me" mentality of some collectors claiming that they can not collect unsoakable stamps. During the researching of FOP stamps during the late 90's and on, there has been much discussion of damaging and tearing of stamps, which destroys their value. Much has been written about the "How To" of stamp soaking, and whether or not some stamps are actually unsoakable. They may or may not be, but that is not the point. The latest and most practicable way to save hard to soak stamps is to not soak them at all! By close cropping and leaving on piece keeps stamps just as attractive as stamps off piece. For the die hard soakers, naphtha is still available for separating stamps from the paper, however this is not recommended due to fire and health hazards.

It is also worth mentioning that since this problem first developed, there has been a noted increase in cover collecting, as more and more collectors are looking at their covers before cutting them down to used singles. So my fellow PNCers, and general collectors, work around it. Then continue to enjoy the hobby for the fun of it. So pursue the hunt for rare finds, discovering new and exciting EFOs (and other oddball peculiarities), so continue having fun collecting all kinds of stamps. Mint strips and rolls can be purchased at 2 centers, one on the east coast, and one on the west coast. Please see our web site.

# Counterfeit Flags

By Robert Thompson

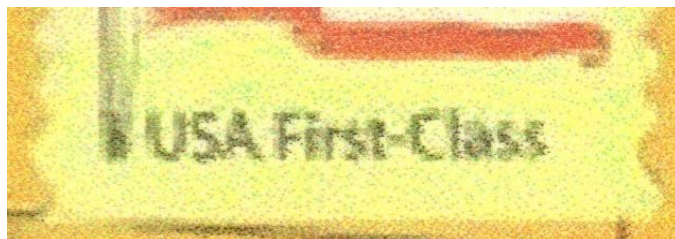
A collector by the name of Nolan Starks sent me three stamps to look at because he thought there was something wrong with the color. They are similar to the Sennett non-denominated (41c) Flag, but with a gauge of 10.3. They are all untagged and they are all counterfeit.



The first is a Peak/Valley. The paper is dead under SW & LWUV with a plate # of S111. The plate # should be "S1111" not "S111" and the digits should be different colors, but they are all a combination of black/red. This is the first counterfeit coil to be found with a plate # on it. The left edge is white, but I think the colored paper has been broken off as a result of the die cutting process.

The background is a solid color with green, red & yellow dots. The 2007 date is at the bottom of the flag pole, but the "USPS" micro printing is missing from the top.

The next two (only one shown) appear to be from the same printer, but are different in several respects. These seem to be similar to the one reported in the April, 2008 *Coil Line*. They are both Valley/Peak and both have a Cobra die cut and white along the right edge. Again the white appears to be caused by the colored paper being broken off as a result of the die cutting process. The paper on one is Hi-brite and on the other it is normal. The background is a solid color with black, green, red & yellow dots. The 2007 date is at the bottom of the flag pole, but the "USPS" micro printing is missing from the top.



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

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

\* **NEW NUMBER**

\*\*\* **DATA IS TENTATIVE**

[xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL

BK - BLOCK TAG

EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR

NL - LINERLESS

PM - PREPHOSPHORED, MOTTLED TAGGING

PS - PREPHOSPHORED, SOLID TAGGING

OA - OVERALL TAG

SA - SELF ADHESIVE

UT - UNTAGGED

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

P - Ashton Potter

B - Banknote Corp. of America

S - Sennett Security Prod.

G - Guilford Gravure

V - Avery-Dennison

M - 3M

None - BEP

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (PS)

#P1111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (PM)

#S1111 A [31] VP, PV

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 A [11] VP, PV

### 41¢ FLAG (WA) (PS)

#S1111 A, C, D [31]

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 D [10] VP  
Rounded Corners

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 A [11] VP, PV  
#V2222 A [11] VP, PV

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 C, D [10] VP  
Rounded Corners

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (PS)

#P1111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (PS)

#S1111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ OFFICIAL (WA) (PS)

#S111 A [31]

### 1¢ LAMP (WA) (UT)

#S1111 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) (OA)

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

### (5¢) SEA COAST (SA)

#B111 D [20] (UT) VP  
#P1111 D [22] (UT) S  
#P2222 C, D [27] (UT) S  
#P2222 D [27] (UT) (PS) 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 [14]  
#S1111 D (Lum Ink) [14]

### 27¢ TROPICAL FRUIT (SA) (PS)

#V1111111 A [40] VP, PV

### 42¢ FLAG 24/7 (SA) (PS)

#P1111 A [16] VP

### 42¢ FLAG 24/7 (SA) (PS)

#S1111 A [16] PV

### 42¢ FLAG 24/7 (SA) (PS)

#V1111 A [20] VP, PV

### 42¢ FLAG 24/7 (SA) (PS)

#V1111 C, D [8] VP  
Rounded Corners

### 42¢ FLAG 24/7 (WA) (PS)

#S1111111 C [12] & [16]

### (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 following items were removed from sale effective March 31: (10¢) Atlas; (10¢) Lion PSA; (25¢) Diner PSA. Lion and Diner have been removed from the chart. We are still listing the Atlas because two numbers have not been reported in mint condition.

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 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.

It is our purpose with this new chart format to expand on the previous 'Roll Size Chart' and provide more data to help with identification. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please contact: [coillineditor@aol.com](mailto:coillineditor@aol.com)

## President's Message

### FROM THE PRESIDENT . . . .

#### Election Ballot

Included with this issue of *Coil Line* is a ballot for the 2008 elections. Please vote and return the ballot to Gene Trinks on or before June 30, 2008.

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#### PNC<sup>3</sup> Membership Roster

Included with the last issue of *Coil Line* was the 'PNC<sup>3</sup> Membership Roster' which unfortunately, was hit by the printing gremlins. Somewhere along the line, the pages were not printed as they were supposed to be and the names do not flow from one page to the next as they were formatted to do.

A determination was made to use the roster as it was received from the printer, rather than delay the mailing of *Coil Line*. I have been assured that the print quality was clear and sharp. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. If you find that you just can't live with the roster as it is, please contact me and I'll remedy the situation.

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#### New Coil Stamps in June & July

June will be 'busting out all over' with several new coil issues and a host of face different stamps.

Starting the line-up on June 7<sup>th</sup> will be water activated coils of 3,000 featuring the Tiffany Lamp with a 1¢ denomination. These will be printed by Sennett Security Products using the offset method.

Coming on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>, will be the first set of 10 different 'Flags of our Nation' 42¢ commemorative coil stamps in a lengthwise roll of 50. The printer of these will also be Sennett Security Products. It was announced in the recent summer edition of the 'USA Philatelic' catalog that there will be a plate number every 10 stamps.

Next in line, to be issued June 20<sup>th</sup>, is the Official Mail coil stamp, featuring the Great Seal of the United States. The coils of 100 are to be self adhesive, which is a departure from past practice of water activated coils.

The lone coil issue in July will be 10¢ water activated coils of 10,000 sporting the American Clock, printed using the offset process by Sennett Security.

Ron Maifeld

## Editor's Message

### FROM THE EDITOR . . . .

#### Team Effort

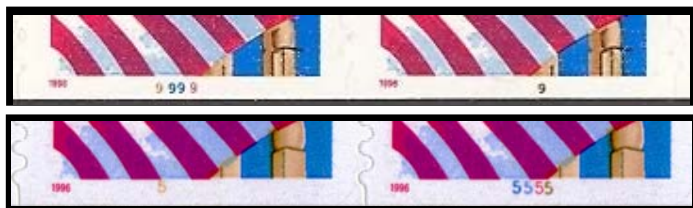
One of my goals, when accepting the Editorship of *Coil Line*, was to develop a staff worthy of producing a quality journal. With the progression of each successive issue since December of last year, many have come forward and indicated an interest in being an integral part of the *Coil Line* publishing group. *Coil Line* as it stands today cannot be published by one person alone. It is important for a publication such as ours to have as many people involved as possible.

It now looks as if we have been successful in building a staff that is dedicated to the success of our Journal. We are still adding new people to various positions which will continue to make *Coil Line* more efficient and easier to publish.

I am adding a new feature this month which will recognize the staff and their individual contributions. You will find a staff listing on Page 107 of this issue, and it will become a normal part of each issue from now on. Please look it over and check to see that it is complete and up to date. If there are any errors or omissions, please do contact us at [coillineditor@AOL.com](mailto:coillineditor@AOL.com) with comments and suggestions. Of course, we are always looking for interested parties who would like to be a part of this fine journal. Contact us if you are interested.

#### Split Nines and Split Fives

With extra room for color pictures on the front cover of this month's issue, I thought it would be nice to present the membership with some split number strips for their libraries. Below are cropped versions of two famous strips. Many members have never seen these, with some not even knowing that they exist. The most famous is the "Split Fives" with the "Split Nines" affectionately known as the "Baby Split Fives."



# Catalog Corner

By Frank Covey



The self-adhesive 24/7 Flags from Sennett Security Products was the first of the new 42¢ Flags on sale April 18, 2008 in preparation for the May 12<sup>th</sup> First Class rate increase.

Four flag designs (sunrise flag, daytime flag, sunset flag and nighttime flag) are within the same coil of 100. The sunrise flag has the S1111 plate number in the lower right hand corner. Plate numbers occur every 16 stamps along the roll. The roll always starts with a sunrise flag either with or without a plate number.

Shown to the left is a Peak/Valley (PV) die cut. 2008-1 has only been found with a PV die cut thus far.

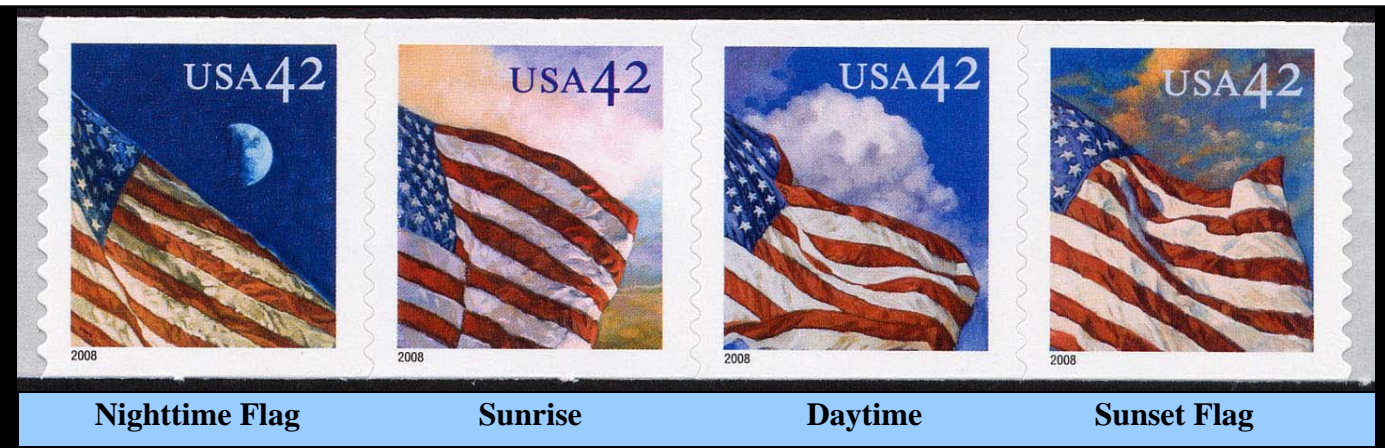
Seam lines are possible on this issue. They can be any color used in the plate number and are found one stamp left of the plate numbered stamp. Rolls that have seam lines only have them on every other plate numbered strip.

This issue comes in stamp sticks up to ten high. The stick is held together by bridges which are tiny pieces of uncut paper. Thus it is possible to collect coil blocks of 2008-1, i.e. stamps stacked on top of one another displaying the bridges that hold the rolls together.

A leader strip printed in black and white binds the coil. An example is shown below.



**42¢ 24/7 Flag (SSP) (SA)  
Plate S1111  
PNC ID 2008-1**



Nighttime Flag

Sunrise

Daytime

Sunset Flag

# Catalog Corner

By Frank Covey

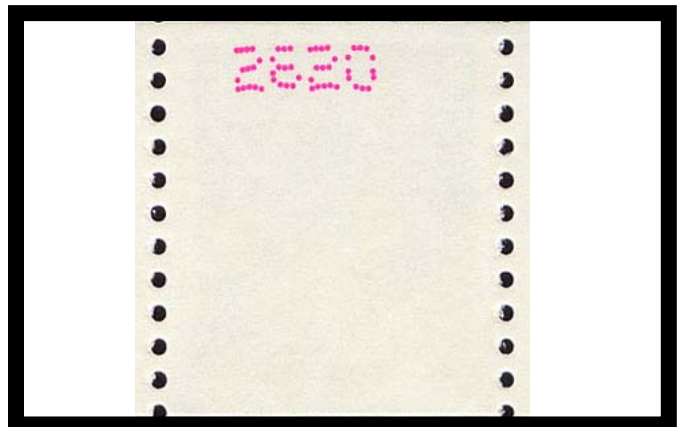


The water-activated (WAG) 24/7 Flags from Sennett Security Products went on sale April 18, 2008 in preparation for the May 12<sup>th</sup> First Class rate increase. It was issued in coils of 3,000.

Four flag designs (sunrise flag, daytime flag, sunset flag and nighttime flag) are within the same coil.

The sunrise flag has the S111111 plate number in the lower right hand corner. The plate number interval alternates from 16 stamps apart to 12 stamps apart. This pattern repeats itself throughout the roll. This is the first time the plate interval has ever varied on a single coil since plate number coils began in 1981.

There are 4-digit pink back numbers every ten stamps along the roll. Back numbers have been found on the top and bottom of the roll. An example of a top back number is shown below.



**42¢ 24/7 Flag (SSP) (WAG)  
Plate S111111  
PNC ID 2008-2**



## This and That

By Doug Iams

### Curveball 1

For the first time ever, we have plate numbers with an irregular interval. The plate numbers on the WAG version of the 42c Flag 24/7 coil alternate back and forth between spacings of 12 and 16 stamps. There are 28 stamps per row per plate revolution and with 2 plate numbers per revolution if they tried to space them evenly 14 stamps apart, the two numbers would appear on stamps of different designs, so they went with 12 and 16 to keep the numbers on the same design.

### Curveball 2

Despite the fact that the preliminary artwork pictured them as coils, word has come down that the 42¢ Sunflower stamps due this summer may not be issued in coil format. So it looks like coil buyers will be left with a choice between Tropical Fruits, Flags and Flags (Flags 24/7 and the Flags of Our Nation).

### Flags of Our Nation Update

The plate number interval on these will be every 10 stamps, so there will be one design that will come only with a plate number instead of the usual situation where one design comes both with and without a plate number.

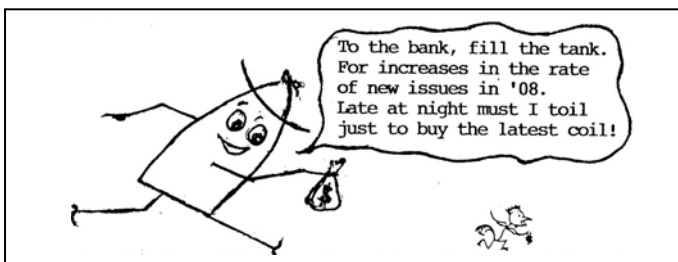
### Forever Update

The first crack in the "there are no plans for a Forever coil" line has appeared. David Failor told Lloyd de Vries of the Virtual Stamp Club "The whole emphasis for us since last Fall has just been to get through this first price adjustment with the Forever stamp." Lloyd added, "Additional designs and formats should be discussed later this year."

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PN SEERS

Dan Kauffman



## Plate Number Colors

### Scoff at Perfection

I found it interesting to read the letter to *Collector's Forum* in the May 5, 2008 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* regarding the color lay down order of stamp printings.

Collectors have previously placed a great deal of store in plate number colors as a representation of the color sequence of applied ink on the printed product. With the relaxed interest demonstrated by the current postal administration and printers, this seems to be another "catch as catch can" area and may answer the question of varied appearances of the same stamp issue we now confront frequently.

I have long suspected changes occurring after a press run and subsequent shut down and wash-up. A continued re-run and fountain re-inking could result in color appearances in different order or, with a new plate, a different number at the same location. This has been demonstrated by color locations changing on a like stamp issue. Also, if a plate/sleeve is moved from one station to another upon setting up, the number will appear in the same location but the inks may react quite differently in proximity to one another creating different appearances.

On small presses, a two color run may be accomplished with an attached T-51 head which will allow two inks to be applied to the blanket simultaneously and transferred to the print during a revolution. However, large presses employ a single stage for each color and enable multicolor prints, and may provide for bleed-through by technical shading.

With the current system of all the same numbers all the time, it becomes near impossible to know what, when and where.

As records are diminished and production becomes paramount, it seems craftsmanship has fled the coop, chased by monetary interests – as with most things now days. *Dan Kauffman*

# Cover of the Month

By Rob Washburn

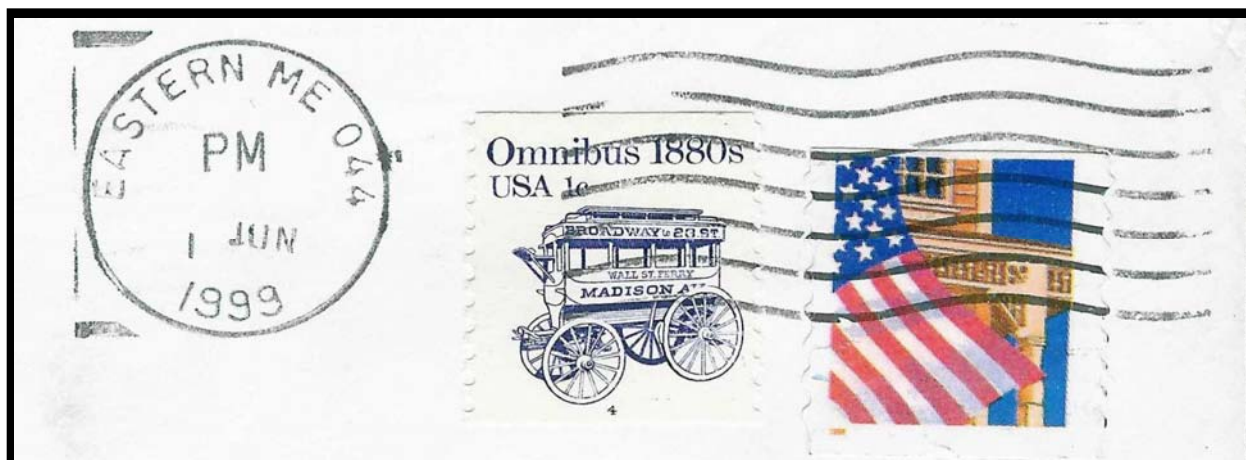
## Tagged PNC Allows "Dummy" Stamp to be Processed through the Mail Stream



Here is a very interesting cover which made it through the mails with a "Dummy" stamp. This passed through the mail stream because of the 1¢ Omnibus stage coach PNC with Plate number 4.

The tagging on the PNC allowed it to pass through the canceling machine undetected.

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 your cover.



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# Auction Number 38 Results

By Joe Sedivy

## RESULTS FOR AUCTION #38 CLOSING MARCH 22, 2008

We had 45 bidders in this auction, with 43 of them winning at least one lot. Of the 302 lots, 149 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
2	\$23.00	70	\$3.00	104	\$13.00	153	\$85.00	197	\$6.00	268	\$2.00
7	\$10.00	71	\$5.00	105	\$11.00	154	\$55.00	198	\$5.00	269	\$2.00
14	\$2.50	72	\$5.00	106	\$3.00	155	\$5.00	199	\$13.00	270	\$5.00
15	\$21.00	73	\$13.00	108	\$14.00	157	\$2.00	200	\$6.00	272	\$5.00
16	\$8.00	74	\$5.00	109	\$5.00	158	\$4.00	201	\$5.00	273	\$10.00
21	\$3.00	75	\$5.00	110	\$85.00	159	\$75.00	202	\$5.50	274	\$10.00
23	\$75.00	77	\$5.00	111	\$7.00	160	\$6.00	205	\$30.00	275	\$5.00
25	\$18.00	79	\$19.00	114	\$17.00	162	\$1.50	206	\$55.00	276	\$12.00
27	\$45.00	82	\$7.50	116	\$12.00	163	\$9.00	207	\$10.00	278	\$3.50
29	\$9.00	83	\$2.00	117	\$14.00	164	\$6.00	209	\$12.00	279	\$8.00
46	\$40.00	84	\$2.00	118	\$14.00	166	\$5.50	210	\$4.00	281	\$5.50
48	\$325.00	85	\$8.00	119	\$4.00	168	\$10.00	211	\$10.00	285	\$47.00
49	\$115.00	86	\$2.00	120	\$31.00	170	\$700.00	212	\$5.00	288	\$5.00
50	\$21.00	89	\$52.50	121	\$30.00	171	\$14.00	215	\$5.00	289	\$4.00
51	\$100.00	90	\$9.00	122	\$8.00	175	\$5.00	216	\$37.00	290	\$40.00
52	\$200.00	91	\$8.00	123	\$15.00	176	\$2.50	217	\$2.00	294	\$8.00
54	\$40.00	92	\$9.00	127	\$35.00	182	\$115.00	220	\$7.00	295	\$2.00
55	\$17.00	96	\$2.00	128	\$5.50	183	\$115.00	221	\$9.00	296	\$2.00
56	\$15.00	97	\$5.00	134	\$50.00	184	\$5.00	224	\$10.00	297	\$5.50
62	\$17.00	98	\$7.00	138	\$6.00	185	\$10.00	225	\$10.00	298	\$1.00
64	\$17.00	99	\$3.75	144	\$70.00	188	\$4.00	226	\$17.00	299	\$5.00
65	\$32.00	100	\$80.00	147	\$80.00	189	\$20.00	227	\$5.00	300	\$3.00
67	\$6.00	101	\$16.00	148	\$125.00	192	\$7.00	232	\$7.00	301	\$3.00
68	\$6.50	102	\$7.00	149	\$4.00	193	\$4.00	255	\$2.00	302	\$6.00
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# Soaking Coil Stamps

## Are PNCs Soakers?

By Andy Jakes

The American Philatelic Society "American Philatelist" monthly magazine and several recent "Linn's Stamp News" had articles and letters to the editor about whether and how to soak several new 2007 USPS issues. Jay Bigalke, a PNC<sup>3</sup> member, has written in the Linn's publication a few times on this topic.

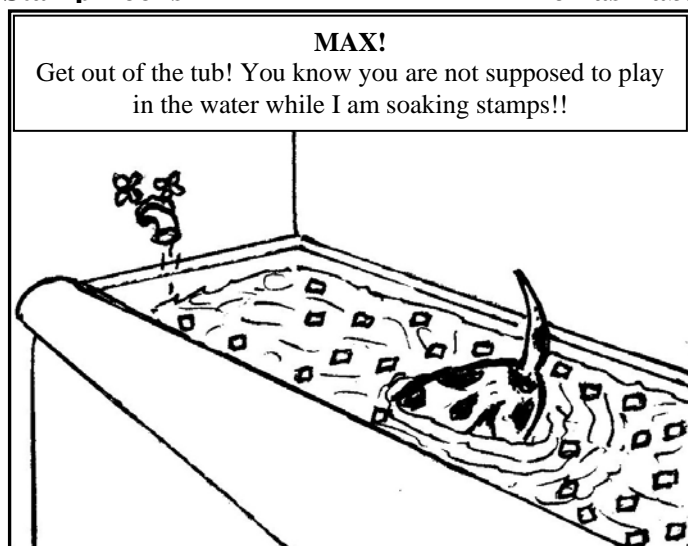
The contract printer for the USPS that has been the source of the non-soakable stamps seems to be, so far, Ashton Potter (AP). The problem arises when a water soluble layer is omitted from the paper stock used by AP to print self adhesive stamps. Soaking the stamps in moderately warm water generally does not result in the stamp coming free from the envelope.

I decided to try soaking the recent AP coil stamps. The samples used were the (41¢) non-denominated American Flag on Pole stamp (PNC 2007-3, Scott 4132), the denominated American Flag on Pole stamp (PNC 2007-15, Scott 4186), and the Beautiful Blooms (PNC 2007-12, Scott 4166-75).

The end result is that I had no problem soaking any of these coil stamps off the envelope paper. I used quite warm water. I did not need to apply other "tricks of the trade" (e.g., lighter fluid) to accomplish the desired end result. These 'bare' stamps are now mounted nicely in my collection.

## Stamp Toons

Thomas Babb



## Future Stamp Problems?

By Dan Kauffman

In regards to the USPS' change in policy eliminating the requirement for a gum release layer in the paper for new stamp issues, there may be yet another cause for concern. As demonstrated in the past on the 10c Dove Weather Vane of 1974 (SC#1552), not only truly poor soaking qualities but discoloration and other gum problems have been the hallmark of this issue.

As we know, the adhesive material in this issue has migrated into the paper since there is no barrier to prohibit such action.

Will the current issues display such maladies in the future causing mint items to discolor or the adhesive to seep elsewhere?

The presence of original gum is highly touted on early as well as current issues and provides increased value and salability.

Will it become necessary to remove the adhesive layers to maintain a pristine quality? How will removal affect future prices? Does anyone else share this concern?

## New Issues

By Dan Kauffman

The new 2008 stamp issues with the advanced postal rate cover many subjects and are attractive and generally provide a display of eye pleasing details.

There will be new coils and allied subjects, all of which are truly collectable, and there are some with improvements over past varieties. For instance, the Distinguished American series will boast full color vignettes as opposed to the past B&W images. The Scenic American Landscapes series will be replete with new rates and selections of additional beautiful landscapes complementing previous issues. There are other attention grabbers as well as some duplication of themes similar to past years. And there are some new stationery items to round out a full display.

There are some issues already available while others will be issued periodically throughout the year.

Most of our members collect other areas as well as PNCs, so the pursuit of new issues will be providing a full plate of activity.

Happy Hunting!

# Regional Meetings

## Plymouth Report

### Plymouth Regional Meeting

What a difference a year makes. The weekend of April 26<sup>th</sup> had me heading north to host the PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting being held during “The 39<sup>th</sup> Plymouth Show” in Plymouth, Michigan.

Last year from where I sat at a table in the music room, I could count the number of members before me on one hand. This year I would have had to take off one of my shoes to do the count. There were members, spouses and guests from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Members attending were (in no particular order) Jim LaPlante, Frank Sandor, Jr., Ed Kroll, Jr., Jay Bigalke, Paul Bravell, Ray Kusmierski, Jeff Fiszbein, Joann Lenz, Cerel M. Fritz, Rick Jackson and myself.

After a round of introductions, the meeting, with no planned agenda, quickly turned into a lively discussion of current topics affecting collectors in general and PNCers in particular. Some of the topics included *Linn's* new online version, unsoakable stamps, plate number intervals on the Sennett Flags 24/7 water activated coil, tagging lamps, collecting preferences on the ‘Flags of our Nation’ stamps and the fact that the Plymouth Post Office did not have any coils in stock again this year.

Several door prizes, consisting of the Beautiful Blooms First Day Ceremony programs, were awarded.

Our allotted time slot of 90 minutes went too quickly and several of us adjourned to the cafeteria afterward for lunch and more chatter. It was a great meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ron Maifeld*

## 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](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

### PNC<sup>3</sup> Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 9:00 AM sharp at the Hartford Convention Center, Saturday morning, August 16th 2008. The meeting is open to all PNC<sup>3</sup> members.

### Annual Membership Meeting

**Saturday, August 16, 2008**, at the Hartford Convention Center in downtown Hartford, Conn., during the American Philatelic Society StampShow. It will start at 1:00 PM. Details about the room location will be posted as we learn it from the APS. This is our official annual membership/business meeting. We will include time for showing of new and/or unusual finds, plus trading and selling. All are welcome.

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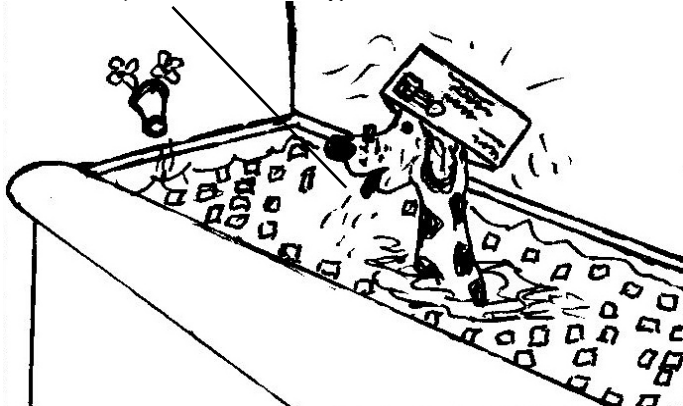
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