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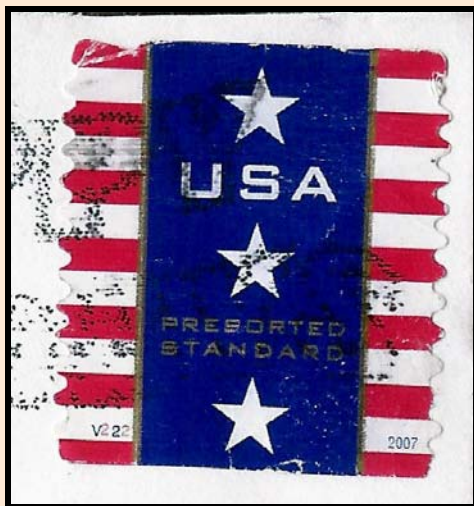
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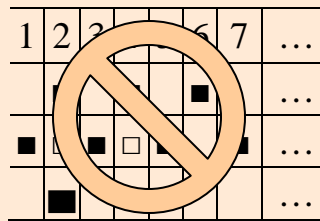
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Readers' Letters

Every month, I read a number of stamp newspapers, magazines, club newsletters, books and other philatelic material. I can't remember anything that held my interest like Ron Archer's Research Report that appeared in the February issue of *Coil Line*. Perhaps it was the significant level of detail (high-end vs. low-end valued strips of an issue) or the amount of work that Mr. Archer obviously put forth in preparing the article. Perhaps the fact that I've seen nothing like it in print, or for that matter, anywhere else. As my grandchildren would say, "Awesome."

-- Gene Zhiss #2065

People are putting words on paper without proper research, and it's turning *Coil Line* into a vehicle for misinformation. The article on page 40 of the March issue is pure bunk. Neither the finder of the "new" 22¢ Flag variety nor the article's author display even a passing knowledge of the BEP presses used to print the 22¢ coil. BEP plate reports show that plate #2 came from a B press sleeve, and due to its size could not possibly have been used on the D press.

The chart at the bottom of the page contains no fewer than seven errors. The open cubes (six — all speculation in the impossible) in the chart and the "new" D press find contradict the plate records. The 2115 tag block sizes in Scott's Specialized Catalog are only approximations, not a fixed guide to determine the press used. If you don't know where to look for reference sources, ask. There are still a few long-time PNC researchers around. In this case, an easy reference is in Snippets in the March 2004 *Coil Line*.

Regarding another erroneous article, the one about 18c Surrey vertical hot lines that appeared in the November 2008 *Coil Line*: It contains speculation in the impossible about tagging breaks. No correction or retraction has appeared in subsequent issues after I privately contacted the author. Folks, when this stuff is printed, it "becomes the truth", and it's damaging to the specialty.

--Alan Thomson #180-L

Regarding the untagged (not precanceled) 4.9¢ Buckboard plate strips shown in the March issue: Alan Thomson reported in the June, 2002 *Coil Line* that Rob Washburn found an untagged plate # 3 of the Buckboard. I have a strip of 3 of that plate number, as well.

-- Robert Thompson #1415

During the regional meeting in Arlington Heights, IL last November, the subject of Self-Adhesive strips came up. That discussion specifically questioned the long-term viability of these items. Will they continue to adhere to the liner? I don't remember who broached the subject, but the discussion ended on the note that it was an interesting question, and one that should be investigated further.

I am curious to know if some conclusion has been reached on this matter. If not, perhaps someone who did not attend the meeting might know the answer and would be willing to inform the membership of any information they have concerning this topic. The obvious concern is how long will my collection of SA strips be around; and, should one continue to invest in these items?

In closing, I would like to commend everyone involved in the production of *Coil Line*. It has gone through a remarkable evolution over the past year and everyone involved in this process deserves a big "THANK YOU!"

-- Bob Kumpfer #1342

I want to express a concern that *Coil Line* and most other professional publications are written for the "knowledgeable and dedicated collectors" (as Mr. Cole's letter noted in your wonderful March issue).

During the early part of the last 70 years or so, I was always so excited when my father brought home stamps from the mailroom where he worked. My brother and I would split them up, and with great glee eventually (when we could afford it) hinge them in our albums.

As time went on, we might get new albums and transfer our "gatherings" to their new homes.

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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

Tony Bruno, PO 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.

Upcoming Regional Meetings

Plymouth, Michigan April 25

A PNC³ Regional Meeting will be held this 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 held on Saturday, April 25th at 11:00 am.

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; or email www.plymouthshow.com; or phone 313-533-7737.

“Inside the Back Wrapper”

The PNC³ Catalog Committee is still accepting orders for publications (while supplies last).

A PNC Catalog Order Form is repeated on the inside back wrapper of this issue for your convenience.

(A descriptive update of the Catalog Offerings is on page 41 of the March 2009 *Coil Line*.)

Report from Sarasota, FL Regional Meeting by Al Light

The PNC³ Regional Meeting at the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, held on Saturday, February 7, was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Al Light of Sarasota. Attendance was light, with only four members present. The others were: Gary Hendren of Missouri, Webster Hall of Indiana, and Charles Fields of Indiana.

The meeting began with a discussion of recent changes in *Coil Line*. Al showed a full-color version of the journal he had printed from his electronic version. Another member had brought his mailed copy of the February issue. Members liked the idea of being able to copy a couple of years' worth onto a single CD and not having to deal with a pile of paper.

The group next discussed the Scott catalog's devaluing of PNC prices (subject of a February, 2009 *Coil Line* article by Ron Archer). The group then traded in PNCs until disbanding shortly before 11 a.m.

Readers' Letters (from previous page)

This continued until the early 1970's, when the USPS issued its first edition of "Stamps and Stories" for \$2. It was then that I concentrated on the U.S., with my only source being letters that I or my friends got. Shortly thereafter, I was able to buy new issues (for which I previously didn't have enough money).

It was such a joy to just hinge these stamps into this wonderful new album — and you know what — I had then (nor to this day) no knowledge of "tagging", centering, perforation sizes, color differences, line pairs... and now "seam lines". I now find that unless you have a super magnifying glass, or a chemical lab, you can't tell one stamp from another. What a pity!

I am just hoping that in the next few years there will be some appreciation of the "stamp gatherer" — and what might be of interest to them — rather than dedicate our publications to the "knowledgeable and dedicated collector".

Sorry, just had to get this off my mind. Your publication is great!

-- Walter M. Bush #1810

President's Message

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

As I sit at my computer typing this, my heart is heavy. I've been in correspondence with our Secretary, Harvey Wales, who informed me that we will be dropping about 100 members for non-payment of dues. I keep wondering who/what is to blame. There is, of course, the bad economic times, and our club is not the only one suffering.

I belong to another philatelic organization with about 200 members, and the secretary told me that 48 people had not renewed. That is mind-boggling.

Two months ago, I wrote the following in my column:

"And last, but not least, (thanks) 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, 2008 was indeed a great year for Plate Number Coil Collectors and the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, and we expect that 2009 will also be a fantastic year."

Two months ago, everything looked rosy, but perhaps I'm seeing the world through rose-colored glasses. I can only hope that things get better.

New Rate-Change Coils Announced



(USPS publicity images, tentative)

44¢ Flag: 3000-size rolls (gummed), 100-, 3000- and 10,000-size rolls (self-stick).

28¢ Polar Bear: 100-size rolls (self-stick).

1¢ Tiffany Lamp: 10k-size rolls (gummed, re-issue).

Arlington, Texas Regional Meeting

We signed up three new members at the APS AmeriStamp Expo in Arlington, Texas. The show was, from my vantage point, not well-attended, but I had expected that. I was in Arlington two weeks before the show and scoped out the venue, which seemed to me to be well away from "anything", which made me think at the time that anyone going to the show would have to be going there on purpose, and that casual visitors would not just happen upon the show.

We had 15 members stop at the booth during the show, and four of them bought membership pins. We also sold several catalog items and passed out a number of membership applications to interested people. I want to thank Robert Thompson for the time that he spent staffing the booth while I needed to be away from it.

I'd also like to congratulate Robert Thompson for winning a Silver Bronze award on his one-frame exhibit, "Plate Number Coils — Reporting the Rarities." Robert also won the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Certificate of Achievement for the exhibit.

The regional meeting on February 21 drew 15 members, and everything was upbeat. After the usual introductions, the new *Coil Line* format was discussed. Everyone agreed that the change was a definite improvement.

Door prizes were awarded to those in attendance. The most talked-about prize was a vertical unsplit pair of the 39¢ Lady Liberty and Flag error. This pair, priced at \$900.00, was donated by Dave Cobb of Newport Harbor Stamps.

Those members in attendance at the show included: Jim Bardo, Bob Benner, James Berryhill, Jay Bigalke, Gerald Blankenship, Dave Cobb, Robert E. Coffert, John C. Foster, Todd Ginsberg, Ken Grant, Doug Iams, Dr. Sydney K. Kay, Jim Kloetzel, Joanne Lenz, Tim Lindermuth, Ronald Maifeld, Ken Martin, Dick McCammon, Robert Thompson, Fernando Torres and Wade Saadi.

-- Ron Maifeld

Editor's Message

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

The Puzzle that Wasn't . . .

I mentioned in the March Editor's Message that a "mistake" had been left in that issue as a fun puzzle to be found (no knowledge outside of the issue was required). Actually, the usual typographical errors and then a more serious error (see below) were to be found in that issue, but there was no puzzle. It was my mistake, and I apologize if you tried to find it.

. . . and the Error that Was

In the week I initially thought about this column, a humorous gaffe out of the first-time meeting between U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her Russian counterpart was publicized. She had presented a gift in the form of a large, red push-button, intended to be captioned with the Russian word for "reset" to symbolize relations between the two nations going forward.

Instead, the Russian word chosen meant "overcharged". It is still amazing that in 2009,

the U.S. State Department apparently can not achieve accuracy in such a small matter.

Similarly, some readers were amazed and not amused by a technical error I allowed in the March issue's story about the 22¢ Flag "wide and tall" phosphor-tagging block size of a plate #2 coil strip.

Richard Nazar was the first one to contact me about that article. He graciously reminded me that, since the Bureau of Engraving and Printing only reported using a press sleeve #2 on the "B" press, any PNC #2 should not be associated with the "D" press based solely on its tagging block size.

I regret stating or implying that Scott catalog editor Jim Kloetzel associated the #2 strip (which he examined) with the D press. I compounded my error by calling the item a D press PNC in the story heading. B press coil rolls have plate number intervals of 52, while those from the C and D presses have 48-stamp intervals. Sleeves made for the B press could not be used on the C/D presses, and vice-versa.

Confusion over what 22¢ Flag PNCs came from which press did not end with sleeve #2. In an attempt to be helpful to interested *Coil Line* readers, (please see next page→)

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22¢ Flag Presses

by Alan Thomson

(Editor's note: This article was copied from the "Snippets" column, March 2004 Coil Line, page 31. It is presented here, as well as the phosphor tagging glow images below, as background to the recent finds of 22¢ Flag PNC phosphor tagging-block size variations discussed later in this issue.)

There's been an ongoing discussion on the Internet about which plate numbers of the Flag Over Capitol came from which of the three BEP intaglio presses, B, C or D, known to have printed the issue. Up to a point, the answers are quite straightforward. Plate reports and press records clearly show that numbers 2, 4, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 21 are B press products. The sleeves used for these numbers had 936 subjects (18 rows, 52 stamps around). A B press sleeve would not fit on the C and D presses, so these nine numbers were exclusively from the B press.

Plate numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20 and 22 have been shown to have made a least one run on the C press. How do we know this? The size of the tagging block from C press mats measures about 17.5mm by 21.5mm, plus or minus .5mm. All eleven plate numbers have been found with those measurements. Since C and D press sleeves (20x48 for 960 subjects) were interchangeable, some of the eleven could also have come from the D press. Four numbers, 8, 18, 20 and 22, did also come from the D, because they have been found with the characteristic D press tagging block of 19.5mm by 23mm, plus or minus .5mm. The question remaining then is: Do any of the other seven C press numbers have the large D press tag block?

Typical 22¢ Flag Phosphor Tagging Blocks

by Ron Blanks



Scott 2115

Scott 2115a

Scott 2115b

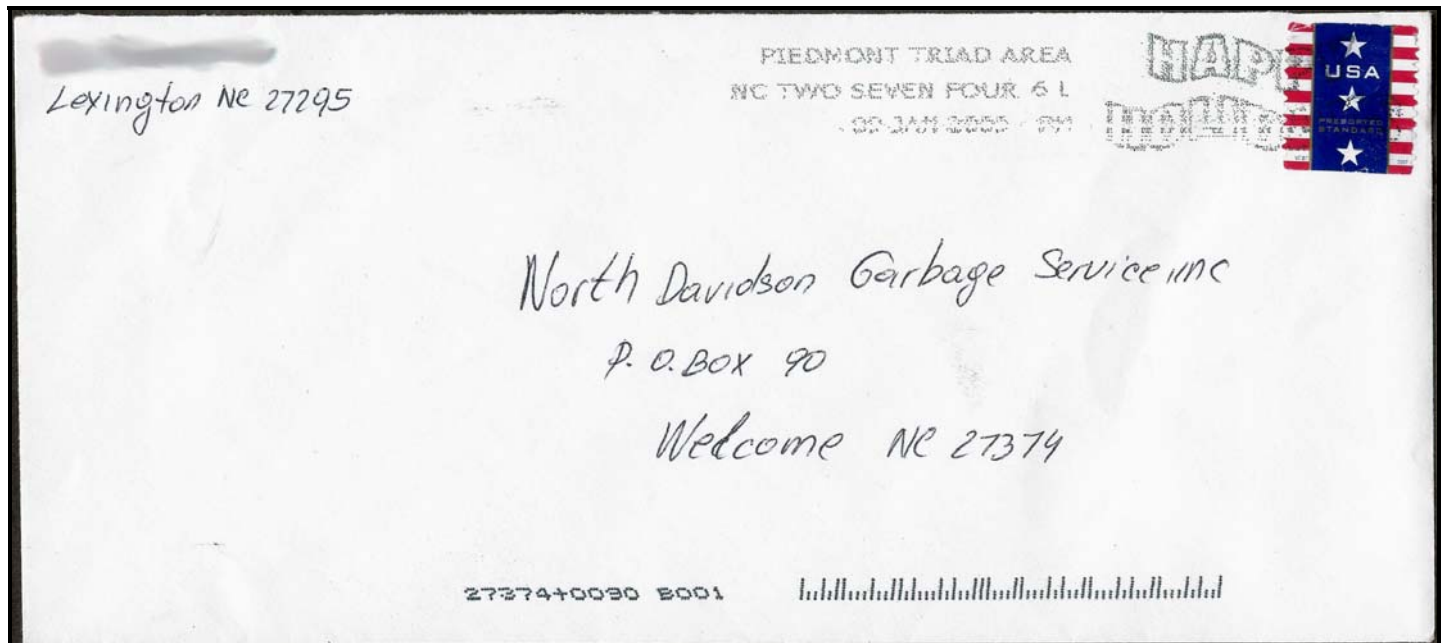
Shown here under shortwave ultraviolet light are the three typical 22¢ Flag coil tagging block sizes: wide (left), narrow (center), and wide & tall (right). *Exceptions exist.* (See related story, page 62.)

(from previous page) I reproduced the known "plate numbers by press" listing from the PNC3 website's detail data page, including "reported but unconfirmed" cases. Until the #2 strip with "wide and tall" tagging and the "unconfirmed" cases came along, it was simply a coincidence that the press used to make any previously Scott-listed 22¢ Flag PNC could be identified by its tagging. But this is misleading, and the March chart is plainly wrong. A corrected chart of 22¢ Flag tagging types, as well as additional information and pictures, can be found in this issue. -- Ron Blanks

Cover of the Month

By Rob Washburn

(10¢) Patriotic Banner Stamp used to mail bill payment



The above cover made it through the mail stream with only a single (10¢) Patriotic Banner #V2222 PNC. It is tied by a 1/9/09 ink jet spray slogan cancel. Cover courtesy of Thomas Babb.

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However, if you have scanning ability, you might prefer to email a scan (please scan at 600 dpi, as a jpg file), rather than mail your cover, to Rob at: stamps@beeline-online.net. (Please also send a file of the scan to the editor at coillineditor@yahoo.com). *Thank you.*

Catalog Corner

By Frank Covey



The nondenominated water-activated (WAG) (10¢) Patriotic Banner from Sennett Security Products (SSP) went on sale at Stamp Fulfillment Services in Kansas City, MO and in Washington, DC (the first day city) on February 24, 2009 in coil rolls of 500.

The S111 plate number in the lower-left corner repeats every 31 stamps along the roll.

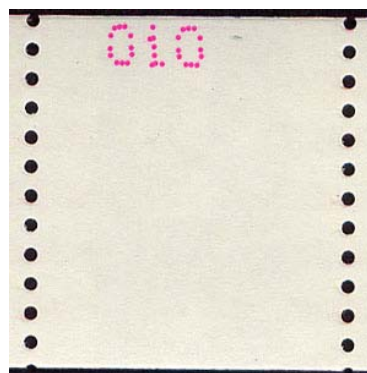
There are 3-digit pink back numbers every ten stamps along the roll. Back numbers have been found on the top and bottom of rolls. (See the illustrations below of each). Since the plate interval is an odd number (31), it is possible to have a back number in all positions relative to the plate number from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



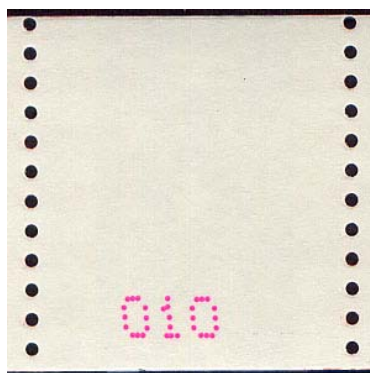
A similar Patriotic Banner design has been used twice before on self-adhesive (SA) stamps issued on July 4, 2007. The SA Patriotic Banner from Sennett Security Products (2007-9) came in rolls of 10,000. The SA Patriotic Banner from Avery Dennison (2007-10) came in rolls of 3,000 and 10,000.

For more information on this issue, visit the PNC³ web site at www.pnc3.org.

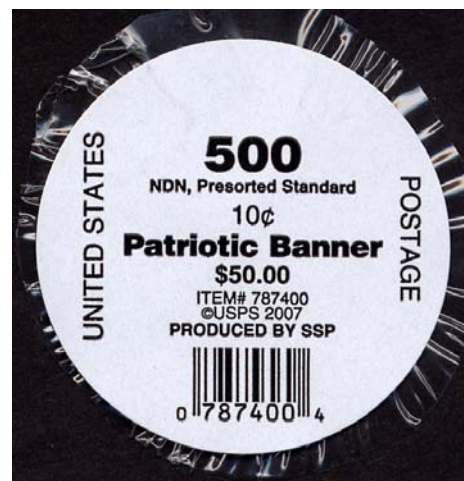
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22¢ Flag Tagging Sizes Update

by Ron Blanks



This article corrects erroneous data in my prior story in March's *Coil Line* (page 40) on recent 22¢ Flag PNC tagging variety finds. It also addresses some misconceptions that can arise from the current Scott Specialized catalog listings and the PNC³ website. (For some background on the 22¢ Flag coils, see page 59.)

Last month's *Coil Line* reported the \$170 December 2008 eBay auction sale of a 22¢ Flag PNC strip of five with sleeve #2 and phosphor tagging blocks measuring 19.7mm wide by 23mm high. The seller referred to the item as "New Discovery #2115b pl #2 wide & tall Block tag". The problem is, Scott #2115b is assigned to 22¢ Flag coils with this block size, but listed as printed on the D press. The C and D presses used press sleeves of only 48 stamps around. Sleeve #2 was only made for the B press, with sleeve number intervals of 52.

Therefore, lacking definitive evidence to the contrary, logically this recent discovery is an interesting B press variety. It shows use of a tagging mat whose raised blocks for applying the phosphor taggant were cut to a slightly larger size than the typical block size seen on 22¢ Flag coils from the B press.

The 2009 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps & Covers* (page 182) assigns "wide block" ("19mm by 21.5mm") tag-size 22¢ Flag coils as #2115, listed as from the B press. It lists the distinctive "narrow block" phosphor-tag shape as #2115a, labeling it a C press item. Scott states that size as "17.5mm by 21.5mm". The catalog lists wide-and-tall ("19.5mm by 23mm") block 22¢ Flag coils as #2115b, described as from the D press.

It was only as recently as the 2005 Specialized that Scott segregated 22¢ Flag coils by these three typical tagging block sizes. Prior to 2005, the 2115 listing stated "wide block" and 2115a was "narrow block", neither with measurements given. The 2005 changes came once PNCs of #8, 18, 20, and 22 were identified with the distinctive wide block size known of the D press *versus the C press*. (Previously, the four PNCs were known only as narrow-block C-press coils. The C/D PNCs had been lumped together, since there was no way of telling C and D press outputs apart until specialists established the tagging size difference.) (please see next page→)

Table 1 (corrected). 22¢ Flag Coil PNC / Block Tag Size Combinations

Plate Numbers Known with Block Tag Sizes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Scott 2115, Wide (19 x 21.5), (approx. ? x 21.5),	B press	■		■		■			■			■	■	■	■						■
	C press																□		□		□
Scott 2115a, Narrow (17.5 x 21.5), (approx. ? x 21.5),	C press	■		■		■		■	■		■	■					■	■	■	■	■
	B press		□		□					□											
Scott 2115b, Wide & Tall (19.5 x 23),	D press							■									■		■		■
	B press		■																		

Legend: ■ -- confirmed # for block size; □ -- reported but not confirmed; ■ -- newly reported & confirmed
(Note: Cylinder # 9 was not used for issued rolls. Dimensions are millimeters, width by height.)

22¢ Flag Tagging Sizes Update by Ron Blanks

(from previous page)

The revised Scott listings did not anticipate findings of more block sizes for B press coils which appear close to the sizes of the C or D listings. Without a note to alert collectors to the uniqueness of the B press sleeves (having a 52-count PNC interval versus the C/D's 48), mistakes can occur when describing new block size varieties. When I discussed this with Alan Thomson, he stated:

No plate that was used on the D press was used only on the D. All were also printed on the C press. The difference between the block sizes from the C and from the D is so great that even the novice can see the difference. Scott should delete any reference to block size under 2115 (B press). It's irrelevant. The words directly following "a." and "b." under 2115 are sufficient. That is, "narrow block tagging" and "wide and tall block tagging".

Note that the tagging size is significant for C versus D presses, but not for the B press. We know from other B-press issues there was little uniformity to B-press block sizes. Even for the same issue and format, different well-shaped (unworn) block sizes are known in a few cases. One example: Five-to-seven years prior to printing 22¢ Flag coils, the BEP used the B press for 15¢ Fort McHenry stamps to make panes of 100. Some panes have large-block tagging, while others have small-block tagging. (Wallace Cleland, in the February 2009 issue of *The United States Specialist*, asked readers to report their 15¢ Flag tagging-type holdings by plate number and position for a census. In a follow-up article to appear in that journal, under shortwave ultraviolet light I show those block sizes and a small-block variation.)

This is not to ignore slight C or D press block variations. There was no rigorous requirement for tagging-mat blocks to be made a certain size, only that they be small enough so perforating pins missed them (when all production steps were aligned). For some issues, we can see that tagging mat wear eventually shaped the blocks unevenly, so other taggant sizes and shapes can be observed occasionally. But worn blocks will not form well-shaped, crisp rectangles. In other cases, based on tagging varnish viscosity and pressure used, slightly overspread yet basically rectangular tag blocks are seen.

Has it been proven for 22¢ Flag coils, that all C press output is narrow-block and D press output is wide-and-tall? I don't claim to be an expert on that issue nor read up on all prior literature, but one might wonder. My block-tagged 20¢ Cable Car PNCs, printed on the C and D presses months after the 22¢ Flags, show a wide and tall block on a #2, exactly 19.5x23mm. But a #1 and two other #2s are wider than that by 1 to 1.5+mm.

Contrary to the impression the Scott catalog and others might give, its listings of 2115, 2115a, and 2115b 22¢ Flag coils are designed for unnumbered coils, too, and thus are "by tagging size", not "by press". In confirming that, Scott editor Jim Kloetzel stated the "wide and tall" #2 is likely to be listed with 2115b, but with changes to those listings to clarify the presses involved, including the different PNC interval for B press sleeves.

At the time of last month's story, the PNC³ website's detail page for 22¢ Flag PNCs listed six "reported but unconfirmed" tagging varieties among the B and C press PNCs. I included those reports in March's Table 1 chart, repeating the error of ascribing some PNCs to the wrong press. (A corrected Table 1 is on the prior page. Hopefully, the PNC³ website will also be changed.) The unconfirmed reported varieties fell into two types: B-press PNCs (#2, 4, 10) with narrow blocks, and C/D-press PNCs (#18, 20, 22) with wide (not tall) blocks. In the corrected Table 1, I split out narrow-block tagging by the known C-press PNCs and by the B-press "narrow" reports. Likewise, I placed unconfirmed "wide" reports for C/D-press PNCs next to the normal B-press PNCs. Since we do not know how narrow or wide these unconfirmed items are, I used a "?" for their sizes.

Are these variations significant to warrant this much attention? Obviously, each collector is free to define whatever degree of variation she or he wants to pursue. However, many look to specialists' research to understand which variations rise to the level of "production significance"; that is, reflect some discrete change which demarcates output between "before" and "after", or between presses, devices, or materials. It seems clear that from the "wide and tall" size of the PNC #2 item, a different block size was used sometime on the B-press among 22¢ Flag coils. On the other hand, any smaller-size variations of the "unconfirmed" items might be aberrations among tagging mats which also applied normal-sized tag blocks. *(please see page 66)*

Reporting the Rarities

by Gene Trinks

Spring is sprung! And for those in the colder climes, it probably wasn't soon enough. I guess the weather didn't keep our searchers from the hunt, since we have a number of new finds to report this month. I wonder a little about that, though, since I haven't had a report since mid-February. Maybe spring will see the reports coming up like spring flowers.

Nothing really startling this month, although a couple of finds of rarities on cover is always good news. Members reported finding a second copy of Atlas #V13222 and a Flag Over Porch #13231A VP (now 14).

Singles reported include three copies of the Atlas #V13222, bringing the total to 51, and three copies each of the Egret #V2121 VP and Egret #3211 VP, bringing those totals to 25 and 44, respectively. I also have a report of one more of the scarcer Egret #3211 PV die, bringing that total to 6. We still have only one report of the very scarce Egret #2121 PV! I can't wait for the next lucky member who reports a second copy of that elusive bird. Get the magnifiers out, folks!

The revised list therefore stands as follows:

PNC Issue	PNC ID	Scott No.	Mint Single	Mint P/S 5	Used Single	On Cover
32¢ Flag over Porch ('Famous Five')						
66666 10/11 die	1996-8.221	2915A	--	--	20	2
66666 12/11 die	1996-8.241	2915C	--	--	4	2
78777 10/10 die	1996-8.211	2915A	--	8	68	5
88888 11/12 die	1996-8.252	2915C	--	--	4	--
13231A 10/10 VP die	1996-8.212	2915A	6	8	53	14
(5¢) Avery Mountain V333342 13L/12R die	1996-10.211	2904A	--	--	21	3
V333343 round corner die	1996-10.211	2904A	--	--	4	--
(5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die	1997-1.22	2904B	2	4	15	2
(25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die	1998-7.21	3208A	--	--	91	7
(10¢) Green Bike #444 square shoulder die	1998-4.22	3228	--	--	30	4
(10¢) Egl&Shld STD#11111 rnd shoulder die	1998-15.1111	3271	1	6	12	4
(10¢) Atlas V13222	2003-9	3770	--	--	51	2
V21113	2003-9	3770	--	--	3	--
V21211 tagged	2003-9	3770	--	--	2	1
37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die	2003-8	3829	--	--	25	1
V2121 PV die	2003-8	3829	--	--	1	--
V3211 VP die	2003-8	3829	--	--	44	3
V3211 PV die	2003-8	3829	--	--	6	2

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. Many thanks to all members who have reported in the past. Keep up the good work!!

Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes, Tagging & Die Cuts

=== KEY ===

Roll Size: E - 50, A -100, B - 500, C - 3000, D - 10,000

* **NEW NUMBER OR VARIETY**

*** **DATA IS TENTATIVE**

[xx] - plate 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
 un - untagged

Water-Activated if shaded; otherwise, Self-Adhesive.

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:

PV = Peak/Valley VP = Valley/Peak
 PP = Peak/Peak S = Serpentine Die Cuts with no transition.
 Tagging is listed within (). Note some #'s have 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 (SP-S)

#P1111 A [31] VP

(41¢) FLAG (SP-U)

#S1111 A [31] VP, PV

(41¢) FLAG (OA)

#V1111 A [11] VP, PV

(41¢) FLAG (SP-S)

#S1111 A, C, D [31]

(41¢) FLAG (OA)

Rounded Corners

#V1111 D [10] VP

41¢ FLAG (OA)

#V11111 A [11] VP, PV

#V2222 A [11] VP, PV

41¢ FLAG (OA)

Rounded Corners

#V11111 C, D [10] VP

41¢ FLAG (SP-S)

#P11111 A [31] VP

41¢ FLAG (SP-U,SP-S)

#S11111 A [31] VP

41¢ OFFICIAL (SP-S)

#S111 A [31]

41¢ BLOOMS (OA)

#P1111 A [30] VP

#P2222 A [30] VP

1¢ LAMP 2003 (un)

#S11111 C [14]

1¢ LAMP 2008 (un)

#S11111 C [31]

3¢ STAR (un, SP-S)

#S111 D [14]

3¢ SILVER COFFEE

POT (un)

#S1111 D [14]

4¢ CHAIR (un)

#S1111 D [14]

5¢ TOLEWARE (un)

#S1111111 D [14]

10¢ CLOCK 2006 (un)

#S1111 D [14]

10¢ CLOCK 2008 (SP-S)

#S1111 D [31]

17¢ SHEEP (SP-U)

S1111111 A [31] VP

26¢ PANTHER (SP-S,

SP-U)

S1111 A [31] VP

27¢ TROPICAL FRUIT

(SP-S)

#V1111111 A [40] VP,PV

(5¢) SEA COAST

#B111 D [20] (SP-S) VP

#P1111 D [22] (un) S

#P2222 C, D [27] (un) S

#P2222 D [27] (un, SP-S) S

#P3333 D [27] (un) S

#P4444 D [27] (un) S

#P5555 D [27] (un) S

#P6666 D [27] (un) S

#P7777 C, D [27] (un) S

#P8888 D [27] (un) S

#P9999 D [27] (un) S

#S1111 D [20] (un) S

(5¢) SEA COAST (un)

#B111 B, D [10]

#S1111 C (Lum. Ink) [14]

#S1111 D (Lum. Ink) [14]

#S11111 B [31]

42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SP-S)

#P1111 A [16] VP

42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SP-S)

#S1111 A [16] PV

42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SP-S)

#V1111 A [20] VP, PV

#V2222 A [20] VP, PV

42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SP-S)

Rounded Corners

#V1111 C, D [8] VP

#V2222 C, D [8] VP *

42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SP-S)

#S1111111 C [12/16 alternating]

42¢ FLAGS OF OUR

NATION (SP-S)

#S11111111 E [10]

(Set 1, Set 2)

(10¢) ATLAS (un)

#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 (un)

#S11111 B, C [14]

(10¢) BANNER (un)

#S111 D [27] PP

#S111 B [31] *

#V111 C, D [10] VP

#V222 C, D [10] VP

(25¢) DINER (un)

#S11111 D [14]

(25¢) EAGLE (SA) (un)

#S1111111 D (2003) [20] S

#S2222222 D [20] S

#S3333333 C, D [20] S

#S1111111 C (2005) [20] S

(25¢) EAGLE (un)

#S1111111 C [10]

2 new items: A new water-activated version of the (10¢) Patriotic Banner stamp in rolls of 500 was issued in February. The stamps have 3-digit back numbers every 10 stamps.

The 24/7 Flag with plate V2222 is from a coil of 3k and 10k and the plate number is 8 stamps apart, and it has black back numbers.

The 'KEY' box was changed Dec. 2008 to update the description of phosphor tagged stamps agreed-upon at the tagging meeting at the APS StampShow in Hartford Aug '08:

EP for stamps with Embedded Phosphor, and **SP** for Surface Phosphor stamps. SP stamps have an additional qualifier letter: **'U'** for Uneven and/or Grainy, or **'S'** for Smooth appearance.

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.

Classified Ads

NEW PNC STOCK! See it April 25 & 26 - Anthony Wayne Stamp Show, Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 St Joe River Dr - Fort Wayne, Indiana. Further info contact Jim Mowrer at stamp4@verizon.net or Call 260-471-2469. Member 2093.

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WANT TO PURCHASE used ultraviolet light, preferably Raytech LS7, or other high quality light. Will be at PNC3 regional meeting at Plymouth Show, Michigan on April 25. E-mail me at rcjackson48302@yahoo.com or call 248-253-0260. Rick Jackson Member 2030.

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WANTED: 25¢ Honeybees for exhibit - Paying \$500 for plate #1 w/ original Tall Serif, commercially used in rate period. Paying \$500 for untagged PNC5 plate #1. Interested in Pair or longer showing Electric Eye marks, also in commercially used covers plate #1 with Short Serif. Member 1415. Robert Thompson, rthompson@pncvarieties.com 713-419-1926.

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(from page 63, "22¢ Flag Tagging...")



Tag block examples from two #2 plate strips. Left coil is typical (19x21.5mm), right coil is 19.3x23mm and was accidentally cropped at top.

We end with an example of a wide-and-tall PNC #2 and an unconfirmed #10 PNC, which Bob Rabinowitz graciously shared. In my haste to return these, I noticed too late that the #2 strip of 3's phosphor blocks (one pictured above) were partly obscured by my shortwave UV lamp. Yet the glow cropped above is still taller than the usual 22¢ Flag #2 block. (I found the full blocks measured 19.3mm x 23mm.) The unconfirmed #10 PNC tagging from a strip is shown at right below, next to a "normal" one. I found the right coil to be 18mm wide instead of the usual 19mm for B-press 22¢ Flag coils. □



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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E Carl Anderson (1990), Lenoir, NC

Nicholas G. Carter (2022), Bethesda, MC

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... Membership Update

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Resignations

Frank Strong (911)
David Aiken (1808)
Roy Colella (1820)
John Mahoney (1892)

Dropped for Non-payment

George Kuhn (7)
Frank Shively (179)
Mac Johnson (251)
Leonard Goldstein (274)
Wali Motorwalla (327)
Bob Belk (559)
Mario Chevrette (600)
James Hooghe (622)
Lionel Garlini (733)
Robert Hinkley (744)
Greg Krebs (757)
Joseph Bellamy (774)
Joseph DiPasquale (863)
Charles Gherman (878)
William Proctor (909)
Morton Epstein (912)
Thomas Field (928)
Sherwood Day (955)
Bill Ross (1013)
Richard Blakeley (1047)
Mark Herron (1082)
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George Berggren (1097)
Robert Galloway (1154)
Richard Jodry (1157)
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C David Eeles (1233)
Michihisa Ishii (1252)
Alfred Gluth (1262)
Rob Kutz (1291)
Phillip Olwin (1307)
Stuart Graves (1339)
Sam Day (1370)
Becky Day (1371)

Robert Kurke (1402)
Richard Peluso (1455)
George Bizzanelli (1463)
David Cunningham (1479)
Charles Weis (1483)
Richard Moore (1570)
Herbert Ehrich (1597)
Frederick Gesser (1641)
Danial Baker (1674)
Donald Roberts (1681)
Larry Ackerman (1687)
Lodge Hanlon (1720)
Herbert Keller (1730)
Tim Lindemuth (1760)
Gary Barsellotti (1762)
John Trego (1765)
Ron Sobel (1770)
Dean Brand (1776)
Marvin Bregman (1782)
James Bennette (1784)
William Benson (1791)
Michael Keenan (1802)
Michael Pieper (1816)
Marvin Klotz (1819)
R C de Mordaigle (1830)
Cameron Walker (1831)
William Souder (1839)
Stan Raugh (1861)
Peter Dymalski (1862)
Wayne Duerkes (1866)
John Michelson (1870)
Herbert Kelsey (1882)

Alvin Golub (1891)
Randall Markham (1919)
Randolph Fisher (1925)
James Hedges (1926)
Trent Tyler (1932)
Bob Langdon (1957)
Herbert Gilder (1978)
Roland Austin (1980)
Mike Green (1984)
William Hoyle (1991)
Lewis Evans (1993)
John Hickel (2002)
John Keener (2023)
James Cady (2029)
Mark Reed (2039)
G Blaine Cox (2040)
Stanley Calhoon (2041)
James White (2047)
Dale Caudle (2051)
Marilyn Stallwitz (2054)
David Garrett (2058)
Jerry Kotek (2062)
Terry Ramsey (2066)
Wilford Plummer (2068)
Richard Noreillie (2072)
James Hannah (2079)
Frederick Skvara (2080)
Wayne Youngblood (2090)
Brad Smith (2095)
Thomas Barrett (2100)
Derek Samuels (2110)
James Mathis (2111)

This list of 2009 dues non-payment is based on reviewed information available as of early March, 2009. If you find an entry which you believe to be in error, please contact: Daniel Farrar, Secretary, 3386 Excalibur Circle NW, Canton OH 44708-1143. Email: farrar@raex.com. Thank you.

Previous Membership	
Count	859
New Members	4
Resignations	(4)
Dropped for	
non-payment	(100)
<u>Deceased</u>	<u>(3)</u>
New Membership	
Count	756