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## Letters

After putting several heads together, I decided to list the various 29¢ Flag over White House colors on *Coil Line's* front page (December 2008) with a “(?)” after the color shown. This was to indicate the names as not being factual, to coincide with the black and white illustration in Doug Iams’ article (which stated the readers may decide for themselves what to call them). As was indicated in that article, my experience was the same with the people I consulted with. We have different color interpretations for the ones pictured, so I guess this controversy will go on forever.

I have been told by three different people that each of the 3 colors pictured is “the normal version”. It is my opinion that the “gray” color is the normal one. I expect to hear from each of these gentlemen that his interpretation is the correct one. This is what makes our particular segment of the hobby so fun and interesting. So much for the “no new plate number” soothsayers who claim they have nothing more to collect.

I received in the mail (which I have since returned) another color version, which is seemingly a true black (representation) color version from Jim Fowler, whom I asked to write about it for the next issue of *Coil Line*. I can forward a scan of it to anyone who requests. There is not any hint of a blue tint to it that I can see; however, it does have a faint red stripe across it.

-- [TRU120542@aol.com](mailto:TRU120542@aol.com) Todd Uebele #1832

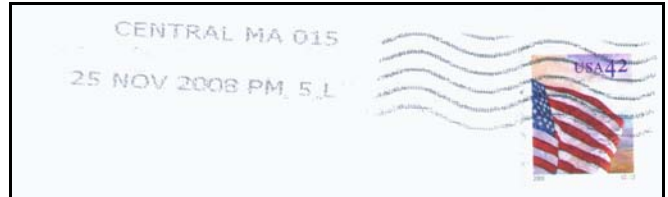
## Report from CHICAGOPEX Regional Meeting by Andy Jakes

The CHICAGOPEX regional meeting of PNC<sup>3</sup> on November 22, 2008, brought 15 members together for sharing newly found PNCs, comments, and fellowship. (Richard Beecher traveled all the way from Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada!)

Frank Covey displayed recent die-cut varieties on his PC, and Kurt Albrecht shared observations and coils from the Transportation Series with tagging missing (4.9¢ Buckboard #3 & #4, and 6¢ Tricycle #1). *(please see page 9)*

## News

### New Plate Number Combination from Avery Dennison by Ron Maifeld



On November 25, 2008 a letter was postmarked with a “CENTRAL MA 015” spray cancel and found its way to a collector. The stamp that franked that letter was an Avery Dennison 42¢ self-adhesive 24/7 Flag coil stamp with rounded corners from a large roll (3k or 10k). The stamp features the plate combination of V2222, which makes it a new number, and the first report of that plate combination on the 24/7 Flag.

The find was first reported on the Virtual Stamp Club November 29th by “jackt60”. I contacted Jack and he provided the scans which I have reworked.



Scans in color are on the club website at [www.pnc3.org](http://www.pnc3.org), and the data files have been updated with the new discovery.



# 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](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

### Southern California-Jan 10

Southern California Coil Collectors will meet Saturday January 10 at 12 noon to 2 p.m. in Anaheim, CA at the three-day ORCOEXPO stamp show. The annual show is at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 11767 Harbor Blvd. just south of Disneyland. 60 dealers will participate; show admission is free.

Jack Wasserman is in charge of the meeting: Drawings for coils and a discussion of future meetings will be held. Also planned is a discussion of "How to Collect the Flags of Our Nation." This is a follow-up to the meeting at SESCAL in October when no decision was agreed-upon by the many participants in attendance. For more information, please contact co-host Jewell Meyer at [jlmeyer\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmeyer_2000@yahoo.com).

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### Tucson, Arizona-Jan 24

A Regional Meeting of PNC<sup>3</sup> is planned for Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Tucson Convention Center. The 2-hour meeting is in conjunction with ARIPEX 2009, and will be held in the Apache Room at the Convention Center, 260 S. Church Ave, in Tucson, Arizona.

Gene Trinks will host the meeting. For more information, please contact Gene Trinks at [gctrinks@cox.net](mailto:gctrinks@cox.net), or at 16415 W. Desert Wren Ct, Surprise, AZ 85374.

### Sarasota, Florida-Feb 7

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

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

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

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### Arlington, Texas-Feb 21

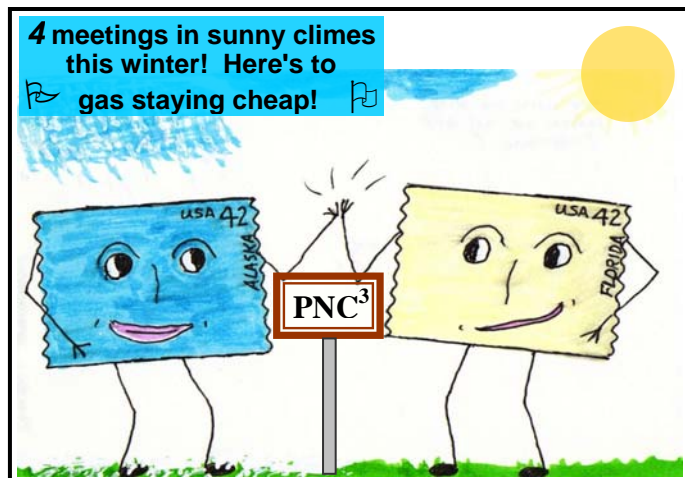
APS AmeriStamp Expo/TEXPEX, sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, will be the site of a PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, Texas. The meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. At this point in time, we do not have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

In addition to the Regional Meeting, PNC<sup>3</sup> will have a society booth on the convention floor.

For more information about the show, contact Dana Guyer, [stampshow@stamps.org](mailto:stampshow@stamps.org); or email at [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org); 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128. *(please see page 15)*

### Stamp Toons

by Thomas Babb



# President's Message

## FROM THE PRESIDENT . . . .

### Auction#40

PNC<sup>3</sup> Auctioneer Joe Sedivy announces that he is now accepting lots until January 12, 2009 for Auction #40, which will close the third Wednesday of March. Please note the tight deadline and get your lots to Joe ASAP. There is an auction consignment form on the web site and also one printed on the inside back of the wrap in this issue. The form may be duplicated if you have multiple lots to submit.

### The year in review

It has been over a year now since we began publishing *Coil Line* with the front page in color and a full-color electronic version, which is available to members through the Internet and their home computers.

Todd Uebele, Sr., after taking over the editorship from Harold Brown, who had served as editor for 17 years, let no moss grow under him as he instituted one improvement after another.

I think that in the past year we have gone from a journal that we were proud of, to a journal that we can be *really* proud of. The twelve monthly *Coil Line* issues of 2008 accounted for a total of 222 pages, or an average of more than 18 pages per issue. Beginning with the August issue, we switched from 8 ½ x 11 paper and employed a larger 11 x 17 paper stock, which enabled us to convert *Coil Line* to a magazine-style format.

Feedback on the new format was very positive, but there were still a few nagging issues. Quite a few members expressed a desire to receive their copy of *Coil Line* flat, which would necessitate a larger, costlier envelope. We opted to experiment with a protective wrap on the outside of *Coil Line*. It appears that the 'wrap' is doing the job and is all that we hoped it would be.

PNC<sup>3</sup> owes a huge debt to Todd Uebele for his

many hours of untiring dedication to the club and his devotion to producing a first class journal.

Unfortunately, because of other obligations, Todd Uebele has had to relinquish the reins as editor and has passed them on to Ronald Blanks, who is now sitting in the driver's seat and has produced this, his first issue of *Coil Line*. Todd and Ron have been working together over the past couple of months to make the transition as seamless as possible. Both gentlemen have agreed to work together and Todd will stay on the staff as Associate Editor.

PNC<sup>3</sup> member Brian Snippen and his wife Cory, who own the 'Incredible Bulk Mailing Company', based in Tualatin, OR are responsible for getting *Coil Line* to the printer and then into the mailstream around the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Many copies of *Coil Line* are franked with plate number coil stamps, supplied by Brian and Cory from their stock of stamps used in the business. Thanks to both of them for the extra effort they put out to make sure that *Coil Line* gets to the membership in a timely manner.

We transmit everything electronically in Adobe PDF format to get sharp, crisp-looking copy and much better-looking black and white illustrations.

Even with the increases in postage and supplies, because of some innovations and the large number of members who receive their *Coil Line* (please see page 9)

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## FROM THE EDITOR . . .

Welcome to a new year of *Coil Line* and, I trust, a new year of hobby interest and involvement. During this time of global economic stress, regardless of where we live or our status in life, many of us are affected in ways we probably never anticipated. As we ring in the new year, here's to hoping that matters will soon improve and some sense of normalcy will return, however gradually or fitfully.

The team that puts out each issue of *Coil Line* also hopes that you find in each issue a little help in however you enjoy your hobby -- to relax, to keep your mind sharp, or to just have fun. Collecting plate numbered coils encompasses a broad choice of pursuits and specialty areas. Some collect mint strips; some collect used singles; some collect advertising mail with Mailer's Postmark Permit cancels... The list could go on and on.

One thing I have observed: If you think you are "alone" in your choice, you will be surprised to learn how many others chose the same pursuit. *Coil Line* is here as your journal, so let us know what interests you. Articles and story ideas,

questions and comments -- all are always welcome, and we try to fit them in as best we can.

As this is my first issue of *Coil Line* as your editor, I suppose an introduction is in order. Interestingly, I am writing this in early December, the same week forty years ago when I walked to my neighborhood contract post office and purchased my first holiday issue, the U. S. 6¢ Angel Gabriel design of Jan van Eyck (Scott 1363). I still recall my reaction to the beauty of those engraved inks jumping off the paper at me.

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## Unusual 27¢ Fruit Roll

A former PNC3 member was looking for PV die-cut Tropical Fruit rolls, when he noticed a roll which had the die cutting running through the right side of the design just left of the year date. When he opened up the roll, he found that shortly into the roll the die cutting suddenly jumped into place and stayed that way for the rest of the roll. The result was an extra-wide Papaya stamp with **two** year dates. Since the die cuts may not be visible in the image below, I have added white marks in the top and bottom borders to indicate where the die cuts are located. The die cutting was also shifted down a bit, which did not get corrected when the horizontal shift was corrected, and the amount of the downward shift is indicated with the black marks.



## Weakly Tagged Eagle

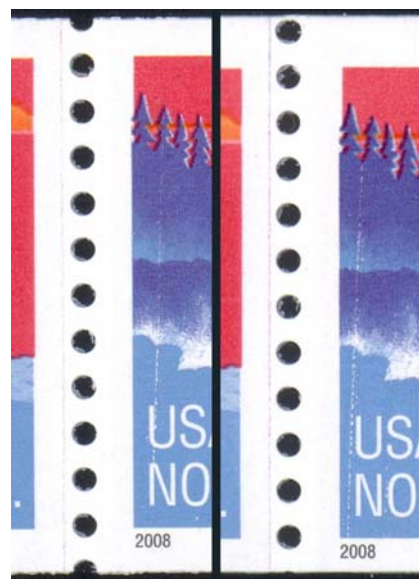
The November 17<sup>th</sup> *Linn's Stamp News* reported that a cover had been found bearing a weakly tagged 2003 dated self-adhesive (25c) Eagle with plate number S3333333. Weakly tagged 2003 dated self-adhesive Eagles were first reported in this column back in 2005, but this may be the first time a plate number has been reported.

## New 2003 Eagle Roll Size

The 2003-dated self-adhesive (25c) Eagle has just been reported in rolls of 3000. When they were first produced, they were only released in rolls of 10000. Later, rolls of 3000 were released, but those carried a 2005 year date. This is the first time that the 2003-dated stamps have been found in rolls of 3000, and thus the first time that they have carried a 4-digit back number. The plate number is S3333333.

## 2008 WAG Seacoast

Mike Lipson has found strips of Sennett's new 2008 WAG (5c) Seacoast showing an almost vertical white line running through the blue at the left side of the 2L stamp (2<sup>nd</sup> stamp to Left of plate number stamp); see left image below. Someone else found strips showing a similar line a bit further to the left (right image). Since both examples are said to have middle back numbers and it is believed that there is only one row with middle back numbers (which might not be true), the lines may be due to a hair or fiber that got on the plate or offset blanket and moved around. Notice also the seam line that is not centered between the two stamp images (easier to see in the right image).

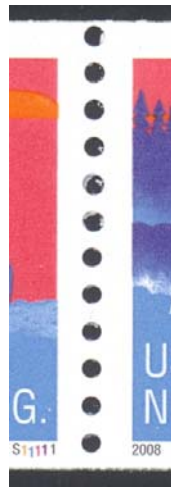


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# ...This and That

## 2008 WAG Seacoast (from page 7)

Mike Lipson has found a roll of the 2008 WAG Seacoast with "combo" perf holes. The top six holes are larger than the bottom six holes. The difference is not as dramatic as some examples we have seen in the past and is not as visually obvious as it could be, due to the fact that some of the holes were not cleanly made.



Ron Maifeld got a roll of the 2008 WAG Seacoast from the Caves that had a "fog" covering the white borders around all of the stamps, except for a wide band at the 2L perfs which remained pure white. 2L is where thin red and blue seam lines have shown up on other 2008 WAG Seacoast strips. (Note: Image has been digitally enhanced to try to make the white band show up better.)



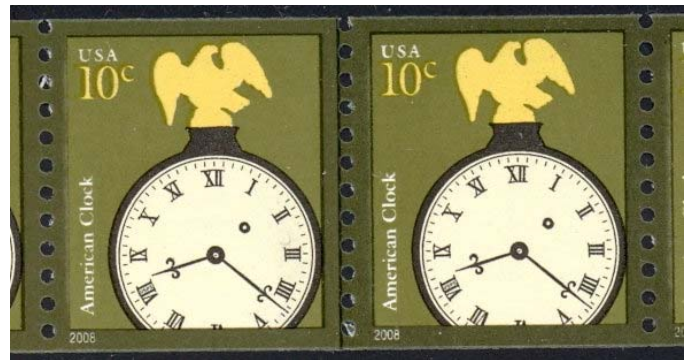
## 42¢ Flag Color Shift

Jeff Fiszbein found a used S1111 42¢ Flag with the blue shifted up, causing the USA 42 to appear doubled. Note also seam line at left.



## 2008 10¢ Clock

The new 2008 10¢ clock has a very dark seam line at the 2L perfs, plus a second one 15 or 16 stamps away (depending on which direction you count), indicating they are using two half plates. Another indication is that there are some small differences in the color registrations left and right of the seam lines.



## ND (41¢) Flag Mess

Bob Murrin has found a couple of used examples of the non-denominated (41¢) Flag that are a complete mess. Not only are the colors misregistered, but the blue has multiple ghost images to the right of the main image.



# President's Message...

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electronically, we can still print *Coil Line* with the front page in color, and get it in the mail for about what we were paying in the past. This effort has been aided by the generous donation of postage this past year by Randy Fisher, Dennis Ladd and Bill Elston.

Frank Covey, our electronic distribution manager, informed me that we now have over 15% of our membership receiving *Coil Line* electronically. This equates to a huge savings to the club on printing and mailing expenses, which in turn helps to keep our dues low, and has enabled us to make major improvements to *Coil Line*, not the least of which is a full-color online journal.

Last year at this time, we had 858 members. The December, 2008 total stood at 851. We took a hit again in the spring at dues renewal time, but not nearly as bad as the previous year. The membership count bottomed out at 799 as we went into April, but we have been able to bounce back to where we now are.

The club web site at [www.pnc3.org](http://www.pnc3.org) continues to be a valuable resource for those looking for breaking news and for those looking for in-depth information. We are fast approaching and will soon reach another milestone as we climb over the three hundred fifty thousand visitor mark.

We had two successful club auctions last year, both run by Joe Sedivy. The proceeds from these

auctions are a major contributing factor to keeping the dues at current levels.

Back in May of last year, I wrote an article on "Tagging and Paper Varieties" which had far-reaching consequences of more than I could possibly have imagined. I admitted that I was not an expert on those matters, but I felt the need to clarify the definitions with the goal of updating the online and printed Glossary. After a series of discussions with Alan Thomson, Gene Trinks and Wayne Youngblood, Wayne agreed to write an article for *Coil Line* and provided a flow chart on "Tagging on PNCs", followed by an extensive article in the September issue on "Tagging Varieties", which went to press in mid-August.

Gene Trinks was key in organizing at the APS StampShow in Hartford, CT (also in mid-August) a "Tagging Summit" with the stated purpose of defining accepted terms for tagging types for use in the PNC<sup>3</sup> catalog. Attending the meeting were Wayne Youngblood, Alan Thomson and Richard Nazar, all recognized authorities on tagging, plus Todd Uebele Sr., Ron Maifeld, and Gene Trinks. The latter two represented the PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog Committee. The talks resulted in a commitment by Catalog Committee members to revise definitions in

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## CHICAGOPEX Report (from page 3)

Andy Jakes showed used copies of the 26¢ Florida Panther, one with smooth tagging and the other with the more common uneven tagging. Door prizes were provided by John Himes, Ron Maifeld, Andy Jakes, and Harvey Wales. A discussion ensued regarding the future physical status of self-adhesive (SA) PNCs. The adhesive may have a limited life so that current plate strips of 5 could ultimately become five single coil stamps (including a PNC) plus the backing material. Does anyone have knowledge of how the SA property can be retained?

Last, Joe Sedivy, PNC3 Auctioneer, announced that he knows the whereabouts of two 29¢ Mount Rushmore Toledo P#7s that are available for sale at the last PNC3 auction price of \$100 each. If you are interested, contact Joe.

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the Glossary and correct the use of tagging terms in other parts of the catalog where needed.

Gene Trinks authored an article for the October *Coil Line* which states the club position that in the future "only uncoated paper with embedded phosphor will be described by 'mottled' tagging. All surface phosphor stamps will be described as having either 'smooth' or 'uneven' tagging."

Alan Thomson has approached the publishers of the *Scott Catalogue* and they have agreed to adopt the new terminology, which should start appearing in the 2010 *Specialized*.

The PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog Committee continues to publish on a regular basis. Both the "Avery Dennison Die Cut Varieties" and the "Illustrated Glossary" revised sections were published in November. The 2008 new-issues pages are currently being worked on and all the previously mentioned items, plus other catalog products, will be offered in a future edition of *Coil Line*.

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.

A big "thank you" goes to Doug Iams, Gene Trinks, Thomas Babb, Frank Covey, Rob Loeffler, Ron Archer, Dan Kauffman and Rob Washburn, who contribute material to *Coil Line* on a regular basis. Thanks also to Rudy de Mordaigle, David Reedy, Robert Thompson, Andy Jakes, Wayne Youngblood, Mike Perry, Alan Thomson and Jeff Fiszbein for their articles this past year.

Many, many 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, Todd Uebele and Anthony Bruno.

A special thanks to Steve McCollum, who does the *Coil Line* Index each year and Joe Chinnici, Gene Trinks, John Himes and Ron Archer who help 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, 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.

-- Ron Maifeld

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### From the Editor... (from page 6)

1968 was my first year as a stamp collector (that February, the 6¢ Illinois commemorative was my first post office "buy").

Beginning in the late 1970's I worked for five years for two large organizations that had substantial direct-mail operations. As a software analyst and designer, some of my tasks included implementing mailing list processing systems. This included programming mainframe computers to produce bulk-mail reports required by the U.S. Postal Service, showing the presort levels and quantities for each mailing. The first coil I can recall seeing from this "working" side of stamps was the Americana 7.7¢ Saxhorns precancel, used on a mailing whose undeliverable pieces had been returned to us.

I began collecting mint and used plate number coils around 1983. On some business trips through the southeastern U.S. in the late 1980's, I stopped by some of the larger cities' main post offices to review their accountable paper inventory reports. It was a small thrill on an otherwise uneventful road trip to find a 9.3¢ Mail Wagon roll in Memphis, Tenn. years after it was off sale. I also found some precanceled rolls of 500 of the 4¢ Stagecoach in Atlanta, Ga. But that was the extent of my "finds", as I became busier and took on more responsibilities at work. Computer software, it seems, is never finished and is never 100% problem-free.

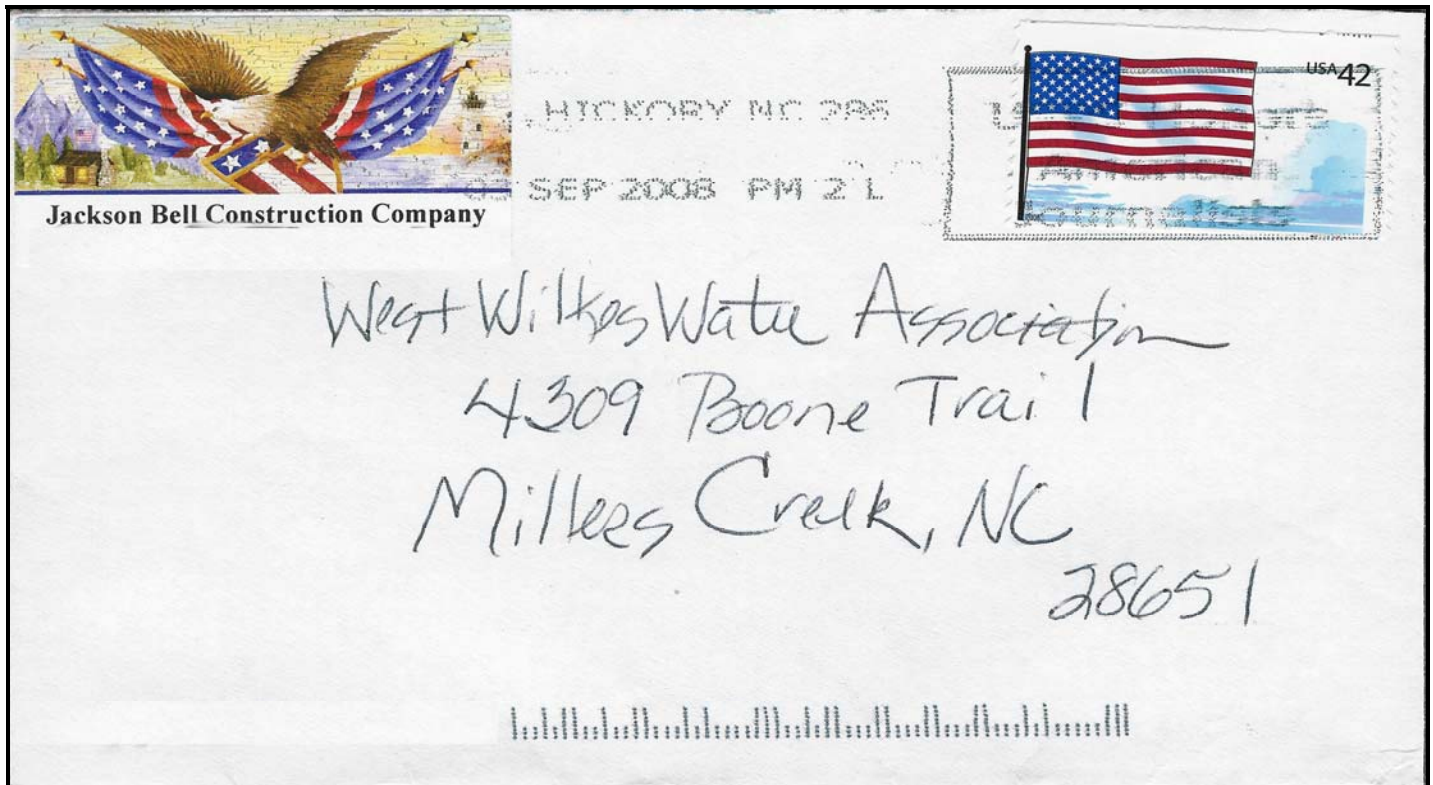
Sometime in the 1990's I focused my hobby interests primarily on postal mechanization and automation, and the evidence of same on mail.

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# Cover of the Month

By Rob Washburn

## 42¢ U.S. Flag with Split PNC on Cover



This cover features a 42¢ U.S. Flag #S111111111 PNC that is miscut so that the plate number is **split**, partly at bottom and partly on top. Cover courtesy of Thomas Babb.

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

However, if you have scanning 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](mailto:stamps@beeline-online.net). (Please also send a file of the scan to the editor at [coillineditor@yahoo.com](mailto:coillineditor@yahoo.com).) *Thank you.*

# Reporting the Rarities

By Gene Trinks

Happy New Year to all! I hope this year will see all in good health and diligently searching for those elusive rarities we'd all like to find.

Some happy news this month. At last a **third copy** of the elusive tagged Atlas #V21211 has surfaced. This one was found in a mixture by a New Jersey member. Keep looking and you, too, may turn up one of these beauties.

This lucky collector from New Jersey has now come across two nice pieces in two separate mixtures. He reported the tagged Atlas #V21211 and less than two weeks later came across a Mountain #1111 with 9/10 die cut. Nice going!

Two more copies of the Diner #22211 with round shoulder have surfaced, bringing the total to 91. In addition, another Green Bike #444 square shoulder and five more Atlas #V13222 have been recorded.

The revised list therefore stands as follows (“--” indicates “zero” known or reported):

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	13
(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 round shoulder die	1998-15.1111	3271	1	6	12	4
(10¢) Atlas V13222	2003-9	3770	--	--	48	1
V21113	2003-9	3770	--	--	3	--
V21211 tagged	2003-9	3770a	--	--	2	1
37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die	2003-8	3829	--	--	22	1
V2121 PV die	2003-8	3829	--	--	1	--
V3211 VP die	2003-8	3829	--	--	41	3
V3211 PV die	2003-8	3829	--	--	5	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](mailto: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!!

# Membership Update

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospective member should contact the chairperson of the Membership Committee, Robert E. Thompson, 12431 Golden Thistle, Houston, TX 77058-1225 with the objection.

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

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## Change of Address



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

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## Resignations

Dwayne Ebersole (736)  
W C Baeden (801)

Previous Membership Count	851
New Members	4
Resigned	<u>(2)</u>
New Membership Count	853

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

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

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

[xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL  
 BK - BLOCK TAG  
 EP - EMBEDDED PHOSPHOR  
 SP-S - SURFACE PHOSPHOR, SMOOTH APPEARANCE  
 SP-U - SURFACE PHOSPHOR, UNEVEN OR GRAINY APPEARANCE  
 OA - OVERALL TAG  
 UT - UNTAGGED  
 SA - SELF ADHESIVE  
 WA - WATER ACTIVATED

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

PV = Peak/Valley VP = Valley/Peak  
 PP = Peak/Peak S = Serpentine Die Cuts with no transition.  
 Tagging is listed after the adhesive type, unless there are varieties.

## PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTERS

A - American Bank Note	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) (SP-S)

#P1111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (SP-U)

#S1111 A [31] VP, PV

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 A [11] VP, PV

### 41¢ FLAG (WA) (SP-S)

#S1111 A, C, D [31]

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 D [10] VP  
 Rounded Corners

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

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

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (OA)

#V1111 C, D [10] VP  
 Rounded Corners

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (SP-S)

#P11111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ FLAG (SA) (SP-U) (SP-S)

#S11111 A [31] VP

### 41¢ OFFIC. (WA) (SP-S)

#S111 A [31]

### 41¢ BLOOMS (SA) (OA)

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

### 1¢ LAMP (WA) (UT)

#S1111 C [14]

### 1¢ LAMP Reprint (WA) (UT)

#S1111 C [31]

### 3¢ STAR (WA) (UT) (SP-S)

#S111 D [14]

### 3¢ SILVER COFFEE POT (WA) (UT)

#S111 D [14]

### 4¢ CHAIR (WA) (UT)

#S111 D [14]

### 5¢ TOLEWARE (WA) (UT)

#S111111 D [14]

### 10¢ CLOCK (WA) (UT)

#S111 D [14]

### 10¢ CLOCK Reprint (WA) (SP-S)

#S111 D [31]

### 17¢ SHEEP (SA) (SP-U)

S1111111 A [31] VP

### 26¢ PANTHER (SA) (SP-S) (SP-U)

S1111 A [31] VP

### (5¢) SEA COAST (SA)

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

### (5¢) SEA COAST (WA) (UT)

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

### 27¢ TROPICAL FRUIT (SA) (SP-S)

#V1111111 A [40] VP, PV

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SA) (SP-S)

#P1111 A [16] VP

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SA) (SP-S)

#S1111 A [16] PV

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SA) (SP-S)

#V1111 A [20] VP, PV

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SA) (SP-S)

#V1111 C, D [8] VP  
 #V2222 C, D [?] VP \*  
 Rounded Corners

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (WA) S(P-S)

#S1111111 C [12] & [16]

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

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

### (10¢) ATLAS (SA) (UT)

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

? = Known used only

### (10¢) LION (WA) (UT)

#S11111 B, C [14]

### (10¢) BANNER (SA) (UT)

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

### (25¢) DINER (WA) (UT)

#S11111 D [14]

### (25¢) EAGLE (SA) (UT)

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

### (25¢) EAGLE (WA) (UT)

#S1111111 C [10]

There is one addition this month. A new plate combination, V2222 on the 42¢ Flags 24/7 from either a 3k or 10k SA roll surfaced in late November on a cover mailed near Boston, Massachusetts. Be on the lookout for the new number.

The 'KEY' box was changed last month to reflect changes in the description of phosphor tagged stamps agreed-upon at the tagging meeting at the APS StampShow in Hartford Aug '08.

The notations are now: **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

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

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## Regional Meetings... (from page 4)

### Plymouth, Michigan-April 25

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

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

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

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## From the Editor... (from page 10)

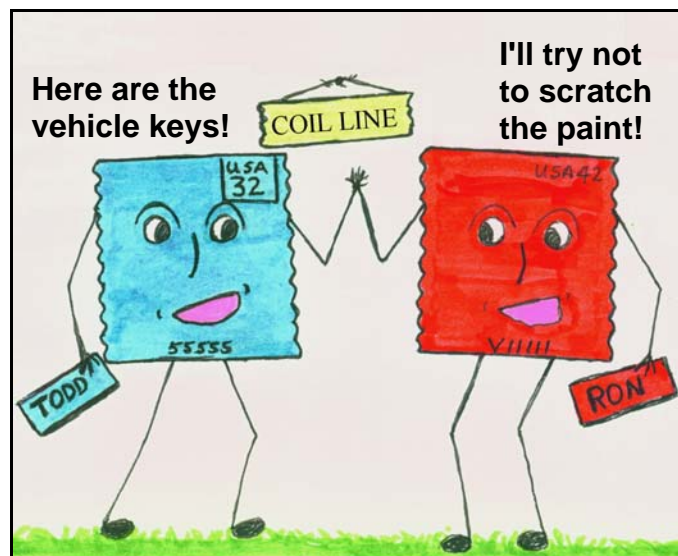
Like many of you I was also interested in stamp production varieties which got catalog recognition, as well as those which did not (such as die-cut patterns). I enjoy collecting examples of ordinary mail showing stamp varieties, including plate numbers.

I also study and research what direct-mail advertisers produce in the way of mailings which use stamps. My favorite collectible is some ad mail with a PNC that is "tied" to the envelope or card (for example, a mailer's cancel or some barcode that crosses both the stamp and the mailpiece). Regardless of what ways PNC collecting interests you, I trust our shared enthusiasm will come through in the pages of *Coil Line* throughout the year.

-- Ron Blanks

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by Thomas Babb





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By Steven McCollum

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- 1) Keep this entire page intact and attach lots in a glassine with tape on the top half (do not use staples). I understand that this may not be possible for longer strips.
- 2) LIMIT YOUR CONSIGNMENT TO 25 LOTS.
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Scott # \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid (see rules above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of material:

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Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Centering (line) Cottrell issues only (Circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

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