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Readers' Letters

I liked Ron Archer's article in the May *Coil Line*. I spotted an error on page 80. The last 18¢ Surrey plates are #17 and #18, not #16 and #17. Regarding Larry Haynes' conjecture about the horizontal untagged lines on some Transportation phosphor-tagged coils, I have seen 4¢ Stagecoach #2 and 20¢ Pumper #5, #9, #10, #12, #13, #14, #15 and #16 with similar perfectly straight and parallel horizontal lines, which have the same distance between them as precancel double lines.

About the 39¢ Liberty/Flag with round corners: I checked my commercial covers and found 3 of 12 with PNCs (and 4 of 22 no-number coil covers) to have the phosphored paper. The earliest usage cover I have with the phosphored paper is Feb. 22, 2007 (with a PNC!)

-- Rob Washburn #4

Congratulations! The May *Coil Line* is a fantastic issue! Now I know why I am a Life member of PNC³! The article on phosphor tagging anomalies (the "Research Report") by Ron Archer was the best thing *Coil Line* has printed in a long time. Please keep up the great work!

-- Peter C Tukker #1764L

I received my copy of the PNC³ publication "Avery Dennison Die Cut Varieties" earlier in April, and was impressed with the work the catalog committee (Frank Covey, Andrew Jakes, Ron Maifeld and Gene Trinks) had put into it. The dissemination of this type of information is what makes an organization such as the PNC³ a joy to be a member of. They need to be thanked for their time and effort more often. -- Richard Cole #2094

The Avery 42¢ Flags # V2222 [the self-adhesive affixer version, with rounded corners] was reported previously in *Coil Line* as on sale in November or December 2008.

In Los Angeles, it was on sale in October, to prisoners in the county jail. The roll size was 10K, based on the five-digit back numbers. Finding a usage that shows this early date might be a challenge. -- R.C. de Mordaigle #1830

CHARPEX to Host PNC³

By Todd R. Uebele, Sr.

The Charlotte Philatelic Society will host the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club at their annual Charlotte Philatelic Exposition in Charlotte, NC in July of this year. This is great news for our club because PNC³ is rarely represented in the Southeast. We did, however, have a booth at the APS Stamp Show which was held in Charlotte in February 2008. The booth was manned by Ron Maifeld, Todd Uebele and Ron Kramer, all PNC³ members.

CHARPEX committee chairman Gene Zhiss contacted the PNC³ after last year's successful show to see if we would like to be represented at a future CHARPEX. After conferring with president Ron Maifeld and PNC³ Board member Todd R. Uebele, Sr., it was decided that PNC³ would accept the invitation.

Gene graciously offered to share the welcome center in the entrance foyer with Ron Maifeld. This includes arrangements to have club information available to show attendees. We have also been provided a private room for our regional meeting which will be held on Saturday afternoon. (Please see the announcement on page 88 of this issue.) The time and room number will be announced in July's issue of *Coil Line* on the "Regional Meetings" page.

This is a fantastic opportunity for PNC³ members from the southeastern U.S. to get together and socialize with fellow club members from the region and from around the nation. (please see page 99)

(Letters, continued)

About the 39¢ Flag rounded-corners tagging varieties: I found both types in numerous mixtures a couple of years ago. I believe I mentioned them to John Himes and Ron Maifeld. It's true the later printing doesn't soak off paper well. I've yet to find a mint strip of this variety.

I sold a bunch of used ones to Mike Lipson last year, but as far as I know he never found any strips. I agree it deserves a minor catalog number. I've also found that soaking off used singles often modifies tagging, thus fooling me and others into thinking we've found something different. I have numerous copies (all still on cut corners) of both varieties; they're all V1111. -- Jeff Fiszbein #1148

Regional Meetings

Want to Sponsor a Regional Meeting?

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

Regional Meeting Chairman

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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.

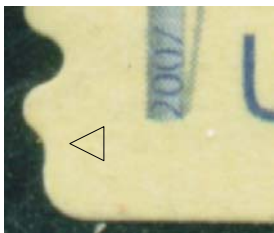
Upcoming Regional Meetings

Charlotte, NC at CHARPEX July 25

You are invited to attend the PNC³ Regional meeting during CHARPEX, which will be held on July 25, 2009 at the Harris Convention Center, Charlotte, NC. (Time and room number to be announced at a later date.) This meeting will be hosted by Todd R. Uebele, Sr. and Ron Maifeld.

This will be a great time to socialize with fellow PNC³ers from the southeast regional area. There will be time for trading and discussing PNC material, along with other philatelic items. Most of the PNC³ publications will be available for sale at this meeting. Light refreshments and snacks will also be provided. For more information, contact Todd at (704) 735-5484.

(41¢) Flag versus 41¢ Flag Subtle Die-Cut Shapes



rounded transition



angled transition

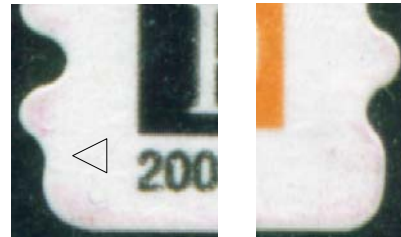
Rounded vs. Angled

Subtle Avery Die Cuts Illustrated by Ron Blanks

Contract printer Avery Dennison supplies both 100-count and large-roll self-adhesive coils to the U.S. Postal Service. Mentioned in a letter on page 87, the PNC³ publication “Avery Dennison Die Cut Varieties” illustrates the types of die cuts found among Avery’s 100-count rolls, including odd shapes like bells, knolls, and thimbles. A catalog order form with pricing details was included on the wrapper of both the April and May issues of *Coil Line*.

While not as overt or numerous, some Avery large-roll issues also have die-cut variations in two categories: Peak-Valley and reversed Valley-Peak types of the (5¢) Mountain nonprofit issue, and subtle “shoulder-transition” shapes (shown below).

Avery (10c) Atlas Subtle Die-Cut Shapes



rounded transition



angled transition

I find the “inside” shapes (lower-left transition) easier to tell apart than right-side shoulders. If you have difficulty seeing the difference under magnification, take note of this: So far as is known, all of Avery’s nondenominated (41¢) affixer rolls have the rounded transition; the 41¢ affixer rolls have the angled transition (shown at left). Note that the shapes of the peaks and valleys reflect subtle differences, too. (More background and an update story are on page 92.)

President's Message

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Upcoming Annual Membership Meeting

My, does time fly. It's just a shade over two months until the PNC³ annual board and membership meetings at the American Philatelic Society (APS) StampShow in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which will be held August 6th to 9th at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center at 1000 Fort Duquense Blvd., in downtown Pittsburgh.

We have reserved space for the meetings and we have signed up for a booth on the convention floor but, at this writing, I do not have any information on where we will be situated. The board meeting is typically held on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and the general membership meeting follows a lunch break at 1 p.m.

We are hoping for a large turnout of PNC³ members at the meeting since Pittsburgh is an easy drive or flight from many locations in the Midwest.

For those planning on attending the board meeting, I'm asking that anyone who wants to get an item on the board meeting agenda contact our Secretary Dan Farrar. Please note that Dan has a new email address: farrard2@sssnet.com.

I plan to have an expanded report on the meetings in the July issue of *Coil Line*.

Last month I listed the members who signed the attendance sheet or who I remembered seeing at the APS winter show in Arlington. I overlooked Sy Bricker who stopped at the booth, but did not sign the attendance sheet.

New Rate Change Coil Issues

The "Roll Size Chart" this month reflects recent new coil issues from the Postal Service. Included are the 28¢ postcard rate Polar Bear stamp, a 1¢ water-activated Tiffany Lamp coil of 10,000, 44¢ Flags in water-activated coils of 3,000, self-adhesive coils of 3,000 and 10,000 and self-adhesive coils of 100 from Sennett Security (SSP), Avery Dennison (AVR) and Ashton Potter (AP).

We will have more information on these stamps in upcoming issues of *Coil Line* as we process the new material.
-- Ron Maifeld

The First Self-Adhesive PNCs

by Ron Blanks

The first self-adhesive plate number coils from the U.S. Postal Service were made not for ordinary or business use, but for first-day cover (FDC) servicing. The early self-stick PNCs arrived among the 29¢ self-adhesive booklets of 1991-1994. The USPS was still gauging public acceptance of self-stick stamps, so regular coil rolls would not arrive until the 32¢ rate. The 29¢ coils were straight-edged stamps spaced along liner paper for use by affixer equipment, but otherwise matched their booklet pane counterparts (they look alike once removed from backing paper).

The USPS made the coils available to collectors through its philatelic sales catalog. After some 29¢ self-sticks were issued, someone realized that additional collector sales were possible if plate numbers were also added to these FDC-servicing rolls. See the related story on page 94 for covers of early self-stick PNCs used on ordinary mail. Below are close-ups of three of these rarely seen used PNCs.



Scott # 2799a



Scott # 2491c



Scott # 2598b

Editor's Message

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

As mentioned in last month's *Coil Line*, phosphor tagging varieties have received considerable attention in recent issues. While this issue does not directly address any tagging varieties, the article "Subtle Avery Die Cuts" (page 92) indirectly relates to Avery tagging types written about in last month's issue.

Rob Washburn's "Commercial Covers" series resumes with this issue, in a two-parter starting on page 94. That column and the July edition will present ordinary mail and advertising mail with PNCs for all of the first-class rate (non-presort) designs issued in large rolls of self-adhesive stamps with PNCs. Rob relates that general-public use on single mailpieces of these affixer stamps designed for large-quantity mechanical affixing is puzzling (excepting collector use, and use of stamps taken from unused reply envelopes).

He offers the theory that philatelic window remainders were simply sold to ordinary counter customers. In my opinion, this is the likely explanation based on anecdotal evidence that supports

this activity. First, coincidentally, a Readers' Letter in this issue asserts an instance of this occurring in autumn 2008. Second, in the summer of 2005 after it was known postage rates would increase the following January, regional USPS stamp offices "pushed" panes of 100 water-activated-gummed 37¢ Flag stamps onto post offices as stock for their small-quantity stamp counter sales.

I bought two plate blocks of nine stamps (3 by 3), in contrast to the smaller plate blocks of 4 one could get from the minimum-purchase 2 by 10 strips the USPS sold through collector channels. Leftover large-roll self-adhesive coils, with spaces in between the stamps on liner paper, also allowed convenient stamp sales for any small quantity at some post offices.

After our membership roster was distributed as a 16-page insert in last month's issue, naturally some of you took the opportunity to review your contact information which the club has on file. Several who tried to contact our secretary Dan Farrar by email to submit corrections or updates were frustrated to find those emails didn't go through. Dan was forced to hurriedly change Internet service providers, and we apologize for the confusion. His new e-mail address is listed throughout this issue. --Ron Blanks

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Peak/Valley Die Cut



The 28¢ self-adhesive Polar Bear coil from Avery Dennison went on sale nationwide on April 16, 2009 in rolls of 100.

The V11111 plate number in the lower right corner repeats every 20 stamps along the roll.

As shown to the left, these rolls come with two major die cut varieties, i.e., peak/valley (PV) and valley/peak (VP). Only eight-to-ten rolls in every 100 will be a VP die cut.

Avery rolls can also be found improperly cut, creating die-cut corner shapes called bells, knolls and thimbles. So far, only bell bottom left and bell top right have been found.

The Polar Bear also has dramatic die-cut shifts at 25-stamp intervals throughout the roll. For example, a stamp can transition from a bell bottom left to a PV die cut on a single stamp.

For more information on Avery die cuts, purchase the PNC³ publication Avery Dennison Die Cut Varieties now on sale.

**28¢ Polar Bear (AVR) (SA)
Plate V11111
PNC ID 2009-2**

Valley/Peak Die Cut



Close up of V11111 plate number






Wrapper that secures the roll

Subtle Avery Die Cuts

by Ron Blanks

Before focusing on the details of subtle Avery-Dennison die-cut types, let's first review Avery die cuts in general. Specialists familiar with Avery varieties might want to skip to details about a reported new subtle-type example on page 100. An overview is presented next to provide the context.

Avery Die-Cut Type Categories

		
PV vs. VP, & many mis-cut/mis-aligned shapes	PV vs. VP patterns	Subtle "shoulder" transition types*; corners
Rolls of 100	Affixer rolls	Affixer rolls

*--new report in this article

Avery Die Cut Types Overview

Coil Line has extensively covered the various die-cut varieties found in 100-count rolls from Avery, one of the contract stamp printers for the U.S. Postal Service. Issued for common first-class rates, they are among the most common stamps used and thus easy for collectors to find.

Because die cutting and row slitting of the printed stamps to form rolls keep stamps abutting each other without wasted margins, mis-alignments show up as die-cut varieties in rolls sold. When a die cutting mat is designed with intricate patterns that vary across the printed rows, this multiplies the varieties possible, with or without miscuts. Varieties turn up as "peak-valley" and "valley-peak" types, and miscut odd shapes with names like knolls, bells, and thimbles.

In contrast to 100-count rolls, large-roll self-adhesive coils are spaced apart on taller liner paper. The die cut provides a liner margin on all four edges of each stamp, made by removing the "matrix" (print-side excess paper) around the stamps. The USPS sells the 3000- or 10,000-count rolls for large mailers to use in lettershop affixing equipment.



(three-stamp length of a self-adhesive affixer roll; example of PNC #V333333 PV)

Separation "with spaces" on the liner (shown above) is required for the affixers to "tip" (apply) the stamps onto envelopes at machine speeds. This roll design requires a die cutting mat pattern more precise than that for 100-count rolls, since all four edges of affixer stamps are die cut.

To allow easier removal of the matrix from liner paper, leaving the stamps undisturbed, the die cut also has the "rounded corners" found on affixer stamps. This term is used to contrast with "squared corners" of stamps from ordinary 100-count rolls when the same first-class rate design is used for both types of coil rolls.

The higher precision die cutting patterns, with die cutting on all four edges, means Avery affixer issues show few if any variations in contrast to Avery's 100-count coils. The one obvious pattern variation recognized is the Valley-Peak type of the (5¢) Mountain nonprofit presort coil (Scott # 2904A), in the second category of the chart at left. It is also called "12/13", named for the 12 peaks at left and 13 peaks at right. It is a reversed form of the common PV type, also known as 13/12.

Interestingly, the PNC #V333342 with 13/12 (PV) die cut is one of the rarities tracked in Gene Trinks' quarterly report (to appear next in the July issue). So far it is reported only used or on-cover.

The third category of Avery die cut types includes the subtle die-cut "shoulder" transition shape from a stamp corner to the first peak shape. The Avery issues with these subtle variations include two previously described in *Coil Line*, and a third shown for the first time in the next section.

(please see page 100)

Skirting Correct Postage

by Ron Blanks

The authenticity of the (10¢) Patriotic Banner PNC # V222 cover shown in the April Cover of the Month column has been questioned. That cover was used to mail a bill payment and was franked with a reused copy of a presort standard coil stamp (it did not meet the first-class postage required). Some readers living outside of the U.S. might not be familiar with American direct-mail advertising practices. Other readers might be new to PNCs or cover collecting. The following backdrop explains how the # V222 cover came to exist.

The contributor of the cover to *Coil Line* is a PNC³ member. He is granted periodic access to the emptied envelopes in which the utility service's customers mail payments. This ongoing survey of one-ounce covers from the general public of a local area allows insight into postage-paying habits. However, when only a single cover is highlighted for its PNC (as in April's column), this context is missing for readers not familiar with these habits.

Mail users worldwide since the 19th century have sometimes evaded applying correct postage, intentionally and unintentionally. Different postal systems have tried various ways to catch underpaid postage. These means have adapted over time as mail handling evolved, some successful and others not so much. In the U.S., most mailed monthly or bi-monthly bill payments, such as for waste pickup services, arrive in large batches or even trays. In some cases it is too voluminous for the delivering clerk to check for underpaid-postage pieces that slipped by the originating post office.

Postal users have long tried to use stickers, labels, and lower-denominated stamps in place of the correct postage to mail a letter. One of these postage substitutes in the U.S. comes from stamps on household incoming mail – mostly presort (precancel) coil stamps. The USPS has issued these without denominations since 1995 for use by authorized mailers who at times want the look of stamps on their advertising mail.

Presort coils are assigned nominal values (based on service inscription), the same prices collectors pay when purchasing them from the USPS for hobby use. Authorized mailers pay additional postage for large mailings using the coils (the difference of the stamps' value and the actual presort rate). The point of not showing a value on them is similar to “no value indicated”, “permanent”, or “forever” type stamps that change in value as postage rates change, avoiding the scramble for make-up stamps. However, U.S. presort rates also differ *for any given mailing* based on the extent of presorted addresses, quantity, and material handling factors that save the USPS work.

Speaking of saving the USPS work, one task that all mailers granted discount rates must spare the post office is canceling that mail. So when the marketing team wants to use stamps, the USPS sells presort coils that don't need canceling, such as the (10¢) Patriotic Banner. When this “stamped” advertising mail arrives without cancels at households, a few naïve or unscrupulous bill payers peel off these stamps for re-use on their own mail. This is similar to peeling off for re-use an ordinary first-class (e.g., 44¢) stamp on incoming mail that the canceler “skipped”. While we stamp collectors know the difference in postage value, some ordinary users don't know or don't care that presort coils are not valid on their outgoing first-class mail.



A collector arranging to fabricate a re-used presort PNC cover is unrelated to the fact that ordinary mailers evade postage all the time. Other non-PNC cases involving bill payments are shown above. This is only a small sampling gathered quickly for this report. Consulting the Roll Size chart in any recent *Coil Line* for PNC intervals will show the high chance that a reused (10¢) Banner coil is a PNC. The provenance is clear on April's cover: It arrived in the mail to the utility service from a bill payer unrelated to the PNC³ member or any associates.

Installment #119

Big Rolls With Spaces First-Class Rate PNCs On Cover (Part 1)

Some of the toughest first-class rate PNC usages to find on commercial cover are the self-adhesive coils from large rolls (3,000 to 10,000 coils per roll) with spaces between the stamps. Because of the large roll sizes, these coils did not see much use by individuals, except by the occasional stamp collector. I have seen a few used on utility covers to pay bills. These uncommon usages are unusual and difficult to explain, but one possibility is that some non-collector postal customers bought stamps from large-roll coils at their local post office's philatelic window and then used them on their mail.

Typically, these large-roll coils have been used by big mass mailers, big companies that send out large mailings, that can afford big rolls of stamps and want their solicitations sent first-class, rather than utilize the significant savings of presort mail rates. Not many companies nowadays can afford this luxury, and that is one of the reasons why they are tough to find. How scarce are they? That depends on the PNC, but I would estimate there are not more than 100 commercial covers in collectors' hands of all but two of the big rolls with spaces PNCs.

The first large-roll self-adhesive PNCs with spaces in between are the 29¢ Snowman #V111111, 29¢ Pine Cone #B1, 29¢ Love Sunrise #B1, 29¢ Eagle #111, 29¢ Statue of Liberty #D1111, and the 29¢ Santa #V1111. These early self-adhesives did not see much commercial use at all and are very scarce on true commercial covers. Below are three such covers: the Snowman #V111111 on a utility cover, the Pine Cone #B1 on a warranty registration postcard, and the 29¢ Eagle #111 on a mass mailing from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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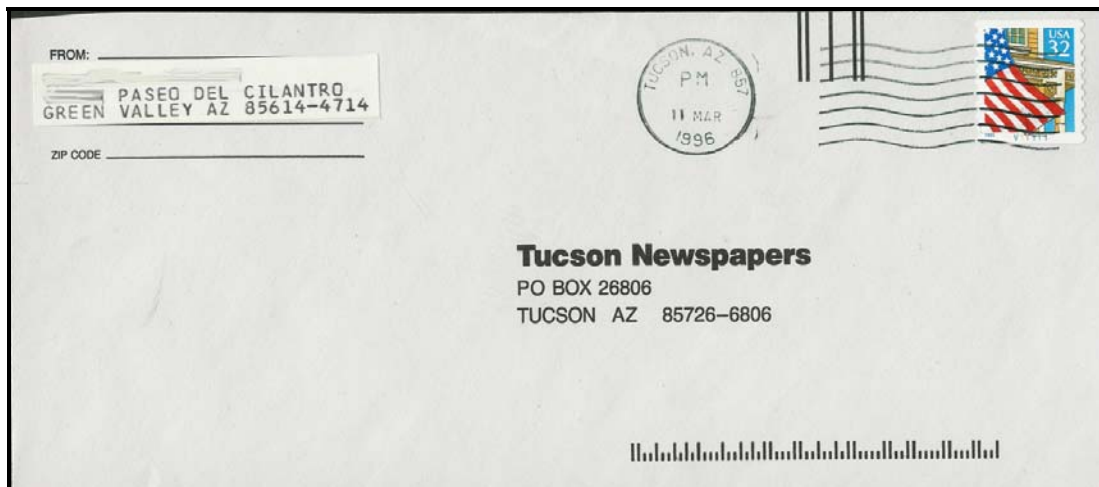


...Commercial Covers... by Rob Washburn

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The next big roll with spaces self-adhesive PNC to be released was the (32¢) G #V11111. At right is one used to pay a utility bill.

The 32¢ Flag SA #V11111 is another tough one to find on a true commercial cover. Below is such a cover.



The 32¢ Flag #S11111 PNC is likely the easiest among large roll with spaces PNCs to happen upon on commercial cover (two are shown below). I have seen a number of them used by big mass mailers.

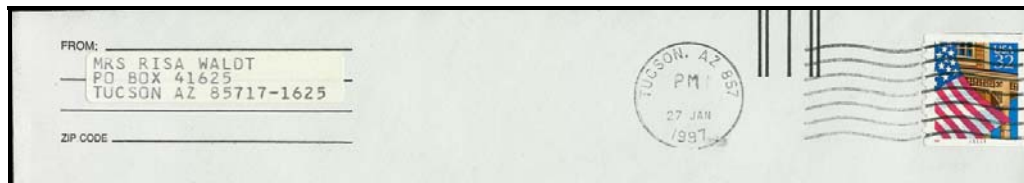


The rather small #S11111 PNC cover at right is from Business Jet Solutions. (please see page 96)

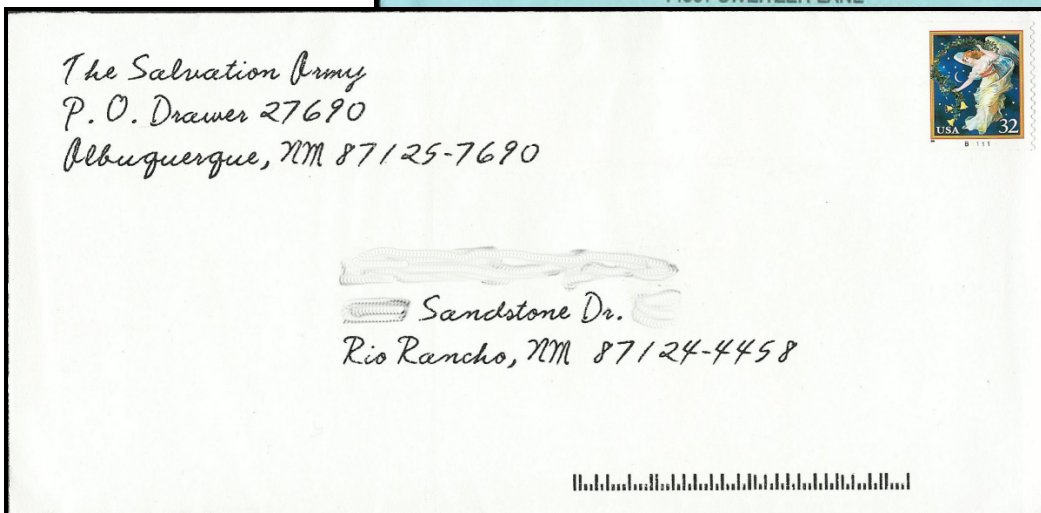
...Commercial Covers

by Rob Washburn

(from page 95) The 32¢ Flag (1997) SA #11111 is another big roll with spaces PNC. It exists with two kinds of die cuts, 10/10 and 9/10. Both are very tough to find on commercial covers. Below are one of each type.



The other big roll with spaces 32¢ PNCs are the 32¢ Pink Rose #S111, 32¢ Pear #V11111, 32¢ Xmas Child/Toys #V1111, and 32¢ Midnight Angel #B1111. All four are scarce to find on true commercial covers. Here are a 32¢ Pear #V11111 on utility cover, and a SASE provided by The Salvation Army with a 32¢ Midnight Angel #B1111 affixed.

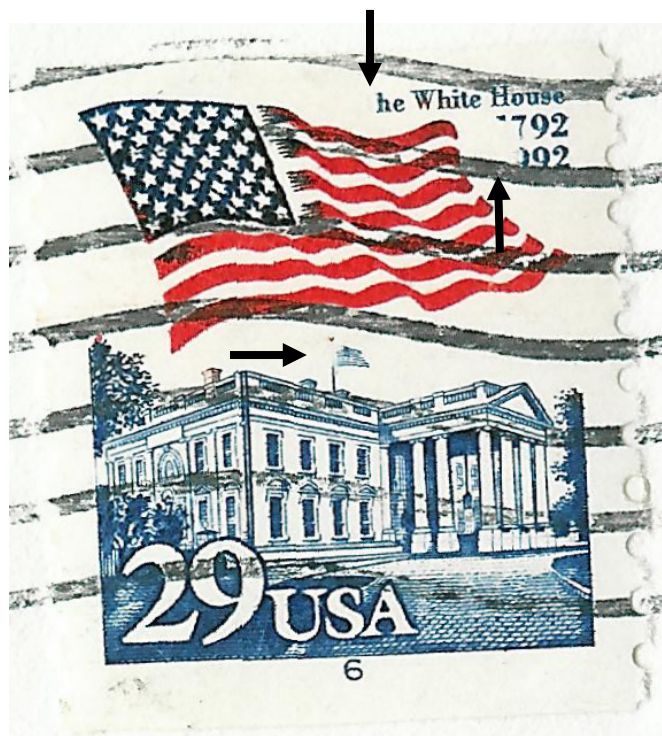
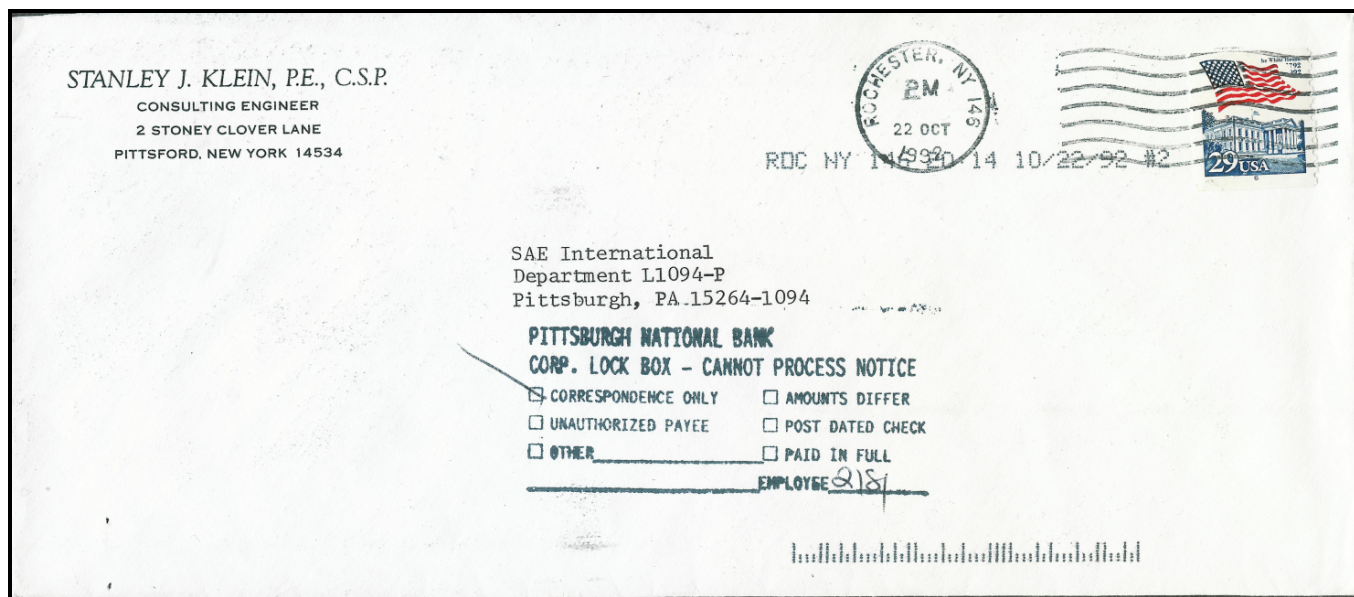


Next month, I will cover the remaining big roll with spaces PNCs. I thank Jim Griffin, Ken Moreau, Thomas Babb, Robert Thompson and Dan Farrar for their reports.

Cover of the Month

By Rob Washburn

29¢ Flag over White House Printing Freak



The above cover features a 29¢ Flag/White House #6 PNC freak. Ink is missing from the “T” of “The” and part of the dates, including the “1’s”. (Thanks to Ron Archer for also noticing part of the flagpole is missing.)

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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. (207) 474-8021. Please include your name, address and phone number, for a prompt return of the cover.

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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 (WA) if shaded; otherwise, Self-Adhesive (SA).

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

44¢ FLAG (SP-S)

#V1111 A [20] VP, PV *

44¢ FLAG (SP-S)

#S111 A [31] VP *

44¢ FLAG (SP-S)

#S111 C [31] *

44¢ FLAG (OA)

Rounded Corners

#V1111 C, D [16] VP *

26¢ PANTHER (SP-S,

SP-U)

S1111 A [31] VP

27¢ TROPICAL FRUIT

(SP-S)

#V1111111 A [40] VP,PV

28¢ POLAR BEAR (SP-S)

#V11111 A [20] VP,PV *

(see Catalog Corner on page 91 for details on the 28¢ coils)

1¢ LAMP 2003 (un)

#S11111 C [14]

1¢ LAMP 2008 (un)

#S11111 C, D [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)

S11111111 A [31] VP

(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 **C, 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] PV

(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]

New stamps listed in this report include the 1¢ Tiffany WA coil of 10,000, which has 5-digit back numbers, the 28¢ Polar Bear SA coil of 100, and the 44¢ Flags in WA coils of 3k and SA coils of 3k and 10k, plus the Sennett & Avery coils of 100. The (5¢) Sea Coast with plate P9999 has been confirmed in rolls of 3,000.

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.

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.

New Applicants

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

Reinstated

Greg Krebs	(757)
C David Eeles	(1233)
Fred Gesser	(1641)
Tim Lindemuth	(1760)
James Bennette	(1784)

Previous Membership Count	782
New Members	2
<u>Reinstated</u>	<u>5</u>
New Membership Count	789

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**Contact Dan Farrar, Secretary by email:
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Address Changing?



Change of Address forms and membership applications are available from Daniel Farrar, Secretary, 3386 Excalibur Circle NW, Canton Ohio 44708-1143. Email: farrard2@sssnet.com. Both forms are also on our website at: www.pnc3.org.

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(from page 87) Meetings such as this promote camaraderie and club awareness among members who don't otherwise have the chance to get to know each other and members with the same hobby interests. Please make plans to attend this meeting, as you will be well rewarded.

While CPS has been putting on this show for over 25 years, they completely revamped it in 2008. The 2008 show was such a huge success that it was written-up in several major philatelic periodicals. This led the committee to try and make this year's show a great success also. It is considered to be a medium-size show with approximately 25 dealers. It is hoped that it will grow to be the show for the southeastern U.S. The July 2009 show also includes over 100 exhibit frames with national judges deciding the awards. Also included is a live auction by Alan Blair to be held at 6:00 PM on Saturday.

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WANTED: 5.2¢ Sleigh (Scott 1900b) tagging omitted (NOT Precanceled) for exhibit. Looking for plate number in a single or strip, single or pair without number, mint or used. Kurt Albrecht, kta@kurtstaxservice.com, 262-548-9243. Member 2117

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(from page 92, "Subtle Avery Die Cuts")

39¢ Avery Affixer Coil Found with Subtle Die Cut Types

The large-roll 39¢ Lady Liberty & Flag self-stick stamp (Scott 3980) can be found with two different subtle shoulder-transition shapes near the corners, as "rounded" and "angled" types:



rounded transition

angled transition

These are the same shapes as previously found on Avery's (10¢) Atlas presort standard-class coils (shown on page 88; Doug Iams reported my Atlas findings in the March 2008 issue.) Unlike Avery's Atlas issue with its many plate numbers to collect, the 39¢ Flag affixer coil only has PNC #V1111. However, with its phosphored paper and overall-tagged varieties, theoretically four PNC types might exist. So far, the overall-tagged coils are known with both die-cut types, but the phosphored paper coil is only known die-cut with the angled shape.

A third coil in this Avery subtle-shape category, and the first produced, is the same (5¢) Mountain 13/12 described on page 92 of the one item in the PV vs. VP affixer die-cut types category. However, the shoulder shapes are often too subtle to identify, especially on used stamps. A better, more reliable, die-cut attribute exists: the corner shapes.

The "rounded corners" now typical of self-stick affixer coils wasn't yet universal for 1996 coils. The Avery (5¢) Mountains came in square-corner and round-corner types. Interestingly, PNC #V333343 with rounded corners is one of the rarest tracked in the Rarities chart (next appearing in the July issue), with only four used examples reported previously. Alan Thomson reported these shapes in the May 2003 issue. ■