

Mail-in BEP Shoulder Types CENSUS
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BEP Shoulder Types List

Scott #	Description	Plate #	My Counts		Your Counts [#]	
			ROUND	SQUARE	ROUND	SQUARE
2904B	(5¢) Mountain	1111	26	(X)		
3207A	(5¢) Wetlands	1111	1	23		
		2222	7	74		
		3333	7	40		
		4444		113		
3207Ab	(5¢) Wetlands	5555		231		
		6666		87		
3228	(10¢) Bicycle	111	7	2		
		221	7	2		
		221		1		
		222	9	6		
		333	(NEW) 1	12		
		344		7		
		444	19	(RR) 1		
		555	3	1		
3228a	(10¢) Bicycle	666	1	2		
		777		3		
		888		5		
		999		13		
3271	(10¢) Eagle/Shield	11111	(RR) 1	13		
		22222		19		
3271a	(10¢) Eagle/Shield	33333		2		
3271b	(10¢) E/S tagged	11111		1		
3271v	(10¢) E/S Anaconda Red	11111		5		
2912B	(25¢) Juke Box	111111	10			
		222222	3			
3208A	(25¢) Diner	11111	1	19		
		22211	(RR) 5	39		
		22222	4	43		
		33333		45		
		44444		51		
55555		47				
2915D	32¢ FoP 9/10*	1111	1			
	32¢ FoP 10/10*	1111	1			
3266	(33¢) Hat*	1111	5			
3282	33¢ City Flag*	1111		9		
		2222	11	11		
3466	34¢ Statue Liberty*	1111		23		
		2222		16		
3550A	34¢ United We Stand Flag*	1111		6		
<i>*rounded Corners (large-roll) version</i>		Totals:	130	972		

(NEW) – Added since Dec. 2002 report; – This Shoulder type not known; **#Use page 169 for your records; see page 168 for details.**
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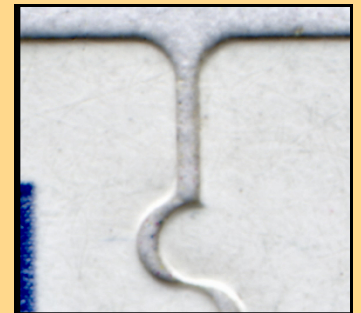
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President's Message

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Many PNC³ members who joined in recent years might not be aware that there is a message board and chat room on the Internet that are designed to post and answer questions about PNCs. It's on Delphi Forums, and can be accessed through the PNC³ website (see address on front page masthead) or directly at delphiforums.com.

If using the website, click the Membership tab on the left of the screen and then click "message board" or "weekly chat" in the dropdown menu that will appear. Be sure to bookmark the page so you can go right back there with your browser. Try it out!

The PNC³ message board and chat room have been under-utilized in recent years, so we've made some changes. Our Treasurer, Michael Mules, has assumed the role of moderator of these sites. The chat time has been moved from Tuesday to Wednesday at 9 p.m. EST. Hopefully, this new time will be more convenient and more users will participate.

I am also pleased to report that Peter Tukker has stepped up as a volunteer to perform a service that will benefit new PNCers and persons not familiar with PNCs who are looking for information on our specialty. Peter will check the message board frequently and will notify others to respond if he cannot answer a particular question himself. The important point is that there is a response available for any question that is asked. It is terribly frustrating for someone to post a question and wait an interminable period to see if anyone will respond. Questions that require a high level of expertise in a more esoteric PNC area might take a few days to get an answer from an expert, but the questioner will at least know that someone's working on it.

I have every expectation that, if Peter contacts another PNC³ member to ask for help in responding to a question, he will receive courteous and prompt assistance.

I'd like to express my appreciation to John Cropper, the former moderator, for hosting this site for many years up to this time. Thanks, John!

Regional Meeting Activities

It is exciting to meet personally with other PNC collectors to show off parts of our collections, talk about the latest finds and trade, buy, or sell some needed or extra items. That's why we have Regional Meetings at larger shows around the country throughout the year. More members attend the larger meetings and the show committee will usually be able to make arrangements for a convenient meeting space.

In most cases, there is ample room and time for our members to engage in the above-mentioned activities, but occasionally we come up with a glitch in the normal routine. One such instance happened last February at the Sarapex show in Sarasota, FL. It seems that a person who was misinformed about the show's policy told members that no buying, selling, or trading were allowed at the meeting, according to the show management. One of our members was quite upset with this pronouncement and sent a letter to *Coil Line* detailing this situation.

After correspondence with show officials, I can confidently report that the correct policy at Sarapex (and other WPS shows) is that "non-booth holders may NOT sell to non-booth holders ON THE SHOW FLOOR". Consequently, I am encouraging our members to attend the Sarasota show next year and enjoy the benefits of our regular Regional Meeting.

But, please, buy on the show floor ONLY from booth holders. After all, dealers need to make their profits to keep this hobby vital and growing.

*May all our members
have a joyous and safe Holiday
Season with friends and
families!!*

– Gene Trinks

PNC³ Regional Meetings

Upcoming meeting ...

Sarasota, FL February 5, 2011

Welcome to sunny Florida! A PNC³ Regional Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, February 5, 2011 during the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, February 4-6, 2011. The PNC³ meeting place is in the North Balcony of the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium (show location).

The auditorium address is 801 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. The show hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further details on the PNC³ meeting, contact Al Light at al.light@verizon.net. For more information about the exhibition, contact this year's show chairman, Jack Seaman, at jakcman@verizon.net.

Hitting the Jackpot – In mid-September, member Ken Moreau sent a photocopy (below) of a mailer's courtesy-reply envelope with strips of four of the 1¢ Lamp and 10¢ Clock, each with a PNC at end. We'll have more about this in a future *Coil Line* issue.

Want to Sponsor a Regional Meeting?

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.

Regional Meeting Chairman

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(PNC³ meeting announcements in this column are free. Please submit details to the Editor three months prior to the meeting date. Thank you.)

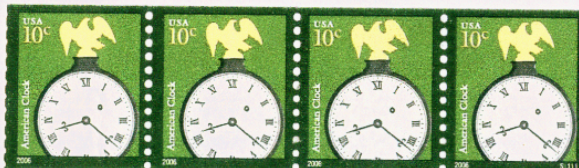
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Readers' Forum

The information Mr. Murrin stated in his recent letter (Readers' Forum, October) concerning the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition is incorrect. Mr. Light is *not* a table holder at the show as asserted. He is a volunteer who runs the youth table and does it very successfully.

And had a member of the PNC group come to me, or someone who has been dealing with the rules of the bourse, the question of buying, selling and trading at PNC³ meetings would have been settled without a problem.

Whether or not Mr. Murrin received the information from a member of the Sarasota Club, his information was incorrect. It is interesting that when I was able to attend the PNC³ meetings at the show, the buying, selling, or trading of material related to the club's main activity was permitted and there was never a problem.

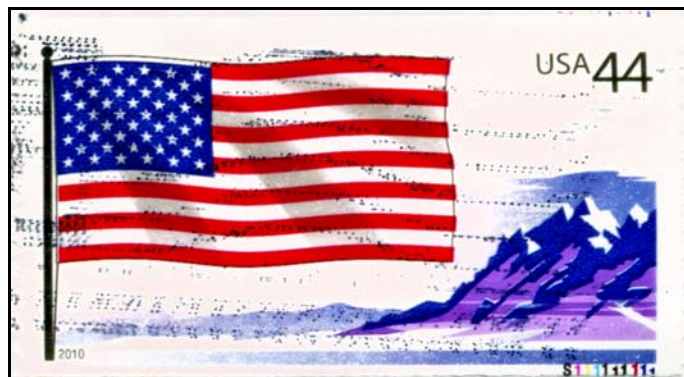
As a dealer who set up at the show I would attend the club meetings if possible. I would not do any dealing at these club meetings, since I thought that it would be a conflict of interest on my part.

As far as Mr. Light telling members of the club they could not "deal," I cannot comment because I was not there. As chair of the SNSE Committee, neither I nor anyone else that I am aware of asked the *show security* to speak to the meeting about not dealing. They were never told that buying, trading, etc. was not allowed at committee meetings.

The Sarasota policy has not been changed. *The policy has always been and will continue to be buying, selling, and trading at authorized club meetings at the Sarasota national show is permitted.*

The passing-off as fact, that which is not, can do nothing but damage the show and the credibility of the author of the letter. I, and the entire show committee, sincerely hope the misinformation that was stated as fact is cleared up and the outstanding record of the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition can be restored after such an unjust and inaccurate missive.

Sincerely, Sy Bricker (SNSE Bourse Chair)

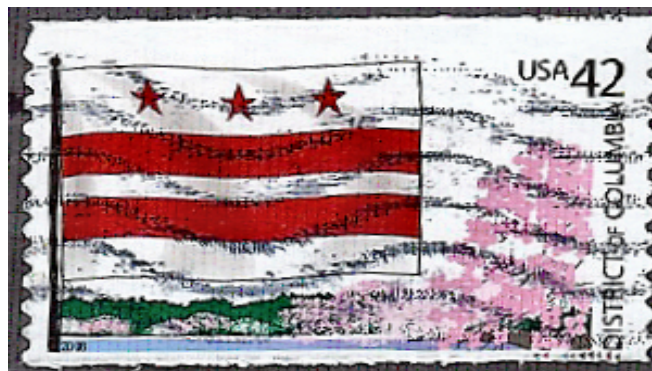


More reports continue to come in to *Coil Line* about Flags of Our Nation PNCs that have split plate numbers. Interestingly, these oddities, such as the 44¢ Flag over Purple Mountain (above) and the 42¢ District of Columbia Flag (below), do not arise from any problem in die-cutting alignment (incidentally, see Doug Iams' comments about Sennett die-cutting misalignments in his "This and That" column on page 166.)

Rather, the split PNCs are simply the result of mis-slitting between rows of stamps after die cutting. The slitting, of course, is to produce the strips of 50 that are being coiled into rolls.

Member Tom Babb, Sr. sent in three recent utility payment envelopes, all franked with a 44¢ split PNC (one image of which is shown above, still attached to its cover). Member Andy Jakes sent in a photocopy of the 42¢ off-paper shown below. While the photocopy image is not as distinct, it does show better against the black background that the die cutting is aligned with the printing.

– Editor



Editor's Message

FROM THE EDITOR...

In last month's issue of *Coil Line* I wrote the following in my Editor's Message: "I am only speculating about new rates, but it is certain that the outlook for possible new coil issues remains cloudy." During the first week of November, as the issue was heading through the mails to our members, the U.S. Postal Service unveiled a surprise of which you are by now probably aware: the first "forever" coil stamps.

These Forever coils join the first non-Liberty-Bell (and first multiple-design) forever issue, the Evergreens booklets released in October. And according to Jay Bigalke's front-page story in the Nov. 22nd issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, it seems the USPS will henceforth issue commemoratives and special stamps for the one-ounce letter rate only as "forever" stamps, starting this coming January.

I think the timing of these various Forever formats (including coils yielding new PNCs) coincides with the USPS plans to increase domestic mailing rates in January. While stymied in their initial request filing with the Postal Regulatory Commission, the USPS has appealed the PRC's denial. And the USPS could still raise some rates on their own by a cent in line with inflation over the past two years, as the last rate hike was in May 2009.

The last time the USPS planned for uncertain new rates was Winter 2006-2007, which gave us the undenominated (41¢) Flag stamps in panes, booklets and coil rolls. Rolling out Forever stamps at this time in other mail-use formats neatly sidesteps the need for another round of undenominated stamped-paper inventory that requires yet a second round of replacement denominated issues.

The December 1 issue of Forever coils follows timing precedent for January rate hikes – typically, new issues were released in November/December whether denominated or not. The (39¢) Liberty & Flag issues were released December 8, 2005. Various (34¢) designs, including (34¢) Statue of Liberty coils, were issued December 15, 2000. The (33¢) "H" Hat and the 22¢ Uncle Sam coils along with other formats were issued November 9, 1998. The (32¢) "G" Old Glory Flag and related rate-change stamps were issued beginning December 13, 1994.

I will be keenly interested in how the large-roll formats are handled, since as of this writing there's no news about them. Interestingly, large-roll demand is from mostly lettershops for affixing machines, and any remaining vending machines in the largest post offices using water-activated-gum rolls of 3,000. (Readers, do you know of any *post-office* vending machines remaining that dispense strips of coils? Please let us know.)
— Ron Blanks

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In a surprise move with only a month's warning, the USPS is releasing Forever stamps in a coil format for the first time on December 1. Given the lead time for design, printing and distribution, these might have been approved for issuance before the Postal Regulatory Commission's decision to deny the exigent rate increase was handed down.

The stamps feature alternating Lady Liberty and Flag designs. Since there are only two designs, most PNC collectors will choose to collect them in plate strips of five (PS5s). In the past, with other multi-design issues that featured four designs, many felt compelled to save plate strips of nine.

They are being produced by all three printers in self-adhesive rolls of 100 in very large quantities; 3 billion stamps from Ashton Potter, 2.5 billion stamps from Avery, and 2.5 billion stamps from Sennett's BCA division. In the past, that would have likely meant multiple plate numbers from at least one of the printers to hunt for, but not with the current policy limiting new numbers. No mention was made of large-roll or water-activated-gum versions.

In a new twist, the micro-printing will be "4evR" on the Ashton Potter stamps, "4EVER" on the Avery stamps, and "4ver" on the Sennett stamps, instead of "USPS".

The technical specifications say the plate number interval for Avery is every 20 stamps, and for Sennett every 28 stamps. The specs also state the Sennett plate size is 768 stamps. Since 768 is not evenly divisible by 28, one of those numbers is clearly wrong. The interval might be 32 stamps if the plate size is correct. The plate number interval for Ashton Potter is oddly listed as "Plate number on

2nd stamp of the form below Flag image". This presumably means the plate number will be on the Flag stamp, but the interval is a mystery. It also suggests if there are ink seam lines, we will see them at the 2L perfs (between the first & second stamp on a PS5).

All three printers will be using six colors to print the stamps (so six 1s in the plate numbers), but in another inconsistency in the specs, one of the colors for Sennett is listed as PMS 5625 (Green), while for the other two, PMS 5625 is listed as Gray.

Another oddity in the specs is the type of paper for the Sennett stamps, listed as "Nonprephosphored III, Type II". My best guess is this is on non-prephosphored paper that is then overall-tagged to type-II tagging specs.

Due to the very large quantities of Forever coils being produced, even if denial of the original 2¢ rate increase is overturned on appeal, or if it is found there has been enough inflation to put through a normal 1¢ rate increase, we might not see any denominated coils of 100 for the next rate.

If the trend of the Liberty Bell Forever stamp reprints is followed, we might see reprints in the future with a new year date, although that might not occur until 2012 given the current quantities made.

Back in the July 19 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, Bill McAllister reported that Costco had pressured the USPS to issue Christmas-stamp coil rolls of 100 this year. At that time there was confusion as to whether such rolls would be issued. We now know that there were no such plans, but that pressure might have contributed to the decision to issue these Forever coils in December.

New Scott Listing

There is a new catalog number in the new 2011 edition of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps & Covers* for one of the 41¢ denominated Flag coils. The previous Scott 4188 labeled stamps have been separated into 4188 for the overall-tagged version (the PNC V1111 printing) and 4188a for the prephosphored version (the V2222 printing). Since we collect plate numbers, we should already have both versions in our collections, although there might be a scramble to find unnumbered singles or mint pairs of the prephosphored version.

Price Increases

While we have gotten used to declines in the values of many PNCs over the past few years, there were big increases in the catalog values of several PNCs in the new 2011 Scott Specialized catalog. The 33¢ City Flag 9999A (Scott 3281d) increased from \$30 to \$50, the 33¢ linerless Berries (Scott 3404-07) G1111 PS9 jumped from \$17 to \$35, and the non-denominated (34¢) Flowers (Scott 3462-65) B1111 PS5 jumped from \$27.50 to \$50.

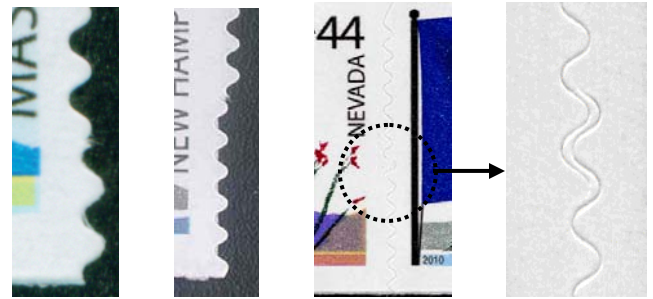
Sennett Die Cutting Revisited

In an article in the October 25th issue of *Linn's Stamp News* about the misaligned die cuts we keep finding in Sennett's rolls, Jay Bigalke quotes USPS spokesperson Mark Saunders as saying:

"The die cuts are created by a single, solid die-cut plate/tool.

"However, the plate is attached to a cylinder with three sections, and the tiny gaps between the sections may very rarely lose alignment just a bit and result in this minor shift, a combination of material slippage and tension changes."

It is a bit of a stretch to say "rarely" since they have frequently been reported on the various Flags of Our Nation coils. This is a more-complete explanation than they gave Jay on his tour of their



Various Flags of Our Nation misaligned die cuts.

plant in 2009 (see October 2009 *Coil Line* pages 147 and 150), although it still seems to be a bit off. If the die cutting tool were a single piece, whether it was on a single cylinder or a cylinder that had three sections, it would not produce these misalignments/gaps.

On the other hand, if the mat was really comprised of three pieces butted together with a small overlap between them, then it could make such misalignments or gaps in the overlap region if one of the pieces became misaligned.

The width of the die cutting ridge on the tool in the overlap regions must be narrower than on the main parts of the tool, or we would see double wide cutting in this area when the sections are properly aligned.

Mint Banner V333 Found

The long hunt for mint rolls of the presort coil (10¢) Banner with plate number V333 is over. At least one of the major dealers has sent them out to his new-issue customers. The reason for contract printer Avery's change from V222 to V333 has never been explained. Under the current numbering policy, the plate numbers aren't supposed to change unless there is a change in the stamps.

Something to Watch For

If there is no rate change in the near future, be on the lookout for the possibility of a reprint of the 17¢ Bighorn Sheep coil on untagged paper. I can no longer locate the reference to quote, but I recall reading in *Linn's Stamp News* that the USPS indicated they were considering making all stamps below the postcard rate untagged. The current policy is to phosphor-tag stamps from 10¢ and up.

Back Numbers End on Lion Rolls of 500

by Michael Mules



The (10¢) New York City Library Lion water-activated gum (WAG) coil of 500 (Scott 3769) was issued eight years ago in 2002. It was not widely available until then-current stocks of the (10¢) WAG Bicycle were depleted. Recent WAG Lion shipments to post offices have revealed that the rolls of 500 no longer contain back numbers. Previously, one could verify that a strip of stamps (separated from a roll) was from a roll of 500 and not 3000, based on the fact that it had a three-digit back number, repeating at ten-stamp intervals.

Water-activated coil use among bulk mailers is on the decline. Small mailers still use the rolls of 500, but their usage is dwarfed by the majority of mailers who use self-adhesives. Most mailers are using the (10¢) Presorted Standard designs in self-stick rolls of 3000 and 10,000.

The Library Lion is a popular stamp among small mailers. Many of these mailers do not have automatic equipment to affix the stamps to their bulk mailings. The new Banner design was not automatically distributed to post offices. Post offices would specifically have to request the Banner stamp when placing their orders for stock.

When I discovered that WAG Lion rolls of 500 no longer had back numbers, I thought I was on to something. If my roll had no back numbers, then its production must have had a shift of some kind, resulting in other rolls with double back numbers, or misplaced back numbers. That was not the case.

All three post offices I visited had their entire inventory of the 10¢ Library Lion without back numbers. All-told, I inspected nearly 60 rolls and found no back numbers. Donna Rajotte at the Providence, RI main post office verified that the stock her office had been receiving has been without

back numbers for a couple of months.

The stamps from rolls without back numbers show no apparent fundamental differences from those found earlier on rolls with back numbers. The year date and size are the same. They react identically under ultraviolet light. The only way one could show the difference between this and earlier ones would be to display a strip of eleven stamps (to include a back number on the earlier version).

Was there a temporary change in policy, in not requiring rolls of 500 to have back numbers? Was the back numbering process skipped during a production run of the WAG Library Lion? (Who knows how long ago these rolls were printed?) One can only speculate as to the cause. In contrast, the recently issued WAG 10¢ Banner coils of 500 were all printed with back numbers as far as we know.

PNC³ Catalog Committee

Frank Covey * Andy Jakes
Ron Maifeld * Gene Trinks

The committee continues to work throughout the year on producing reference works for the club. Efforts underway include a new Values List, another chapter in the Flags section (for 33¢ City Flag and 34¢ United We Stand PNCs), and some early Transportation coils. Specialists in these areas are welcome to help write; please contact the committee at catalog@pnc3.org for details.

See April *Coil Line*'s order form for the latest offerings; most are still available. Prices subject to change due to printing costs; confirm with Andy Jakes via contact details on form or page 160).

[Editor's note: In the June 2001 Coil Line, Alan Thomson reported Rob Loeffler's discovery that the Bureau of Engraving & Printing (BEP)'s self-adhesive coil rolls of (10¢) Bicycle had two kinds of die cuts: A squared-shape transition from the last peak along a side to the corner (called a "square shoulder", shown on top stamp at bottom of page), and a rounded-shape transition ("round shoulder", seen on bottom stamp below; these are 33¢ Flag over City, Scott 3282). Since then, Coil Line has occasionally printed BEP large-roll PNC updates to note the shoulder types known. Below is the latest update.]

The last time *Coil Line* showed a chart of the BEP shoulder types by PNC was in the December 2002 issue. I have updated the shoulder chart and included the counts of my holdings (see facing page). The Types list by PNC should be complete, but please report if you have found anything new. Now I am also asking for *your* counts. Let's try to find the percentage of round to square and maybe any new finds. [Editor's note: Some PNCs are known with **both** types; these are the ones for which counts are most needed. Other PNCs, noted with shading in the chart, are only known with **one** type.]

The right-hand chart columns are for listing your holdings. (These stamps are from 3,000 and 10,000 stamp rolls. All will have round corners.) You can use the chart page for your records and the outer wrapper form to send in (use the address below or e-mail me the counts). The chart will be updated and printed in a future *Coil Line*. Send to: **Dan Forgues, PO Box 116, Forest Falls, CA 92339-0116** email: **pnc3nv@aol.com**

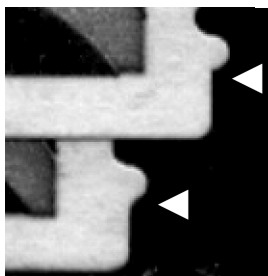
All round-shoulder stamps have four round shoulders. **BUT: Do the square shoulder stamps have four square shoulders?**

I was sorting round and square shoulder used PNC singles when I came across a few that looked like the frame around this article: Square shoulder at upper-left and lower-right; but "round" upper-right and lower-left. (This frame was scanned from a [25¢] Diner #55555.) I started finding a few more using a 10X loupe. I thought I found a new "combo" shoulder die cut after finding four stamps similar to this one. Then I started using a 40X handheld lighted mini-microscope. I found all of my 972 square-shoulder PNC singles of 16 Scott numbers had some sort of rounded shoulder in these two corners. All of these areas show a round depression, with some being clean-cut.

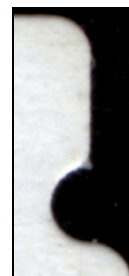
Most have material left behind outside of the round depression. Some have a small speck of paper (see closeups trio below *center*; an Eagle & Shield #22222 lower-left, and both lower-left, upper-right closeups of Diner #55555). I also found a Wetlands #5555 pair on-paper that shows both shoulder shapes next to each other (closeup below, *right*).

1998

55555



Square
(top stamp)
and Round
shoulder
types on BEP
large-roll
self-stick coils



BEP 'Shoulders' Census

by Dan Forgues

BEP Shoulder Types List

Scott #	Description	Plate #	My Counts		Your Counts [#]	
			ROUND	SQUARE	ROUND	SQUARE
2904B	(5¢) Mountain	1111	26	(X)		
3207A	(5¢) Wetlands	1111	1	23		
		2222	7	74		
		3333	7	40		
		4444		113		
3207Ab	(5¢) Wetlands	5555		231		
		6666		87		
3228	(10¢) Bicycle	111	7	2		
		221	7	2		
		221		1		
		222	9	6		
		333	(NEW) 1	12		
		344		7		
		444	19	(RR) 1		
		555	3	1		
3228a	(10¢) Bicycle	666	1	2		
		777		3		
		888		5		
		999		13		
3271	(10¢) Eagle/Shield	11111	(RR) 1	13		
		22222		19		
3271a	(10¢) Eagle/Shield	33333		2		
3271b	(10¢) E/S tagged	11111		1		
3271v	(10¢) E/S Anaconda Red	11111		5		
2912B	(25¢) Juke Box	111111	10			
		222222	3			
3208A	(25¢) Diner	11111	1	19		
		22211	(RR) 5	39		
		22222	4	43		
		33333		45		
		44444		51		
55555		47				
2915D	32¢ FoP 9/10*	1111	1			
	32¢ FoP 10/10*	1111	1			
3266	(33¢) Hat*	1111	5			
3282	33¢ City Flag*	1111		9		
		2222	11	11		
3466	34¢ Statue Liberty*	1111		23		
		2222		16		
3550A	34¢ United We Stand Flag*	1111		6		
<i>*rounded Corners (large-roll) version</i>		Totals:	130	972		

(NEW) – Added since Dec. 2002 report; – This Shoulder type not known; **#Use copy on wrapper to mail in counts.**
 (RR) – tracked on the Rarities Report; (X) – Known, but I do not have.

Reporting the Rarities

by Gene Trinks

Rarities reporters have had a fairly active summer, and there are some quite significant changes to some of the counts. There have been a number of finds of Atlas V13222, with one lucky searcher reporting four new copies from a mixture. Other finds reported include FOP 78777 10/10, Diner 22211 "round shoulders" die cut, Atlas V21211 tagged, Egret V2121, and Egret V3211. The Egret reports come largely from one auction house and the new owners are not known. If you have purchased one of these, please send a scan or enlarged photocopy so I can add to the list of known holdings.

The count below for the FOP 78777 10/10 die remains at 68 even though I have a report of a new copy found. In reviewing the previous reports, I found a duplicate report, and have deleted it; therefore, the count remains the same.

It seems appropriate to remind those collecting mint strips that, if they seek completeness of the PNC numbers, they might want to add some used singles to their holdings. Many of the numbers reported in this column have never been reported as found mint. As the years go by, it is increasingly unlikely that they will ever turn up as mint strips. So, if you seek completeness, used singles might be the only way to go.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL, and may your gifts include finding a rare PNC!

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	--	9	68	5
88888 11/12 die	1996-8.252	2915C	--	--	4	--
13231A 10/10 VP die	1996-8.212	2915A	6	8	55	14
(5¢) Avery Mountain V333342 13L/12R die	1996-10.211	2904A	--	--	21	3
V333343 round corner die	1996-10.211	2904A	--	--	5	--
(5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die	1997-1.22	2904B	2	5	21	2
(25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die	1998-7.21	3208A	--	--	98	8
(10¢) Green Bike #444 square shoulder die	1998-4.22	3228	--	--	30	4
(10¢) Eagle&Shield STD #11111 round shoulder die	1998-15.1111	3271	1	6	12	4
(10¢) Atlas V13222	2003-9	3770	--	--	63	2
V21113	2003-9	3770	--	--	4	--
V21211 tagged	2003-9	3770	--	--	5	1
37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die	2003-8	3829	--	--	29	1
V2121 PV die	2003-8	3829	--	--	1	--
V3211 VP die	2003-8	3829	--	--	45	4
V3211 PV die	2003-8	3829	--	--	7	2

These counts represent only the stamps that have been reported to me, NOT the quantities that actually exist. Some owners choose not to report their holdings, and others are not aware of this survey. 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!!

PNC³ Auction #43 Results

by Joe Sedivy

Closing Date October 27, 2010 – This auction had 52 bidders, with 48 of them winning at least one lot. Of the 401 lots, 289 sold. This means over 72% of lots sold, exceeding last spring's result of over 60%. I thank all consignors and bidders, as they are the members that make these club auctions work! Also, a big thanks to all who donated lots for this and future auctions (when the unsold lots are offered again).

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
1	\$25.00	59	\$7.00	102	\$5.50
2	\$52.50	60	\$4.50	103	\$12.00
3	\$12.00	61	\$10.00	104	\$2.25
5	\$23.00	63	\$7.00	105	\$4.00
6	\$10.00	64	\$10.00	106	\$7.00
11	\$3.00	65	\$3.00	107	\$5.50
13	\$2.00	66	\$8.00	108	\$5.00
14	\$3.50	67	\$8.00	109	\$4.00
15	\$2.50	68	\$80.00	111	\$5.00
16	\$5.00	70	\$14.00	112	\$15.00
18	\$5.00	71	\$7.50	113	\$5.00
25	\$9.00	72	\$16.00	114	\$3.00
26	\$2.00	73	\$80.00	115	\$4.50
27	\$4.50	74	\$21.00	116	\$5.00
28	\$2.50	75	\$4.00	117	\$2.00
29	\$4.50	76	\$10.00	119	\$1.50
30	\$55.00	77	\$29.00	120	\$10.00
31	\$4.00	78	\$5.50	121	\$3.00
32	\$3.00	79	\$10.00	123	\$4.00
33	\$49.00	80	\$4.50	125	\$5.00
35	\$67.50	81	\$6.00	126	\$5.00
38	\$12.00	82	\$4.00	127	\$9.00
39	\$75.00	83	\$3.00	128	\$10.00
40	\$13.00	84	\$7.00	129	\$7.00
41	\$7.00	85	\$10.00	130	\$4.50
42	\$8.00	86	\$4.00	134	\$2.50
43	\$15.00	87	\$2.50	136	\$5.00
44	\$16.00	88	\$2.50	137	\$4.00
45	\$105.00	89	\$8.00	138	\$4.00
46	\$25.00	90	\$5.00	139	\$7.00
47	\$5.00	91	\$2.00	140	\$16.00
48	\$6.00	92	\$7.00	141	\$12.00
49	\$3.00	93	\$5.00	142	\$4.00
51	\$8.00	94	\$3.00	143	\$7.00
52	\$5.00	95	\$2.25	144	\$40.00
53	\$3.00	97	\$5.00	146	\$6.00
54	\$10.00	98	\$4.00	147	\$5.00
55	\$10.00	99	\$5.00	148	\$6.00
56	\$12.00	100	\$2.50	149	\$8.00
57	\$19.00	101	\$2.50	150	\$2.00

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
151	\$2.50	198	\$12.00	263	\$4.50
152	\$2.50	199	\$14.00	264	\$18.00
153	\$4.00	200	\$4.00	266	\$8.00
154	\$9.50	201	\$85.00	267	\$16.00
155	\$9.00	205	\$2.50	268	\$15.00
156	\$22.00	206	\$8.00	271	\$12.00
158	\$7.00	207	\$9.00	273	\$4.50
159	\$70.00	208	\$8.50	274	\$10.00
160	\$4.50	209	\$7.00	275	\$130.00
161	\$7.00	210	\$3.75	278	\$40.00
162	\$5.00	211	\$3.50	279	\$3.00
163	\$13.00	212	\$3.00	281	\$3.50
164	\$275.00	213	\$13.00	282	\$5.00
165	\$9.00	214	\$8.50	283	\$5.00
166	\$8.00	215	\$23.00	284	\$65.00
167	\$75.00	216	\$22.00	285	\$65.00
168	\$5.00	218	\$3.50	286	\$65.00
169	\$8.00	219	\$8.00	287	\$5.00
170	\$17.00	220	\$12.00	288	\$15.00
171	\$5.00	228	\$40.00	289	\$15.00
172	\$5.00	232	\$6.00	291	\$5.00
173	\$2.50	234	\$10.00	292	\$12.00
174	\$9.00	235	\$32.00	293	\$60.00
175	\$4.00	239	\$4.00	294	\$65.00
176	\$5.00	240	\$6.50	295	\$62.50
177	\$8.00	241	\$20.00	296	\$10.00
178	\$8.00	242	\$22.00	297	\$6.00
179	\$7.00	243	\$5.00	298	\$26.00
180	\$7.00	244	\$25.00	299	\$15.00
182	\$3.50	245	\$22.00	300	\$10.00
184	\$11.00	246	\$15.00	301	\$7.00
185	\$7.00	248	\$9.00	303	\$25.00
186	\$4.00	254	\$7.50	304	\$40.00
188	\$4.00	255	\$12.00	306	\$4.00
190	\$7.50	256	\$6.00	307	\$4.00
191	\$13.00	257	\$16.00	308	\$10.00
193	\$8.00	258	\$14.00	309	\$2.00
195	\$8.00	259	\$15.00	310	\$7.00
196	\$5.00	260	\$4.50	312	\$6.00
197	\$5.00	262	\$3.75	313	\$3.00

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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

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¢ BIGHORN SHEEP (SP-U, SP-S)

S1111111 A [31] 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

44¢ FLAG (SP-S)

#V1111 A [20] VP, PV

44¢ FLAG (SP-S)

#S111 A [31] VP

44¢ FLAG (SP-S)

#P1111 A [31] VP

44¢ FLAG (SP-S)

#S111 C [31]

44¢ FLAG (OA)

Rounded Corners

#V1111 C, D [16] VP

44¢ FLAGS OF OUR

NATION (SP-S)

#S111111111 E [10] VP (Set 3)

#S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 4)

(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)

#S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 1)
 #S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 2)

(10¢) ATLAS (un)

#B1111 D [20] VV, PP
 #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

(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
#V333 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
 #S3333333 D [20] S, Tag SP-S#
 #S1111111 C (2005) [20] S

(25¢) EAGLE (un)

#S1111111 C [10]

? = known used only
 # = weak tagging

Update: #V333 is now known for the **(10¢) Banner** as coming from rolls of 10,000 (10k) size. Mint rolls are known and dealers have mint examples to supply. (From December, 2009: The [25¢] Eagle Self-Adhesive 10k coil #S3333333 is now known with smooth (weak) tagging. This coil has no black line on the liner.)

'KEY' box was updated Dec. 2008 with phosphor tagging terms finalized at specialists' meeting (APS StampShow, 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 two ways. One is serpentine cut on all four sides; the other 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

Mailing List Available

Rental of the club mailing list is available upon request. A one-time usage fee of \$50.00 includes preprinted address labels. Contact Harvey Wales, Secretary. Email: hwales16@aol.com

Information Changes

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(address change)

Resigned

William P Paquin Jr (1363)

New Life Member

Richard B Jordan (1742L)

"Thank you!" to the above PNC³ member, who has made this long-term commitment to the club.

Previous Membership Count	760
<u>Resigned</u>	<u>1</u>
New Membership Count	759

PNC³ always welcomes your mint postage, even of presort coils. Send donations to The Incredible Mailing Co. Their street address has now been added to the second page of every issue for the benefit of those who receive the electronic edition of *Coil Line*.



Address Changing?



Change of Address forms and membership applications are available from Harvey Wales, Secretary, 13 Birmingham Place, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Email: hwales16@aol.com. Both forms are also on our website at: www.pnc3.org.

"Where is my PNC³ 2011 Renewal Form?"

The first PNCs turn 30 in 2011... Continue your PNC³ membership and receive uninterrupted delivery of *Coil Line*, among other benefits. November issue's back page has the 2011 form if you haven't renewed yet.

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Auction #43 Results (continued)

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
314	\$5.00	343	\$4.00	377	\$80.00
315	\$4.00	344	\$3.50	379	\$4.50
316	\$4.00	345	\$4.50	381	\$6.00
317	\$5.00	352	\$5.00	382	\$4.00
318	\$5.00	358	\$4.50	383	\$2.00
320	\$3.50	359	\$2.00	384	\$7.00
321	\$7.00	361	\$8.00	385	\$3.00
324	\$7.00	363	\$5.00	386	\$2.00
326	\$5.50	364	\$4.00	387	\$1.00
327	\$8.00	365	\$6.00	388	\$1.00
328	\$20.00	368	\$3.00	394	\$2.50
330	\$5.00	369	\$3.50	395	\$2.25
337	\$1,000.00	372	\$2.00	397	\$2.50
338	\$22.00	373	\$4.00	399	\$4.00
340	\$5.50	375	\$7.50	400	\$5.00
341	\$5.00	376	\$85.00	401	\$2.00
342	\$3.00				

Consider consigning some of your PNC extras to PNC³'s next spring auction – details in an upcoming issue.

Classified Ads

PNC USED SINGLES, used strips, MNH PS5s. Great prices! Guaranteed quality! No hassles! Visit <http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/HimesPNCs> or send LSASE for lists to John Himes, PO Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630 - 0453. Member 957

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Take a second look at September's *Coil Line*. 25% off unsold items from my full-page color ad. 18¢ Flag #6 \$300, Egret V3211 VP \$450. Atlas V13222 \$120, FoP 66666 10/11 \$1125. Larger discounts for multiple items. Reasonable offers considered, Dan Forgues pnc3nv@aol.com Member 1037

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Welcome to sunny Florida! A PNC³ Regional Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday February 5, 2011 in the North Balcony of the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL during the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, February 4-6, 2011. For details, contact Jack Seaman (jakcman@verizon.net) or al.light@verizon.net.

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PNC strips of 5 at face. Minimum order \$10.00. Postpaid. Justin T. Dreiseszun, 4928 Marybrook Dr, Kettering, OH 45429-5729. Member 1023.

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Check out www.thepncstampshop.com for a wide selection of PNCs. The site is open to all collectors and there is a wide selection of strips of 5 and larger. Thomas H. Hamilton. Member 1297

CLASSIFIED AD rates are 6¢ per word, with a minimum cost of \$3.00 per insertion.

PNC³ members are entitled to two free 50-word ads per year. (There is a 10¢ charge for each word over 50 with free ads.) Contact the editor to place an ad.

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Online Chat Topics for December

(Chats on Wednesdays 9 p.m. EST)

Dec. 1st – New Issues and General Discussion... In what format will you collect the new Forever Coils?

Dec. 8th – New-User Q & A... The what, how, and why of PNCs.

Dec. 15th – Precancel Gaps and Honeybee Seam Lines... Old collecting topics revisited.

Dec. 22nd – Holiday Wish List... What PNC did you request from Santa?

Dec. 29th – New Year's New Collecting Theme... What will you collect in 2011?

Hosted by Michael Mules. For help to access the PNC³ message board on the Delphi Forums website, see the President's Message on page 161. [Editor's note: At press time, a technical problem with the PNC³ website was unresolved, in which content had "reverted" back to the February 2009 timeframe. However, the link to the Delphi Forums' PNC³ message board should remain unaffected.]

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