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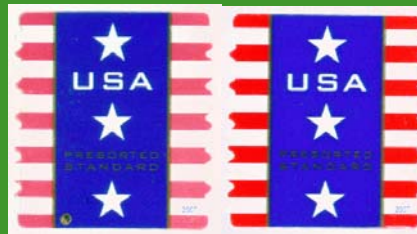
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# President's Message

## FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

My heart is heavy as I sit at my computer typing this. The last issue of *Coil Line* reported that we lost 104 members from non-payment of dues and resignations. I keep wondering about who and/or what is to blame, and what we could be doing that we are not. There is, of course, the bad economic times, and our club is not the only one suffering, but we promise that we will do everything in our power to keep the club viable and informative.

Looking back at everything that has happened this past year, 2009 was indeed a great year for plate number coil collectors and the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, and we expect that 2010 will also be a fantastic year. It's true that there were only a limited number of new coils issued, but everything else associated with PNC<sup>3</sup> is still going strong.

## Annual Meetings

The Annual PNC<sup>3</sup> Executive Board meeting and the General Membership meeting will both be held during the American Philatelic Society StampShow in Richmond, Virginia on August 12 – 15, 2010. Items for consideration at either of the meetings should be directed to the attention of the club Secretary, Dan Farrar. Email Dan at [farrand2@sssnet.com](mailto:farrand2@sssnet.com), or send him a letter at 3386 Excalibur Circle NW, Canton, OH 44708-1143.

At this time, we have not received room assignments from the APS. They will be published when we get the word.

We will have a booth at the show where we can gather and spotlight our club. We will have club publications and pins, the Beautiful Blooms ceremony programs, and other items for sale at the booth. If you are planning to be at the show and can spare some time staffing the booth, we can use your help. Please contact me if you can help us.

## Election Ballot Committee

I have appointed Louis Schubert of Cincinnati, Ohio to head the Ballot Counting Committee for the upcoming PNC<sup>3</sup> election. The election ballot will be printed in the June issue of *Coil Line* and must be received by Lou by June 30, 2010. Lou does not have email, so a printed ballot must be sent to him.

## “Flags of Our Nation” Set 4

The United States Postal Service is reporting in the *Postal Bulletin* of March 25, 2010 that the 4<sup>th</sup> set of the Flags of Our Nation coil series will go on sale April 16 in New York City.

The designs feature the *Stars and Stripes*, with snapshot art depicting the “purple mountain majesties” of “America the Beautiful,” by Katherine Lee Bates, plus the states of Montana through North Dakota in alphabetical order.

– Ron Maifeld

*PNC<sup>3</sup> and Coil Line acknowledge  
a postage donation of  
over \$118 from member Robert Shelton.*

Thanks to PNC<sup>3</sup> members' generosity, Brian Snippen of The Incredible Mailing Company reports that postage donations have now been used up for frankings on the first four *Coil Line* mailings of 2010.

PNC<sup>3</sup> 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*.

# PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meetings

## Upcoming regional meetings ...

### Charlotte, NC at CHARPEX July 31

You are invited to attend the PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional meeting during CHARPEX, the weekend stamp exhibition at the Renaissance Hotel at Charlotte Airport Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and August 1. The show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday. The hotel's address is 2800 Coliseum Dr, Charlotte NC 28217.

The PNC<sup>3</sup> regional meeting will be held on Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Please note that while the start is subject to change, the meeting is planned for two hours on Saturday afternoon.) This event will be hosted by Paul Bravell, with Todd R. Uebele, Sr. co-hosting.

The gathering will be a great time to socialize with fellow PNC<sup>3</sup>ers from the southeast regional area. There will be time for trading and discussing PNC material, along with other philatelic items. Most of the PNC<sup>3</sup> 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.

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## 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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(PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting announcements in this column are free. Please submit to the Editor three months prior to the meeting date. Thank you.)

## Will Naphtha Ruin Some Stamps' Inks?

by Ron Blanks

Used-PNC collector Zeb Vance posted the following report in an online forum about using naphtha to remove coil stamps from their paper backing:

"I just learned something that I'd like to pass on. To get paper off used self-adhesive stamps, I soak the on-paper pieces in naphtha (Coleman lantern fuel) for about one hour, peel the paper off, and return the stamps to the naphtha for another 30 minutes or so. I then remove them one by one and wipe the adhesive off the back using toilet paper. This method has worked well for me for quite some time... until now.

"I just ruined an Avery Dennison used Patriotic Banner PNC #V111 (Scott #4157).

"After completing the process described above, I noticed a dull appearance on the face of the stamp and believed it was gum. Using tongs, I dunked the stamp in naphtha and rubbed the face. Blue ink came off the stamp and transferred to the toilet paper. Patriotic Banner stamps printed by other suppliers were not affected by the naphtha soak."

(please see page 76)

## Readers' Forum

**I have read** with interest the two articles in March's *Coil Line* regarding the ongoing soaking drama. I have been using naphtha for years now, and found a lot of good information contained in the articles (and also *Coil Line* articles preceding them). I would like to add an alternative method. It's not necessary to go through all the trouble of rinsing and wiping to remove adhesive residue. All one has to do, after letting the stamps dry, is to wipe a little cornstarch on the back of the stamp, and wah-lah, one has a beautiful used stamp for the album.

– Todd R. Uebele, Sr. #1832

*A reviewer's reply: My friend Todd Uebele's idea that one need not remove remaining adhesive from the backs of stamps removed from paper with naphtha, but instead can just dunk stamps in corn starch to remove "stickiness," is, in my opinion, not wise. All you'll be doing is locking that adhesive between the stamp paper and the corn starch. Since we don't know what will happen with that adhesive in years to come, I think it's prudent to take the few extra seconds (a minute, at most) to remove any adhesive and get it permanently away from the stamp paper. To me, that's the right thing to do. The "corn starch solution" is quick and easy, but it's not necessarily the best idea.*

– John Himes #957L

**At this time** I would like to thank *Coil Line* for the Garfield-Perry "March Party's" regional meeting promotional column. Ron Maifeld was our main speaker, with Dan Farrar and Cleveland area members in attendance. Ron's topic, "The Early Days of PNC Collecting," was a huge success. A lot of door prizes were given out, so everybody in attendance was happy.

By the way, I had a coil stamp exhibit at this show entitled "20 cent U.S. Flag coils of 1981" as a sort of promotion for the regional meeting. I was very pleased with my puny three-frame exhibit earning a Silver award. This show being an APS World Series of Philately Exhibition, displaying 37 individual exhibits with 186 frames, put me in the league with the "big boys" of philately. Many of the exhibits were truly fabulous, earning sixteen Gold medals.

May I make a suggestion? Could we have a "Show Wins" monthly column showing PNC<sup>3</sup> members' wins? I know Tim Lindemuth from Manhattan, Kansas had some huge National and International show wins in the past that were never even mentioned in *Coil Line*. I also know there are a number of members exhibiting on a regular basis, yet we never hear about them. By publicizing members' wins, we could prompt some members to show their "treasures" that are hiding in albums or shoeboxes.

In 2001, I showed my collection of 20¢ Flags to a philatelist friend, who remarked, "Frank, you have some nice stamps here that you should exhibit." Thinking, "What can I lose?" and knowing absolutely nothing about how to assemble an exhibit, in 2002 I placed my 27 pages at a Cleveland local show. It earned a Silver award, and from then on I was hooked. Thank you for your consideration.

– Frank Nemeth #1323

*Editor's reply: A "Show Wins" column sounds like an excellent idea. I might quibble with the "monthly" tag, since Coil Line is already monthly and we wouldn't want to imply the column "will" appear each month. (Even some "monthly" features like Roll Size Chart page do not actually appear in every issue.) If members don't report, how can news like this appear? Perhaps much news was missed in the past because a member thought, "Someone else is probably reporting this," except the "other" someone thought the same thing. Readers, should we ask award recipients to not be shy, and report on themselves? I think redundant reports would be preferable to having no news for Coil Line to work with at all.*

*I recall in years past that Coil Line showed actual PNC<sup>3</sup> exhibit pages on occasion, and there's no reason some interestingly organized material could not appear in the future.*

*Coil Line last described at length in the December 2009 issue how its content is largely based on members' input, and this bears a reminder. Besides ongoing features like "Catalog Corner," Coil Line is the PNC<sup>3</sup> members' newsletter. So, any reports of news related to PNCs (e.g., exhibit awards) are welcome, just as regional meeting reports.*

## Editor's Message

### FROM THE EDITOR . . .

In the last two issues I mentioned that the USPS was not changing domestic mail rates this year, but had yet to reach a question I wanted to ask: Will the Postal Service take advantage of the respite in having to issue new-rate coils and start replacing the aging presort coil designs?

As of this writing, the USPS had not announced any new presort coil issues. Ironically, presort coils are practically the only ones to be seen on direct-marketing mail when mailers choose to use stamps. Yet most current designs are well past the USPS-stated intent of three-year duration (set in 1995). Even if we extend that time 67% to five years to grow used to the designs on mail, some are still long in the tooth. The non-profit "Sea Coast" design is going on eight years, the first-class "American Eagles" are near seven, and the first-class postcard "Woody Wagon" turns nine this year. (At least the Woody Wagon isn't available from Stamp Fulfillment Services any more; perhaps a replacement is near as mail-use inventories dwindle.)

I don't know if mailers are seeking new designs. But as new-rate coils aren't needed, it can only help direct mail use to see the USPS issue new presort coils.

## Strike Two on "Untagged" 37¢ Flag Coils

by Ron Blanks

As last month's issue was about to go to the proofreaders, a Scott catalog editor informed me they found phosphor tagging specks on the "untagged" 37¢ Flag coil that *Coil Line* reported in the March issue. Since April's issue featured a third such report, I then scrambled to revise it at the last minute to qualify use of the term "untagged".

April's issue showed owner Robert Thompson's 37¢ Flag example (a PNC; all three untagged candidates are of Sennett's 2004-dated self-stick large-roll format, Scott 3632C). I asked Robert to send his coil to Scott to learn if it might qualify for a "tagging omitted" listing. The Scott editors reported back that they found a speck of taggant on this coil, too.

That leaves my possibly untagged coil (shown in February's *Coil Line*) as the only one of the three reported in *Coil Line* which the Scott editors have not examined. Unfortunately, my example has a mailer's postmark permit cancel using fluorescent ink. That could interfere with efforts to decide if this stamp is on plain paper (prephosphored paper was specified for the issue).

This is why we still need to find a mint coil of this issue, still on liner paper, as untagged – if any exist.

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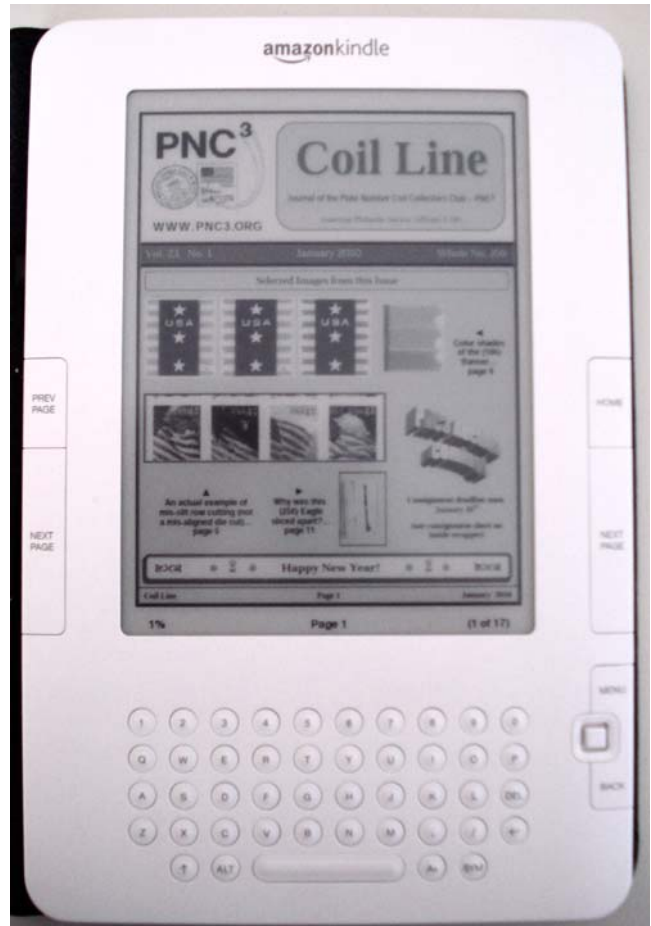
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*Coil Line* used to be an all-black-and-white publication. But for over a year now, the front page of the print version has been in color to the delight of all readers. The electronic version has always had color on every page.

The electronic version can be turned into a hard copy by printing it out on a home printer. This can be done cheaply on a home laser color printer (once the initial printer investment is made). However, on an inkjet home printer, the quality usually is not as good and the cost per page goes up because of the cost of color inkjet cartridges.

Laser color printers themselves are more expensive than inkjet printers, which can be purchased for less than \$100. To me, the extra cost for a laser printer is worthwhile because the ink (toner) does not dry up as cartridge ink sometimes does on an inkjet printer.



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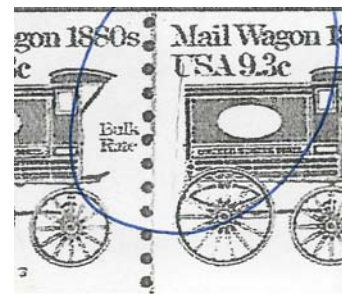
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However, the Kindle 2 also allows you to load PDF files from your computer to the Kindle. Since the electronic *Coil Line* is in PDF format, I was anxious to try this feature. The picture at upper right shows the result (the front page of the January 2010 *Coil Line* on the Kindle electronic reader).

You flip pages on the Kindle 2 by tapping the “next page” button on the left-hand or right-hand side of the device. If you want to go back a page, press the “prev page” button on the left-hand side. Print size can be changed at will. In the picture above, I had set the print size to view the whole page at once. Also, orientation can be set to “portrait” or “landscape”. In the photo above, the orientation mode is “portrait”. I am looking forward to loading all of the 2010 *Coil Lines* on the Kindle 2 so that as I travel, I can always have all of them with me in an easily read format. There is plenty of storage on the Kindle 2, so keeping many copies of *Coil Line* in addition to my other desired content should not be a problem.

# More Engraved Plate Varieties Found

by Rob Washburn



PNC<sup>3</sup> member Peter Tukker has found a new discovery involving the 9.3¢ Mail Wagon (Scott 1903) plate number 3, pictured above at left. It is a possible constant plate variety in the form of a faint vertical crack at position 1R (the first stamp to the right of the PNC). This crack extends downward through the “U” of USA, close to the left of the wagon, extending to near the rear wheel. It is so faint that it doesn’t appear in the plate strip of 5 shown here. So I’ve drawn in and circled the crack on the grayscale enlargement above, at right.



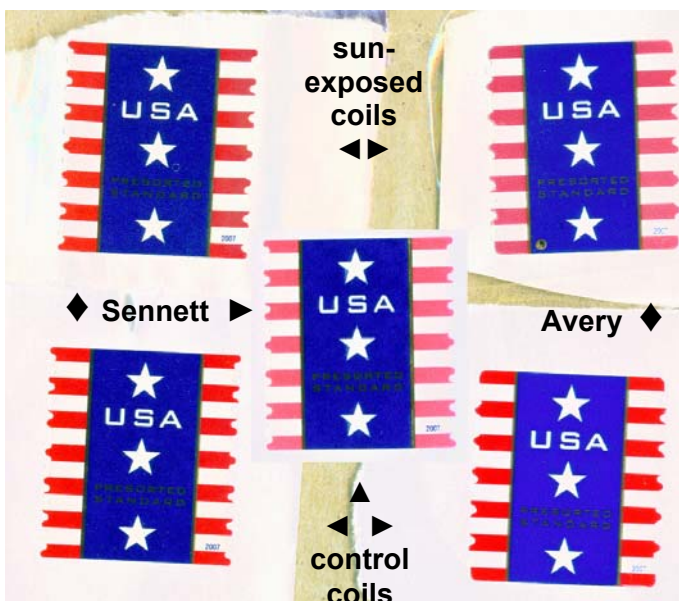
Peter Tukker also found a very faint crack on a 20¢ Fire Pumper (Scott 1908) #10. He calls it “the clothesline”. The faint crack goes horizontally from “er” of Pumper at 1R to the first “P” of Pumper at 2R. I made a drawn-in copy to show here, as it is so hard to see. Even at 30 times magnification, it’s too faint to scan.

# Sunlight Test Progress

by Ron Blanks

Here’s a second update to the “pink” Sennett (10¢) Banner story in January 2010’s issue. I began a sunlight-exposure test on some coils with designs using reddish inks (a [5¢] Seacoast test is not included in this report). The goal is to see how long it might take for direct sunlight to cause fading, and specifically if red-ink fading might explain the “pinkish” color reported for some (10¢) Banner coils (Scott 4158) found on-cover. The scan here was made on April 12 and reflects about 64 days of exposure (average six hours per day). (The center image is of one of the “pink” coils, super-imposed against the “sun-exposed” row [top two], and the “control” row [bottom two]. See cropped closeups of these in color on the front cover.)

Interestingly, the Avery coil (upper-right) is the only exposed coil showing significant fading so far.



As has been mentioned several times in the past few months, 2010 is an election year for PNC<sup>3</sup> Club Officers. All seven elective offices for the Executive Board are up for grabs (note the Immediate Past President slot will not require a vote). The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Immediate Past President and two members at large.

Through the efforts of Gene Trinks, who was appointed chairman of the Nominations Committee, we have a full slate of candidates for the upcoming election. Gene has since resigned that position so that he can run for President and Frank Covey has been appointed to finish the duties of the committee.

This is the last call for nominations. If you are interested in running for office, please make your desire known to the Nominations Committee chairman, Frank Covey, by email at [cquail@macomb.com](mailto:cquail@macomb.com), or by mail at 16 Grandview Drive, Macomb, IL 61455 **to be received by May 10**.

Below are pertinent excerpts from the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

### Section 1, Voting

Officers and Members-at-Large shall be elected in even-numbered years by mail ballot prepared by the Ballot Committee prior to the Annual Meeting. Club Members in good standing shall be eligible to vote. Voting should be completed at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. A plurality of all valid ballots cast shall be required for election to office. In the case of Members-at-Large, where two persons are to be elected, the two persons with the highest vote totals among all candidates are elected to the positions. In the case of a tie vote for any position, the election shall be decided by majority vote of the Executive Board then in office.

### Section 2, Nominations

Any individual member or life member in good standing may be nominated to a position on the Executive Board. Nominations may be proposed by either the Nominating Committee or by a petition signed by at least five members in good standing. A call for nominations will be issued by the Nominating

Committee prior to the preparation of ballots, giving at least 30 days for response.

### Section 3, Elections

Ballots shall be forwarded to all members in good standing at least 30 days before ballots are due to be returned. A designated member of the Ballot Committee shall tally the returned ballots and its chairperson shall certify the results to the Secretary. Ballots shall be destroyed 90 days after the election due date unless a recount is requested within 30 days after publication of the results in the club journal, in which case the ballots will be destroyed 60 days after completion of the recount or as otherwise directed by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### Section 1, Members

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers defined in article IV, the most recent Past President, and two Members-at-Large, elected at the same time, in the same manner, and for the same term as the officers. In the event of a vacancy, succession to the position of Member-at-Large shall be accomplished in the same manner as for officers.

### Section 2, Authority

The Executive Board shall be the governing body of the club and shall transact the business of the club. The Executive Board may veto any appointment of the President by majority vote.

### Section 3, Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet at least once a year, normally at a time and place near the Annual Meeting of the club. Business matters may also be conducted by telephone and "round robin" correspondence and mail ballot.

### Section 4, Quorum

A majority of Board members (present or represented by proxy) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Members may vote via a proxy given to another member of the Executive Board.

# Nominees for PNC<sup>3</sup> Elections . . .

The PNC<sup>3</sup> elections for Officers and Members-at-Large will take place in June, with a deadline of June 30, 2010 to have your submitted votes received by postal mail. (The June *Coil Line* will have a printed ballot.)

Candidates have submitted brief biographical information so that members will have a basis on which to cast a vote.

## **For President: Gene Trinks**

As the founding President of the Club, I have a continuing commitment to its success. Again this year, we had no nominees for the position of President, so I have agreed to run again. The last few years have seen some real challenges to the PNC hobby, and it is my desire to guide the club through these challenging times to stimulate interest in PNC collecting and grow our membership. It is important that we identify members with time, talent, and interest in the future of the club and involve them in club activities. Through greater participation and innovative programs we can prosper as the years go by. Your vote in support of this program is needed.

## **For Vice President: Andrew Jakes**

Nominated for the position of Vice President, Andy joined the club in 2000, and was Treasurer of the club from 2000 to 2006. He collects PS5s and used single PNCs. He has been a member of the Catalog Committee since its founding in 2002, and has served as its Treasurer since then. He plans to continue the effort to qualify PNC<sup>3</sup> as an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

## **For Secretary: Harvey Wales**

I am a semi-retired business consultant, married with four children and three grandchildren, who has collected stamps since 1970. Now that I have more free time, I feel that I can pay back, in a small way, the efforts of my predecessors and further the goals of the PNC<sup>3</sup> organization, officers, and members.

My early business experience was in the printing industry and I am a history buff, so I gravitated toward collecting stamps that demonstrated the skills of an artful engraver and the multiple forms of the printing process. This was the genesis for my interest in the Transportation Series, and Plate Number Coil collecting. I collect mint plate strips of 5, including precancels and constant plate varieties.

I have been a member of PNC<sup>3</sup> for ten years and have greatly appreciated and benefited from the efforts of current and previous officers to provide information to stamp collectors in general and specifically to those of us bitten by the PNC bug. The PNC<sup>3</sup> organization's website and the development of the PNC catalog with its succinct information regarding my collecting specialty have provided countless hours of enjoyment over the years.

## **For Secretary: Rudy de Mordaigle**

I started collecting stamps when I was seven. I was trapped in bed with mumps or measles. My father bought me a Scott Modern Postage Stamps album, large packets of French and Chinese stamps and a bottle of mucilage. I outgrew the mucilage, discovered hinges, and still have a fond spot for French and Chinese stamps. Sixty years have passed since then.

I became interested in Plate Number Coils about a dozen years ago when someone sent me a number of *Coil Line* back issues. It was informative then, and still is, though we face new challenges now, the primary one being the almost-total disappearance of plate number changes. (please see page 71)

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The collector-unfriendly policy of the USPS that eliminated the water-soluble layer on stamps, complicating their removal from envelope paper, is another challenge.

What I'd like to see with the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club is the continued exchange of information, and survival in spite of these issues. A continuing challenge is the attraction of electronic gizmos and the Internet that pulls people away from "old-fashioned" pastimes, but if you have the collecting gene, stamps will attract if you are introduced to them. A new collectors' forum is something we should start. Though I've contributed to the PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog and have written an almost-monthly column on modern US varieties for *U.S. Stamp News* since 2002, I am still enough of a rookie that I have lots of questions. The best thing about the club is the willingness of its members to share information.

### **For Treasurer: Michael Mules**

I have been a member of PNC<sup>3</sup> since 1997. My primary focus is plate number coils and precancel gaps. My other collecting interests include Wisconsin postal history and items related to the Railway Mail Service. I am married and live in a small community twenty miles southwest of Milwaukee. I have spent most of my life working in the grocery business and currently work as a sales representative for Lipari Foods. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the membership as Treasurer.

### **For Treasurer: Paul Bravell**

Paul has been an avid stamp collector, concentrating his efforts on collecting and studying twentieth-century U.S. material. Paul's father, a printer by trade, introduced him to stamp collecting in 1959, when he learned about paper types, watermarks, and various printing processes. All of this would come in handy while working with his hobby, making it more interesting, pleasurable, and educational.

Originally interested in all western hemisphere stamps, his interests narrowed to U.S. Bureau precancels, line pairs, "back-of-the-book" items, and perfin. Five years ago he narrowed his interest to PNCs and the 32¢ Flag over Porch specialty areas. Paul joined PNC<sup>3</sup> a few years ago and is currently our Awards Chair. He is also a member of APS, and the Anthony Wayne Stamp Society, a local APS chapter. He enjoys researching the PNC collecting specialty, and hopes to exhibit competitively in the near future.

Having grown up in Detroit, he currently resides in Fort Wayne, IN. He and wife Diane formed Bravell, Ltd. in 2000, a concern involved in website design, MS Windows domain administration, and performing Internet and e-commerce support on all software and underlying hardware.

### **For Member-at-Large: Todd R. Uebele, Sr.**

Todd R. Uebele, Sr. joined PNC<sup>3</sup> during 2004, and has been a member in good standing to the present. While doing philatelic research, he happened across "Trends" in the June 2002 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* which was a price guide for PNCs. This piqued his interest in PNCs and in the club, so he joined and became an active member.

Over the past several years, Todd has contributed several articles to *Coil Line* along with articles in several philatelic publications. He was asked, and accepted the challenge, to revamp *Coil Line* in late 2007. He, along with the help of President Ron Maifeld, restructured it, and took over the editorship for the year 2008. He also accepted the nomination for the position of Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors, and was elected that same year.

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### For Member-at-Large: Mark Schultz

Mark Schultz is an internationally recognized composer of concert music and co-founder of the *new* music publishing company JOMAR Press in Austin, TX. Winner of many awards, Dr. Schultz is a much sought-after and recorded composer with works commissioned and programmed frequently for a variety of national and international venues. Formerly on the faculty at the University of Texas at Austin, he now spends his creative hours as a freelance composer, publisher/editor and an advocate for the musical arts.

Schultz is a self-described “philatelic doofus,” albeit one on a sharp learning curve recently. His first love in stamp collecting has always been the Transportation Issues, but he has many PNCs and plate blocks in many shoe boxes and binders. Part of his enthusiasm for philately stems from working as a flex carrier for the USPS in Omaha to help pay for college in the 1970s, but also that his father, grandmother, and his wife’s grandfather in Nebraska were closet stamp hobbyists.

### For Member-at-Large: Robert Thompson

I am 53 years old and I have been collecting stamps since I was a kid. My oldest brother and I would ride our bikes on Saturdays to the post office to see what new stamps had been issued. I earned the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge in Boys Scouts and went on to earn my Eagle Scout Award. I was graduated from college in 1980 in civil engineering and I started collecting PNCs in 1981. I have concentrated on them almost exclusively ever since. I collect them in mint strips of five or seven, used (if mint strips aren’t available), # on #, and on cover. I have only recently started to exhibit, but hope to do more in the future.

Coming from a technical background has helped me when it comes to finding varieties and errors. I’ll spend hours looking over strips for cracks, layout markings (LOMs), tagging varieties and errors. I started with the book by Rob Washburn called “PNC Varieties” that was published in 1990. With Rob’s permission, I have expanded and updated his book and I have tried to list every reported variety from *The Plate Number, Coil Line, Linn’s Stamp News* and many other sources, too numerous to list. My goal is to have scanned images and descriptions of all of the different PNC varieties. I believe these varieties are one of the things that make stamp collecting interesting. I also believe that once I have completed this project, many years from now, it will add greatly to the club.

**\* Last Call \* for “Late” Nominations** -- you can still be nominated for an office, provided you advise Frank Covey and have a suitable biographical sketch like those above, submitted by May 10, in order for your name to be placed on the official ballot in next month’s *Coil Line*.

*Please keep this issue handy for next month’s voting...*  
**Look for the PNC<sup>3</sup> Officers official ballot in June’s *Coil Line*.**  
Please note that your ballot must be postally mailed to be **received no later than June 30, 2010.**

**\* PNC<sup>3</sup> Members Roster \***  
While the members’ roster has been supplied in the May issue in years past, this year we decided to insert it in the June *Coil Line* so that recent reinstatements could be included.

## “Peak/Valley to Lower Peak/Valley”

This is the fourth in a series of articles on the Dramatic Die Cut Shifts found on the 44¢ Star Flag (2009-7) and the 28¢ Polar Bear (2009-2), both as rolls of 100 from Avery Dennison. All rolls of either issue I have examined come with a dramatic die cut shift *every 25 stamps* along the roll. Sometimes these shifts occur within a plate number strip of five (PS5), but most often they do not. The shift described below is the shift **from** a Peak/Valley **to** a lower PV die cut. Information in these articles will be incorporated into the revised Avery Dennison Die Cut Varieties publication, offered again in this issue (please see outer wrapper for the PNC<sup>3</sup> publications' 2010 order form).



Peak/Valley (PV) Die Cut



Dramatic Shift “Lower PV” Die Cut

To understand the die cutting shift that occurs every 25 stamps along these Avery Dennison coils, one must know what a normal variety of a die-cut pattern looks like. Above at left is a Peak/Valley (PV) die cut. The left side aligns nicely with the right side; two similar stamps could nest together as expected.

Above at right is a PV die cut with a dramatic shift. The top valley on the right side of the shifted stamp is far down from the top. To see how far, look at the illustration below.



To the left are two dramatic shift Lower PV stamps nested together. Note how the tops and bottoms do not align; hence its name as a dramatic shift die cut. Gradual shifts throughout a roll are common. Only four dramatic shifts occur on a roll of 100. Since the PV die cut pattern is the most common found for the 44¢ Star Flag, every collector should be able to locate this shift. (On average, 92 out of 100 rolls will be PV.)

# 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¢ 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] PV (Set 3)

### (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] 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

### (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 ? [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

(from Dec. 2009:) #V333 is now known for the (10¢) Banner, so far on-cover only. Also, the (25¢) Eagle Self-Adhesive 10k coil #S3333333 is now known with smooth 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 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. # -- weak phosphor tagging, in the opinion of some.

# 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 Dan Farrar, Secretary by email: [farrard2@sssnet.com](mailto:farrard2@sssnet.com)

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## Address Changing?



Change of Address forms and membership applications are available from Dan Farrar, Secretary, 3386 Excalibur Cir NW, Canton OH 44708-1143. Email: [farrard2@sssnet.com](mailto:farrard2@sssnet.com).

Both forms are also on our website at:  
[www.pnc3.org](http://www.pnc3.org).

## New Life Member

Robert Colum (772L)

*“Thank you!” to the above PNC<sup>3</sup> member, who has made this long-term commitment to the club.*

## Reinstated

Paul Arnold (294)  
Wali Motorwalla (327)  
G J Michels (519)  
John Schultz (521)  
Teresa Wajek (629)  
James Carmack (651)  
Lionel Garlini (733)  
Robert Colum (772)  
Clarence Shenk (1325)  
Richard Peluso (1455)  
David Cunningham (1479)  
Thierry Delespesse (1495)  
Kurt Alstede (1550)  
James Hamilton (1811)  
Cameron Walker (1831)  
Dominick Cinti (1840)  
Thomas Egan (1849)  
Alvin Golub (1891)  
Richard Kouba (1893)  
Stanley Hunter (1911)  
Donald Scarinci (1922)  
Donald King (1941)  
Roger Brown (1947)  
E Decker Adams (1948)  
Jan Szyrka (2016)

<b>Previous Membership Count</b>	<b>714</b>
<b>New Members</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Reinstated</b>	<b>25</b>
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[Editor's note: There was some confusion over Bob's email address in previous ads. The above version is correct: only his last name, at yahoo.com.]

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Wanted: 20¢ Flag stamp "3000" Emblem type coil wrapper for my exhibit. Please contact Frank Nemeth with your availability and price at "ymail" as: [franknemeth@ymail.com](mailto:franknemeth@ymail.com). Member 1323

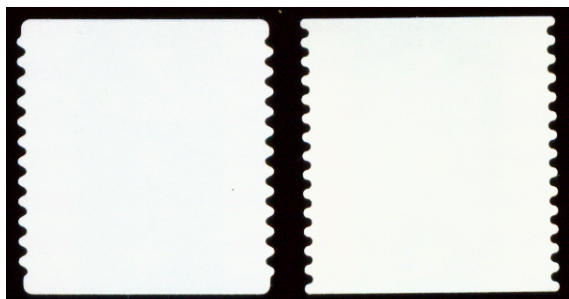
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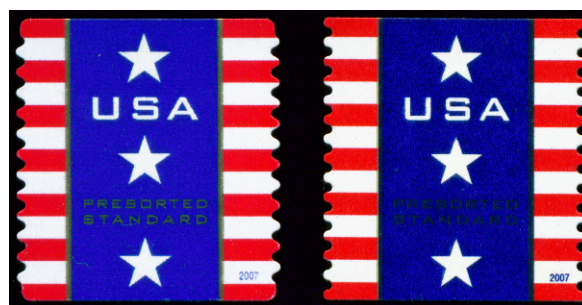


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Reading Zeb's report, I recalled Rudy de Mordaigle's naphtha-use method featured in the March issue (pages 35 and 39) exposed stamps to naphtha for a fraction of the time, and wondered if the self-stick Banner coils would come off OK.

(In Rudy's method, a minimum of naphtha is applied to the paper side enough to coat the stamp area, and after five seconds or so, one carefully peels back the paper from the face-down stamp. Then, use a naphtha-soaked terry cloth tip around a finger to carefully wipe any adhesive residue off the stamp, while face down on scrap paper to take the rub-off.)

I tested the non-soak method on two coil stamps (shown above), one from each of the (10¢) Banner suppliers (the Avery coil is at left, the Sennett coil at right). They came through my test looking perfect, without evidence of ink run. The backs of these two test examples are shown at left. Based on Zeb's result using some immersion time in naphtha, readers are cautioned to test non-PNC examples first.