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MEMBERSHIP VOTE ON BYLAWS REVISIONS

As a member in good standing of PNC3, I hereby cast my vote (**check one**).

I _____ **APPROVE** the bylaws changes as outlined in the October Coil Line

I _____ **DO NOT APPROVE** the bylaws changes as outlined in the October Coil Line

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If you wish to apply for Life Membership, please complete the name and address information at the top of this form, along with the items below, and submit the form to the Treasurer along with the Life Membership fee which is 10 times a member's current annual dues.

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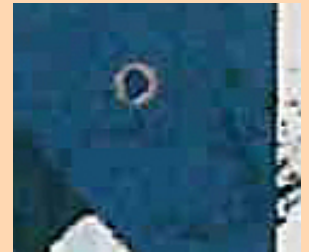


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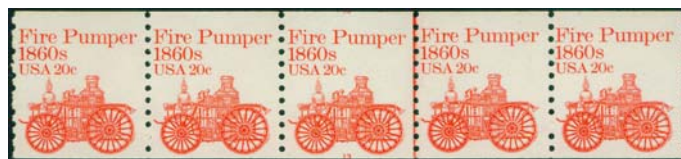
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President's Message

from the president ...

Happy holidays to all members. In this season of giving, don't forget to give your significant other a hint about that special PNC item you've been waiting for. There are many dealers who can help.

As our year comes to a close, I'll take a moment to thank our Life Members for their generosity in response to our appeal earlier this year, "30 Years of PNCs." In addition to cash donations, many also donated items to our auction or donated postage to defray *Coil Line* distribution expenses. Elsewhere in this issue is a list of those who participated. Please show your appreciation if you know any of them.

Now is the time to renew your membership for next year. Please send in your remittance now, while you think of it. There is a renewal form elsewhere in this issue for your use. We will not send, as we have in the past, February and March issues of *Coil Line* to persons who have not renewed by the end of the year. We will send ONE reminder notice by mail instead. By sending your dues in a timely fashion, you will save us the expense of the reminder notice and yourself the added cost of the late renewal fee.

Also, there is a place on the renewal form for you to vote to approve the bylaws changes detailed on page 152 in the October issue of *Coil Line*. Life Members should be sure to use the form to vote even if they are not sending a check for the hard copy surcharge we have adopted this year. Votes must be in by December 31st.

Since the January issue of *Coil Line* might not reach you until after the first of the month, perhaps I am not too early to discuss New Year's resolutions. This year I'll encourage all to participate more fully in Club activities and projects. Try to get to a Regional Meeting or the Annual Meeting. Help a fellow member who is conducting a research project by reporting on your holdings. Submit an article for publication in *Coil Line*. Acting on one or more of these suggestions will increase your enjoyment of our hobby!

– Gene Trinks

PNC³ Regional Meetings

SANDICAL, San Diego January 21

A Regional Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will be held at the SANDICAL 2012 show on Saturday, January 21, 2012. *Currently a 1 to 3 p.m. PNC³ meeting is being requested for that date; exact time and place haven't been confirmed yet.*

SANDICAL will be held January 20-22 at the Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearney Mesa Rd, San Diego, CA 92111. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The special-rate show hotel is Hampton Inn (858-292-1482) for \$95 per night. (Use Codeword "SANDICAL"; reservation deadline is January 3rd.)

Further information is available from Frank Covey, who is hosting the meeting. Contact Frank at ecoilline@macomb.com.

APS AmeriStamp & Southeastern Stamp Expo, Atlanta January 28

Past President Ron Maifeld is hosting a PNC³ meeting at the APS 3-day AmeriStamp & Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta, GA (Friday – Sunday, January 27-29). The expo is at the Cobb County Galleria Centre, Two Galleria Pkwy, Atlanta GA. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The PNC³ meeting is planned for Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 3 p.m. in Room 112 (two hours reserved). The club will also (*please see page 180*)

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

Tony Bruno, PO Box 624, East Lyme, CT 06333-0624; email, tbbee@aol.com

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

30 Years Ago



20¢ Fire Pumper, plate strip of 3, plate # 3

1981 was a remarkable year in U.S. postal history, having included parts of three different major rate eras. The year began with the 15¢ letter rate era coming to a close after two and a half years. On March 22, the letter rate rose to 18¢, and in April the era of modern plate numbered coils began with the issuance of 18¢ Flag coil rolls.

The 18¢ rate era was short-lived, however, as the 20¢ letter rate began on November 1. The first 20¢ denominated coil was issued December 10 (shown above, the third design in the new Transportation Series). This was quickly followed on December 15 by the first bulk-rate PNC (two precanceled versions from stamp clippings shown below). Two days later, the 20¢ Flag was issued.



9.3¢ Mail Wagon precanceled singles, plates 3 and 4

20¢ Flag plate strip of 3, plate # 9



(from page 179, Regional meetings)

have a society booth on the expo floor to welcome members and supply club information to interested collectors. If you would like to volunteer some time at the booth, or need more information, contact Ron Maifeld at ron.maifeld@pnc3.org, or (513) 231-4208.

ARIPEX – Mesa, Arizona 
February 25, 2012

Editor's Message

The November issue's Readers' Forum (page 172) showed "P22222" twice as the new plate number for the (5¢) Art Deco Bird, which is incorrect. Both Alan Thomson and Ed Wigger reported the correct P2222, as did the "finished" page we sent to proofreaders. Yet, inexplicably in final double-checking, the latest number of the 20¢ Washington coils snuck in. Our apologies to Alan and Ed.

Speaking of Alan Thomson, in mid-May he posted online a report of a new error found for one of the 41¢ Flag coil issues and solicited help in finding more. Some PNC³ members do not use Internet access, and I was busy finalizing the June issue. Instead of filing the report in a new "July issue" stack, I accidentally put it in the "to be assigned" stack. So you will find the news in this issue, belatedly in Readers' Forum.

Speaking of news, member Rudy de Mordaigle also has much to report, included in this issue: A nondenominated 41¢ Flag coil with a previously overlooked phosphor tagging type, and some revisits of year date sizes on two older presort coil issues. One of these types, as well as the 41¢ Flag error, recently achieved minor-number listing status in the Scott specialized catalog.

As 2011 draws to a close, I thank the *Coil Line* team members for their much-needed help during the year in producing the journal. I also thank the many readers and writers who have provided content, for we would not have much of a publication without your input. May each of you have a merry and meaningful holiday season in time spent with your loved ones. We very much look forward to seeing you around or hearing from you in the upcoming new year.
– Ron Blanks

President Gene Trinks has arranged to host a PNC³ Regional Meeting at the forthcoming ARIPEX show on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibition is held at the Mesa Convention Center, 263 North Center St., Mesa, AZ. The club will have a table during the entire show, Friday February 24 through Sunday February 26. (Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.) Members and guests are invited.

Readers' Forum



An untagged variety of this 41¢ Flag is known (from rolls/100 made by Avery)

During an unrelated investigation into another aspect of the 41¢ Flag on Pole produced by Avery (Scott 4188), it has been determined that this coil exists untagged. The major number is supposed to be overall tagged (it is known only with one plate number, V11111). Minor number 4188a is on surface phosphored paper (V22222). The new untagged error will carry number 4188b in the 2012 edition of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps and Covers*.

The prevalence of the untagged type is of interest, and I suspect it may be fairly common. To obtain a rough idea how many exist, I'm asking collectors, and especially dealers, to examine their holdings and report what they find. The overall tagging is a bit difficult to see on the tan background of this stamp but, if present, shows up well in the white flag stripes. Overall tagging makes the entire image appear somewhat fuzzy or cloudy. For non-PNCs, don't go solely by taggant on the white area as you may be looking at a 4188a.

If you find an untagged version of this coil, please email me at mr.snips@myfairpoint.net. Your help will be appreciated. — Alan Thomson #180

Bob Murrin member #1369 continues to send in reports of interesting items he has recently found in mission mixtures of stamp clippings, shown below:



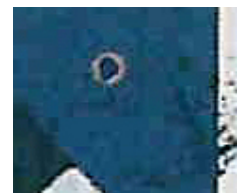
“Knoll”¹ at bottom-left (left stamp) and top-left (right PNC V11111) of Avery coils



(left) “Cobra”² seen intact as stamp rows are mis-slitted apart on Sennett-made coil



“Doughnut” inking anomaly on Ashton-Potter produced coil (closeup below)



(please see page 184)

(41¢) Flag, Scott 4134 Exists on Prephosphored Paper

by Rudy de Mordaigle

Normal examples of 4134 are overall tagged, with several different-looking “types” of tagging. These have caused a lot of confusion, but none of these exhibit a bright flagpole under shortwave ultraviolet light, as does the Ashton Potter version, Scott 4132.

I recently spotted one of the Avery Flags that looked a lot like the Ashton Potter stamp, and now that I have found another, I’ve dissected one, just like a lab rat.

You can carefully scrape off the tagging on any of the overall-tagged stamps, letting the untagged paper show through. It will be dark under shortwave. On the prephosphored paper example, you can carefully scrape off the tan background ink, and let the prephosphored paper shine through. You will see the same bright response that you see in the white stripes once you remove the tan ink.

The paper is dead to longwave, so that’s not a complication.

You might want to go through your duplicates of 4134 with your shortwave lamp, and look for any which have a flagpole that gives the same u/v response as the white stripes. Find a couple, use one as a lab rat, and scrape off the tan ink, or the red, for that matter, and see if the underlying paper looks prephosphored. It sure does to me.

Avery has done this before, with the 39¢ Liberty Flag, Scott 3980 (OAT), 3980a (prephosphored) and with 41¢ Flag, Scott 4188 (OAT) and 4188a (prephosphored). In all three cases, the prephosphored version appeared unannounced and after the OAT variety.



“Thirty Years of PNCs” Fundraising Drive

by Gene Trinks

Earlier this year Life Members were solicited for donations to mark the 30th year of PNCs. We had a wonderful response, with 56 members making donations, in cash, in donations of postage, and donations to the club auction. All members are reminded to show appreciation to those who helped defray some of the club’s expenses in this way.

Some of the donors expressed a wish that their names be withheld from publication, and we thank them as well. Those members who gave generously and did not request anonymity are (in no particular order): Dennis Ewert; John Shue; Joann Lenz; Frank Covey; Robert Selles; John Greenwood; Stephen Monti; David Bize; Charles Phillips III; Gene Trinks; James Fowler; Arthur Graham; Allen Bush; Webster Hall; George Perz; William Elston; Richard Jordan; James Gaan; Edward May; Bob Murrin; Alan Thomson; Ron Hoehn; Louis Bajorek; Bob Meyer; Steven McCollum; Charles Pirro; Ken Horner; James Kenney; Dan Forgues; J.D. Coehlo; Jim Perry; Doug Damaschino; Andrew Jakes; Doug Rotz; Steven Crown; Richard Day; Wade Saadi; Richard Raney, Jr.; Rich Greeson; Ken Martin; James Carr, Jr.; John Peterson; Carl Darnell; and Thomas Lipari.

Many thanks to all.

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 ARE TENTATIVE

USA PHILATELIC (USPS CATALOG) "SOLD OUT" OR NO LONGER SHOWN

[xx] - plate number interval

BK - Block Tag

EP - Embedded Phosphor (coil paper not presently used)

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 VV = Valley/Valley

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 (only above 3 now make US coils)

1¢ LAMP 2003 (un) ≠
#S11111 C [14]

1¢ LAMP 2008 (un)
#S11111 C, D [31]

2¢ NAVAJO JEWELRY (un)
#S111111 D [31]

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) ≠
#S11111111 A [31] VP

20¢ WASHINGTON (OA)
#P11111 A [31] VP
#P22222 A [31] VP

28¢ POLARBEAR (SP-S) ≠
#V11111 A [20] VP, PV

29¢ HERBS (SP-S)
#V11111 A [40] 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 (SP-S) Rounded Corners
#V1111 C, D [16] VP

44¢ QUILL & INKWELL (SP)
#S1111 C, D [27] S

FOREVER LIBERTY & FLAG (SP-S)
#V111111 A [40] VP, PV

FOREVER LIBERTY & FLAG (SP-S)
#S111111 A [32] PV

FOREVER LIBERTY & FLAG (SP-S)
#P111111 A [32] 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]

(5¢) ART DECO BIRD (un)

#P1111 C, D [27] PP
► #P2222 C [27] PP

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 [FOON] (SP-S)

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

44¢ FOON (SP-S)

#S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 3)
#S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 4)

FOREVER FOON (SP-S)

#S111111111 E [20] PV (Set 5)

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

(25¢) EAGLE (un)

#S1111111 C [10]

? = known used only

* = weak tagging

New PNC: As readers reported in November issue, (5¢) Art Deco Bird also available with P2222. Also, 44¢ Flag rolls/100 from Avery are marked (#); they're shown sold-out in USA Philatelic catalog for 4th quarter of 2011.

Note PNC interval change to 20 for Set 5 Forever FOONS.

Rolls in the large sizes (B, C, and D) marked unavailable via USA Philatelic (#) might still be in inventory of (or for) large mailers. For example, some mailers were still using 41¢ Flag rolls (no longer shown here) in mass mailings as of June, 2011.

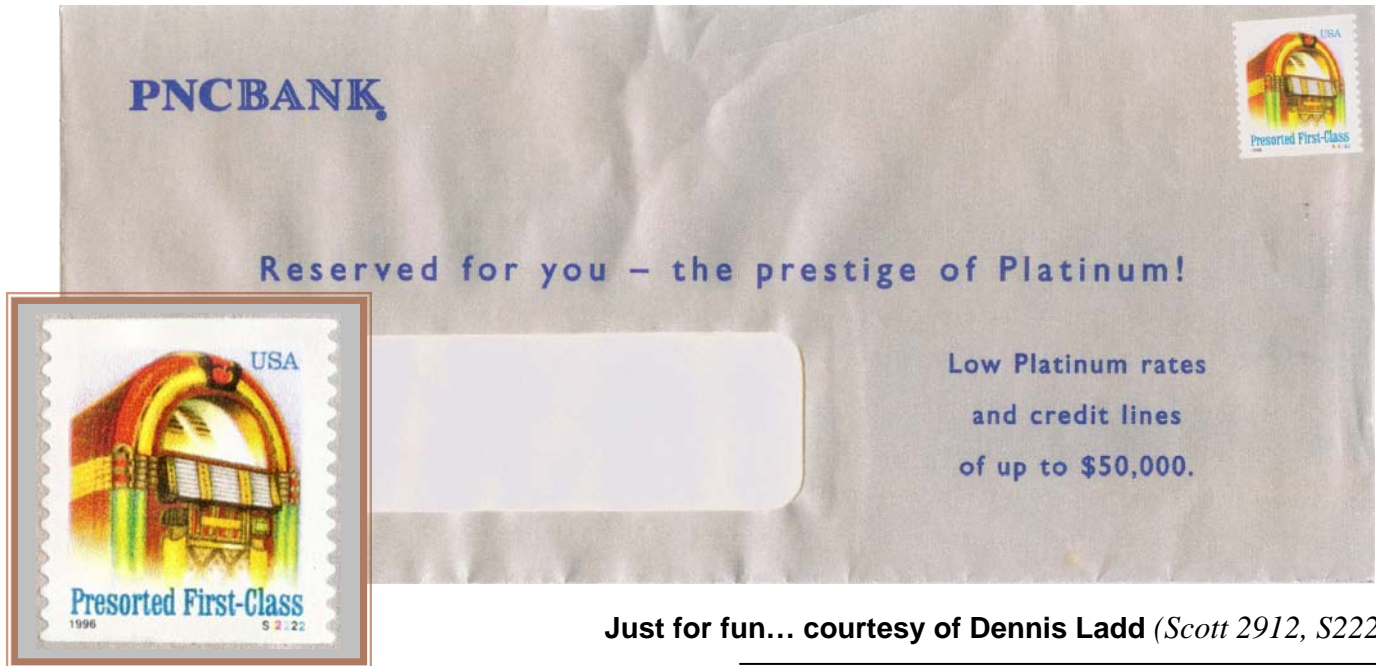
KEY types revised Dec. 2008: Phosphor-tag paper terms finalized in Aug. '08 specialists' meeting as "EP", "SP"; Surface Phosphor (SP) terms have added appearance qualifier: "-U" for Uneven and/or Grainy, or "-S" for Smooth.

Ashton Potter's SA Sea Coast P2222 are die-cut two ways. One is serpentine-cut on all 4 sides; the other only at the sides.

For Sea Coasts of P2222-P9999, AP changed cylinder size from that of P1111, so plate number intervals changed from 22 to 27. P3333-P9999 have a small date and color order of BCMY.

... Readers' Forum

(from page 181)



Just for fun... courtesy of Dennis Ladd (Scott 2912, S22222)

PNC³ member Jay Bigalke, on the front cover of the August 2, 2010 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, wrote about and showed a strip of four 44¢ Flag coil stamps completely devoid of die cutting. The imperforate strip came from a collector wishing anonymity, who stated they were from a full roll of 100 without die cuts. Plate number S111 was found in four places in the self-adhesive roll.



A 44¢ Flag imperforate strip (from Sennett)

Endnotes

¹(The “knoll” shape of the between-rows separator in the vertical serpentine pattern of peaks and valleys is seen when the die cutting is slightly mis-aligned in relation to the stamps’ designs. If aligned [and assuming aligned row-slitting], only the top half of the left-stamp’s knoll, and the bottom half of the right-stamps’ knoll, would be seen in the

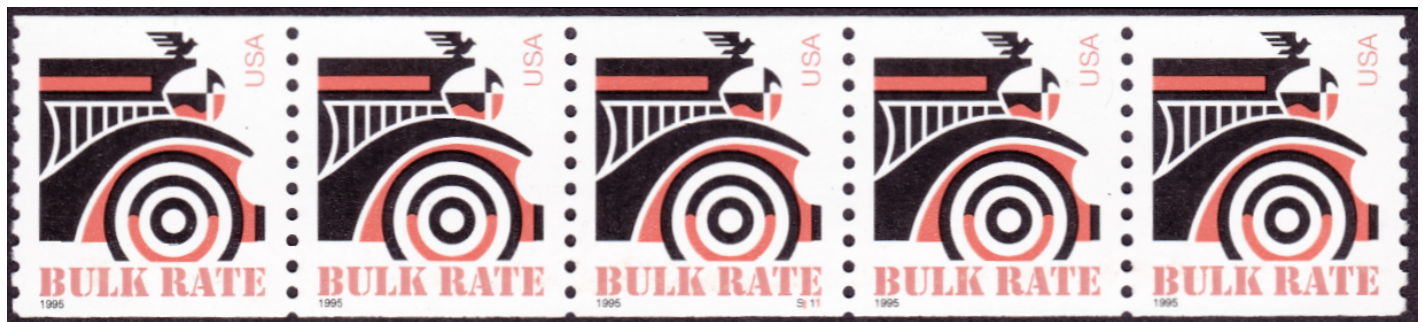
respective stamp corners. The knoll shape separates the end of a “peak/valley” vertical sequence in one row, and a “valley/peak” sequence in the row below. Thus, in line with the knoll’s location, the stamp at left is a “peak/valley” type, and the V111111 PNC is a “valley/peak” type. These die-cut shapes are examples of variations found among Avery’s rolls of 100. The die cutting of the other two suppliers of coils, Ashton Potter and Sennett, differ from Avery’s.)

²(The “cobra” separator shape is a distinction of coils made by Sennett Security Products. Note how it transitions from the upper-row stamp’s last “valley” die-cut shape to the lower-row stamp’s first “peak” count, so that every stamp’s left side “starts with a peak and ends with a valley” when the row-slitting is aligned properly and dissects the “cobra”.

This is why the Sennett coils are shown in the “Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes...” chart [preceding page] as type “PV”. This cobra is also an “ascender” shape, sloping up from left to right. On some earlier coil issues [e.g., Sennett’s 37¢ Flag in rolls of 100], Sennett’s die cutting at times was the reverse of this pattern, with a descending separator, or sloping down from left to right. This yielded VP die-cut examples. Note that all of the prior 44¢ Flag coils Sennett made are only known with the VP die-cut type.)

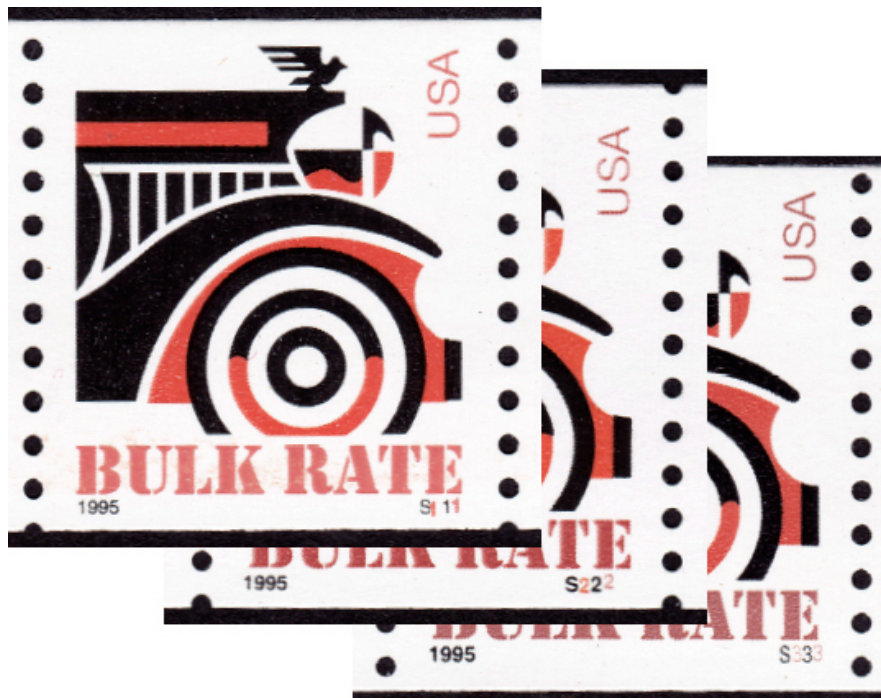
Third (10¢) Auto Added to Scott Listings for Date Size

by Rudy de Mordaigle



The water-activated gum (10¢) Bulk Rate Auto, currently Scott 2905 and 2905a, has become three different stamps in the 2012 *Scott U.S. Specialized*, not just two, since the lick-stick Auto has three different-sized margin dates, now small (2905), medium (2905a) and large (2905b). Previously, Scott has recognized two date sizes.

Each successive plate number has a slightly larger date, as shown here. The stamps from which these dates were extracted were scanned simultaneously, cropped and enlarged as a group. The easiest way to detect the date difference is to sacrifice an S222 example, trimming away the paper just below the date, and using this stamp as a gauge.



Each water-activated gum (10¢) Auto cylinders set was made with its own year date size.

1995
1995
1995

- ◀ S111 has small date, Scott 2905
- ◀ S222 has medium date, Scott 2905a
- ◀ S333 has large date, Scott 2905b (2905c is black-omitted variety of 2905b)

PNC³ Auction #45 Results

by Joe Sedivy

Closing Date October 31, 2011 – We had 41 bidders in this auction, with 38 of them winning at least one lot. One lucky bidder won 28 lots all to himself! Of the 421 lots, only 249 sold. 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
6	\$9.00	79	\$40.00	136	\$5.00
8	\$7.00	80	\$28.00	137	\$6.00
9	\$11.00	81	\$3.00	138	\$10.00
12	\$6.00	82	\$5.00	139	\$9.00
13	\$6.00	83	\$11.00	141	\$8.00
14	\$22.00	85	\$5.00	144	\$8.00
15	\$15.00	86	\$4.00	145	\$7.50
23	\$2.00	87	\$13.00	147	\$4.00
24	\$10.00	88	\$2.00	148	\$10.00
30	\$260.00	89	\$5.50	149	\$8.00
32	\$9.00	90	\$9.00	150	\$2.00
35	\$2.00	91	\$2.00	151	\$6.00
36	\$21.00	94	\$8.00	152	\$3.00
38	\$65.00	98	\$2.00	153	\$4.50
40	\$3.00	99	\$1.00	155	\$3.50
41	\$3.00	100	\$7.00	157	\$8.00
42	\$26.00	102	\$3.00	158	\$3.00
45	\$3.00	103	\$5.00	159	\$7.00
46	\$3.00	104	\$3.00	160	\$3.00
48	\$40.00	106	\$5.00	161	\$5.00
53	\$9.00	107	\$6.00	163	\$3.50
54	\$10.00	108	\$25.00	165	\$140.00
56	\$22.00	109	\$6.00	166	\$220.00
57	\$31.00	111	\$3.00	167	\$8.00
58	\$45.00	116	\$2.75	168	\$70.00
59	\$85.00	117	\$14.00	169	\$40.00
60	\$10.00	118	\$6.50	170	\$7.00
62	\$35.00	120	\$2.00	173	\$5.00
63	\$35.00	121	\$5.00	175	\$3.00
65	\$6.50	122	\$4.00	177	\$10.00
66	\$6.50	123	\$4.00	181	\$13.00
67	\$6.00	124	\$6.00	183	\$5.00
68	\$5.00	125	\$2.00	184	\$4.00
72	\$9.00	126	\$1.50	185	\$8.50
73	\$2.00	127	\$1.00	186	\$8.00
74	\$7.00	128	\$90.00	187	\$8.00
75	\$20.00	130	\$8.00	188	\$3.00
76	\$3.00	132	\$6.00	189	\$3.00
77	\$39.00	133	\$6.00	190	\$9.00
78	\$20.00	134	\$2.00	191	\$6.50

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
192	\$6.00	254	\$10.00	334	\$10.00
193	\$7.00	258	\$6.00	336	\$20.00
194	\$7.00	262	\$6.50	337	\$18.00
195	\$3.50	273	\$5.00	338	\$8.00
197	\$1.00	274	\$2.25	339	\$5.00
198	\$2.50	275	\$13.00	343	\$8.00
199	\$5.00	277	\$6.00	344	\$8.00
200	\$4.00	278	\$6.00	345	\$9.00
203	\$2.00	281	\$6.00	356	\$8.00
204	\$7.50	282	\$6.00	358	\$82.50
205	\$7.00	283	\$5.00	361	\$5.00
206	\$8.00	284	\$5.00	362	\$35.00
207	\$25.00	286	\$7.00	364	\$5.00
208	\$4.00	287	\$7.50	365	\$4.00
209	\$3.00	288	\$7.00	368	\$18.00
211	\$5.50	292	\$28.00	369	\$3.00
212	\$15.00	293	\$140.00	370	\$36.00
213	\$8.00	295	\$31.00	372	\$5.00
215	\$5.00	296	\$7.00	373	\$3.50
216	\$13.00	297	\$180.00	374	\$4.00
217	\$70.00	301	\$50.00	376	\$3.50
218	\$9.00	302	\$5.00	377	\$10.00
219	\$8.50	303	\$75.00	378	\$7.50
220	\$2.50	304	\$2.00	379	\$7.00
221	\$20.00	305	\$4.00	380	\$100.00
222	\$5.00	309	\$5.00	381	\$4.00
223	\$5.00	312	\$5.00	382	\$5.00
224	\$4.00	313	\$4.00	387	\$75.00
225	\$35.00	316	\$22.00	388	\$300.00
227	\$4.00	318	\$5.00	391	\$4.00
229	\$35.00	320	\$8.50	392	\$3.50
230	\$55.00	321	\$2.00	395	\$140.00
231	\$17.00	322	\$10.00	397	\$500.00
232	\$18.00	323	\$3.00	398	\$2.00
234	\$46.00	324	\$160.00	405	\$75.00
244	\$4.00	325	\$8.00	407	\$7.00
249	\$10.00	326	\$8.00	408	\$11.00
250	\$4.00	327	\$8.00	409	\$5.00
252	\$12.00	328	\$3.50	410	\$9.00
253	\$5.00	330	\$4.00	411	\$2.00

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New Membership Count	708

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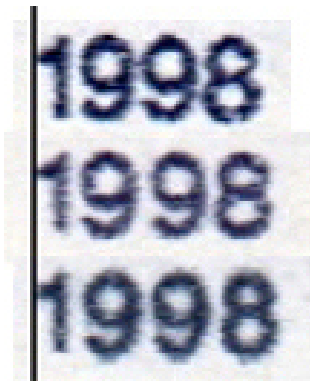
LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
412	\$3.00	416	\$2.00	419	\$2.00
413	\$6.00	417	\$2.00	420	\$15.00
415	\$1.00	418	\$2.00	421	\$1.25

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

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(5¢) Wetlands Date Types Not All Scott-Catalogued

by Rudy de Mordaigle



plates 1111
and 2222

plates 3333
and 4444

plates 5555
and 6666

Self-stick (5¢) Wetlands date sizes

Transition types of die cutting

The transition difference is easy to spot (see closeups, right), but it helps to look consistently at one corner, and to have your light at a low angle to give a bright edge to the stamp. See note in text on terminology.

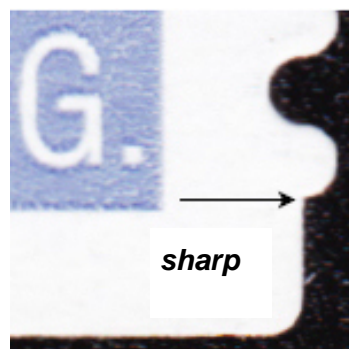
The (5¢) Wetlands *Nonprofit Org* self-sticks, Scott 3207A and 3207Ab have a range of three date sizes as shown here. Currently Scott assigns 3207A to stamps from plates 1111, 2222, and 3333, and 3207Ab to stamps from plates 4444, 5555, and 6666. Wetlands needs a revision as Scott has done in the 2012 *U.S. Specialized for Auto* (now Scott 2905, 2905a and 2905b for small, medium and large dates).

According to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, they engraved plates 1111 and 2222 traditionally and digitally engraved plates 3333 and 4444. Southern Graphics digitally engraved 5555 and 6666 for the BEP.

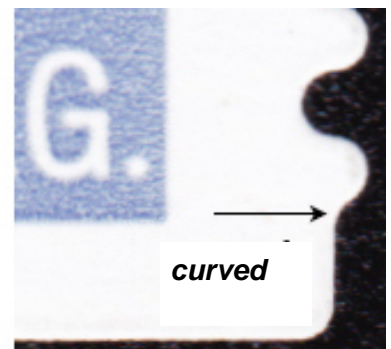
Since these are gravure printed and gravure cylinders are not engraved, what the BEP should have said is that the photo-transfer process to the plates was either manually or computer controlled. On the computer-controlled cylinders, the date digit spacing is more uniform than on the manual ones, and the spacing is what causes the different date lengths.

There are also transition varieties for these stamps. There is either a sharp transition from the vertical edge of the stamp into the first peak or valley, or there is a curving transition. *Coil Line* has used “square shoulder” for the sharp transition, “round shoulder” for the curved transition. *Linn’s Stamp News* reported on these using “sharp” and “curved transition” to describe this variation. I feel this is more descriptive than “shoulder” and use it here.

Plate 1111 has both transitions, though the dark purple variety has been reported only with sharp. Plates 2222 and 3333 have both transitions. The others are sharp only.



sharp



curved