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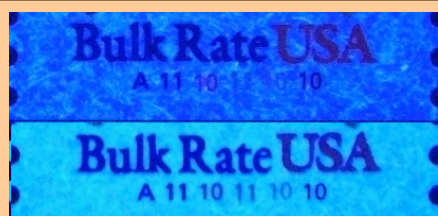
At least one counterfeit and one genuine coil are shown above; which are these?

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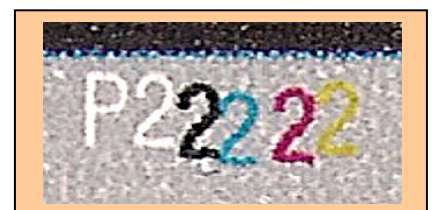


*Two of the coils at left are fakes; which ones?
[answer on back page]*

**(10¢) Eagle & Shield 'A' #s under ultraviolet light...
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President's Message

*from the
president*



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to transition the printing and mailing of this journal's hardcopy edition from its former location in Portland, OR to Albuquerque, NM. In addition, during this same timeframe, he changed jobs and moved his family, all without missing a beat on the *Coil Line* side. I can attest to the fact that this was no small task, as I sought to assist in finding a new printer (without success, I might add). So all the credit should rightly go to Brian for a job well done.

One change that was made is that we are now mailing the journal without adhesive tabs. We tried this for the June issue, and I've received no complaints so far. I just received the July issue, again with no damage, so I believe that we'll continue to produce and send *Coil Line* this way.

Accolades also go to Joe Sedivy (and his wife, Judy) for getting past a particularly irksome situation in settling up the last PNC³ Auction. The result is that there was an unusually long delay in getting all the Is dotted and the Ts crossed, so that lots won and final payments could be sent and materials returned to consignors. It's difficult enough for Joe and Judy to run these auctions without running into unusual situations, and we'll hopefully see smooth sailing ahead. Check the July issue's wrapper for the next submittal form and be aware of the deadline date of August 6th.

We've not had the response I'd hoped for in the number of members switching to the electronic edition of *Coil Line*. In June I sent a special appeal to our Life members for donations to help offset the deficit we're experiencing this year, and the initial response exceeded my expectations. Called \$30 for 30 Years of PNCs, we asked each for a \$30 one-time contribution. Many sent a great deal more, and we thank them profusely. Others sent contributions of PNCs to be auctioned for the benefit of the club. We'll publish a list of the donors later this year. Again, many thanks to the contributors. – Gene Trinks

An Auctioneer's Plea

by Joe Sedivy

It is likely past time to send in your lots for the PNC³ Autumn Auction #45; they must be in my hands by August 6th to be entered. By now, all of the consignors from the last auction that requested to have their unsold lots returned should have them in your hands (along with checks for those lots that did sell). I am really sorry that it took as long as it did to pay, but we had a really bad auction wrap-up last time.

It was bad because we had lost checks (several times from winning bids). We had bidders who did not respond to my first or second email, or even my first voice message that I left for them. We had a member who won 14 lots die without paying; can you believe the nerve of him? But seriously, if you know of a member who has passed away and you have an idea that she or he might be active in an auction (either as bidder or seller), please pass that information on to me or any officer in the club.

It took me almost two months to find out about his passing, and that was almost a month after I quit emailing and just mailed him an invoice for the lots won. His son called me to find out if I had mailed out the lots. When I informed him "No", he told me about his dad passing and that he would not be paying for any lots he won because he was not a stamp collector.

We also had several members who, for whatever reason, took a real long time to reply to my emails or my mailed invoices and paying for the lots they won. These delays are the main reason for holding up payments to consignors. If you are going to bid in the auction, please reply to my communications as soon as possible or else don't bid. Your tardiness in responding will result in delays of payments to the consignors, and adds a significant workload for me.

I have been running the club auctions for over 20 years, and this was, by far, the hardest auction for me to close out. Once all the consignors' checks have cleared the bank, I can close out the auction and send the treasurer the auction proceeds (which at this point might not be until *(please see next page)*

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the end of June as this is being written).

For those of you who do not know me, I am still employed full time and do this in my spare time with the help of my wife. We do not get paid for this in order that all profits go right into the treasury to help keep the dues down. (Nowadays the auctions are getting smaller and, due to the economy, fewer lots are selling, so the profits are down.)

To all consignors, please remember that you need to submit your lots with realistic prices for the starting bids. As some of you know, many of your lots are not selling because the prices are too high. Check dealers' prices or the current PNC price list and set your prices below those levels. We will be changing the price structure for the auction next year once the Board and I have had a chance to work things out. The charge for unsold lots will be going up as an incentive to get consignors to price the lots so they will sell. Thanks for reading my ramblings; the aim is for smoother-running auctions to the benefit of all members.

Coils Off-Sale / Going Off-Sale

Announced in the June 13th *Postal Bulletin*, rolls of **17¢ Bighorn Sheep**, **28¢ Polar Bear**, self-stick **41¢ Flag** of 10,000, and large rolls of **42¢ Flags 24/7** (self-stick 3,000 and 10,000; and gummed 3,000) were withdrawn from general sale on June 30th.

The 17¢ Bighorn Sheep and 28¢ Polar Bear remain on-sale only through the *USA Philatelic* sales catalog, and only until September 30th.

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.)

PNC³ Regional Meetings

Annual Membership Meeting APS StampShow – Columbus, OH August 13

Reminder: The annual PNC³ meeting is taking place during the APS StampShow in Columbus, OH, August 11-14. The APS show is being held at the Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High Street, Columbus. The PNC³ meeting is scheduled at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 13th, in Room E162A.

More information about APS StampShow is available at the website www.stamps.org/Stampshow.

The show organizers can be reached at stampshow@stamps.org or you may contact Barb Johnson at 814-933-3803 ext. 217.

The PNC³ annual Board Meeting is also scheduled for Saturday, August 13th, at 8 a.m. in Room E151. This meeting is also open to all.

Upcoming regional meeting ...

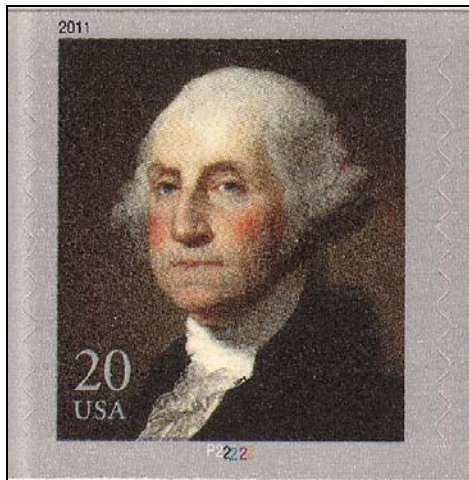
MILCOPEX – Milwaukee, WI September 17

Michael Mules will be hosting a regional meeting of the PNC³ in conjunction with MILCOPEX, Milwaukee, WI, September 16-18.

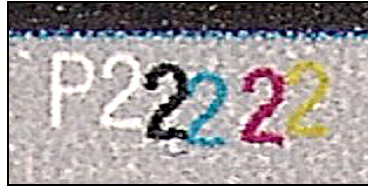
MILCOPEX is being held at the Wyndham Airport and Convention Center (formerly Four Points Sheraton) at 4747 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The PNC³ Meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 17th. The PNC³ will be a participating society at the show, with a staffed table for all three days. Please contact Michael at stampbuyer@wi.rr.com if you are interested in volunteering. Stop by and say hello, or better yet, bring a friend to sign up as a member! Additional show information is available on the Internet at www.milwaukeephilatelic.org/Milcopex/Milcopex.html.

Readers' Forum



**Second PNC
for April-issued
20¢ George Washington**
("P2222" joins initial
PNCs of P11111)
[images courtesy of
Doug Rotz]



[Editor's note: In the March 2007 issue, Doug Iams described a roll of fake 39¢ Liberty & Flag coils which Ron Maifeld had acquired and brought to several shows. Doug notes, "The die cutting is a dead-on copy of Sennett's die cutting..." Bob's examples shown here have different die cuts. I believe this is the first time Coil Line has shown fakes of this coil issue. We will try to show some 44¢ Flag fakes which Bob has also found in a future issue.]

I've had plate # P2222 for this issue [20¢ George Washington; see above] since the middle of May. I have not seen it reported in *Coil Line* as of the June issue, and have not seen it advertised by dealers.
– Doug Rotz #1524

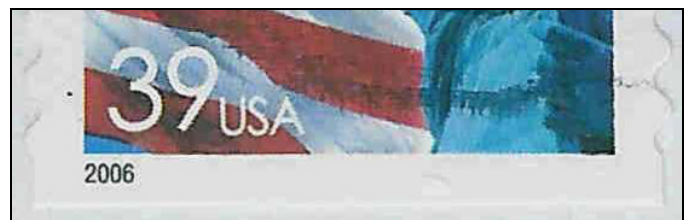
In a 50-pound clippings mixture I recently sorted, I found several different fake coils, some of which are shown here. The two 39¢ Liberty & Flag fakes show die cutting similar to the Ashton-Potter (AP) type. Likewise, the two 42¢ Flag 24/7 fakes show AP-type die cutting (front cover). The more I look for these fakes, the more different types I find. The counterfeiters seem to all have done a pretty good job on the die cutting mats though. None of the fakes are phosphor-tagged, which does simplify the job of finding them.
– Bob Murrin #1369



Another fake 39¢ Flag coil



Bottom half of a fake 39¢ Flag coil



Bottom part of a genuine 39¢ Flag coil
(from Ashton-Potter) for comparison

Editor's Message

from the
editor...



I only have a cellphone nowadays for phone calls, but I'm wondering now if that is preferable to the previous trusty ol' landline. It seems that if a call involves two cellphones, which the infrequent call from a reader might now involve, sound quality is not assured. Toss in a voice message intermediary, and information can become quite spotty.

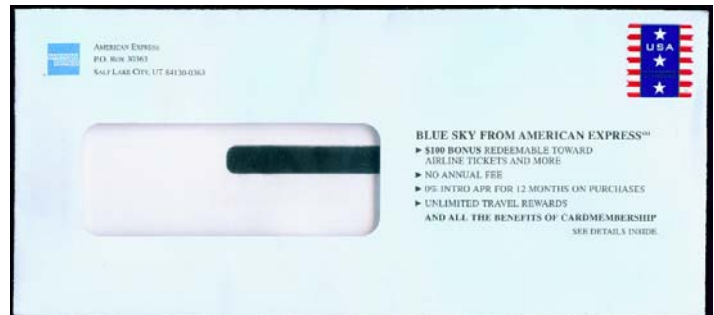
That is one reason, for non-urgent matters, I prefer an email or 29¢ postcard. If you are trying to reach me by phone and do not get a callback, please follow up with a postcard or email.

On June 29th I received a voice message that was consistently garbled throughout. I know it was from a *Coil Line* reader but I'm not sure the person was a PNC³ member. The words I understood included references to "membership", "ads" and "*Coil Line*". The non-terse message also requested I call back at a different number, but not all of the numerals were clear. I might be overly cautious, but in non-urgent cases I do not make calls without a name to ask for, so I did not try the calling number (which is not in the current members' roster). I hope the reader will try to reach me again. — Ron Blanks

Recent Credit Card Offer Mailings Franked & Non-franked

Monitoring direct-mail marketing pitches and fund-raising appeals is an important aspect of modern postal history. This is especially true for PNC collectors, as coil stamps comprise over 99% of the frankings used in the small portion of this mail category that even bears stamps. If large mailers did not at times "dress up" their ad mail with coils, demand wouldn't exist for large rolls that can be used in affixing equipment (see related story, page 128).

Using coils on a mailing is an added expense for a marketer, so variations in usages by a given mailer is of particular interest. Below is a cover from American Express I received this past June 6th. It is franked with an unnumbered (10¢) Banner from Avery (Scott 4157). So far, on its surface there is nothing remarkable about this, except to note that American Express is known (please see page 129)



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**Quill & Inkwell
Plate S11111
PNC ID 2011-3**



The 44¢ Quill & Inkwell self-adhesive stamp from Sennett Security Products went on sale nationwide on February 14, 2011 in rolls of 3,000 (3K) and 10,000 (10K). Almost all one-ounce first-class rate stamps issued since December 1, 2011 have been “Forever” stamps. This is the one exception.

The S11111 plate number found at the bottom center of the design repeats every 27 stamps in a roll. The stamps themselves are spaced apart on liner paper that is also taller than the stamps’ height. Such large rolls are designed for use in stamp-affixing equipment.

The letters “USPS” are microprinted on the quill pen just above the inkwell.

Four-digit pink back numbers are printed every ten stamps on the back of the liner on 3K rolls. Five digit pink back numbers are on the 10K rolls. Top, bottom and middle-positioned back numbers are known on both 3K and 10K rolls.

Two varieties are known under ultraviolet light (UV). One variety has a light-green glow under shortwave UV, and has a dark uneven appearance under longwave UV. A second variety has a bluish-white glow under SW-UV, and a bright glow under LW-UV.

A “2011” year date is printed in the upper left corner of the stamp.

“USPS” microprinted on the stem of the quill. ▼
(Microprinting is a security device to protect against counterfeiting.)



4-digit top



4-digit bottom



5-digit middle

**Back Numbers top, bottom and middle of various font sizes.
Each came from a different 3K (4-digit) or 10K (5-digit) roll.**

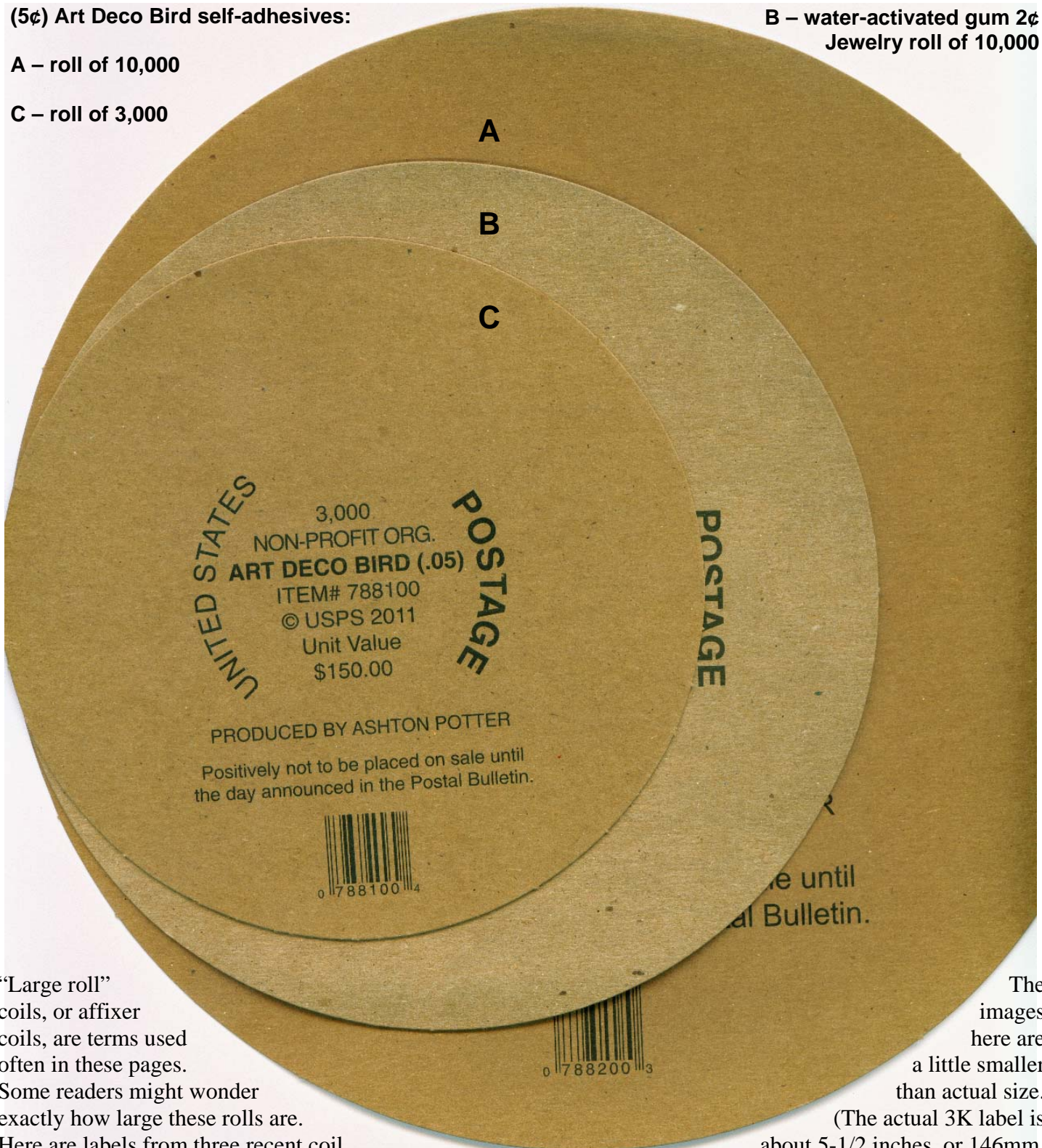


(5¢) Art Deco Bird self-adhesives:

A – roll of 10,000

C – roll of 3,000

B – water-activated gum 2¢
Jewelry roll of 10,000



“Large roll” coils, or affixer coils, are terms used often in these pages. Some readers might wonder exactly how large these rolls are. Here are labels from three recent coil issues, provided by Donna Rajotte several weeks before her job as Internet sales postal clerk in the Providence, Rhode Island main post office ended.

The images here are a little smaller than actual size. (The actual 3K label is about 5-1/2 inches, or 146mm, wide.) Designed for affixing equipment, the larger sizes allow more envelopes to be stamped before the next roll is needed. Gummed rolls of 3,000 are also made (not shown).

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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 or use a contact choice on page 122.



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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.us/pnc3.org/.

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Reinstated	1
Deceased	(2)
Resigned	(1)
New Membership Count	703

(from page 126) for using coils on mailings for several decades. But in the current economic downturn it has seldom done so, and this was a surprise. Even more surprising, I received on July 12th the exact same offer mailing, this time without a coil (see image, right). Was the June case a “test” mailing, to see if a “live stamp” would draw more responses? Mail like this with PNCs can enliven our collecting.

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(10¢) Eagle-Shield A# PNCs under SW-UV

by Robert E. Thompson

The (10¢) Eagle and Shield issue printed by Guilford Gravure for the American Bank Note Company (Scott 2602) was issued in 1991. In checking all of the PNCs extensively for phosphor-tagging under shortwave ultraviolet light (SW-UV), I made a variety of findings which are in chart form below. Also, I wanted a complete list of other issues that are known with weak or contaminated tagging, which is shared later.

At least three different types of paper were used during the printings. (These ABNC paper types are not to be confused with the commonly used terms for paper types defined for line-engraved printings of the Transportation series, etc., such as: Type I, II and III.) The first paper was on a smooth-coated paper with light uneven surface-phosphor tagging that I refer to as “Light Tagging” in the chart. Plate numbers A11111 through A89999 are all found on this type of paper. As shown in the chart, it includes by far the majority of the other plate numbers, as well. The second type of paper used began with plate number A77777 and generally included the rest of the plate numbers. This is listed as “Normal Paper” in the chart.

The third type began with Plate number A99998 and includes generally the plate numbers through A1411101011. The chart marks it as “Hi-Brite Paper” (and it can be better identified [*please see page 131*])

Observations under SW-UV, 10¢ Eagle & Shields (ABNC) by PNC

A11111	L					G
A11112	L					G
A12213	L					G
A21112	L	L/G				GRY
A21113		L/G				GY
A22112	L	L/G				GY
A22113	L	L/G				GY
A32333	L					G
A33333	L					G
A33334	L					G
A33335	L	L/G				GRY
A34424	L					G
A34426	L					G
A43324	L					G
A43325	L					G
A43326		L/G				GRY
A43334	L					G
A43335		L/G				GRY
A43426	L					G
A53335		L/G				GRY
A54444		L/G				GRY

Light tagging...▲ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
 (same, w/Lumin. **Gold** ink)....↓
 Normal paper...↓
 (same, w/Lumin. **Gold** ink)...↓
 Hi-Brite paper (*LW-UV used to confirm*)...↓
 Lumin. **Green-Red-Yellow**...↓

A54445	L	L/G				GRY
A77777	L		N			
A88888	L		N			
A88889	L		N			
A89999	L		N			
A99998			N		H	
A99999	L		N	N/G		RY
A1010101010	L				H	
A1011101010	L				H	
A1011101011	L		N		H	
A1011101012	L		N			
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A1211101010					H	
A1411101010	L		N		H	GY
A1411101011	L				H	GY
A1412111110	L		N			
A1412111111	L		N			

Light tagging...▲ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
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 Hi-Brite paper (*LW-UV used to confirm*)...↓
 Lumin. **Green-Red-Yellow**...↓

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by using *longwave* ultraviolet light, which fluoresces the paper stronger than shortwave). See pictures on the next page.

I made some subcategory findings, as well. Where I found some examples of a given PNC with the gold ink (eagle wings) glowing under SW-UV, I note these in separate columns. (I found only one case for a Normal-paper PNC, #A99999.)

The last column (*chart, page 130*) lists the colors of the green, red, and/or yellow inks that glow under SW-UV light for each of the plate numbers. The G,R, and Y letters refer to the respective colors that I found that are reactive. It does not seem to matter if the PNC is lightly tagged or on Hi-Brite paper. (The chart lists two Hi-Brite PNCs I found with luminescent ink, and the ink is easy to see.)

Other issues that I have checked that can be found with weak, uneven or smooth tagging are in the list that follows (*right*).

(please see next page)

<u>Scott #, Description</u>	<u>Plate #</u>	<u>Weak Tagging Type</u>
2225b 1¢ Omnibus (dull gum)	3	light Overall tagging
2911..... (25¢) Jukebox	111111	weak Smooth tagging
	212222	weak Smooth tagging
	332222	weak Smooth tagging
2912..... (25¢) Jukebox	S11111	weak Smooth tagging
	S22222	weak Smooth tagging
2912A..... (25¢) Jukebox	S11111	weak Smooth tagging
2912B..... (25¢) Jukebox	111111	weak Uneven tagging
	222222	weak Uneven tagging
3447 (10¢) NY Library Lion	S11111	weak Uneven tagging*
* — all examples of S11111	S22222	weak Uneven tagging
<i>I've examined have weak tagging.</i>	S33333	weak Uneven tagging
	S44444	weak Uneven tagging
	S55555	weak Uneven tagging
	S66666	weak Uneven tagging
	S77777	weak Uneven tagging
3520..... (10¢) Atlas	B1111	weak Uneven tagging
3796..... (25¢) Eagle	S2222222	weak Uneven tagging
	S3333333	weak Uneven tagging
3874a..... (5¢) Sea Coast	P44444	weak Uneven tagging
	P55555	weak Uneven tagging
	P77777	weak Uneven tagging
3875..... (5¢) Sea Coast	S1111	weak Uneven tagging

“Missing” Plate # Update

by Ron Blanks

The June issue showed two examples of the 34¢ Liberty self-stick coil (Scott 3477) of plate number 1111 without any trace of the magenta “1” in the number (repeated in Figure 1 here). Member Dan Forgues reported finding them in a large clippings mix.

The June report noted that the magenta ink appears to be normally used in the stamps’ design. I also wrote, “The missing ‘1’ might have occurred from its ink cylinder being out-of-sync with the others; if so, who will find an elusive single-“1” PNC?”

Doug Iams responded that he disagreed with the “hopping plate digit” theory, suggesting instead an uninked or underinked plate number as the cause.

I initially dismissed this explanation, wondering how the inking could be so selective as to miss only the “1” (notice the nearby reddish spot above the black “1” on both stamps). However, I have to defer to Doug’s opinion after the following recent finding:

I was consulting a mailed copy of the April, 2010 *Coil Line* for another story when I noticed the (10¢) Banner stamp used on the wrapper. It is a V111 PNC from Avery, with the last “1” (gold) appearing



Figure 1. Closeups of two 34¢ Liberty coils, missing the magenta “1” in the plate number (normally the 2nd digit, after the very, very faint yellow).

to be gone. A closer look showed just the top barely inked (hardly seen here in Figure 2, top). A cursory search then turned up two separate advertising mailings, each with similar almost-absent, gold-ink 1s (Figure 2, center and bottom). It seems under-inked plate numbers aren’t so hard to come by, after all.

Figure 2. Closeups of three (10¢) Banner coils, each with a barely inked gold “1” in the plate number.



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(10¢) Eagle & Shield PNCs Under SW-UV



Example: PNC
A21112

Normal paper



Example: PNC
A77777

Light tagging



[For scan at left with both stamps present, Longwave UV used for this picture to better show contrast.]

Example: Two PNC
A1110111010s:

Normal paper

Hi-Brite paper

Answer to front-page 42¢ coils quiz:
The first and last 42¢ coils are genuine.