

# BEP 'Shoulders' Census Update (Mail-in Form)

***"Rounded Corners" coils only!***

Scott #	Description	Plate #	Reported Counts		Your Counts <sup>#</sup>	
			ROUND	SQUARE	ROUND	SQUARE
2904B	(5¢) Mountain	1111	391	(X)		
3207A	(5¢) Wetlands	1111	21	424		
		2222	60	512		
		3333	20	338		
		4444		576		
3207Ab	(5¢) Wetlands	5555		873		
		6666		372		
3228	(10¢) Bicycle	111	87	31		
		221	145	37		
	Hi-Brite Paper	221	(NEW) 10	54		
		222		54		
		333	(UPD) 3	292		
		344		127		
		444		143	(RR) 7	
3228a	(10¢) Bicycle	555	27	67		
		666	10	97		
		777		81		
		888		88		
		999		171		
		1111	(RR) 3	300		
3271	(10¢) Eagle/Shield	11111		161		
		22222		135		
3271a	(10¢) Eagle/Shield	33333		48		
3271b	(10¢) E/S tagged	11111		101		
3271v	(10¢) E/S Anaconda Red	11111				
2912B	(25¢) Juke Box	111111	102			
		222222	67			
3208A	(25¢) Diner	11111	15	235		
		22211	(RR) 24	161		
		22222	42	125		
		33333		196		
2915D	32¢ FoP 9/10*	1111		249		
		1111		169		
3266	(33¢) Hat*	1111	46			
		1111	65			
3282	33¢ City Flag*	1111	96			
		1111		115		
3466	34¢ Statue Liberty*	1111		218		
		2222	106	224		
3550A	34¢ United We Stand Flag*	1111		339		
		2222		224		
*Rounded Corners (large-roll) version		Totals:	1537	7110		

Designs below *also* common from rolls/100 – all with *square corners* – *don't* include them.

**Key:** (NEW) – Added since Dec. 2010 report;  –Shoulder type not known for PNC; (RR) – tracked on Rarities Report; (UPD) – Update to addition of Dec. 2002; (X) – Known, but I do not have counts.

Use columns at right to record your holdings. Send your report to:  
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**#Use this copy to mail in your updated holdings counts.**

**Note:** Your counts in right columns should be your "total" holdings, not just "additions" to earlier counts.

Attach lot here

**Auction #45 -- Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet**  
(Photocopy this page. A separate sheet is required for each lot.)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ PNC<sup>3</sup> Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Scott # \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid (see rules above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of material: \_\_\_\_\_

It is assumed that all mint material is never hinged, with undisturbed gum, sound perfs, etc. If otherwise, please note under "Faults" below. Used materials are assumed to be unhinged with sound perfs, etc. If otherwise, please note under "Faults".

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Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Centering (line) Cottrell issues only (Circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Faults (describe below) \_\_\_\_\_

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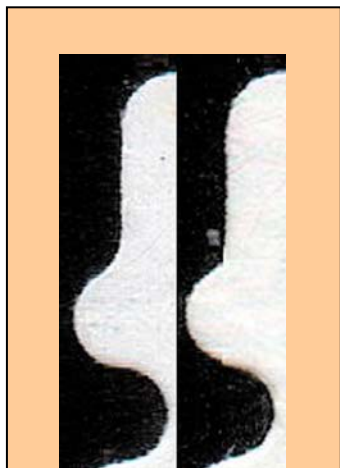
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*PNC on May 20, 1981 ordinary mail from short-lived contingency period*

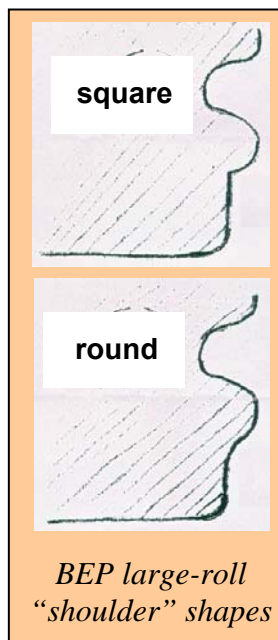
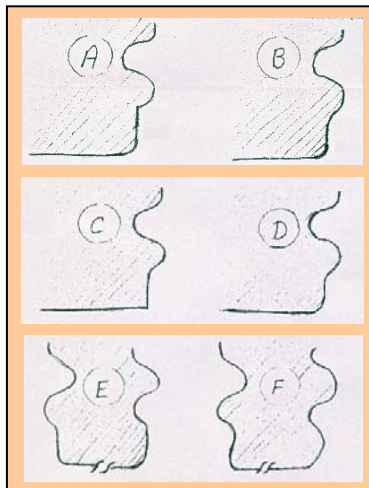
◀  
**Another  
PNC cover  
postmarked  
May 20, 1981...**  
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2010 Board  
meeting &  
annual  
meeting  
minutes...**  
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shapes checklist...**  
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*BEP large-roll  
"shoulder" shapes*

**PNC<sup>3</sup> Autumn  
Auction!**

Consignment  
deadline soon,  
August 6<sup>th</sup>

*(use Consignment  
sheet on inside  
wrapper)*

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census update...**  
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## 2011 Coils Schedule

### **(5¢) Art Deco Bird**

(Nonprofit presort)  
self-adhesive rolls of 3,000 and 10,000  
(AmeriStamp Expo, Charleston SC)  
*Issued:* February 11, 2011; *Scott* 4495

### **2¢ Navajo Jewelry**

water-activated gum rolls of 10,000  
(AmeriStamp Expo, Charleston SC)  
*Issued:* February 12; *Scott* 3758B

### **44¢ Quill & Inkwell**

self-adhesive rolls of 3,000 and 10,000  
(Kansas City, MO)  
*Issued:* February 14; *Scott* 4496

### **29¢ Herbs, set of five**

self-adhesive rolls of 100  
(Mega Stamp Show, New York City)  
*Issued:* April 7; *Scott* 4513 (Foxglove), 4514  
(Lavender), 4515 (Sage), 4516 (Oregano), 4517 (Flax)

### **20¢ George Washington**

self-adhesive rolls of 100  
(Washington, D.C.)  
*Issued:* April 11; *Scott* 4512

### **Flags of Our Nation, Set 5 (Forever)**

self-adhesive rolls of 50  
(APS StampShow, Columbus, OH)  
August 11

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## President's Message

*from the  
president*

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As this is written, I am making preparations to travel to Columbus, OH for our Annual Meeting.

The PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting will be held at the APS StampShow. (See page 104 for more details.) I hope to see many members at this meeting, since it is at a location that is relatively easy to get to, and we traditionally have a great turnout at the meetings held in the Midwest. Make your plans to attend now.

The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. in Room E162A. We will also have a table on the show floor, but the location might change, so check the show program for our table. Be sure to stop by and visit. We can always use some help in staffing, so plan to spend a little time.

Dealer-members Dave Cobb, Brian Engler and Jim Bardo will have a booth at the show, so be sure to stop by and have a look at their excellent PNC selections. If you're looking in the program, Bardo and Engler hold a booth under their name, and Dave is at Newport Harbor Stamp Co.

There is also a Board Meeting scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday in room E151. Our Board meetings are open to all, especially if you want to volunteer to chair a committee. We currently have several openings, which you can check out on our website. If you'd like to discuss any of these opportunities to become more involved with your club, please free to call me. My number is in every issue of *Coil Line*. (See page 102.) I'd be happy to hear from you.

Last month, I encouraged members to change their *Coil Line* delivery from the hardcopy version to the electronic version. I made the point that the electronic version, with all illustrations in full color, is a great advantage to readers. If you're not sure this is a good idea for you, I'll send you a sample file of the electronic version that you can open and view to see the differences. I'm hoping that a lot more members will make the change. All you need to do is contact Harvey Wales, our Secretary, or Michael Mules, Treasurer, and ask that you be switched to the electronic distribution list.

– Gene Trinks

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

## Annual Membership Meeting APS StampShow – Columbus, OH August 13

Reminder: The annual PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting will take 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 PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting is scheduled at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, in Room E162A.

More information about APS StampShow is available at the website [www.stamps.org/Stampshow](http://www.stamps.org/Stampshow).

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

The PNC<sup>3</sup> annual Board Meeting is also scheduled for Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m. in Room E151. This meeting is also open to all.

## So-Cal Regional Report

We had a great turnout for the Southern California PNC<sup>3</sup> Club Meeting on Saturday, June 11. For the second time, we met at the Yorba Linda Public Library in their wonderful meeting room. (Thanks go to Jeff Haas for setting this up!) It's spacious and well-lighted, and we were able to spread out and really enjoy the time together. With the weather cooperating this time, we had twice the members at this meeting that we had last time.

The meeting began with each attendee giving a short history of his or her stamp collecting journey. It was really interesting to hear how different members had started collecting PNCs. Several told the story of collecting PNCs in strips of three when they first started, only to realize later that PS5s were the format that had "stuck" with collectors. Others told about some great finds, such as 60 rolls of the "G" (32¢) Old Glory with key plate #A4435. One of our members who is a former philatelic clerk related how, in order to use up a roll of the 18¢ Flag #6 once the letter rate changed to 20¢

on November 1, 1981, he pasted them on parcels for customers! (Luckily, he did buy one strip for himself.)

Another member described his great PNC finds in mission mixtures in recent years, and the fact that he has been able to trade some of the duplicates for things his collection needed. In some cases, he has sold duplicates for hundreds of dollars. It was great to hear everyone's stories of their PNC journey.

A short discussion followed about the demise of the Providence (Rhode Island) Philatelic Unit and the departure of Donna Rajotte. Many of those attending got their new coil issues from Providence in the past, and were looking for an alternate place to obtain PNCs. It was mentioned that the "Cave" (USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services) in Kansas City is a good place to get many of the issues, and that philatelic clerk Maurice Bissette in Oneco, Connecticut also sells coils via mail order — at least for the time being. Still, everyone agreed that Donna's great service in Providence will be sorely missed. No one caters to collectors the way she did.

Next came a discussion about the club website. Since the library has wireless Internet, John Himes brought his laptop and showed everyone how to access the website. Most of the attendees hadn't been out to the website yet, and most everyone wrote down the URL so they could access it when they got home.

One attendee without a computer wrote down the URL to access the site on his son's computer. (What a great idea!) *(please see page 119)*

### 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 details to the Editor three months prior to the meeting date. Thank you.)

## Readers' Forum



**BEP-produced “Mountain” large-roll PNC examples (#1111)**  
(at left, with the typical rounded-shoulder subtle die-cut shape;  
at right, a “more angled” example invited scrutiny (letter, below))



**Upper-left close-ups  
of the two PNCs at left**

I have new information on the BEP-produced (5¢) Mountain self-adhesive coil (Scott 2904B) with plate #1111 and the purported “square shoulder” subtle die cut variety.

*[The December 2010 Coil Line has Dan Forgues’ census chart by PNC of known “round” and “square” shoulder shapes, the subtle die-cut transition shape from a coil corner’s vertical line to the start of the first peak seen on BEP-made large-roll coils. His entry for the Mountain coil noted that he had never come across a “square shoulder” version, but he had reports of it. In contrast, in a related feature of this issue on page 112, Richard Cole’s chart reflects the understanding of most of us (that a “square” shape does not exist for this issue). – Editor]*

The image in last month’s *Coil Line* showing the valley difference on the 2904A (page 78, Doug Iams’ *This and That* column noting a subtle difference in the Avery-produced Mountain die cutting) got me thinking.

Then I received a scan from Dave Sandquist with both round and square 2904B (BEP’s Mountain) coils side by side. The shoulder on the square type isn’t a clean 90 degrees like other square-shoulder types. Also, the transition from peak to valley is at a different angle (*images, at top*).

Back in December’s *Coil Line*, I talked about the upper-right and lower-left square shoulders not being 100% square on some coils of various issues, showing examples on page 168. All of mine have a rounded impression, with some being “clean-cut” round and others with material hanging on.

With all of this background, I took a closer look at my 2904B (BEP Mountain) holdings and found 12 square shoulder stamps. All have round shoulders in the upper right and lower left. All have the different angle from peak to valley. Some have material in the inside square corner.

My census count for the 2904B round shoulder is now at 391. *[Dan’s updated census chart is included with this issue, page 114 and repeated on the wrapper for you to use to report your holdings to Dan, if you have not already done so. – Editor]* With this new information, I think that 35 to 40% could be square shoulder stamps.

— Dan Forgues #1037

*[Editor’s reply: When I encountered these “not so rounded” shapes among BEP-made (5¢) Mountain coils (mostly non-PNC examples) about seven years ago, I tried to assign them “right-angled” or “rounded” types as other BEP large-roll coils neatly fell into, and no one else was reporting “square shoulder” Mountains. (please see page 116)*

## Editor's Message

from the  
editor...



When the staff published the June issue of *Coil Line* last month, I thought it was the culmination of several months' "fine-tuning" of the

graphical and layout designs to serve us well into the future. Building on previous editor Todd Uebele, Sr.'s overhaul in 2008, one objective is to draw a distinction between the "club business" related pages, and the educational features of our journal.

*Coil Line* had received some criticism as appearing too much like a "club newsletter" rather than a journal, but I think the low content available in recent years was more a factor than anything else.

The June issue is also the first one to be printed and mailed out of Albuquerque, New Mexico. As a result, as of this issue another change affects its design: We now have full color on the back page for the same printing cost of a color front.

Speaking of content, this issue turned out to be more than the usual handful to publish. Minutes of the 2010 PNC<sup>3</sup> Board and General meetings arrived unexpectedly. Members should have these in time before the August 2011 meetings. You can contact your officers by then on any matters you feel should be given further attention. — Ron Blanks

## 18¢ Flag PNC Pair a Contingency Franking for 1981 2-oz Rate

Shown on the front page is a fascinating postal history cover from the second month of PNCs' existence thirty years ago. (Below is an image of its upper-right corner.)

It is an ordinary first-class mailpiece franked with a coil pair of the 18¢ Flag (Scott 1891), with the left stamp bearing plate number 1. Postmarked May 20, 1981, this pair conveniently overpaid by 1¢ the new two-ounce 35¢ rate (18¢ first ounce, 17¢ each additional ounce) implemented in March 1981.

The 18¢ Flag, of course, was the first PNC (issued April 24, almost four weeks before this postmark). What is remarkable about this cover is the fact that it was mailed during the short period in which 17¢ postage stamps for paying each extra ounce *were yet to be issued*. (The 17¢ Carson stamp was issued May 28, and the 17¢ Electric Auto coil was issued June 25.) Thanks to Roland Austin for sharing this cover. — Ron Blanks



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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club

August 14, 2010  
Richmond, VA

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club was called to order at 8:02 AM in Room B18 of the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA.

Board Members present were Ron Maifeld, President, Tom McFarland, Vice President, Ed Wigger, Member at Large, Todd Uebele, Member at Large, and Frank Covey, Past President. Present by proxy were Dan Farrar, Secretary (proxy to Tom McFarland), and Harvey Wales, Treasurer (proxy to Ron Maifeld).

Other members present were Gene Trinks, President-elect, and Robert Thompson, Member at Large-elect.

### Old Business

Reading of Minutes: The meeting commenced with the acceptance for the record of the minutes from the 2009 Executive Board meeting. Reading of the minutes was waived. The motion was made by Tom McFarland, seconded by Todd Uebele, and passed unanimously.

Committee reports: Reports were received from the following:

Auction: No formal report was submitted, other than financial activity. Financials were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Catalog Committee: The catalog committee activity was reported verbally by Frank Covey. Financial reports for calendar year 2009, and for the first six months of 2010 were also submitted and reviewed. It was reported that inquiries had been received from members as to the availability of earlier and now out-of-print publications. The catalog committee will determine whether or not this is feasible. A motion was made to accept the reports of the Catalog Committee. The motion was made by Ed Wigger, seconded by Tom McFarland, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer/Finance: The Treasurer reported an operating deficit of \$4736.78 for calendar year 2009. The total assets in all club accounts totaled \$35544.45 as of the end of 2009. Treasurer Harvey Wales reported in an accompanying email that he expected annual deficits to continue for the immediate future due to declines in membership and the average age of members.

A motion was made to transfer funds remaining in the special fund (to finance production of the Beautiful Blooms First Day Ceremony Programs) to the general fund. The motion was made by Frank Covey, seconded by Todd Uebele, and passed unanimously. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion was made by Tom McFarland, seconded by Ed Wigger, and passed unanimously.

Historian: No report submitted.

Distribution: No report submitted.

Publications Advisory Committee: No report submitted (no current chair).

Awards/Exhibits: No report submitted.

Estate Advisory: No report submitted.

Regional Meetings: No report was submitted. There was a brief discussion regarding the regional meeting held at the Sarasota, FL show, where members were told that they *(please see page 108)*

(from page 107)

were forbidden from holding a trading session following the meeting. Ron Maifeld filed a report with the Regional Meetings chair Tony Bruno to try to get this issue resolved for future meetings.

Membership: Chair Robert Thompson reported that there were no objections received for any new applicants for 2009. No report was submitted. A motion was made to accept the Membership Committee report. The motion was made by Tom McFarland, seconded by Todd Uebele, and passed unanimously.

Ethics: No report submitted. President Ron Maifeld reported that there were a few small disputes reported to him during the year which he resolved without formal complaints being submitted.

Bylaws: No report submitted.

Coil Line Editor: No report submitted.

Publicity: Chair Gene Trinks reported that publicity releases were sent to five philatelic publications during the year, but none were published. A motion was made to accept the Publicity Committee report. The motion was made by Tom McFarland, seconded by Frank Covey, and passed unanimously.

Webmaster: Webmaster Ron Maifeld reported that recovery from the earlier website crash was proceeding. Also noted was that the site should be updated to newer technology going forward. A motion was made to accept the Webmaster's report. The motion was made by Tom McFarland, seconded by Frank Covey, and passed unanimously.

Elections: Chairman Lou Schubert submitted a report of the votes cast in the 2010 election of club officers. The votes were tabulated and the results published in *Coil Line*. Elected were Gene Trinks, President, Andy Jakes, Vice President, Harvey Wales, Secretary, Michael Mules, Treasurer, and Todd Uebele and Robert Thompson, Members at Large. Ron Maifeld assumes the position of Past President. A motion was made to accept the Election Committee report. The motion was made by Tom McFarland, seconded by Ron Maifeld, and passed unanimously. A second motion was made to destroy the ballots after November 1 (to comply with the 90 day waiting period mandated in the by-laws). The motion was made by Tom McFarland, seconded by Frank Covey, and passed unanimously.

## Old Business

Club tax status: Richard Beecher reported that the club needs articles of incorporation to proceed with the effort to incorporate and obtain 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Additionally, more evidence of the club's educational mission is needed to obtain the desired tax exempt status. Gene Trinks recommended that the necessary incorporation documents be created and submitted using a website offering that service. Gene will pursue this with Richard. No motions were made regarding this item.

## New Business

Annual Dues: After a brief discussion on the possible need for a dues increase, a motion was made to keep the dues at the current level for 2011. The motion was made by Frank Covey and seconded by Ron Maifeld. Gene Trinks then proposed an amended motion to include the elimination of the discount offered to new members who prepaid for three years and with electronic delivery of *Coil Line*. This discount was authorized at the 2009 board meeting, but was not generating enough new (please see page 109)

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memberships to continue offering it. The amended motion was made by Todd Uebele, seconded by Tom McFarland, and passed unanimously.

2011 Meetings: A motion was made by Ed Wigger, seconded by Frank Covey, to schedule the 2011 annual Executive Board and General Membership meetings in conjunction with APS Stampshow 2011 in Columbus OH. The motion passed unanimously.

Reimbursement of officers for attending meetings: A motion was made to reimburse club officers up to \$100 each for expenses incurred in attending the annual club meetings. Discussion of this motion indicated that board members were not all in favor. Arguments for the motion were that the reimbursement would at least partially offset the cost to attend and might result in better attendance. Arguments against were that the amount proposed might not make a significant difference in an individual board member's decision to attend, and that the total possible payout of \$700 represented a noticeable percentage of the club's annual gross receipts. The motion was put to a vote and was defeated by a four to three margin. Voting in favor were Ron Maifeld, Harvey Wales (via proxy), and Todd Uebele. Voting against were Frank Covey, Ed Wigger, Tom McFarland, and Dan Farrar (via proxy)

Associate Editor Position: A recommendation was made by Todd that the club consider having an associate editor position to assist in the monthly publication of *Coil Line*. A motion was made to approve this recommendation, and that the choice and appointment of an associate editor be at the discretion of the *Coil Line* Editor. The motion was made by Ron Maifeld, seconded by Tom McFarland, and passed unanimously.

Email problems with electronic delivery of *Coil Line*: Some members have been reporting problems with receipt of the notification sent when each issue of *Coil Line* is available for pickup. There was some discussion about the possible reasons for this, but agreement that the only resolution that the club could address was to make sure that current email addresses were on file for all members receiving electronic delivery. Accordingly, a motion was made to have the Secretary attempt to resolve any such issues as reported to him by the Distribution Manager. The motion was made by Frank Covey, seconded by Ron Maifeld, and passed unanimously.

Website hosting and support: Due to the earlier crash of the club website, and the discovery that adequate backups had not been made, it was recommended by Ron Maifeld that a new host be chosen. A motion was made to pursue a change in hosting. The motion was made by Frank Covey, seconded by Todd Uebele, and passed unanimously. Gene Trinks will engage member Paul Bravell, who has experience in this area, in this effort.

Club and Catalog Committee bank accounts: Due to the change in Treasurer, the club's bank accounts will be transferred to Guardian Credit Union in West Allis, WI. Guardian required that a resolution be approved by the board to authorize the creation of the appropriate accounts at that institution. Additionally, the Catalog Committee plans to change the bank at which its separate accounts are held. A motion was made to approve both the Guardian resolution and the banking change for the Catalog Committee. The motion was made by Frank Covey, seconded by Tom McFarland and passed unanimously.

Mailing of annual member roster: A recommendation was made that the mailing of the annual roster be discontinued. It was felt that most members did not use the roster, and that there was a potential member security risk if the roster should fall into the wrong hands. There would also be a cost savings if the mailing were eliminated. It was agreed that the roster could be provided to interested members on request. A motion was made to discontinue the mailing of the roster and to provide it on request only. The motion was made by Todd Uebele, seconded by Tom McFarland and passed unanimously.

New York 2016: Gene Trinks recommended that the club financially (please see page 110)

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support the international stamp show to be held in New York City in 2016, similar to support provided to the Washington 2006 show. A motion was made to contribute \$500 to the show in \$100 payments over five years. The motion was made by Ron Maifeld, seconded by Frank Covey, and passed unanimously.

Authentication service: Gene Trinks suggested that the club consider establishing an authentication service for PNC items submitted by members. Gene will form an ad-hoc committee to explore this.

Change frequency of *Coil Line*: It was suggested that, in order to mitigate the increasing annual deficits, that a reduction in the frequency of *Coil Line* should be considered. No action was taken by the board. Instead, it was agreed to solicit comments from members at the general membership meeting.

SDO reporting: Frank Covey spoke about the desirability of collecting information from members about stamps available in their area, with the objective of determining which SDOs were distributing specific items. This would assist in location of newly discovered PNCs and varieties. No action was taken by the board. Frank will address this at the general membership meeting and ask for volunteers to report their findings.

A motion to adjourn was made at 12:00, by Frank Covey, seconded by Todd Uebele, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom McFarland, Acting Secretary

## PNC<sup>3</sup> 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes ...

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club**

**August 14, 2010  
Richmond, Virginia**

The Annual Meeting of The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club was held on August 14, 2010 in Room E10B of the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Ron Maifeld. Board members present were Ron Maifeld, President, Tom McFarland, Vice President, Ed Wigger, Member at Large, Todd Uebele, Member at Large, and Frank Covey, Past President. Approximately 20 members and guests were in attendance.

The meeting began with an introduction of the Board members followed by all members who were present introducing themselves with a few words about their PNC collecting interests.

A brief ceremony for the installation of the newly elected PNC<sup>3</sup> board members followed. The ceremony was presided over by Wade Saadi, APS President, and PNC<sup>3</sup> member. Newly elected members of the board present were, Gene Trinks, President-elect, and Robert Thompson, Member at Large-elect. Continuing board members present were Todd Uebele, Member at Large, and Ron Maifeld who assumes the position of Past President. (please see page 111)

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## Report from Board Meeting

Acting Secretary Tom McFarland briefly recapped the actions taken at the earlier board meeting, notably the vote to maintain the existing dues schedule for 2011, and the vote to hold the 2011 Annual Meeting in Columbus OH, again in conjunction with APS Stampshow.

Gene Trinks spoke about the potential offering of an Authentication service for members.

Ron Maifeld and Gene Trinks spoke about the possibility of reducing the frequency of *Coil Line* as an alternative to a dues increase, given the club's recent operating deficits, and the likelihood that they would continue unless some action was taken. The members present expressed no strong objection to either of the alternatives.

Frank Covey spoke about soliciting reports from members about PNCs available in their area, with the objective of identifying SDOs that have new items, and where these items might also be available.

## Old Business

(None.)

## New Business

Member Richard Nazar spoke about inconsistent mail delivery of *Coil Line*, a problem that other members have also brought to the club's attention. Ron Maifeld agreed to contact the printer/distribution manager, Incredible Bulk Mailing Company, to see if there was a solution that could be implemented from their end.

Ron Maifeld spoke about the possibility of the club participating in the First Day of Issue ceremony for the 2011 Flags of our Nation stamps, scheduled to be issued at Stampshow 2011 in Columbus. Ron's plan would be an effort similar to what the club did for Beautiful Blooms stamps, issued at APS Stampshow in Portland in 2007, possibly including the production of ceremony programs.

Gene Trinks reported that the board had earlier approved a motion to financially support the international stamp show to be held in New York City in 2016, similar to support provided to the Washington 2006 show. Gene recommended that members also consider supporting the show on an individual basis.

Gene Trinks and Frank Covey began a discussion on the recently reported Patriotic Banner with plate number V333. Based on available reports of on-cover examples, it appeared that this new number was possibly coming out of the St. Louis area, but thus far there had been no success in locating supplies of mint stamps.

## Other

As is traditional at club meetings, door prizes were then awarded. Prizes were donated by Doug Iams, Todd Uebele, Ron Maifeld, Dave Cobb, and the club. The grand prize was a vertical pair, unslit between, of the 39¢ Flag coil, donated by Dave Cobb and won by Richard Nazar.

The meeting was then adjourned, followed by the usual informal trading session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom McFarland, Acting Secretary

# Large-Roll Subtle Die-Cut Shapes Chart by Richard Cole

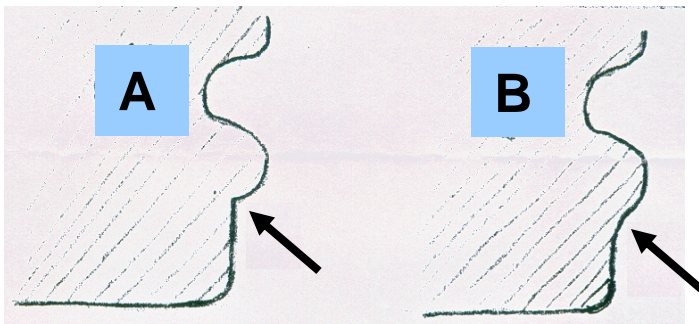
## A Checklist of Corner-Area Shapes of Large-Roll Die-Cut Coils from BEP & Avery

<i>First-Class</i>			
(with rounded corners; these are NOT from rolls/100)			
Scott #	Issue	Shape: Less	More
		Rounded ▼	▼ Rounded
2915D	32¢ Flag/Porch (red 1997,10/10)		B
2915D	32¢ Flag/Porch (red 1997,9/10)#		B
3266	(33¢) "H" Hat		B
3282	33¢ Flag/City	A	B
3466	34¢ Liberty	A	
3550A	34¢ Flag "United We Stand"	A	
3980	39¢ Lady Liberty & Flag	E	F
4135	(41¢) Flag		F
4189	41¢ Flag	E	F
4244-47	42¢ 24/7 Flags	E	F
4295	44¢ Star Flag	E	F
<i>Presorted First-Class</i>			
2912B	(25¢) Jukebox (1997)		B
3208B	(25¢) Diner	A	B

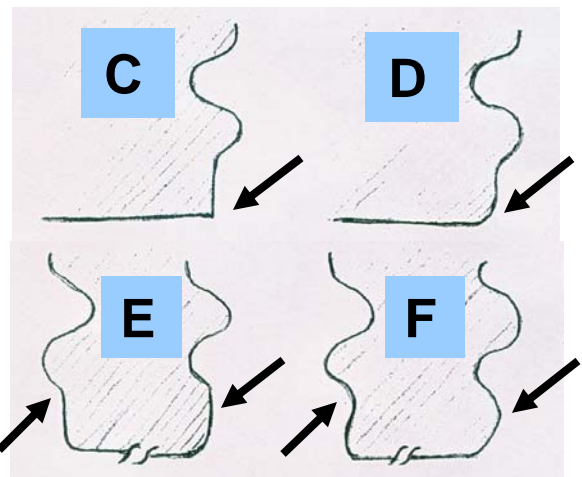
<i>Presorted Standard ("Std.")</i>			
Scott #	Issue	Shape: Less	More
		Rounded ▼	▼ Rounded
3271	(10¢) Eagle/Shield (1998 small date)	A	B
3271a	(10¢) Eagle/Shield (1998 large date)	A	
3228	(10¢) Bicycle (small date)	A	B
3228a	(10¢) Bicycle (large date)	A	B
3770	(10¢) Atlas (2003)	E	F
4157	(10¢) Patriotic Banner	E	F
<i>Nonprofit Org.</i>			
2904A	(5¢) Mountains (1996, 13/12)*	C	D
2904A	(5¢) Mountains (1996, 12/13)		D
2904B	(5¢) Mountains (1997, 10/10)		B
2904B	(5¢) Mountains (1997, 9/10)#		B
3207A	(5¢) Wetlands (small date)	A	B
3207Ab	(5¢) Wetlands (large date)	A	B

(shaded box = only the listed shape is known for item)  
 \* -- Avery Shape "C" is the only large-roll "cookie cutter" die cut in the chart which formed squared shapes at the four corners of the stamps on the liner paper.

# -- "9/10" and similar notation elsewhere indicates a "peak" die cut count variety: # at left/ # at right.



**BEP Corner-area Shapes**



**Avery Subtle Corner-area Shapes**

Also see "About the... Chart" on next page. Ron Blanks, Rudy de Mordaige, and Rob Washburn contributed to the checklist.

## How to Use the Chart

Richard Cole's checklist (*preceding page*) lists all of the self-adhesive large-roll coil issues known to have a trait of subtle variation in their die cutting.

Subtle differences in die-cut shapes in these issues are most noticeable in the corner areas. Richard's diagrams below the chart are a handy reference to these, described further below. The trait in question for each issue interestingly comes in two varieties, a "less rounded" one and a "more rounded" one. Specific terms are sidestepped so only three pairs of shapes (Richard calls them "styles") matter here.

A shaded box entry in these "Shape" columns alerts you to an issue for which only one of the varieties is known. With a magnifying glass, you can pick up one of these examples to study. This will allow you to recognize what is labeled as "less rounded" or "more rounded" when studying a related issue known with both shapes.

For example, the chart's first six rows (left side) involve "A" and "B" shapes. But only the 33¢ Flag row shows both A and B – of these six, it is the only issue known having both types. So, you can use any of the preceding issues' coils to see the B shape, and any of the 34¢ coils to see the A shape.

"Any" of the coils? NOT from rolls of 100! No matter how many times we state this, it seems some readers still miss the context of these varieties: We are only discussing "large roll" formats (3,000- or 10,000-count), sold by the USPS for use in affixing machines that help prepare large mailings. Stamps issued in *both* rolls of 100 and large rolls can be told apart by the shape of their outside corners: squared corners are from rolls of 100; rounded corners are from large rolls.

The chart's large-roll issues are grouped into four mail-class/rate sections, based on the service inscription found on these designs (or not found, on the ordinary First-Class coils). Note that only the ordinary First-Class coils are those which could also have been issued in rolls of 100. (For puzzle buffs, do you recognize the "technical" exception to this rule?) The other three sections are all presort coils, which only (as self-adhesives) come in large rolls. Only one has an exception to the "rounded corners"

trait common to these large rolls, the only entry in the entire chart with the "C" shape (details below).

The A and B diagrams' arrows highlight the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) coils' subtle shapes. The A shape has a right-angled turn of the die cutting to start the first "peak" above the corner. In contrast, the B shape is curved here. These diagrams are a very good representation of what you'd see close-up.

Arrows in the C and D diagrams are pointing to the corners. These shapes are found only on the (5¢) Mountain issue produced by Avery, and the "squared" C shape is found only on some of the "13/12" coils. (The 13/12 indicates that 13 peaks are found on the left side and 12 peaks are found on the right.) I have found it difficult to distinguish between C and D shapes among used examples. Note the D diagram exaggerates the shape to assist in conveying the subtle difference to find.

The E and F diagrams' arrows come in pairs, as some find it easier to look at one side versus another for these. Again, the diagrams exaggerate the shapes, especially F. (On its right side, the E shape above the corner and before the turn inward to the first "valley" is a vertical straight section, whereas in F this has an ever-so-slight bow to the right.) Note on the "inside turn" shapes (left side), the E "bend" is not distinct like the BEP's A shape, but overall it appears angled in comparison to the curves of the F shape.

The blank rightmost column is available to you for flagging or for notes. Note this chart is at "level one" for the subject: It addresses what issues are involved, without regard to PNCs and without trying to include all of the better-known and previously described production varieties. Blank rows are provided so you can "pencil in" some of these if you collect them; for example, the 39¢ coil has two major tagging types.

## Subject History

Rob Loeffler first noticed the BEP's A and B shapes among (10¢) Bicycle coils, reported in the June 2001 issue. These were soon named "square shoulder" and "round shoulder" types. Ron Maifeld first noticed the "round corner" D shape of the Avery (5¢) Mountain coil, which was reported in the May 2003 issue. I first found the Avery E and F shapes in 2007, reported in the October, 2007 issue of *The United* (please see page 119)

# BEP 'Shoulders' Census Update by Dan Forgues

***"Rounded Corners" coils only!***

Scott #	Description	Plate #	Reported Counts		Your Counts <sup>#</sup>	
			ROUND	SQUARE	ROUND	SQUARE
2904B	(5¢) Mountain	1111	391	(X)		
3207A	(5¢) Wetlands	1111	21	424		
		2222	60	512		
		3333	20	338		
		4444		576		
3207Ab	(5¢) Wetlands	5555		873		
		6666		372		
3228	(10¢) Bicycle	111	87	31		
		221	145	37		
	Hi-Brite Paper	221	<b>(NEW) 10</b>	54		
		222	54	52		
		333	(UPD) 3	292		
		344		127		
		444	143	(RR) 7		
		555	27	67		
3228a	(10¢) Bicycle	666	10	97		
		777		81		
		888		88		
		999		171		
3271	(10¢) Eagle/Shield	11111	(RR) 3	300		
		22222		161		
3271a	(10¢) Eagle/Shield	33333		135		
3271b	(10¢) E/S tagged	11111		48		
3271v	(10¢) E/S Anaconda Red	11111		101		
2912B	(25¢) Juke Box	111111	102			
		222222	67			
3208A	(25¢) Diner	11111	15	235		
		22211	(RR) 24	161		
		22222	42	125		
		33333		196		
		44444		249		
		55555		169		
2915D	32¢ FoP 9/10*	1111	46			
	32¢ FoP 10/10*	1111	65			
3266	(33¢) Hat*	1111	96			
3282	33¢ City Flag*	1111		115		
		2222	106	218		
3466	34¢ Statue Liberty*	1111		339		
		2222		224		
3550A	34¢ United We Stand Flag*	1111		135		
*Rounded Corners (large-roll) version		Totals:	1537	7110		

Designs below *also* common from rolls/100 – all with *square corners* – *don't* include them.

**Key:** (NEW) – Added since Dec. 2010 report;  –Shoulder type not known for PNC; (RR) – tracked on Rarities Report; (UPD) – Update to addition of Dec. 2002; (X) – Known, but I do not have counts.

**You can use columns at right for your records. Send your report to:**  
 Dan Forgues, PO Box 116, Forest Hills CA 92339, (or) [pnc3nv@aol.com](mailto:pnc3nv@aol.com).

**#Use copy on wrapper to mail in counts.**

# PNC<sup>3</sup> Auction #44 Results

by Joe Sedivy

Closing Date March 31, 2011 – This auction had 42 bidders, with 39 of them winning at least one lot and one lucky bidder taking 46 lots! Of the 365 lots offered, only 208 sold this time. 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 will be offered again).

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
13	\$1.25	76	\$5.00	135	\$8.00
26	\$26.00	77	\$12.00	143	\$4.00
27	\$9.00	78	\$2.25	145	\$8.50
29	\$18.00	79	\$7.00	146	\$7.50
31	\$18.00	80	\$3.00	147	\$8.50
32	\$6.00	81	\$2.50	148	\$6.50
33	\$100.00	82	\$2.00	150	\$6.50
35	\$24.00	83	\$1.50	151	\$3.00
36	\$12.00	84	\$1.50	152	\$9.50
37	\$22.00	85	\$8.00	153	\$3.00
38	\$11.00	87	\$5.00	156	\$4.00
39	\$6.00	88	\$11.00	157	\$5.00
40	\$8.00	89	\$9.00	158	\$4.00
41	\$9.00	90	\$3.00	159	\$7.00
42	\$9.00	94	\$5.00	160	\$4.00
44	\$6.00	96	\$3.00	161	\$12.00
45	\$23.00	99	\$14.00	165	\$7.00
46	\$13.00	100	\$12.00	167	\$9.00
47	\$15.00	101	\$2.50	168	\$8.00
48	\$28.00	106	\$4.00	170	\$5.50
49	\$28.00	107	\$24.00	174	\$5.50
50	\$57.50	109	\$8.00	181	\$8.00
51	\$24.00	110	\$12.00	182	\$7.50
55	\$28.00	111	\$10.00	183	\$16.00
56	\$5.00	112	\$4.50	184	\$6.00
57	\$38.00	113	\$9.50	185	\$7.50
58	\$2.00	114	\$3.75	186	\$3.00
59	\$8.00	115	\$3.50	187	\$11.00
60	\$55.00	117	\$24.00	188	\$13.00
61	\$70.00	118	\$6.00	189	\$8.00
62	\$5.00	119	\$8.00	190	\$2.00
63	\$6.00	120	\$9.50	197	\$6.00
64	\$4.00	125	\$57.50	198	\$4.00
66	\$4.00	126	\$130.00	199	\$5.00
67	\$4.00	128	\$90.00	200	\$6.00
68	\$6.00	129	\$4.50	209	\$6.00
70	\$6.00	130	\$5.00	214	\$26.00
71	\$6.00	131	\$5.00	215	\$18.00
74	\$1.50	132	\$4.00	216	\$7.00
75	\$4.00	134	\$6.00	219	\$15.00

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
220	\$200.00	279	\$6.00	328	\$30.00
226	\$70.00	281	\$6.00	330	\$250.00
228	\$26.00	284	\$10.00	331	\$35.00
232	\$11.00	285	\$5.50	332	\$17.00
235	\$20.00	288	\$2.00	333	\$30.00
236	\$28.00	289	\$8.00	336	\$19.00
237	\$12.00	290	\$5.00	337	\$3.00
238	\$15.00	291	\$3.50	338	\$2.00
241	\$6.00	292	\$6.00	339	\$2.00
242	\$8.00	293	\$8.50	340	\$12.00
243	\$7.00	294	\$4.00	341	\$8.50
244	\$9.00	295	\$5.00	342	\$85.00
245	\$3.00	297	\$95.00	343	\$75.00
247	\$180.00	299	\$8.00	345	\$3.00
248	\$180.00	300	\$15.00	346	\$4.50
261	\$9.00	302	\$7.00	347	\$3.00
262	\$11.00	303	\$3.00	348	\$3.50
263	\$5.00	305	\$5.00	349	\$2.00
264	\$7.00	308	\$3.50	350	\$2.00
265	\$6.00	312	\$15.00	351	\$2.50
266	\$10.00	313	\$5.00	352	\$2.50
267	\$30.00	314	\$2.25	353	\$2.00
270	\$30.00	316	\$5.00	354	\$2.00
271	\$15.00	317	\$6.00	355	\$2.00
272	\$6.00	318	\$8.00	357	\$2.00
273	\$50.00	319	\$17.00	358	\$1.50
274	\$10.00	320	\$10.00	361	\$2.00
275	\$4.00	322	\$2.00	365	\$1.00
276	\$34.00	323	\$2.00		
277	\$5.00	324	\$4.00		



## Call for Auction Consignments!

For the upcoming PNC<sup>3</sup> Autumn auction, please use copies of the Consignment sheet on outer wrapper.

**Consignment Deadline is August 6, 2011.**

# Membership Update

## New Applicant

Harry Franklin (2186)  
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(The members committee will recommend for or against membership.)

## Reinstated

Stanley H. Roe (956)

## Deceased

Mona White (112)  
Gardnerville, NV

Frank L. Skibbie Jr. (2139)  
Rib Lake, WI

<b>Previous Membership Count</b>	<b>703</b>
<b>New Members</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Reinstated</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>New Membership Count</b>	<b>703</b>

## 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](mailto:hwales16@aol.com) or use his contact information given on page 102.



## Address Changing?



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

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(from page 105, Readers' Forum)

I also noticed that all of the other traits on the more-angled examples seem to match their rounded-shoulder counterparts, and the overall "angle" of the angled transition matched the angle of the "rounded" transition. So, I concluded then (and still hold the

opinion) that the acute-turn cases are possibly a result of worn die-cutting mats, and/or resulted from interplay between the moving web of paper and the mat's "knives". [An analogy is the rough cuts that occur if one tries cutting an arc in a stack of paper slightly thicker than ideal for a given pair of scissors.]

## “Inksplotz” from 2¢ Jewelry Back-Numbering



by Mark Schultz

On a roll of 10,000 2¢ Navajo Jewelry (plate #S111111, Scott 3758B) I purchased from USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services, I found three major over-inking anomalies (and a minor one) that likely occurred from application of the pink 5-digit back numbers (Figure 1). The main anomalies, which I named “inksplotz”, are large areas of extraneous ink (non-uniform spraying) found just after the inkjet-printing of a back number in relation to the web flow.

Inksplotz were not found on a back-numbered stamp; rather, each occurred one or two stamps past a back number. On this Sennett Security Products roll, the back numbers were printed along the bottom cut of the roll at a ten-stamp interval. Inksplotz are distinct in size and shape and occurred at non-regular intervals in the roll at stamp positions 917-18, 3407-09 and 9678-79 (Figure 2, page 120).

Interestingly, and in an observation that is better apparent below, the back-number inkjet printing seems to take place in reverse relation to the back-numbering sequence. In the process as the web moves over the back-numbering spray nozzles, the numbers are printed from 10000 decreasing to 00010. Presumably, this is so that when the web arrives at slitting and coiling later, the 10000 back-numbered stamp will be wound innermost on the roll. Therefore, for description purposes I now identify the individual inksplotz in the same direction: 918-17 (not 917-18), 3409-07 and 9679-78. But keep in mind the sequence of these three ranges is opposite of the web direction (i.e., 9679-78 was processed first, 918-17 last).

The inksplotz at 918-17 resembles a poorly formed hockey stick, beginning low at the bottom cut, and rising vertically at a shallow angle before leveling off horizontally. It measures about 35 mm long by 3 mm wide. The inksplotz at 3409-07 is also a long, horizontal stick of ink (with a slight break in the center), measuring about 39 mm long and 3 mm wide. The large, dramatic inksplotz at 9679-78 begins over a double-creased stamp (9679) in the roll. It is roughly in the shape of a legless dragonfly nymph and measures about 20 mm by 8 mm (close to the roll’s bottom edge). Each of these inksplotz was probably the result of an intermittent faulty or misaligned spray nozzle, or perhaps a loose ink injection line. Smaller, unique spatters and marks of pink ink are associated with each of the larger inksplotz.

Here’s where I depart into conjecture (without being able to inspect the machinery involved in printing back numbers). Apparently two rollers immediately follow the back number printing because a series of transfers of each of the inksplotz occurred at regular intervals as the web is pulled through the equipment (Figure 3, page 120). The primary transfers (from the first of the two rollers) are easily recognizable from the inksplotz shapes but are predictably lessened in intensity. They occurred after the inksplotz at intervals of ten stamps plus about 4 mm until the transfer is barely discernable. This indicates the size of the first roller is the same approximate circumference (10 stamps + 4 mm). Secondary transfers (from the second of

the two rollers) were even more lightly applied, and occurred at intervals of eleven stamps plus about 11 mm after the inksplotz, indicating a slightly larger second roller of like circumference (11 stamps + 11 mm).

These secondary transfers are much more difficult to quantify since they diminish in intensity after only a few impressions, and accurate measurements reach “best guess” status rather quickly. Both primary (first roller) and secondary (second roller) (please see page 118)

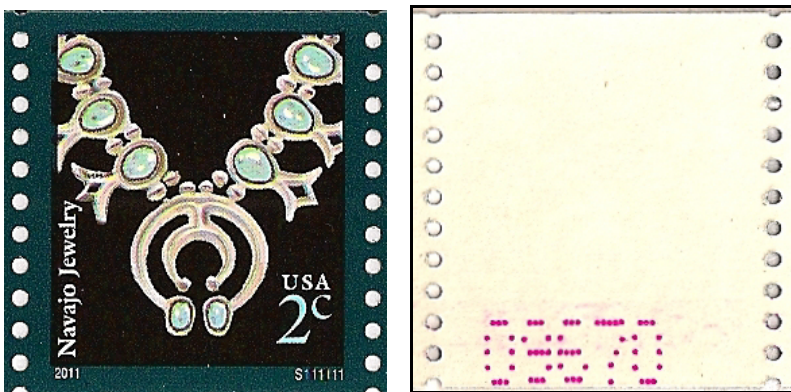


Figure 1. 2¢ Jewelry coils (one front, one back)

## ... “Inksplotz” from 2¢ Jewelry Back-Numbering ...

(from page 117)

transfers lessen in intensity from left to right, larger back number to smaller back number; hence, my assertion that back numbers are printed from 10000 to 00010, or in the opposite sequence one might expect them to be printed.

Using the hockey stick inksplotz (918-17) as an example, the excess ink is transferred onto the first roller as the web is advanced away from the inkjet. It is then deposited on the web at 908, 898, 887 and 877, at an interval of about 10 stamps plus 4 mm between each imprint until the transfer is no longer discernable. The secondary transfer (of the second, larger roller) is first imprinted at 906, and again at 895 and 883 at an interval of about 11 stamps plus 11 mm. More precise measurements are not possible due to diminishing ink; examples of further primary and secondary transfers are not shown here.

Similarly, the long-stick inksplotz (3409-07) show transfers from the first roller at 3399, 3389, 3379 and 3369 (10 stamps + 4 mm), with secondary transfers at 3379, 3386 and 3374 (11 stamps + 11 mm) before they can no longer be identified. The larger dragonfly nymph inksplotz (9679-78) apparently formed from substantially more ink on the roller, as a total of nine primary transfers from the first roller occurred at 9669, 9659, 9648, 9638, 9628, 9618, 9608, 9598 and 9587 (each 10 stamps + 4 mm). Here, transfers from the second roller are problematic. The first secondary transfer at 9668 is completely imprinted, but subsequent transfers are less easily described with any clarity. My only excuse for not describing these transfers in more detail is to mention production variables including ink drying time, and the simple fact that as the inksplotz advance though the first roller, most of the excess ink is probably deposited then. So, as the inksplotz reached the second roller, the roller picked up less undried ink for subsequent transfers onto the web.

Another interesting and perhaps related anomaly noted with the two stick inksplotz is that the back numbers sprayed immediately following the inksplotz (03400 and 00910) are aligned lower than other back numbers on the roll (Figures 2, 3). The highly distorted back number preceding the hockey stick (00920) is also apparently lower. But notwithstanding these three locations, all other back numbers on the roll were completely visible near its bottom edge. Back numbers at 03400, 00920 and 00910 are about one to two millimeters lower, resulting in a cut-off look at these locations. These “partial” back numbers also appear printed at a slight angle, looking like they are leaning backward. Since back numbers from Sennett are printed in close pairs of rows (each pair later slitted into bottom-numbered and top-numbered rolls), it is possible that the top-numbered pairing to this roll might exist with similar back number distortions or show other evidence of inksplotz.

Also, the pink back-numbering ink rings the inside of the perforation holes at all of the inksplotz locations, indicating that inkjet spraying occurs after perforation as the web proceeds. This can best be seen on the stamp side of the creased dragonfly nymph (9679), where the ink bled through the perforation holes and is visible on the design side (Figure 4, page 120). A closer inspection of the nymph inksplotz also reveals three faint, perforation-sized-hole imprints over the crease (Figure 5, page 120). Perhaps this stamp-crease defect precipitated the dragonfly nymph and subsequent inksplotz on this roll by temporarily throwing the inkjet printing off-kilter during back numbering. (Recall that this inksplotz was the first anomaly inked onto the roll as the web moved from 10000 to 00010, discounting any mishap for the web before the area of this roll.)

The slightly raised surface of the creased stamp might have brushed across the inkjet nozzles, causing the dragonfly nymph inksplotz and leaving three, ring-shaped imprints as telltale evidence. This doesn't directly explain any of the other anomalies on the roll since there is only the one creased stamp. But if the nozzles' contact with the moving paper caused a malfunction here, one can guess that the nozzles might have become minutely skewed. That could cause more inking mishaps along the web, although there is no recurrent evidence (other than what is cited above) to support this. The anomalies I did find are too intermittent for determination.

(See page 120 for Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5 in color.)

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*(from page 104, So-Cal report)*

Examples of newer PNCs were available for all to see, and generated discussion on the rarity of the new 29¢ Herbs coils with peak/valley die cuts. John Himes brought some strips obtained from a couple of die-hard collectors who had searched through many rolls at local post offices to find them. They appear to be significantly rarer than the valley/peak strips.

A large selection of very nice door prizes was offered, and everyone went home with one. Many thanks go to Dave Cobb and Ron Czaplicki for donating several items for the last meeting. Some were still available and were given away this time. Following the door prizes, members traded briskly, and most found something for their collections. The one frustration was that the allotted two hours seemed more like 30 minutes, and we had to vacate the room at the end of that time for another arriving group.

Everyone agreed that we should use this library location in the future for our regional meetings. It’s about the most centrally-located point in Southern California, and the facilities are wonderful. We’ll try to plan another meeting either there, or at a local stamp show, before the year’s end.

*(from page 113, About chart)*

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## What’s Next?

As alluded-to earlier, and already mentioned in Readers’ Forum, a “next level” extension already exists as a checklist and ongoing census of the BEP A and B shapes by PNC (page 114). Doug Iams tracked the Avery (10¢) Atlas shapes by PNC last in the March 2008 *Coil Line*. Some reader who is actively tracking and collecting the Avery shapes by PNC and other production-variety types (e.g., tagging) might volunteer to make a similar chart for the other Avery issues for the rest of us to keep them straight, too.

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... "Inksplotz" from 2¢ Jewelry Back-Numbering

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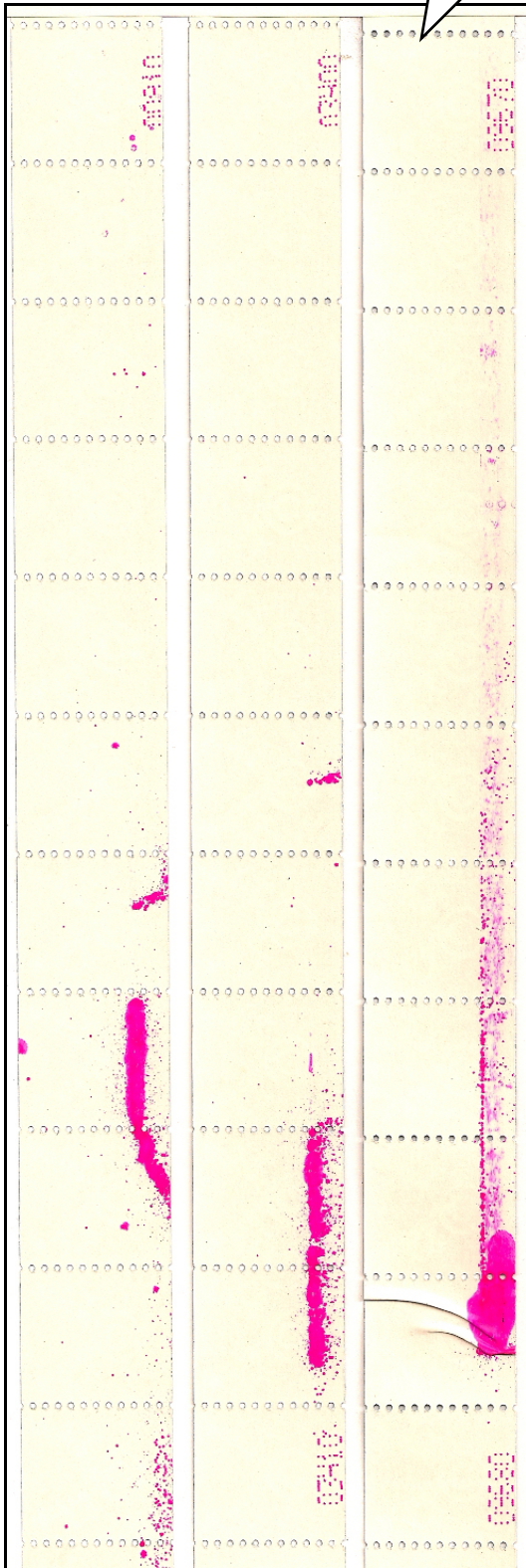


Figure 2. Three "inksplotz" found.

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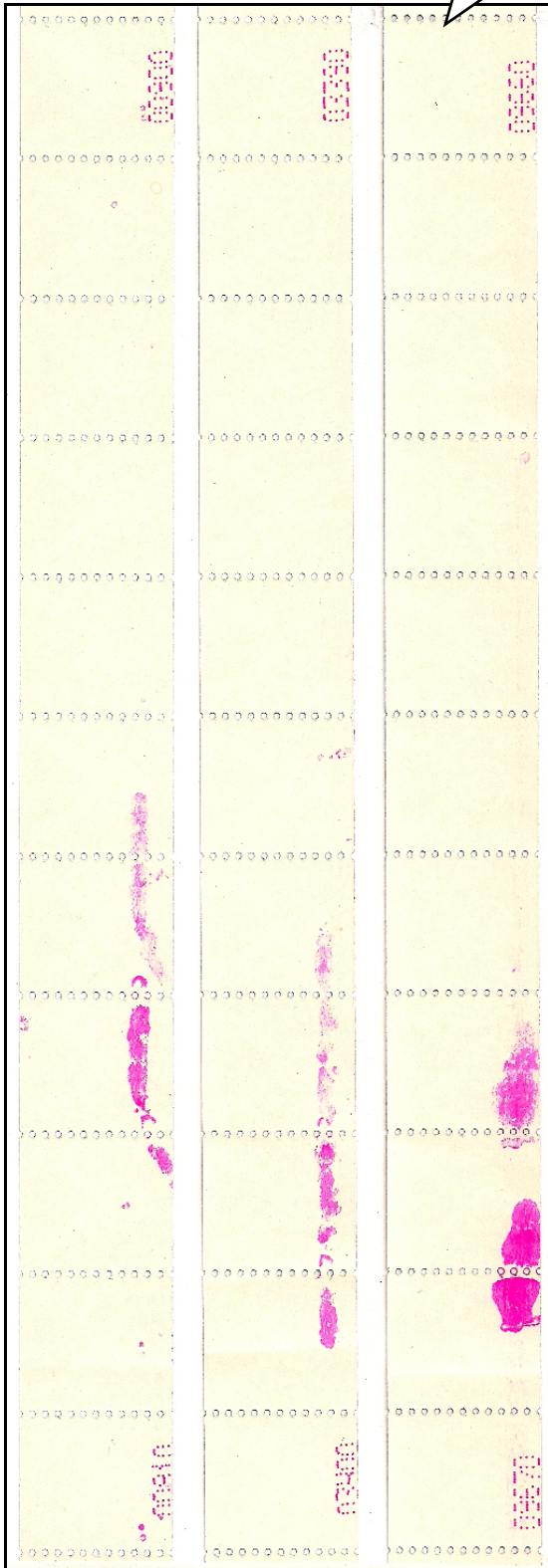


Figure 3. Primary ink-transfer locations.

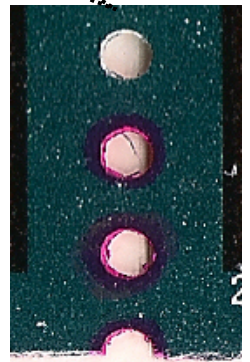


Figure 4. Ink bleed-through.

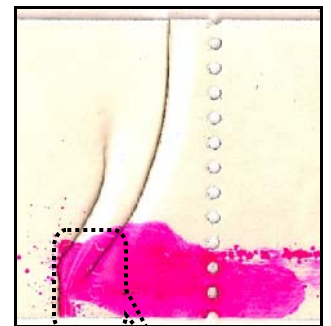


Figure 5. Faint holes at crease.