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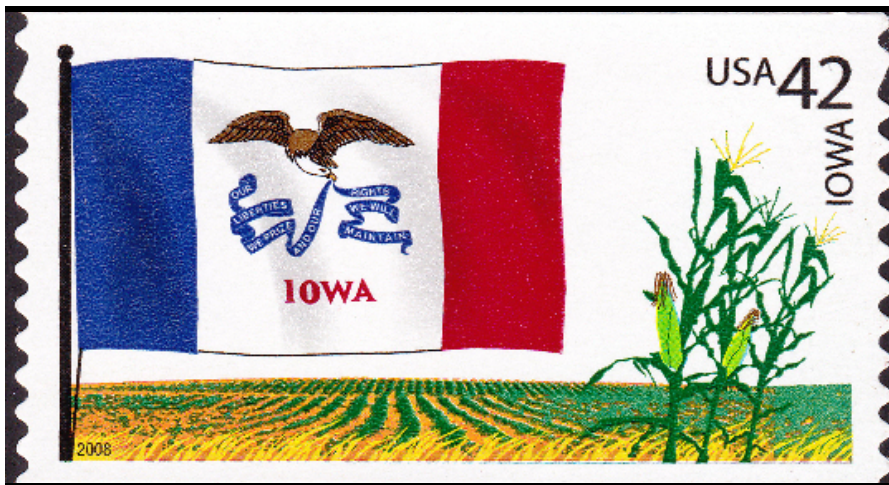
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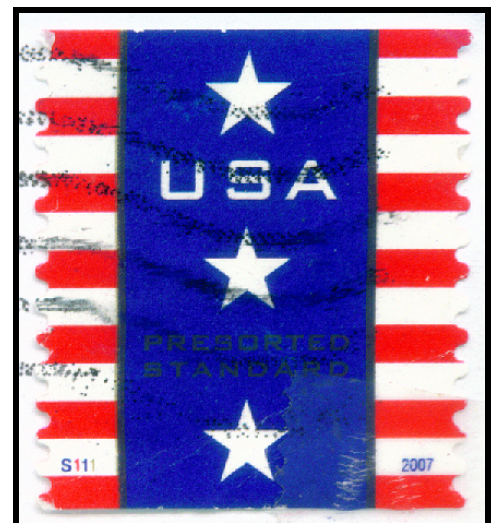
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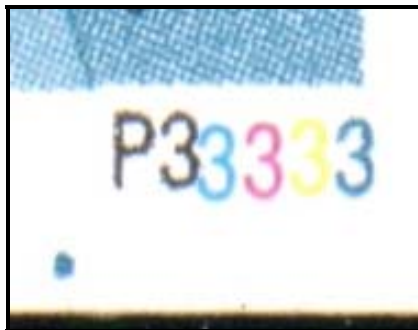
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President's Message

*from the
president*



If you have tried to access our website by using our old URL (pnc3.org), you will find a message

from DreamHost that says the owner has not yet uploaded the website. We are still trying to get control over the original name "pnc3.org", but the website IS uploaded, just at a different URL. As I have indicated before, the website can be accessed using the now-active URL www.pnc3.us/pnc3.org/.

Ron Maifeld continues to make progress in fixing the many glitches that popped up in the transition, and it looks better every day. By the time you read this, he should have completed all repairs, both in the PNC section and the booklets section. Some updates for the latest issues still need to be done, but that won't take long.

Ron has told me he would like to begin the process of converting the website to updated software. We have not yet determined the future direction we will take regarding the choice of software and the platform on which it will work. Therefore, I am going to establish an *ad hoc* committee to look into the alternatives available to us. I seek volunteers to guide the club in defining the parameters of our future website.

Our current "legacy" server will support the website as it now stands, but it is uncertain as to how long this server will be available. Most hosting services have already abandoned servers that support sites constructed in FrontPage. We need to move in another direction. We cannot have another failure such as we recently experienced.

Our club has always operated with member volunteers handling internal operations at minimal cost. It would not be prudent to go outside the club and hire professionals for this task.

If you have knowledge of website construction that you can share with us, I urgently request that you contact me. I would like to have a functioning committee in place by June. My email address is gctrinks@cox.net. Send me your phone number and best times to reach you, along with a brief description of your website experience. – *Gene Trinks*

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

2¢ Navajo Jewelry

water-activated gum rolls of 10,000
(AmeriStamp Expo, Charleston SC)

Issued: February 12

44¢ Quill & Inkwell

self-adhesive rolls of 3,000 and 10,000
(Kansas City, MO)

Issued: February 14

29¢ Herbs, set of five

self-adhesive rolls of 100
(Mega Stamp Show, New York City)

Issued: April 7

20¢ George Washington

self-adhesive rolls of 100
(Washington, D.C.)

Issued: April 11

Flags of Our Nation, Set 5 (Forever)

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

August 11

*Note: Information is tentative and could change;
from Postal Bulletins through April 7 issue.*

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PNC³ Regional Meetings

Upcoming regional meeting ...

Southern California-June 11

After our first meeting at the Yorba Linda Public Library in February, Southern California PNC³ club members will be meeting again in that venue on June 11, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This Library is just about the most central location we could find in Southern California. Our first meeting there was hampered by bad weather, but we're pretty sure that in June things will be very nice weather-wise. Everyone who attended the first meeting had a wonderful time! (*See meeting report, this page.*)

The meeting will take place in the Community Room on the ground level of the library (the parking lot level). (No need to go up the steps to the library.) It's a very large room, and all the needed tables, chairs, and other conveniences are available for the meeting. There are clean restrooms right outside the meeting room, and elevator access is provided for those with disabilities. The meeting will once again be hosted by John Himes and Jeff Haas.

We hope to have discussions on and examples of any new coils that have been released since the last meeting. We also want to encourage members to bring their collections to share with others as well as any questions they might have about

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, tbee@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.)

PNCs. All levels of collectors, from beginners to advanced, are welcome to attend. Please bring trading material if you have duplicates that might fit well in someone else's collection. And, as usual, we will provide some nice door prizes for everyone who attends. (At the February meeting we gave away more than \$1000 worth of door prizes, and we hope to do the same in June.) If you have any questions, e-mail or call John or Jeff. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Southern California members (and guests) at the meeting.

To contact a meeting co-host: John Himes johnwhimes@yahoo.com, 714-826-8552 (home), or Jeff Haas jhconsult@yahoo.com, 949-219-3179 (work).

In case you're interested in making a day of it, The Richard Nixon Presidential Library is just a short walk from the Public Library. If you've never been, you might want to visit that remarkable facility in the morning before lunch and the club meeting.

Directions to Yorba Linda Public Library, 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda, CA 92886:

From (57) Fwy: Exit Imperial Hwy (90) and head east 4.5 miles (past Eureka Ave.) and either turn left on Lemon Drive (library parking on right) or pass library and make U-turn at Olinda St. and library will be on right.

From (91) Fwy: Exit Imperial Hwy (90) and head north (turn right if coming from the East or turn left onto Imperial if coming from the West) for 3 miles and library is on the right just past Olinda St.

SoCal Regional Meeting Report

by John Himes



On Saturday, February 26th, PNC³ members got together at the Yorba Linda Public Library in Southern California for a regional meeting. This was the first time in recent memory we had met outside of a stamp show venue. The results? Well, we've got good news and bad news. First the bad news. The meeting attendance was hampered by the inclement weather. (*please see page 76*)

Readers' Forum

I noticed in the March *Coil Line* that **Roland Grandahl** (654) was reported as dropped for non-payment of dues. Sadly, Rolly Grandahl was reported as deceased in the December issue of the *American Philatelist*.

Rolly was a long-time member of PNC³ and contributed much to the club. For years he sorted thousands of covers, developing interesting statistics along the way, and reported each month what he found. He and I corresponded many times and we met face to face at several shows. He was a true gentleman and a happy optimist who enjoyed our hobby to the fullest. Rolly's departure is a loss for all of us and he deserves more notice of passing than just "dropped for non-payment". Perhaps this is my fault. I should have passed along the information a couple of months ago.

— Alan Thomson #180L



In the July 2010 *Coil Line*, Frank Covey expanded his menagerie with a pair of “cobras” at the top left and right of a 44¢ New Jersey coil. Well, now these snakes are on the move. Here’s an Iowa specimen from an earlier 42¢ Flags of Our Nation set, one wavy die-cut peak farther south than Frank’s example. Do you suppose they migrate in winter?

[Below left on this page, I have mocked up a middle portion of the Iowa “column” printed across the paper web spanning three rows. — Editor]

In reality, these “cobras” are just USPS contract printer Sennett Security Products’ separators — the straight-but-sloping sections in the diecutting mat that are *supposed* to terminate the wavy diecuts of one stamp [row] from those in the row above and the row below. Nothing is different here — it’s just an example of the nonchalant alignment that is common with the stamps currently printed by Sennett. The separators *should* be bisected by the horizontal between-row slices, but at least Sennett lined up the horizontal slice with the printed image, or this stamp would have become postage.

— Rudy de Mordaigle #1830

I am a longtime member/collector and would like to share my idea on growing the membership of the club which is so vital to PNC collecting.

I feel the key way to keep and increase membership is to have a catalog like the one published by Richard Nazar in 1995. We make an effort with our publications, but they fall short, unfortunately.

There are so many things that a beginner does not and cannot understand that PNC collecting becomes little more than filling spaces in a Scott album: Paper and gum types, precancel gaps, precancel type faces, different presses used to print PNCs, tagging breaks, all the different constant plate varieties, dropped transfers, displaced numbers such as on the 8.3¢ Ambulance, just to name a few.

When a collector buys a PNC strip, more than likely he is filling an album space. If he or she had a specialized catalog, they could really find out what they had! I don’t know how our treasury is, but I feel we should pull out all stops if necessary to develop this type of catalog. (please see page 75)

Editor's Message

from the
editor...



I receive a printed copy of *Coil Line* to keep tabs on how the printing turns out, as well as the “standard” mailing time. My April issue

arrived April 15th as we were wrapping up this issue.

While the usual grammar or graphics glitches might be expected, I was surprised to find two mishaps regarding content, and wonder if you found any others. “April Fools” notwithstanding, these items were not intentional: On page 69 we noted a correction to a prior issue regarding the plate number of the (10¢) Atlas issue from Bank Corporation of America (Scott 3520) – it is “B1111”. Yet on page 57 in bold caption was still another incorrect “B111” designation. I have to confess, for years I thought only three 1s were used (the yellow is just hard to see).

Thinking that was my only “regret” of the April issue, I was dumbfounded to find on the last page what some readers might have construed was done on purpose: two briefs giving the classified-ad rates. I somehow missed the original version when I set the second one in place. Perhaps that issue “reads” OK anyway, and I hope this one does, too. –Ron Blanks

Era of Service to PNC Collectors Ends

As this issue of *Coil Line* was being finalized, President Gene Trinks learned that a recent rumor was sadly true: The Internet Sales Office at the Providence, Rhode Island main post office was to close effective this past April 22nd. The position of philatelic clerk so ably filled by Donna Rajotte for so many years was eliminated, and Donna was now without a job. Donna confirmed to Gene that the last day for accepting orders was Friday, April 15.

Collectors who received packages like the one shown below would find carefully packaged orders mailed by Donna (and assistants at times). Donna was the last “full service” philatelic clerk offering specific plate numbers not only of coils, but also of any panes and booklets that she could find and stock.



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PNC³ Regional Meetings

(from page 72, Report from Southern California)

After overnight torrential rains and snow in the mountain passes, many of the members were unable to attend because of the weather and road conditions. But actually, all the rest is more than good news – it's *great* news.

About the new venue:

* The library is just a few minutes' drive from two major freeways and, other than the weather, getting there was a breeze.

* The library staff was most welcoming and accommodating.

* Parking was free and plentiful.

* The meeting room was spacious, had great lighting, and was very comfortable. We had access to tables and chairs for dozens, if needed.

Everyone compared their copies of the newest coil releases and discussed availability of the various varieties. No one had copies of the 44¢ Quill and Inkwell coil yet, but all of the other new issues were available for viewing at the meeting.

* John Himes prepared a quiz on die-cut varieties and although it was difficult, almost everyone got the right answers.

* Dan Forgues brought his collection along, and wowed us with the wonderful varieties he's collected.

* Almost everyone in attendance traded or purchased items from others, and everyone was generous in trading with each other.

* Three dealers, Dave Cobb of Newport Harbor Stamp Company, Ronald Czaplicki, and John Himes generously donated door prizes with a total value of \$1370, so all six attendees went home with fantastic items to add to their collections. We had items worth \$485 left over in door prizes for the next meeting.

This was truly one of our best gatherings. It's a shame that the weather hampered attendance, but we were so impressed with the facilities and the centralized location that we've decided to have another meeting there sometime later this year [see *Regional Meetings*, page 72]. Many thanks to Jeff Haas, who reserved the room and generously covered the fee charged by the Library. We can hardly wait to meet there again!

PNC³ Catalog Offerings

Catalog Committee Plans

The PNC³ Catalog Committee is offering the chapters listed below on the schedule indicated.

March 2011

(see *ORDER FORM* on wrapper of March issue)

Previously published chapters which are still in inventory:

- ✓ 41¢ American Flag on Pole
- ✓ 39¢ Lady Liberty & Flag
- ✓ 37¢ Flag Waving
- ✓ 32¢ Flag over Porch
- ✓ Avery Die Cuts
- ✓ Illustrated Glossary

Please be advised that the prices on the current Order Form are good so long as present inventory quantities last. Once the present quantities are sold, the committee will arrange another printing (usually for a quantity of 100) at a future date, which likely will be at a higher price.

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April-May 2011

(see *ORDER FORM* on wrapper of this issue)

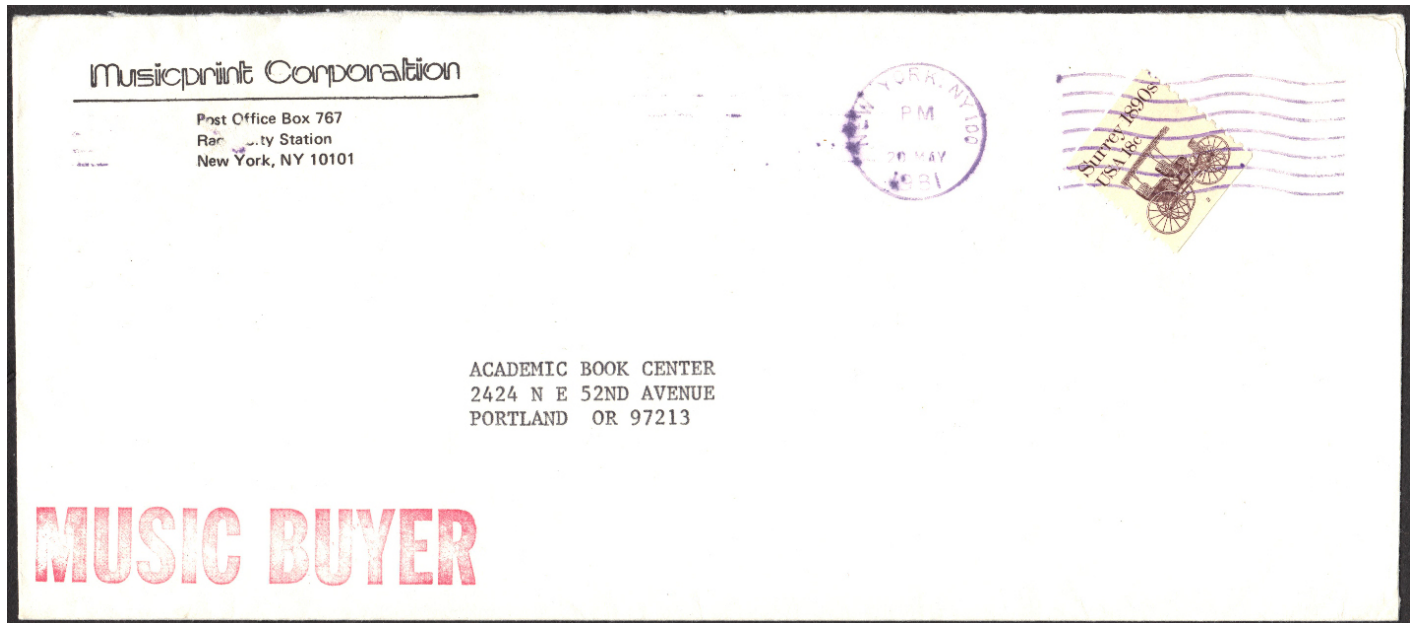
The following items are **new** chapters, offered for the first time:

- ✓ 2010 New Issues
- ✓ 2011 Values List
- ✓ 2011 PNC ID Lists
- ✓ 42¢ Flag 24/7

As reported previously, your PNC³ Catalog Committee continues to seek volunteers to write pages for additional chapters, such as the Transportation series, miscellaneous coils (e.g., bulk mail, transition denominations [D, E, etc.], Flag series [Yosemite, Mt. Rushmore, etc.]).

PNC³ Catalog Committee members include Frank Covey, Andy Jakes, Ron Maifeld, and Gene Trinks. **Can we add your name?**

Earliest Documented 18¢ Surrey PNC on Ordinary Cover



(above) EDU of 18¢ Surrey PNC #2 on ordinary cover, May 20, 1981

(below) Closeup of 18¢ Surrey plate number 2 coil and its purple-ink machine cancel.



Courtesy of Rob Washburn, pictured above is the earliest documented use of a plate number coil from the Transportation Series on an ordinary mailpiece. The First Day of Issue for the 18¢ Surrey coil is May 18, 1981. This commercial cover was mailed two days later on May 20 (thirty years ago this month). *(In the months ahead we'd like to show other mail items, unofficial First Day covers (those without the words "First Day" on them) and Souvenir Pages — any with PNCs canceled in 1981. So, please let us know what you can share.)* — Ron Blanks

First Look: 29¢ Herbs

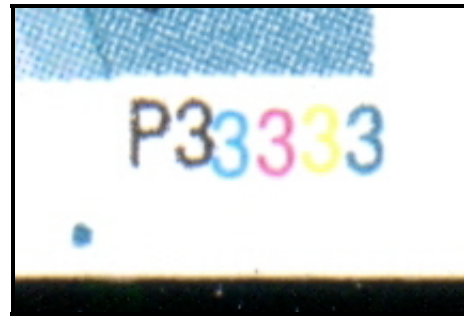
From an actual roll, here are the five designs of this new issue. Plate V11111 falls on a "Sage" coil.



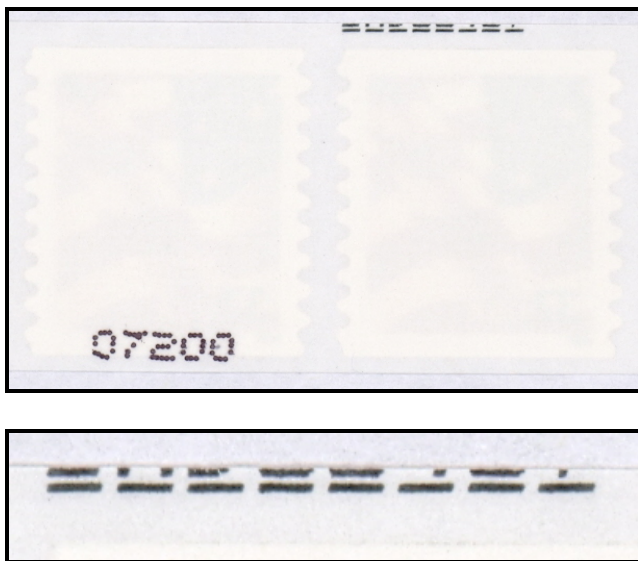
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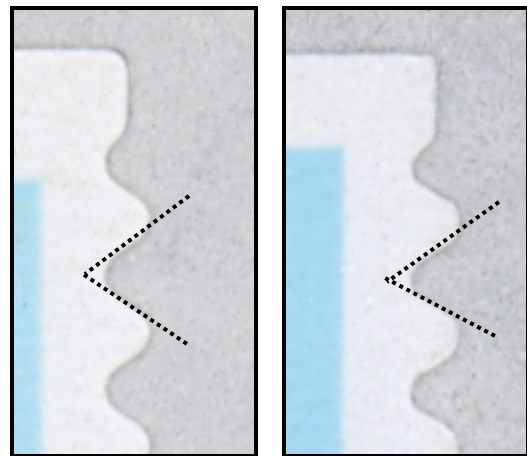


Can anyone confirm a blue dot to the lower left of the plate number on the Ashton Potter 37¢ Egret (Scott 3829A) plate # P33333? I have two examples that show it, but they probably came off of the same roll, which isn't good enough to prove that it is a constant variety on the web row it came from. (I can be reached by email at dugeyes@msn.com.)



An unusual production marking has shown up on the back of some of the Bank Corporation of America-produced 37¢ Flag large roll coils (Scott 3633). In addition to a normal black five-digit back number at the bottom behind the position 5 stamp (as counted from the front of a plate strip of five), there is another black marking at the top behind the position 4 stamp. Only part of the marking shows and it appears that each character is underlined, so only a tiny bit of each character is evident. In comparing four consecutive strips, only the last character changes, so I thought it might be an impression counter. However, the second character can't be a numeral, so I'm not sure what the marking is. If anyone has seen anything similar, or has an idea of what this is, please let me know.

Mountain Die Cut Differences



It has long been known that the Avery-produced (5¢) Mountain (Scott 2904A) has both round and square corner versions, but until now, no one seems to have noticed that the entire serpentine parts are different, too. The pattern on the round corner ones (*left, above*) is a very smooth sinusoidal pattern, while on the square corner ones it is slightly cruder and a hair deeper. [Editor's note: I added lines to show two "angles" for these shapes. A difference occurs among many of the Avery die cut types, last noted in the September 2010 issue, page 118.]



**Art Deco Bird
Plate P1111
PNC ID 2011-1**

The Art Deco Bird (5¢) Nonprofit presort coil produced by Ashton-Potter went on sale nationwide on February 11, 2011 in self-adhesive rolls of 3,000 and 10,000. The stamp replaces the Nonprofit (5¢) SA Seacoast (PNC IDs 2002-10, 2003-5 and 2004-5).

The design comes from an ornament above the entrance to the Oak Park, Illinois Post Office built in 1936.

The P1111 plate number found at the center bottom of a stamp repeats every 27 stamps.

The word "USPS" is microprinted on the left wing of the bird.

From a 3K roll two-, three- and four-digit black back numbers are possible. From a 10K roll, in addition to the above, one five-digit BN is possible.

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

**2011 date found in
upper left corner of
the design ▶**



Closeup of plate number

**◀ "USPS" microprinted
at the tip of the left wing
of the bird**



Microprinting is a security device to protect against counterfeiting.

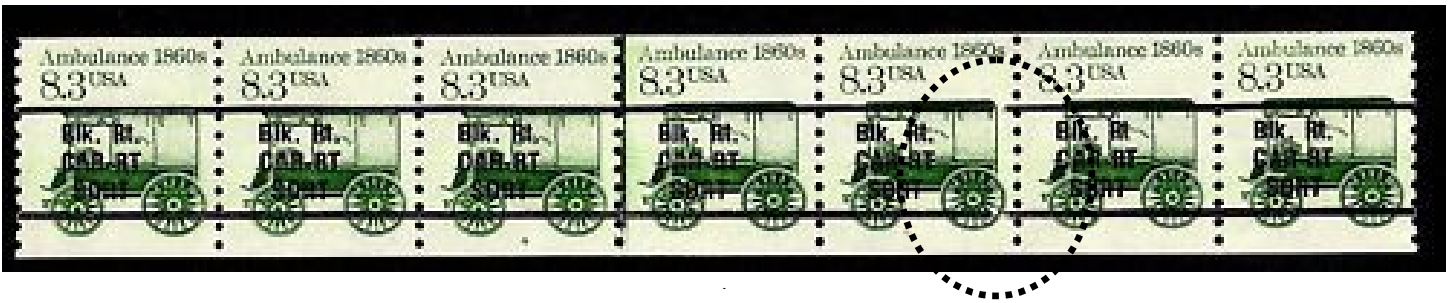


Shown to the left and right are bottom and top black four-digit back numbers from a 10K roll.

Back numbers occur every ten stamps along the roll.

Since the plate number occurs at an odd interval, only one roll is needed to get all back number positions relative to the plate number.





Here is a sampling of some recent PNC items and their prices realized on eBay. In compiling this sample, I only used auction items and their winning bids. Shipping is not considered. (*Note: All pictures here, good and bad quality, were taken directly from the eBay listings.*)

8.3¢ Ambulance #4 (Scott 2128a, *shown above*) with Precancel Gap 2R (second stamp to right of joint line) in plate strip of seven had a starting bid of \$13.50. It sold this past March 1st on eBay for \$30.00. (The same seller also had the companion strip with plate # 3, which also fetched \$30.)



5¢ Seacoast (Scott 3785b) of P2222, mint plate strip of five with Tagged Error. Catalog \$75. This copy had backing paper that was clipped short at right and was centered a bit high, as can be seen in the copied image above. The strip hammered for \$34.99 on March 2nd at the seller's starting bid.



Unusual items are still generating heavy interest.

A mint 15¢ Tugboat (Scott 2260) plate strip of seven with plate #1 100% on top fetched \$52.00 on March 11th, despite the seller incorrectly listing the item as Scott number "1630" in the title. A cropped image of the middle portion of this strip with the plate number at top is shown here (*at left*).

A mint plate strip of five of the 2¢ Woodpecker (Scott 3045) with plate #2222, and four-digit bottom blue back number on number, sold for \$12.50 on March 2nd (not shown).

(please see next page)

(from page 80)

A single used copy of the presort coil (10¢) Atlas (Scott 3770) with plate V21211 was sold on eBay on March 2nd (shown at right). The stamp has a wavy Mailer's Postmark Permit cancel and is one of six reported examples of the Tagged Error. This extremely fine (XF)-centered example went home to a happy collector for \$499.99.

[This tagged error of which six are known refers to the "fully tagged" version on surface phosphor paper with smooth-appearing glow. These are not to be confused with the "lightly tagged" or streakish-glow types found occasionally among presort coils, many from Sennett Security Products whose plate numbers begin with an "S". – Editor]



Condition is the driving force for bidding levels on high-end items. For example, a 20¢ Fire Pumper (Scott 1908) mint plate strip of five from plate 2 sold for about 20% of catalog value. This strip was centered high, with the words almost touching the top (not shown). Very-Fine centered strips retail \$600+ for these PNCs. The Fine-centered eBay copy sold for \$125.95 on March 3rd.

9.3¢ Mail Wagon (Scott 1903) mint plate strips of five with plates 3 and 5 were offered in March at \$94 per strip (not shown). With just Fine centering, the plate numbers were low and touching the bottom edge. Although PNCs with these plate numbers have a \$300+ retail, this eBay pair went unsold at the one-third starting bid.

Many lots of common PNCs as plate strips of three (PS3) are selling at or below face. Key-number strips at bargain prices are going unsold. For example, an 18¢ Flag (Scott 1891), mint PS3 of plate 6 in F-VF Centering went unsold at \$275 (shown below). A mint PS1 of #6 by a different seller with VF centering and a Philatelic Foundation expertising certificate went unsold at \$175. If you have wanted to own an 18c Flag #6, now might be the time.



What trends are you seeing in PNCs? With your help and feedback, I would like to make this a regular feature. You can contact me either by email at pntrends@hotmail.com, or write me at PO Box 270252, Milwaukee WI 53227.

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

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

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

28¢ POLAR BEAR (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 (OA)
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

42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SP-S) ≠

Rounded Corners

#V1111 C, D [8] VP
#V2222 C, D [8] VP

42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SP-S) ≠

#S1111111 C [12/16 alternating]

42¢ FLAGS OF OUR NATION (SP-S)

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

44¢ FLAGS OF OUR NATION (SP-S)

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

(10¢) ATLAS (un) ≠

#B1111 D [20] VV, PP
#V11111 D [10] VP
#V11222 D [10] VP
#V12111 D [10] VP
#V12222 C, D [10] VP
#V13222 ? [10] VP
#V21111 D [10] VP
#V21113 ? [10] VP
#V21211 C, D [10] VP
#V22111 D [10] VP
#V22112 D [10] VP
#V22211 C [10] VP
#V22222 D [10] VP
#V23113 D [10] VP
#V32332 D [10] VP
#V33332 D [10] VP
#V33333 D [10] VP

(10¢) LION (un) ≠

#S11111 B, C [14]

(10¢) BANNER (un)

#S111 D [27] PP
#S111 B [31]
#V111 C, D [10] VP
#V222 C, D [10] VP
#V333 D [10] VP

(25¢) DINER (un)

#S11111 D [14]

(25¢) EAGLE (SA) (un)

#S1111111 D (2003) [20] S
#S2222222 D [20] S
#S3333333 C, D [20] S
#S3333333 D [20] S, Tag SP-S#
#S1111111 C (2005) [20] S

(25¢) EAGLE (un)

#S1111111 C [10]

? = known used only
= weak tagging

New: 20¢ George Washington rolls/100, and 29¢ Herbs (5 designs) rolls/100.

Corrected: 44¢ Quill has typical "cookie cutter" die cut (without inter-row transitions) as Sennett uses for large rolls (e.g., its [25¢] Eagles), so "rounded corners" label was redundant. Rolls marked "no longer available" via USA Philatelic (#) might still be in inventory of (or for) large mailers.

KEY types were revised Dec. 2008 with phosphor tagging terms finalized at specialists' meeting (APS StampShow, Hartford Aug '08): **EP** = Embedded Phosphor, **SP** = Surface Phosphor stamps. "SP" terms have added qualifier: **-U** for Uneven and/or Grainy, or **-S** for Smooth appearance.

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.

In printing Sea Coasts with cylinder sets P2222 - P9999, AP changed cylinder size from that used for P1111. Thus, the plate number intervals changed from 22 to 27. P3333 through P9999 have a small date and color order of BCMY.

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New Membership Count	703



Confusion Over New 20¢ Coil Tagging

by Ron Blanks

To set the record straight right off the bat, the new 20¢ Washington inks were printed on plain paper, then overcoated with phosphor tagging. The taggant extends over the entire portion of the paper web that was designed to be slit and coiled into rolls of 100.

Noting that “tagging” is not a separate datum

specified in the USPS-provided technical data for new issues, the “Paper” type was given as “Nonphosphored, Type III”. (Ron Archer notes this designation is for printer-applied tagging.) I understood that heavily inked designs such as this one (see image above of an actual strip) would be overcoated “on press” (either along with printing or in a later step), as had always been the case (assuming the denomination is 10¢ or higher, as per USPS policy dating to 1991). With little or no un-inked area for phosphors in the paper to glow through, phosphor paper is useless for such stamps. (*please see page 84*)

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(from page 83, 20¢ Washington tagging)

Yet in spite of the preceding, the front page of this past April 4th's *Linn's Stamp News* stated that the 20¢ Washington issue (both panes of 20 and coils) would "not be tagged", according to USPS details. However, the story went on to note that the USPS announced in January 2010 "plans to revise its policy regarding the stamps that receive tagging... U.S. stamps with denominations less than the postcard rate... will not be tagged." But "plans to revise" do not necessarily constitute actual policy change, which the USPS has yet to formally announce.

Practically speaking, the proposed change in tagging policy is ill-advised, in my opinion. Affecting

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only two stamp values according to USPS issuing practices so far this century, the added security measure that phosphor tagging provides should outweigh the cost savings of doing without. I could see a modified policy dropping the tagging for the lower of those values, the 10¢ denomination. (The other value is for the "additional ounce" rate, for which the new 20¢ Washington formats were issued.)

Interestingly, having 10¢ stamps untagged would have some impact in processing donations mailed in courtesy reply envelopes to which some nonprofit firms pre-affix coils to prepay the postage. The 10¢ Clock coil is a favorite use of such mailers. Without tagging, these replies can incur an extra day of mail processing, depending on mail volume and practices at a given postal plant.

More interesting still was the USPS "correction" to its technical data for the 20¢ formats. In the April 7th *Postal Bulletin*, the phrase "block tag applied" was added to the "Paper" category details. I haven't acquired a pane version to see if perhaps that format was phosphor-tagged with "blocks" of taggant, but the coil roll I acquired is overall-tagged.