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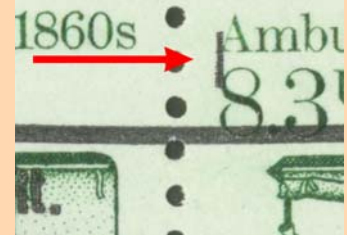
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## President's Message

*from the PNC<sup>3</sup> president . . .*

It's the time of year that I like to take a few moments to thank all those club volunteers who make PNC collecting so enjoyable for our members. Without them, this club would not be possible and our collecting specialty would be much less enjoyable.

The list of contributors is long. I need to thank the officers of the club and chairs of the committees who take on essential tasks to keep the club running. Space does not permit including all the names but they are listed in the front of *Coil Line* and on our website.

In addition, there are others whose tireless effort makes the club the fine organization it has come to be. These include:

Ron Blanks, Editor of *Coil Line*, who spends many hours each month in layout and editing tasks. His tireless efforts, sometimes under difficult circumstances, result in a journal we can be very proud of.

Article and picture contributors to *Coil Line*. I'd surely miss someone if I tried to list all deserving of a mention here, but readers of the journal know who they are, so thanks to all of them as well.

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Ron Maifeld, once again, for his efforts as our Webmaster, an important feature of the club, and Paul Bravell, our technical resource who maintains the website in spite of the difficulties in using our outdated software.

We also need to thank the Catalog Committee, Frank Covey, Andy Jakes, and Peter Tukker for their efforts in providing the Values List as well as updates to the PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog.

All are most deserving of our gratitude and support for their continuing efforts to keep the club a valuable resource for the PNC hobby. – *Gene Trinks*

## Welcome!

If you are a new reader, PNC<sup>3</sup> is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. We are a community of stamp collectors specializing in the plate numbered coil issues of the USA. The first PNCs were issued in 1981 and, in February 1988, a network of PNC specialists established our club. *Coil Line* was launched in May, 1988 and serves (along with other club literature) to inform collectors on the many aspects of PNCs. Studies include scarce numbers, varieties, printing methods, market values, PNCs on mail, and more. Thank you for visiting, and we hope you'll join us!

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

### Ameristamp Expo 2013, Louisville KY January 19

Past President Ron Maifeld has agreed to host a PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting at the APS winter stamp exhibition, AmeriStamp Expo 2013 in Louisville on Saturday, January 19th. (Once determined, the time and room location for PNC<sup>3</sup> will be provided in this space.) The expo will be held Friday – Sunday, January 18-20 at the Kentucky International Convention Center, 221 South Fourth Street, Louisville KY 40202. According to the APS, the exhibition is expected to host approximately 75 dealers, over 300 frames of exhibits, and the meetings of about 25 national hobby societies. For more exposition details, consult the APS website [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) or contact Barb Johnson, 814-933-3803 extension 217.

### 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 notices in this column are free. Please submit details to the Editor 3 months before the meeting.)

## StampShow 2012 Report

This year's show and meeting experience was a pleasurable departure from recent years at the APS StampShow. When the Post Office window opened on Thursday morning August 16th, we were gratified to see a good selection of coil rolls laid out on the table behind the sales counter.

We had contacted postal personnel about a month earlier and requested that a number of specific coil products be made available for coil collectors. Many of the requested items were indeed provided. Some older issues (3¢ Conestoga Wagon #3 and #5; 10¢ Eagle and Shield #22222 –untagged; \$1 Seaplane #3, and the earlier issues of the Flags of Our Nation) were also present.

The new Bobcat 1¢ self-adhesive stamp was available in quantity and at least one roll's back numbers (at ten-stamp intervals) were placed to yield "# on #" strips. The (5¢) Art Deco Bird #P2222 was provided in rolls of 10,000. Those customers arriving on the exhibition's first day (Thursday) were able to secure top-position Back Numbers. The next roll opened had bottom-position BNs, and this was the last roll opened during the show. Other rolls noted were the 1¢ Tiffany Lamp (2008 printing); 2¢ Navajo Necklace, 3¢ Silver Coffeepot, 4¢ Chippendale Chair; 10¢ Clock, (10¢) Banner #V333; the (25¢) Spectrum Eagle and the 45¢ Weathervanes, the last two both in rolls of 10,000 and 3,000.

The club table on the show floor was staffed during the entire show thanks to Carol Covey, Mary Jakes, and Linda McFarland, who took over from their PNC<sup>3</sup> member spouses during official club meeting times. Table activity was good, and five new members signed up at the show. Other visitors took membership applications with them after discussing the merits of club membership with table staffers. Thanks go to Frank Covey, Andy Jakes, Tom McFarland, Doug Rotz, Robert Thompson and Gene Trinks for their time and dedication.

– Gene Trinks

PNC<sup>3</sup> always welcomes your donations of mint postage, even of presort coils. Send donations to our mailer Brian Snippen. His postal address is listed on page 130, placed on the masthead page of every issue for the benefit of over half the membership who now receive the electronic edition of *Coil Line*.

## Editor's Message

The topics file for this column remains full, but no dent will be made in it this issue. For example, I was going to bring up planned postage hikes for next January (1¢ rise in letter rate and postcard rate) or cite much better first-class delivery times of late to balance out a previous complaint. But this month the matter of the "Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes..." chart (page 138) needs to be discussed.

Is that page-size chart still relevant in light of today's types of coil rolls? Do you still use the chart, and if so, for what reason?

The Roll Sizes, etc. chart seems to be a leftover from a previous era. By way of reminder, until 2006 the stamp printers routinely assigned succeeding plate numbers to replacement cylinders or plates. This often led to different plate numbers being found on rolls during the life of a given issue's production, such as 1111, 2222 and so on (or 1111, 1121, 1222, etc. if worn plates [one per different ink used] were replaced individually).

For coil issues that came in different roll sizes, it was not uncommon for some PNCs to wind up being known only in a given roll size. Only "rolls of 100" could be expected to be stocked at any post office. So finding PNCs of larger rolls could be challenging, depending on what post offices stocked them or had coil vending machines.

The Roll Sizes, etc. chart helped readers keep track of what numbers were known for what roll size(s), so they could concentrate their efforts accordingly if they were inclined to seek out different rolls in various post offices.

Changes in policy, practices and printing methods in the past decade or so have greatly simplified the matter of tracking what PNCs are known for what issues. The USPS policy (begun in 2006) asking the stamp suppliers not to assign new numbers when replacing a worn plate was a significant change that has reduced the variety of PNCs created from the production of a coil issue.

Perhaps as significant, the changed nature of different roll sizes for a coil issue also simplifies what PNCs to track. For example, water-activated gum rolls are only provided for a few issues, and most of these are only 10,000 size. For self-stick rolls, it's been a few years since a given plate number of an issue appeared only in one roll size while a different number was used for that size and another.

So, please let me know if you still find the Roll Sizes, etc. chart useful or not.

– Ron Blanks

# Readers' Forum

I have in my collection the following positions of precanceled Transportation coils with hash marks, besides those listed in October's *Coil Line* (page 116):

5.2¢ plates 3 and 5 known on 6L or 6R (I do not have long strips; just the plate strips of 5 with hash mark on the Cottrell joint line).

5.2¢ plates 4 and 6, also on 3L.

In addition I also have long strips of 5.2¢ plates 4 and 6 with the gap exactly in-between 3L and 4L (3½L?), and the hash mark here of course is smack in the middle of the sled!

I do not have or know of any others on the 9.3¢ issue.  
*– Peter Tukker #1764L*



**45¢ Weather Vane “2012” dates show “dark” to “light” range** (at right; image sizes not all to same scale)



The table below summarizes the hash marks found, including this latest update:

### Known Cottrell Press “Hash Marks”

Issue	Plate #	Precancel Gap Positions
5.2¢ Sleigh	3, 5	5L, 6L/6R
	4, 6	2L, 3L
8.3¢ Ambulance	1,2	2L
9.3¢ Mail Wagon	5,6	3L

**Key:** *italicized* – new reports (since October article that discussed small vertical black bars on stamps six to the left or right of gap)

## Coils Off-Sale / Going Off-Sale

The U. S. Postal Service’s sales catalog for collectors “USA Philatelic,” in its latest issue, lists some coils going off-sale soon. In the 2012 Volume 17, Quarter 4 issue, the 29¢ Herbs coil rolls of 100 [item 771940] will no longer be offered after December 31, 2012.

Regarding other coil issues recently available, the Ashton-Potter “11/2004” reprint of (5¢) Sea Coast (strips of 25 with PNC from rolls of 10,000) remains flagged as available only while supplies last [item 781434]. Also, all packaging options for the “2008” dated 1¢ Tiffany Lamp in rolls of 10,000 with back numbers are now shown as “sold out.”

The catalog sales phone number is 800-782-6724; the website is usps.com/shop.

Frank Covey's article about three different longwave ultraviolet-light (LWUV) results for various 45¢ Weather Vane coils appeared in the July 2012 issue of *Coil Line* (page 83). When I read there “A keen eye here can detect differences, but they are not as noticeable as they are under LWUV light,” I figured I would not use that information since I generally do not collect based on LWUV response.

Later I received a baker’s dozen covers with coils that seemed to fall into two piles, those with a “dark” year date and those that appeared a lighter shade. However, even under magnification this subtle distinction is sometimes difficult to pin down.

The stacks of enlarged “2012” date images shown above are from the covers, with “dark” dates at left and “light” dates at right. But these images show the distinction is not as consistent to call as I thought when initially sorting the covers.

The first two dates in the left stack appear the darkest, not matched by any others. The third “dark” date is not as dark as the two above it, but it seems darker than all of the right-side “light” dates – except for the date to its right. Is that right-side one a mis-typed “dark” date? It will have to remain to further research to find if such variations are beyond a normal range of one production type or represent something more.  
*– Ron Blanks #2119*

# CVP Coil Covers Pose Challenges

by Ron Blanks

It seems it's been a long while since we've featured any Computer Vended Postage (CVP) coils in these pages. But they passed a notable anniversary this past August, which marked 20 years since their debut on August 20, 1992.

Early 1990s coverage in *Coil Line* referred to these as "variable rate coils" so the acronym VRC became a common shorthand in many articles. A few complained about the misleading name, but the one-syllable "rate" was too easy to use over the more-accurate "denomination."

The *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers* lists these as CVP31 through CVP33. It includes minor-letter entries for phosphor-tagging varieties and print-font variations.

A former PNC<sup>3</sup> member's remainders lot offered on eBay in spring 2010 contained about 15 CVP coil covers, almost all hobby-related. Among these, I found three interesting covers including two involving PNCs.

In lots like these, one sometimes wonders to what extent covers have been previously cherry-picked out of the collector's or dealer's long-time accumulation. Two usual clues are a seeming lack of better items that might otherwise be expected (based on the nature of the remaining material), and a seemingly high incidence of problems among the remainders one might otherwise consider as better.

The cover shown at bottom of page is the only cover in the lot found with a PNC of a CVP issue. Furthermore, the plate number 1 (arrow) is easy to miss, leading one to wonder if this is the only PNC left among the CVP covers in the lot because the "1" was overlooked. Adding a small insult, the postmark date is mostly unreadable. The Elvis stamp was issued in January 1993. However, the cover more likely dates to 1994 based on the limited time the barcoding format below the address was in use.

On the plus side, the cover's CVP coil does document a rate besides the usual letter rate. In this case, the 23¢ value paid the second-ounce rate.



The second cover is interesting because it is franked with a 28¢ denominated CVP, combined with a 1¢ Omnibus PNC #2 (closeup, above) to make up the 29¢ letter rate. (please see next page)



# 2012 Annual Meeting

## PNC<sup>3</sup> National Meeting Report

The Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club was held on Saturday, August 18, 2012 in Room 304 of the Sacramento Convention Center. Called to order promptly at 1 p.m. by President Gene Trinks, the meeting was attended by ten members and two guests.

After members introduced themselves and their collecting interests to the group, President Trinks praised the USPS for the fine selection of coils available at the USPS sales counter. He detailed all the rolls, stating the particulars of each, such as plate number, back number locations, roll sizes, tagging, etc.

Member Richard Beecher then gave a twenty minute presentation and circulated items from his modern postal history collection. He focused on unusual frankings using precancel and service inscribed stamps and pointed out that the use of multiple copies of service inscribed stamps on a single cover is no longer allowed by postal regulations.

President Trinks then reported on results of the PNC<sup>3</sup> Board Meeting held earlier in the day, informing members that there would be no dues or fee increases in the forthcoming year. The rumored one cent increase in first-class postage rates would not require any changes. He also stated that, barring significant increases in printing costs, the hard-copy surcharge would also remain unchanged in 2013.

The club is in good financial health, and the Board voted to send a \$100 donation each year (for a total of five years) until 2016 to support the World Stamp Show to be held in New York City in 2016.

Door prizes were awarded; donations were given by member Doug Iams, and dealers Gary Hoecker and Dave Cobb. Dave Cobb once again provided highly desirable items, including an unnumbered and misperfed strip of four of the 7.6¢ Carretta and an unnumbered and uncut-between vertical pair of the 39¢ Lady Liberty and Flag. Thanks, Dave!

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 in favor of discussions and trading among members. Since there were no other meetings scheduled for the room for the rest of the day, members were free to stay as long as they liked.

– Gene Trinks

(from previous page, CVPs)

The odd thing about the second cover, the only one among the CVP covers in the lot with a PNC besides the CVP PNC described earlier, is the cancel. Not evident in the stamps' closeup, seeing more of the cover (*below*) reveals that the "dial" portion of the cancel is completely missing. Thus, there's no evidence of the postmark date (besides the 29¢ postage, in effect from February 1991 through December 1994).



Speaking of absent postmarks, no such problem is seen for the third cover (*below*). If the usual postmark was unreadable or missing, the clearly dated (12/21/93) auxiliary service label suffices.



This cover's CVP has no plate number, in common with the other CVP covers of the lot. At one time it also shared something with many of the other covers: a 29¢ denomination. However, in this case a postal worker thought the whole matter suspicious and struck the cover with a "Returned for Postage" mark and circled the stamp. Apparently, he or she also applied an eraser to the computer printing! Such are some challenges collecting CVPs.

## Installment # 126

### 41¢ PNCs: Earliest Documented Usages

The 41¢ first-class rate period lasted less than one year (5/14/07 to 5/11/08), and some 41¢ PNCs are pretty tough to find on cover. Here are the earliest usage dates reported so far for 41¢ PNCs that were carried through the U.S. mailstream (*continues on next page*):

(41¢) Flag SA #P1111.....	4/26/07
(41¢) Flag SA #S1111 p/v .....	4/26/07
(41¢) Flag SA #S1111 v/p .....	5/21/07
(41¢) Flag WA #S1111.....	5/15/07
(41¢) Flag SA #V1111 p/v .....	4/26/07
(41¢) Flag SA #V1111 v/p .....	5/18/07
(41¢) Flag SA #V1111(round corners).....	6/6/07
41¢ Flag SA #P1111.....	11/19/07
41¢ Flag SA #S11111 v/p .....	1/7/08
41¢ Flag SA #V11111 p/v .....	9/21/07
41¢ Flag SA #V11111 v/p .....	11/15/07
41¢ Flag SA #V22222 p/v .....	2/15/08
41¢ Flag SA #V22222 v/p .....	2/4/08
41¢ Flag SA #V11111(round corners) [ <i>image below</i> ].	10/25/07
41¢ Beautiful Blooms #P1111.....	9/4/07
41¢ Beautiful Blooms #P2222 [ <i>image next page</i> ].	4/28/08
41¢ Official #S111.....	?

**Key:** **WA** – water-activated gum  
**SA** – self-adhesive  
**p/v** – starts with a peak shape at upper left  
**v/p** – starts with a valley shape at upper left.



(from previous page, Commercial Covers Installment #126)

The V/P version of the (41¢) Flag #V1111 is harder to find on cover than the P/V version. The opposite is true for the 41¢ V2222 which is harder to find on cover in the P/V version compared to the V/P version. The round corner versions of the (41¢) Flag #V1111 and the 41¢ Flag #V11111, as well as the (41¢) Flag WA #S1111 and the 41¢ Beautiful Blooms #P2222 (image below) are also tough to find on cover.



Please send me scans or photocopies of any earlier usages in your collections. My thanks to Robert Thompson and Rick Lancaster for their reports. [This article is the fifth in a series on EDUs on the earlier first-class rate PNC covers as of 2001: 34¢, 37¢, 39¢, 41¢, and 42¢. Next time, I will list EDU dates reported so far of the 42¢ PNC issues. Please report your earliest usages of these issues on-cover to: Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976. Email: [stamps@beeline-online.net](mailto:stamps@beeline-online.net), phone: (207) 474-8021.]

## This and That

by Doug Iams

### Date Types for (5¢) Art Deco Bird?

This past September, a coil collector posted on a couple of Internet forums about a possible discovery among (5¢) Art Deco coils. He described finding a possible difference in the “2011” year dates between PNC P11111 and P22222 examples. In his posted picture it sure looked like the 2s of 2011 were in a different font, and he noted some other differences

(the two 1s of the 2011 having different spacing is what I noted as significant, but I couldn't be sure from his image).

*[Did printing of P11111 rolls differ that much from P22222 rolls so that their year dates can be dependably told apart on unnumbered examples? A “blind test” follows so you can check for yourself. Two of the six enlarged images below come from one of the PNC numbers; three come from the other. And one of the six comes from (please see page 140)*

# Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes, Tagging & Die Cuts

## === KEY ===

Roll Size: E = 50, A = 100, B = 500, C = 3000, D = 10,000

### ► NEW NUMBER OR VARIETY

\*\*\* DATA ARE TENTATIVE

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

[xx] - plate number interval

BK - Block Tag

EP - Embedded Phosphor (coil paper not presently used)

SP-S - Surface Phosphor, Smooth appearance

SP-U - Surface Phosphor, Uneven or grainy appearance

OA - Overall Tag

un - untagged

Water-Activated (WA) if shaded; otherwise, Self-Adhesive (s/a).

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 Products

G - Guilford Gravure

V - Avery-Dennison

M - 3M

none - BEP (only above 3 now make US coils)

### 1¢ BOBCAT 2012 (un)

#P1111 C [27] VP

### 1¢ LAMP 2003 (un) ≠

#S11111 C [14]

### 1¢ LAMP 2008 (un)

#S11111 C, D [31]

### 2¢ NAVAJO JEWELRY (un)

#S111111 D [31]

### 3¢ SILVER COFFEEPOT (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]

### 20¢ WASHINGTON (OA)

#P11111 A [31] VP

#P22222 A [31] VP

### 29¢ HERBS (SP-S) [...#]

#V11111 A [40] VP, PV

### 32¢ ALOHA SHIRTS (SP-S)

#S1111111 A [25] PV

### 44¢ FLAG (SP-S) ≠

#V1111 A [20] VP, PV

### 44¢ FLAG (SP-S) ≠

#S111 A [31] VP

### 44¢ FLAG (SP-S) ≠

#P1111 A [31] VP

### 44¢ FLAG (SP-S) ≠

#S111 C [31]

### 44¢ FLAG (SP-S)

Rounded Corners

#V1111 C [16] VP ≠

#V1111 D [16] VP ≠

### 44¢ QUILL & INKWELL

(SP-S) ≠

#S1111 C, D [27] S

### 45¢ WEATHER VANES

(SP-S)

#S1111111 C, D [25] S

### 2011 (∞) LIBERTY &

FLAG (SP-S)

#V111111 A [40] VP, PV

### 2011 (∞) LIBERTY &

FLAG (SP-S)

#S111111 A [32] PV

### 2011 (∞) LIBERTY &

FLAG (SP-S)

#P111111 A [32] VP

∞ = "Forever" (1<sup>st</sup>-cls rate today)

### 2012 (∞) FOUR

FLAGS (SP-S)

#V1111 A [20] VP, VP

### 2012 (∞) FOUR

FLAGS (SP-S)

#S11111 A [32] PV

### 2012 (∞) FOUR

FLAGS (OA)

#P1111 A [32] VP

### (5¢) SEA COAST

#B111 D [20] (SP-S) VP ≠

#P1111 D [22] (un) S

#P2222 C [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 [27] (un) S

#P7777 D [27] (un) S ≠

#P8888 D [27] (un) S ≠

#P9999 C, D [27] (un) S

#S1111 D [20] (un) S ≠

### (5¢) SEA COAST (un)

#B111 B, D [10]

#S1111 C (Lum. Ink) [14]

#S1111 D (Lum. Ink) [14]

#S11111 B [31]

### (5¢) ART DECO BIRD (un)

#P1111 C, D [27] PP

#P2222 C [27] PP

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### (10¢) BANNER (un)

#S111 D [27] PP

#S111 B [31]

#V111 C, D [10] VP

#V222 C, D [10] VP

#V333 C, D [10] VP

### (25¢) EAGLE (un)

#S1111111 D (2003) [20] S

#S222222 D [20] S

#S333333 C, D [20] S

#S333333 D [20] S, Tag SP-S\*

#S1111111 C (2005) [20] S

### (25¢) EAGLE (un)

#S1111111 C [10]

### (25¢) SPECTRUM EAGLE

(un)

#V11111 C, D [30] S

### 42¢ FLAGS 24/7 (SP-S) ≠

Rounded Corners

#V1111 C, D [8] VP

#V2222 C, D [8] VP

### 42¢ FLAGS OF OUR

NATION [FOON] (SP-S)

#S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 1)

#S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 2)

### 44¢ FOON (SP-S)

#S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 3)

#S111111111 E [10] PV (Set 4)

### 2011 (∞) FOON (SP-S)

#S111111111 E [20] PV (Set 5)

### 2012 (∞) FOON (SP-S)

#S111111111 E [20] PV (Set 6)

? = known used only

\* = weak tagging

∞ = "Forever" (1<sup>st</sup>-class rate today)

29¢ Herbs (rolls/100 only) are marked [...#]; the USA Philatelic catalog for 4th quarter 2012 shows this item goes off-sale after December 31. Now unavailable in any sales format through USA Philatelic are the WAG version of the 44¢ Flag and the s/a 3K roll versions; these join all the other 44¢ Flag issues as being unavailable. (See note below about large rolls.) NEW this chart is the sixth and last FOON set.

Note PNC interval change to 20 for Sets 5, 6 Forever FOON.

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

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

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

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## Membership Update

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Names of applicants are published for review. A member who questions the suitability of a prospective member should contact the Membership Committee c/o Robert Thompson with the objection (see page 130 for contact details). Applicants are accepted as members one month after publication if no objection is made.

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<b>Previous Membership Count</b>	<b>597</b>
<b>New Members</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Reinstated</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>New Membership Count</b>	<b>599</b>



### Address Changing?



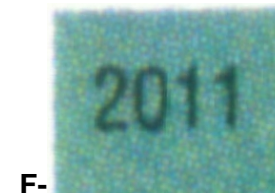
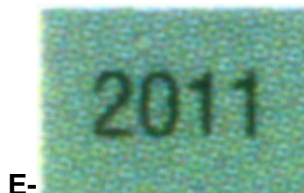
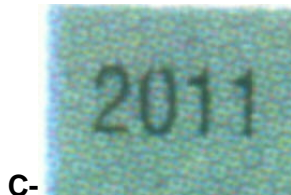
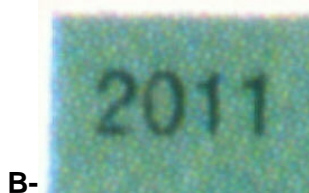
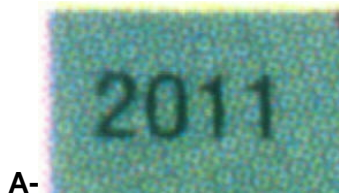
Change of Address forms and membership applications are available from Harvey Wales, Secretary, 13 Birmingham Place, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Email: [Secretary@pnc3.org](mailto:Secretary@pnc3.org). Membership form is also on our website at: [www.pnc3.org](http://www.pnc3.org).

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*an unnumbered coil. If you think the six cases can be split into two types, send your answers to the editor. We'll present the results in a later issue.]*



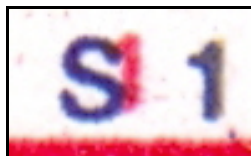
### Silly String

Bob Murrin has found a used example of Sennett's non-denominated (41¢) Flag (Scott 4133) with an unusual loopy red line at the bottom. It was probably caused by a thread that got on the red plate.



### Banner "S11"

Jeff Fiszbein has found a used example of Sennett's self-adhesive (10¢) Patriotic Banner (Scott 4158) that appears to have plate number "S11" instead of the expected S111. A closer look at the stamp shows that the colors are not properly aligned in the horizontal direction (the blue is shifted to the right). As a result, the gold "1" printed almost directly on top of the blue "1" (part of the gold is off the right side of the blue, but it might not show in the printed edition's image).



Closeup (left) shows barely visible gold "1" printed on top of blue "1"