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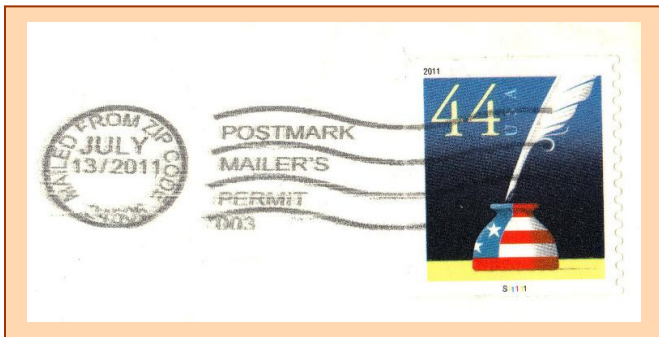
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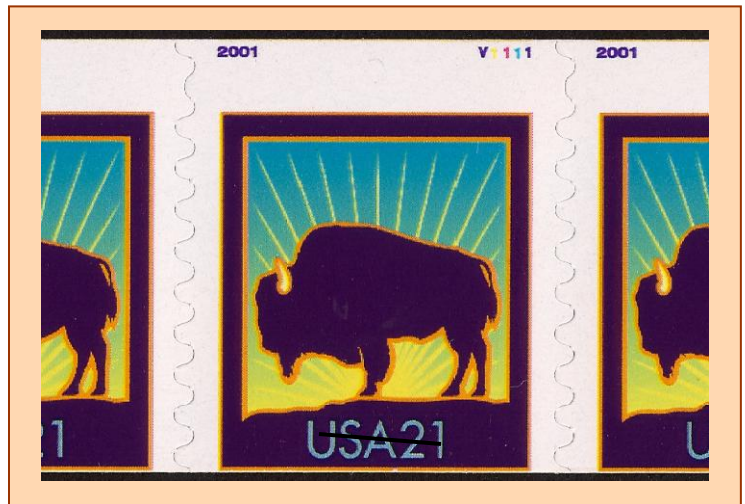
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President's Message

from the PNC³ president ...

Thanks to members who responded to my request for feedback on the issue of annual renewals of dues and printing surcharges. A couple of ideas have merit and we will carefully consider which might be implemented this autumn as renewal time approaches. We can certainly use more input on this topic, so keep those cards and letters coming, folks (email to president@pnc3.org).

We regularly see requests for information by members who have ongoing survey projects. I am reminded of the 100% Number On Top census by Mark Schultz, the 37¢ Egret Tie Type survey by Richard Cole, and the Earliest Documented Use survey by Rob Washburn. I hope members are taking the time to search their own collections to contribute to the efforts of these dedicated specialists. One of the reasons for the existence of PNC³ is to share PNC data among members. So, I encourage all members to do their part by making an effort to review their collections and help make the surveys meaningful.

As most of you are aware, we lost over 10% of our membership to attrition this year. There always seems to be a large loss at the beginning of the year which we seem to make up during the year with new members. But it would be good if we could start growing our membership. This would be possible if each existing member would approach one or two other collectors and talk up PNC³ and the excitement of PNC collecting. There are many inexpensive PNC strips and also quite a few areas of specialization that can be pursued for little cost and can provide hours of fun for the new members. Application forms can be found on the website, or are available in hard copy from me or Ron Maifeld.

Elsewhere in this issue is a solicitation from Membership Chair Mike Conway for members to join him in recruiting efforts around the country. Please give some thought to joining him in some innovative approaches to growing membership in PNC³.

Also, don't forget to order your copy of the latest chapters of the PNC³ Plate Number Coil Catalog, using the order form in this issue. – *Gene Trinks*

Welcome!

If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC³ is in our 26th year. We are a community of stamp collectors specializing in plate numbered coil issues of the USA. The first PNCs were issued in 1981 and, in February 1988, a network of PNC specialists founded 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!

PNC³ Regional Meetings

Plymouth, Michigan-April 20

A PNC³ Regional Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20th at the annual Plymouth Stamp Show (sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club). For the second straight year the show location is at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, MI. Past President Ron Maifeld will host the meeting, and the agenda includes a time for socializing as well as trading, buying, and selling PNC material. As usual, door prizes will be awarded.

The planned meeting time is 11 a.m., the same as it has been for the past several years. For more details on the meeting, Ron Maifeld can be reached via his contact choices on page 42. The Plymouth stamp show will be held Saturday April 20th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday April 21st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit the website www.plymouthshow.com or contact Sandra Strzalkowski: myWSSC@msn.com; phone 313-533-7737.

(please see page 44)

Want to Sponsor a Regional Meeting?

Contact Tony Bruno for suggestions. He can put you in contact with others who have taken on the task. Several members have made it a regular habit of promoting meetings in their area.

Regional Meeting Chairman

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(PNC³ meeting notices in this column are free. Please submit details to the Editor 3 months before the meeting.)

More Regional Meetings

Philatelic Show 2013 Boxborough, Mass., May 4

The Connecticut Chapter of PNC³ plans to meet at the Philatelic Show 2013, May 3-5, in Boxborough, MA. The Chapter has reserved a show table. A PNC³ regional meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at 1p.m.

Bill McMurray has submitted an outstanding exhibit entitled "U.S. Flag and Transportation Coil Issues of 1981." Bill will walk any interested members through the exhibit and answer any questions. Bill will explain why the year 1981 was so dynamic for collecting the definitives of the U.S.

Boxborough can be reached within 2 hours by a large portion of the New England population. We look forward to seeing many of our present PNC³ members. Nonmembers are welcome as well.

Contact Mike Conway at (203) 268-5896 or mjconway@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

No Meeting this May in Southern California

Because the Yorba Linda Public Library was unavailable, there is no regional meeting this May.

PNC³ Catalog Offerings Updated for 2013

On one of the inside wrapper pages of this issue you will find the new 2013 order form for your club's latest available catalog publications.

Please note that the Catalog Committee will decide on how many copies of the **2012 New Issues** to print in color at the end of the third week *this April*. Orders not received by then for the 2012 New Issues might have to settle for a black-and-white version, or do without, as we only can manage one color printing. (The cost per copy is too high to make a second printing.) Everything else should be available whenever your order reaches Andy Jakes for fulfillment. (See order form.)

Note: The Catalog Committee plans to publish an updated edition of the **Values List** in the latter part of 2013. We will advise when it is ready.

More Imperforate 5¢ Toleware Coils

Robert E. Thompson

At a recent stamp show that I attended, I stopped by a booth to go through any PNCs that they might have. The dealer handed me a stockbook that had five or six pages with mostly used PNCs. On one of the pages were two imperforate strips of the 5¢ Toleware, one a strip of three and one a strip of four. They were marked as imperforates in the book. (I thought that I remembered that only one strip of six stamps had previously been reported, found on an unused Disabled American Veterans reply envelope.)



I told the dealer that I would be back in a few minutes. Once I verified that there had only been the one strip reported, I bought the two strips immediately at his asking price. They are both mint with no gum. The strip of three has a small tear on the top of the first stamp.



Editor's Message

Within the past several weeks, a flurry of new findings and news of coils arrived. At the same time, members also sent some interesting features about older issues. We tried to fit in reports of new PNCs, but in any event the Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes, etc. chart on page 47 has the specifics known at press time. The 128th installment of commercial covers has earliest uses of 44¢-letter era PNCs, pages 48-49. Meanwhile, "100% #-on-Top" PNCs coverage is on the back page in color. These are only some of the stories in this issue we hope you find of interest. Enjoy! – Ron Blanks

Readers' Forum

Two of the three 2012 Four Flag coil suppliers create second PNCs for their versions (right, and at bottom).



S22222 is a new plate number for the 2012 Four Flags coil produced by Sennett Security Products. At left is the best image I could obtain so far by press time. – Michael Mules



Here's a puzzle for you: What do the above six (plus two on front cover) used, off-paper PNCs of Sennett's 44¢ Star Flag (S1111) have in common? (A close-up of the left edge of one of them is shown below at right.) A hint is embedded on page 46.



Newly issued 46¢ Kaleidoscope in large rolls of 3K and 10K is subject of backnumbers' # on # placement (below, and also "This and That," page 50).

About the 46¢ Kaleidoscope back numbers: Yes, "# on #" exists. I had a roll of 3,000 with TOP #s with back # on the plate #.

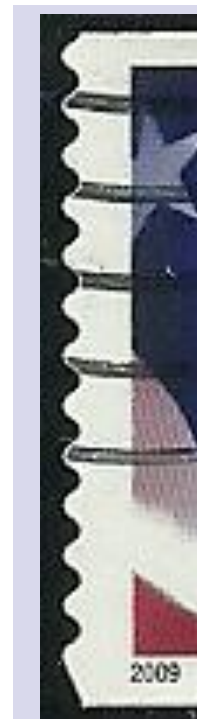
Interestingly, about 2,000 stamps into the roll the backnumber printing shifted and the remainder of the roll was "odd", meaning no further backnumber fell on a plate-numbered stamp. – Bob Rabinowitz #265

Constant Plate Variety on New PNC for 2012 Flags

by Michael Mules

Shown at right are scans of the Ashton Potter P2222 version of 2012 Four Flags coil with a "Plate crack" variety. On the stamp at left of the PNC (1L), below '2012' the crack extends to the bottom of the stamp. It then continues onto the next coil row on the printed web at the top, extending down to "USA".

This is a continuous plate variety – as the evident crack repeats at the 1L interval throughout both rolls. The variety is constant and I have subsequently found it on multiple rolls.





33¢ Apples

**Plate
S11111**

PNC ID 2013-2

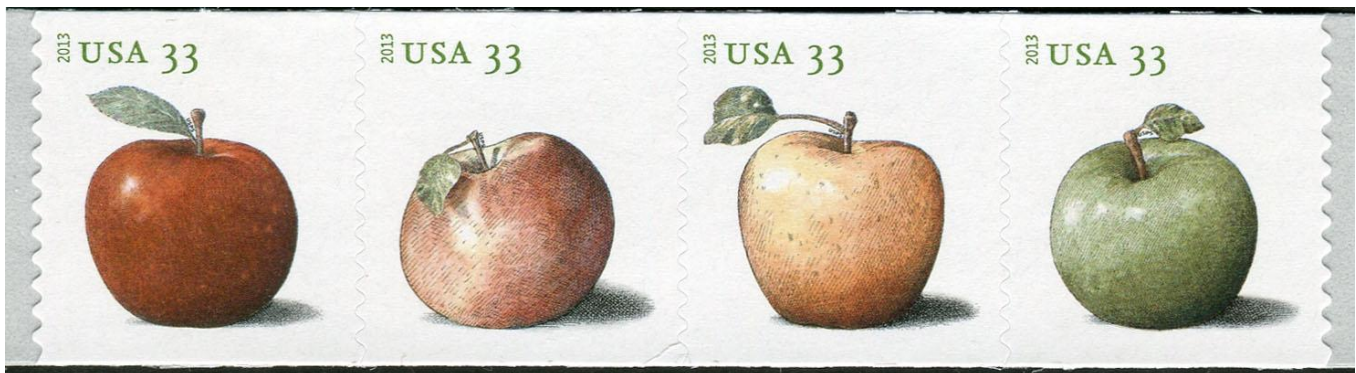
The 33¢ Apples from Sennett Security Products went on sale in Yakima, WA and nationwide on January 17, 2013. It was issued in small rolls of 100. The Apples' 33¢ denomination pays the Post Card mailing rate that went into effect on January 27, 2013.

The S11111 plate number (closeup shown at left) repeats every 32nd stamp on the Golden Delicious apple. Most collectors will save this as a PS9 (plate strip of 9) with the plate numbered stamp in the middle of the strip. All rolls found thus far have a Peak-Valley (PV) die cut.

(Note the row-separator sections of the vertical serpentine die cuts are partially seen at the four corners. Any mis-registration in row-slitting of the printed web alters how much of these sections we see. The PNC at left shows more at the bottom corners, revealing the “/” shape typical of Sennett’s PV die cuts. If the die cut was VP, found on some older Sennett issues, the row-separator shape would be “\”.)

Each of the four designs (shown below) has “USPS” microprinted on it near the stem of the apple.

The leader strip pictured below seals the roll. The Baldwin apple appears first followed by the other three designs.



Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes, Die Cuts & Tagging

Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
1¢ Bobcat	P1111	3k	27	VP	
1¢ Tiffany Lamp 2008	S11111	3k	31	w	
		10k	"	w	
1¢ Tiffany Lamp 2003 ≠	S11111	3k	14	w	
2¢ Navajo Jewelry	S111111	10k	31	w	
3¢ Silver Coffeepot	S1111, ▶ S2222	10k	14	w	
4¢ Chippendale Chair	S1111	10k	14	w	
5¢ Toleware	S1111111	10k	14	w	
10¢ Clock 2008	S1111	10k	31	w	S
10¢ Clock 2006	S1111	10k	31	w	
20¢ Washington	P11111, P22222	100	31	VP	OA
32¢ Aloha Shirts	S1111111	100	25	PV	S
▶ 33¢ Apples	S11111	100	32	PV	??
42¢ Flags of Our Nation Set 1, Set 2, 44¢ Flags of Our Nation Set 3, Set 4	S111111111	50	10	PV	S
44¢ Flag ≠	S111	3k	31	w	S
44¢ Flag (affixer) ≠	V1111	3k	16	VP	S
		10k	"	"	"
44¢ Quill & Inkwell ≠	S1111	3k	27	S	S
		10k	"	"	"
45¢ Weather Vanes	S1111111	3k	25	S	S
		10k	"	"	"
▶ 46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers	S11111	3k	28	S	??
		10k	"	"	"
(5¢) Art Deco Bird	P1111, P2222	3k	27	S	
		10k	"	"	
(5¢) Sea Coast	P7777, P9999	3k	27	S	
	P7777 ≠, P9999 ≠	10k	"	"	
(5¢) Sea Coast	B111	500	10	w	
		10k	"	w	
(with luminescent ink)	S1111	3k	14	w	
		10k	"	w	
	S11111	500	31	w	
(10¢) Banner	S111	10k	27	S	
	V111, V222, V333	3k	10	VP	
		10k	"	"	
	S111	500	31	w	
(25¢) Spectrum Eagle	V11111	3k	30	S	
		10k	"	"	
(25¢) Eagle 2003	S3333333	3k	20	S	
	S1111111, S2222222, S3333333	10k	"	"	
(weakly tagged)	S3333333	10k	"	"	S

Supplier IDs	P = Ashton Potter
by	S = Sennett Security Products
Plate Number Prefix:	V = Avery-Dennison

Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
(25¢) Spectrum 2005	S1111111	3k	25	S	
(25¢) Spectrum 2004	S1111111	3k	10	w	
(∞) 2012 Four Flags	P1111	100	32	VP	OA
▶	P2222	"	"	"	S**
(∞) 2012 Four Flags	S11111 ▶ S22222	100	32	PV	S
(∞) 2012 Four Flags	V1111	100	32	PV	S
	"	"	"	VP	"
(∞) 2011 Liberty & Flag ≠	P111111	100	32	VP	S
(∞) 2011 Liberty & Flag	S111111	100	32	PV	S
(∞) 2011 Liberty & Flag	V111111	100	40	PV	S
	"	"	"	VP	"
(∞) 2012 Flags of Our Nation Set 5, (∞) 2011 Flags of Our Nation Set 6					

Key to Symbols

▶ new number or variety

≠ new "sold out" or no longer shown in USA Philatelic (USPS catalog)

?? unreported attribute (∞) Forever first-class value

Freq – frequency or interval of # appearing in roll

Cut – w = water-activated gum; PV = peak/valley die cut; VP = valley/peak; S = serpentine without corner variation.

Tag – phosphor tagging if not blank/white: S = surface phosphor with smooth appearance; U = surface phosphor with uneven or grainy look; OA = overall.

Notes to this Report

** – Until information is received to the contrary, it is assumed the new S22222 PNC version of the 2012 Four Flags coils from Sennett have the same phosphor tagging as the S11111 version.

NEW this report: 33¢ Apples; 46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers, new number for Sennett 2012 Four Flags as noted above; new number for Ashton Potter 2012 Four Flags (see Readers' Forum this issue for related information).

The USA Philatelic catalog for 1st quarter 2013 shows the remaining 10k rolls of (5¢) Sea Coast as sold out; only strips from 3k rolls remain available.

Note PNC interval change from 10 to 20 for Sets 5, 6 of Forever Flags of Our Nation.

Rolls in the large sizes (B, C, and D) marked unavailable via USA Philatelic (≠) might still be in inventory of (or for) large mailers.

Installment # 128

44¢ PNCs: Earliest Documented Usages

The 44¢ first-class letter rate lasted almost three years, from May 11, 2009 to January 12, 2012. It was the longest era for a letter rate since the 37¢ rate that ended in January 2006. Here are the earliest documented use (EDU) dates reported so far for 44¢ PNCs carried in the U.S. mailstream (*continues on next page*):

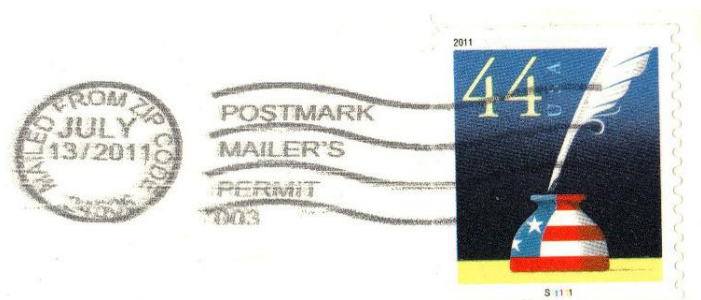
44¢ Star Flag #V1111 (round corners).....	5/22/09
44¢ Star Flag WA #S111.....	6/11/09
44¢ Star Flag #S111 p/v (<i>variety not known</i>).....	
44¢ Star Flag #S111 v/p	6/1/09
44¢ Star Flag #P1111.....	6/3/09
44¢ Star Flag #V1111 p/v	5/20/09
44¢ Star Flag #V1111 v/p	7/29/09
44¢ Flags of Our Nation #S1111111.....	9/10/09
(Kentucky, from set 3)	
44¢ Flags of Our Nation #S1111111.....	5/30/10
(Purple Mountain, from set 4)	
2011 (44¢)* Flags of Our Nation #S1111111.....	12/12/11
(Northern Marianas, from set 5)	
2011 (44¢) Liberty/Flag #P111111.....	1/4/11
2011 (44¢) Liberty/Flag #S111111.....	1/13/11
2011 (44¢) Liberty/Flag #V11111 p/v	12/22/10
2011 (44¢) Liberty/Flag #V11111 v/p	1/28/11
44¢ Quill and Inkwell #S1111.....	7/13/11

Key: WA – water-activated gum
All other issues are self-adhesive.
p/v – starts with a peak shape at upper left
v/p – starts with a valley shape at upper left.



(above) Closeup of 44¢ PNC from EDU cover on page 49.

Notes: *(44¢) indicates the value at time of use for these “Forever” stamps; (round corners) indicates the affixer-version (large-roll) format, with stamps spaced apart on liner paper for affixing machines; dates are in month/day/year format.



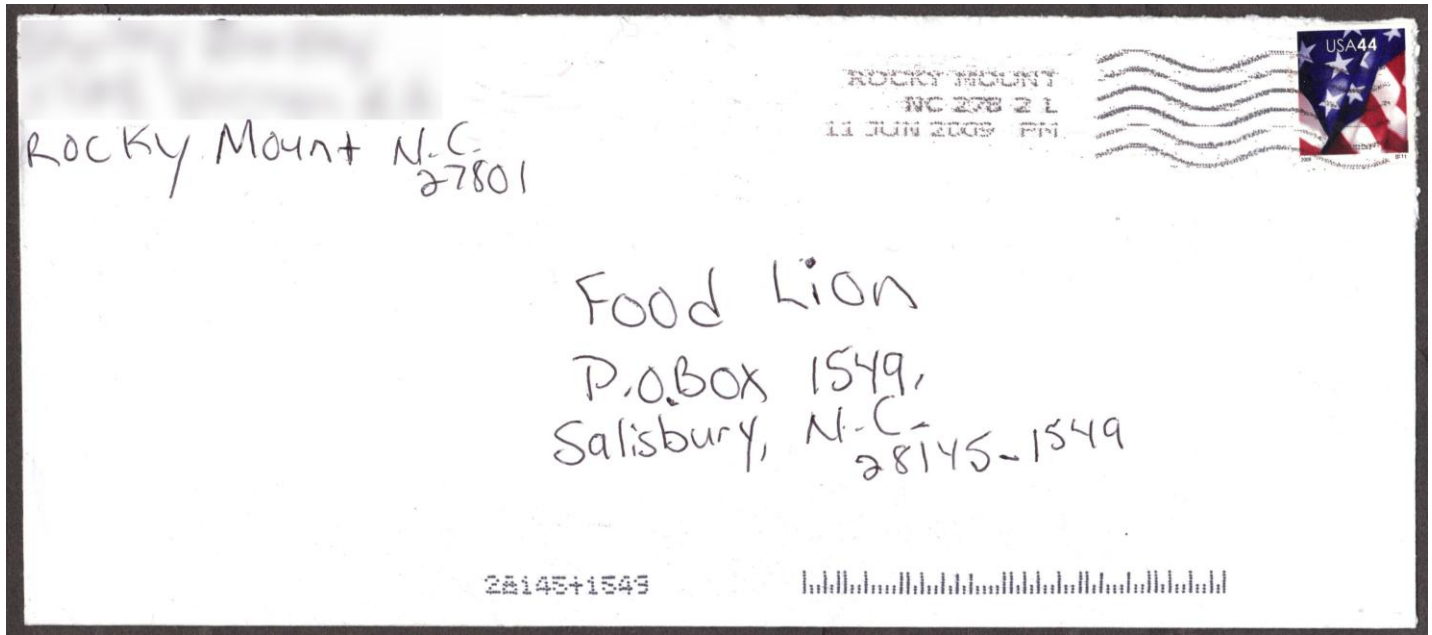
(right) Closeup of PNC from 44¢ Quill pictured at left, from cover shown on page 49.



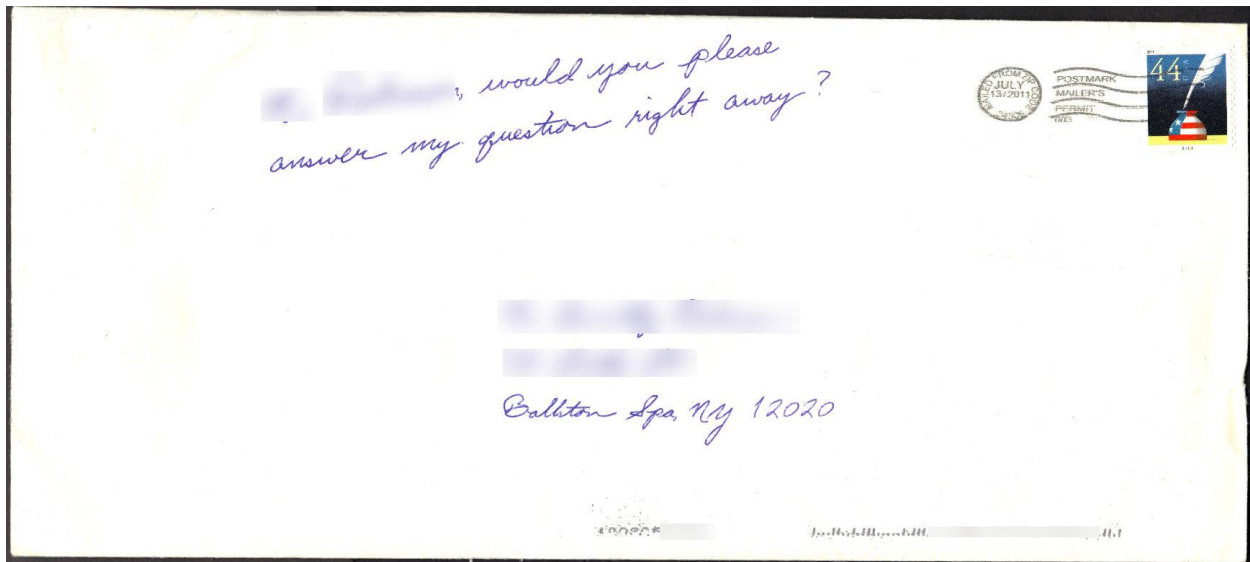
Closeup of mailer's permit postmark of July 13, 2011, currently Earliest Documented Use for 44¢ Quill.

(from previous page, *Commercial Covers Installment #128*)

Usages of the water-activated #S111 and self-adhesive affixer version (round corners) #V1111 44¢ Star Flags, as well as the 44¢ Quill and Inkwell #S1111, are especially difficult to find on commercial cover. The earliest water-activated #S111 cover reported is dated June 11, 2009, shown below (closeup of PNC on previous page.) The earliest 44¢ Quill and Inkwell PNC on cover reported is dated July 13, 2011 by a mailer's postmark (shown at bottom, closeups on previous page). This coil was issued on February 14 the same year in large rolls for mass mailings so an earlier example must be out there somewhere.



**EDUs of 44¢ Flag PNC #S111 (water-activated) (above)
and 44¢ Quill and Inkwell #V1111 (below) on commercial covers.**



Please send me scans or photocopies of any earlier usages in your collections. If you have any earlier usages or any usages of the three more difficult 44¢ PNCs, please send me your reports. I want to thank Robert Thompson for his reports. (See the January *Coil Line* for installment #127, on the 42¢ coil issues.)

Report your earliest PNC usages of these or older issues on-cover to: Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976. Email: stamps@beeline-online.net, phone: (207) 474-8021.

This and That

by Doug Iams

#on# 46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers

I have gotten confirmation that some # on # strips of the 46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers have been found. Two 3K rolls were involved and in both cases only part of the roll had # on # strips. The back numbers on this issue are just not well behaved. For example, I have a short section of a 10K roll. While the number (06170) on the plate strip was completely behind the 1R stamp, the next number in one direction was 10½ stamps away and in the other direction it was 9½ stamps away.

Update on Upcoming Coils

As reported in this column last month, the 46¢ Patriotic Star is being issued on March 19th. This has not changed, according to the latest information from the U.S. Postal Service. Current plans call for this self-adhesive coil, designed for mass mailers to use in affixing equipment, to be issued only in 10K rolls.

According to a recent issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, the 2013 Flags for all Seasons coil of 100 will be issued May 3rd, not May 17th. As of press time, the printer(s) were still not specified.

The water-activated 10¢ Clock coil in the American Design series has been reprinted and one person claims to have seen a #S2222 on cover. However, I have not received a confirming report of this.

32¢ FoP Strip Sold on eBay for \$1500

A 32¢ Flag over Porch plate strip of eight (PS8) involving the "split 9s" plate number anomaly recently sold on eBay for \$1500. (The Scott number for the issue is 2915A.) A cropped image from Todd Uebele, Sr. (*below*) shows that one of the five "9" digits was printed on the stamp to the right of the PNC position that holds the other four digits. (Todd's article about a strip he owned appeared in the March, 2012 issue.)



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PNC³ Membership Committee Expanding

The Membership Committee has recently come under the leadership of member Michael Conway, of Connecticut. He has been active in forming a group of members based in Connecticut that is reaching out to other members in New England. Mike has also organized a Regional PNC³ Meeting to be held at the Philatelic Show in Boxborough, MA that runs from May 3 through May 5.

Mike is seeking to expand the Membership Committee by adding committee members from locations around the country who are able to spend some time in recruiting efforts to bolster membership in the club. He has some innovative ideas and will welcome contact from PNC³ members who can join the committee and support efforts to increase our membership.

Interested persons should contact Mike directly at mjconway@hotmail.com or phone him at 203-268-5896. – Gene Trinks

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. **Membership form is also on our website at:** www.pnc3.org.

I became very excited a few weeks ago when fellow member Gene Paul sent me a photocopy in the mail including this miscut group of 17¢ Bighorn Sheep (2007, Scott 4041). Actually, the partial cover had seven cancelled stamps; three above and four more below, all contiguous from the same roll as best I could tell. Generally I don't include stamps without a PNC in this 100% #-on-top column.



But all of the stamps were so badly miscut that part of the above-row stamp was included on each stamp face. Thus I have to conclude that if one were to search hard enough, one would almost certainly find from this issue a new PNC (#S11111111) addition to the #-on-top honor roll. The postmark was from Grove City, PA (we have a few members in Pennsylvania, don't we?) and that was the only part of the smudged cancellation I could make out. So let's get crackin'!

I was also made aware by alert member Alan Thomson that the 21¢ Bison (2001, Scott 3475) might be the only miscut issue that is available as #-on-top in either the Peak/Valley (PV) or Valley/Peak (VP) die cut varieties. Harkening back to his May 2001 *Coil Line* article, Alan also pointed out that he even had a strip of "knoll top" die-cut Bison with no plate number (no-#, top row of the web), were one able to identify where the plate number might actually fall. (You would need a minimum strip of five to guarantee a no-# stamp since the plate number #V1111 falls every 5th stamp.) Alan has more of all of these if anyone is interested.



And last for this report is a positively stellar example of a very rare 5.2¢ Sleigh #3-on-top (Scott 1900) sent in by member Peter Tukker. Only a handful of these are known as #-on-top to begin with. But Pete's strip exhibits two additional anomalies, one which might be unique. First, short-wave ultraviolet light reveals a phosphor-coating dropout with a screwhead shape at 4L (4th position left of the joint line, not shown). This traverses the length of the stamp, top to bottom. Second, and this is the really fun part, there is a neatly imprinted and tiny "+" located on the stem of the "p" in "Nonprofit" at 1R.



Pete says he conferred with Robert Thompson and they agreed that neither had ever seen anything like it. They decided that *red cross overprint* might be appropriate as a moniker. Please report in if anyone else has ever seen something like this, and thank you.

Keep 'em coming folks and please contact me with information, questions and scans at: Mark Schultz, 1002 Wisteria Trail, Austin, TX 78753, mschultz@jomarpress.com.