

## Auction #49 -- Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet

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**Wednesday August 14, 2013 is Auction Consignment Deadline**



**Please Note:** Auction Lot fee is 10% of hammer price (minimum 50¢ per lot), and a 50¢ lotting fee for each UNSOLD lot (all fees deducted from the sale proceeds).

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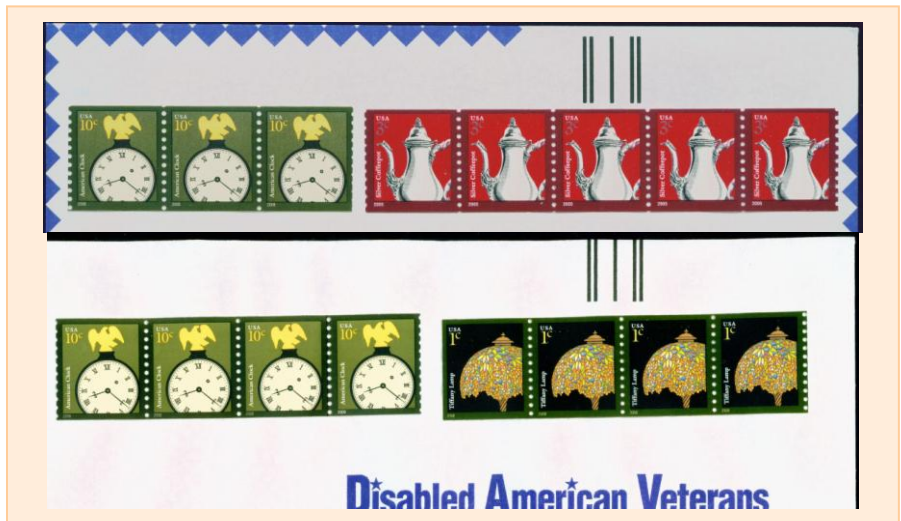
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*from the PNC<sup>3</sup> president ...*

One of the purposes of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club is to exchange information about PNCs among members through the medium of *Coil Line*. Many members have contributed their time and effort over the years since the club started, and we are grateful for the knowledge they have imparted. There's still a great need for shared information, however, and I once again call on members to contribute to the benefit of us all.

Do you have news that you might share? A recent acquisition, or a story about something to do with PNCs? Have you made a good purchase on e-Bay or at auction? These are worthy of sending a letter to the Editor, or of a short article for a future issue. Are you preparing an exhibit of your PNC collection, or would you like to do so? Why not reach out to other members for advice or assistance?

Some years ago, *Coil Line* contained a chart listing known back number configurations on PNCs. This chart was of immense help to those who sought completion in this collecting sub-specialty, but is now badly outdated. I call on one or more of those collecting back numbers to update this chart with current information. If a single collector feels that such a task is overwhelming, collaboration with another member might be the answer. Use the chart from the earlier *Coil Line* (or some other listing) as a starting point, then contact other specialists or dealers (we can give you names and numbers) to provide updates. One person doesn't have to do it all. Contact me if you wish to take on this project. My information is on the inside of the front cover.

I'm also looking for a few members to join me in drafting a set of specifications for the design of an updated website. We really need to move from the obsolete software we're currently running on. I'm sure we have more than a few members who are familiar with web design, and this is an excellent time to become a little more involved in club activities. Please don't assume that others will do this. If you can help, contact me and offer to give something back to the club you enjoy.

—Gene Trinks

## Welcome!

If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC<sup>3</sup> is in our 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Annual PNC<sup>3</sup> Meeting**  
**APS StampShow – Milwaukee**  
**August 10**

All PNC<sup>3</sup> members, please note: The annual PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting will take place during the APS StampShow in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 8-11. The APS show is being held at the Delta Center, 400 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee. The PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and is open to all. Room and time assignment was not made by APS by press time; see [PNC3.org](http://PNC3.org) for news.

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.

The annual PNC<sup>3</sup> Board Meeting is also slated for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, typically held in the morning in the same room, and is also open to all.

### 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.)

## Call for Auction Lots

### *August 14<sup>th</sup> Consignment Deadline*

PNC<sup>3</sup>'s next upcoming auction is our annual Autumn auction in October. This is one of two annual auctions PNC<sup>3</sup> conducts as a membership benefit. (The Spring auction is held every March.)

Yes, it is now summertime and many activities compete for our attention. (But doesn't that seem true all year 'round?) PNC<sup>3</sup> auctioneer Joe Sedivy has much work to prepare the lots before he can submit listings to the *Coil Line* editor. The editor then must prepare the six-to-eight pages of lot listings in time for the October issue, something that gets a late start every year due to the Labor Day holiday.

The *Coil Line* auction pages are also more involved now due to the use of pictures introduced last year. Joe selects about a half-dozen lots that in his estimation could benefit from images, as space permits. For example, one or more of the most expensive lots offered might be illustrated to "support" descriptive wording so there's no misunderstanding over an attribute or condition.

### *Consignors Each Allowed One Non-PNC Lot*

To encourage more participation, our auctions (as of last year) are now opened up to include non-PNC items. However, these are presently limited to *one* such lot per consignor. We realize you have several options for disposing of non-PNC items. But some material (e.g., plate numbers, coils in general) relates to PNCs and you might want to favor your fellow members with a chance to obtain them. (Please "flag" your non-PNC lot on the revised Consignment sheet, if you offer such a lot, as a double-check of your intent.)

### *Were Your Consigned Lots Unsold?*

Joe reminds members with unsold consigned lots that you can contact him about minimum bids. Joe notes that sometimes members have unsold lots but do not contact him after an auction. Without a member's input, Joe's policy is to lower the start bid by 10% (rounding to the nearest bidding increment). Contact Joe (see Consignment sheet on outer wrapper) if you want a different bid revision.

## Editor's Message

It has happened to me again. Current events have overtaken my plans to proceed at a deliberate pace with "back-burner" research projects, mostly about stuff just for fun. The previous event that forced a peek at some pictures I had been accumulating involved the 5¢ Toleware coil. Just in the June issue I showed some outer-envelope uses of 5¢ Toleware pairs, canceled by mailer's postmarks.

That was prompted by news of a "reprinted" 5¢ Toleware in rolls of 10,000 (USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services' item 708104) and subsequent online postings wondering why more rolls were needed. Interestingly, I ran out of space in a related brief piece showing three PNCs printed earlier. They appeared to have different color shades considered within the "normal" range among the many inks involved in that issue, and I intended to show great enlargements of the PNC digits in question. They appear on the back page of this issue.

As for the ongoing use of 5¢ Toleware coils, the June story referenced two more types of covers but had no more space to illustrate them: mailer's creative uses of other low-value American Design coil issues on their outer envelopes, and the use of solo 5¢ Toleware coils canceled with mailer's postmark instead of franking with the (5¢) Art Deco Bird nonprofit presort coil. With few PNC<sup>3</sup> members' submissions to use these summer months, space was used this month to show such covers.

Some of you likely have research projects that are close to completion that eventually can be reported, but something keeps you from the finish line. All of this talk of 5¢ Toleware coils just now made me recall my own project that I keep forgetting about: I have misplaced a cache of what seemed to be over a hundred used PNC pairs of Tolewares I obtained from sorting mixtures until I had to stop a few years back due to lack of time. Ironically, their presence would be more proof of how often those 5¢ coils were used outside of DAV reply envelopes.

Speaking of which, I am supposed to share the latest current event that has now overtaken me and revealed a project "in progress." It concerns the brouhaha over the latest version of the 10¢ Clock coil that the USPS just released. As a third version, it is most like the second version (year date 2008) except  
*(please see page 86)*

## Readers' Forum: Letters from 25 Years Ago

*Since we have no contemporary reader submissions for this month, featured below are the letters from Coil Line's second issue, July 1988.*

I would like for someone to discuss in an article the pros and cons of various albums. I think Scott could and should improve their album.

– Lon Griffin

I would like to see PNC<sup>3</sup> set up a "Clearinghouse/Depository" of duplicate material from members only; values to be set based on market price and condition. A member would have a want list to be filled against his value of deposited items when his "wants" become available. A nominal fee (maybe 1%-2% of value to be charged for postage and handling). I envision this as a tightly controlled market for members only, as a way of at least breaking even on their investment in the PNC market.

– Peter C. Rider

I would like to see a mail auction in the future for and from members. I do have a question about a recent issue in the Transportation coils. Linn's had an article about the 3¢ Wagon having a pebble in the road, but not about the missing spokes on the front wheel. This does not appear on all the stamps; is this a flaw or what.

– Joseph Hansen

*The "pebble" is constant because it is from a pit in the plate that picks up and transfers ink. The "missing spoke" is not a plate flaw, but results from inking, and its appearance is transitory.*

– Editor (1988, Tom Maeder)

I own a Consumer Education plate strip of 4 (PS4) #1. Should I remove the fourth stamp to make a PS3 or should I keep it the way it is?

– Bernard Klieger

*The personal opinion of the Editor is that I would be reluctant to ever tear a stamp from a strip. However, if I had a PS3 complete collection, I think I would tear it for symmetry's sake. Some collectors chose PS4s at the beginning, but it seems*

*to have disappeared. I certainly would not tear a PS5 to make a PS3.*

– Editor (1988)

What is confusing me is that the two numberless stamps adjacent to the plate number stamp sometimes (always?) appear to be worth more than the plate number stamp itself. For example, look at 10.9¢ #3/4. Some dealers are selling a PS3 for \$380. Then they offer the same stamps in PS1 for \$40. Simple math tells me that the adjacent (numberless) stamps are worth \$170 each.

– Peter Wurzbach

*A very interesting observation! Many of the early PNCs were torn to PS2 to conform to a decades-old practice with Cottrell [press joint] lines. 10.9s were off-sale before PS5 became established. PS2s on the 10.9¢ are not scarce, but longer strips are. On later issues, there is very little price variance between a single and a PS5.*

– Editor (1988)

## Sale of untagged errors

Recently found in large used PNC accumulation

1891c 18¢ Flag #2 black cancel  
1895c 20¢ Flag #2 black cancel  
1895c 20¢ Flag #2 purple cancel\*\*  
1907b 18¢ Surrey #6 black cancel  
1908b 20¢ Fire Pumper #5, #6 and #8 black cancel  
1908b 20¢ Fire Pumper #5, #6 and #8 purple cancel\*\*  
2112c 22¢ "D" #1 black cancel

\*\* First found reported copies

of these untagged with purple cancel.

E-Mail a reasonable offer or trade.

I will reply with a scan of your wanted item.

Some I have more than one to choose from.

Wanted: Used 2281h 25¢ Honeybee #2 untagged

Dan Forgues

pnc3nv@aol.com

## New 10¢ Clock Untagged

Frank Covey

I have seen my first example of the 2008 10¢ Clock from rolls with plate number S2222. It has no phosphor tagging to activate post office facer-cancelers. In other words, it is untagged.

The USPS policy that specified all stamps in denominations of ten cents and above were to be phosphor-tagged has changed.

Long-time stamp dealer and PNC<sup>3</sup> member Bob Rabinowitz asked USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services in Kansas City this question:

Was the omission of tagging on this latest version of the 10¢ Clock coil a mistake by the printers, or was it intentional at the request of USPS?

USPS answer:

“No, as it has become the staple stamp for some of the mailers, a decision was made to no longer phosphor-tag at the 10¢ level as we have done for all stamps of low denomination between 1¢ and 9¢ previously.”

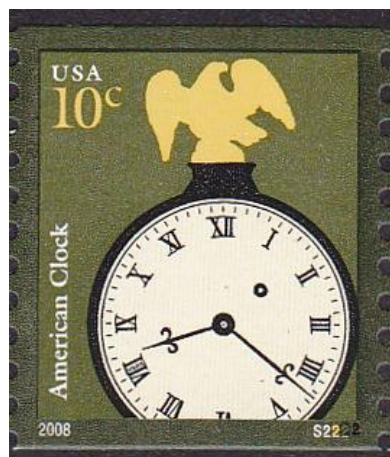
Second question from Bob Rabinowitz:

When was this decision made?

USPS answer:

“Prior to the last production run resulting in the plate number changes.”

In conclusion, the USPS now considers 1¢ through 10¢ stamps to be low-denomination stamps and will no longer have printers supply them with phosphor tagging.



**S2222 PNC of the new untagged 10¢ Clock coils**

*(image courtesy of Michael Lipson)*

## 1¢ Bobcat Goes “WAG”

The *Postal Bulletin* of June 13<sup>th</sup> shows we will be getting a Water Activated Gum version of the 1¢ Bobcat in rolls of 10,000 on August 9 (issued during the APS StampShow in Milwaukee).



**P1111 PNC of previously issued self-adhesive 1¢ Bobcat**  
*(made by Ashton-Potter; new WAG version is most likely being produced by Sennett Security Products)*

This issue is not expected to have back numbers, as they have been discontinued for WAG coils. The coil joins the self-adhesive large-roll format of the same design (pictured above) issued last year. The WAG format replaces the 1¢ Tiffany Lamp coil version in the American Design series. Technical details of the new issue are expected in either the June 27<sup>th</sup> *PB* or one in July. – Doug Iams

*(from page 84)*

for the lack of phosphor tagging. *(See story, left.)*

Much online discussion ensued in June when the details of the untagged 10¢ Clock coil were confirmed. Some rather odd rumors and mis-statements made their way into the discussion. I hoped to adequately address all of them in an article placed in this issue (found on next page). However, a bountiful supply of covers to illustrate major points could barely be adequately represented, so space did not permit commentary on all discussion points.

Some of those covers are from research I have ongoing to count up the full extent of one type of cover versus another. (Results would add input to the discussion.) The story reveals the subject types.

I will add that talk of USPS concern over mass mailers' outer-cover use of 10¢ Clocks is misguided. As explained for the 5¢ Toeware pairs used likewise, the mailer cancels such franking. – Ron Blanks

## Will Untagged 10¢ Coils Delay Mail?

The recent production of 10¢ American Clock coil rolls void of phosphor tagging caused quite a bit of discussion in online forums in June. To no surprise perhaps when reviewing reactions to a “new development” like this, everyone seemed to have a piece of the truth, with some outdated notion or misunderstanding thrown in. Space here only permits us to put one of the issues in perspective.

The prime issue is the practical concern about the *working side* of the mails – the lack of phosphor tagging to trigger automatic facing and canceling. As most of us recall, the 10¢ Clock coil strips are favorites among mailers soliciting donations, who affix them as part of return postage on reply envelopes to encourage responses. The DAV is perhaps the most well-known mailer in this regard (examples shown at right).

Some raised the specter of the USPS having to deal with all of the DAV response mail getting rejected from the facer-canceler systems in postal plants. Theoretically, this supposedly causes extra work. In 2008 *Linn’s Stamp News* published my story about the first 10¢ Clock coil, also untagged.

The first 10¢ Clock rolls (with “2006” year date, Scott 3762) were all produced without tagging, which in 2008 the USPS confirmed was unintentional. I had conducted some small informal tests using the untagged 10¢ Clock coils without other phosphor-tagged stamps. I found (in 2007) that sometimes the covers were machine-canceled, and sometimes hand-canceled. The real issue was not whether these covers caused extra work for the USPS, but whether the work *caused a delay in delivery*. I found back then that a one-day delay did indeed occur perhaps one out of four or five tests. (This wasn’t explained in the *Linn’s* story, but each “test” was a separate day’s mailing, and involved only one or perhaps two covers at most.)

Five years ago this month (July 15<sup>th</sup>) the USPS issued a second version of the 10¢ Clock coil. While Sennett Security Products made both versions, this time they used offset printing, added micro-printing, and used phosphor tagging for what we know as Scott 3763 with year date “2008.”

(please see page 89)



DAV reply envelopes with varied 10¢ Clocks placement. Two have 45¢ postage (*top two*), two have 44¢ postage (*bottom two*).



**(Forever) Flag for all Seasons**

**Plate S1111**

**PNC ID 2013-4**

The 2013-edition Forever stamps in coil rolls of 100 for the first-class domestic letter rate feature “A Flag for all Seasons.” 2013 Flag rolls from Sennett Security Products went on sale nationwide on May 3, 2013. Most post offices did not have the stamp available then and those that did were instructed to first sell the existing flag coils (2012’s “Four Flags”). The value of each stamp in a roll of 100 is currently 46¢, the one-ounce first-class rate as of January 27.

The S1111 plate number shown at left repeats every 32nd stamp along the roll. Most collectors will save this as a “PS9” (plate strip of 9) with the plate numbered stamp in the middle of the strip.

There is a different design for each season of the year. The roll begins with the Spring design followed by Summer, Fall, and Winter. The plate number is on the Summer design. (This is unique to the Sennett version of “A Flag for all Seasons.” On both the Ashton-Potter and the Avery printings, the plate number is on the Spring design.) See all designs and leader strip below.



← **“USPS” microprinted near top of flag pole on the Spring stamp.**

*(Microprinting is located in a different position on each design.)*



**USA FIRST-CLASS FOREVER  
A FLAG FOR ALL SEASONS  
PSA COIL @ 100**



(from page 87, Untagged 10¢ Clock)

Would the phosphor-tagged 10¢ Clock coils make a difference in handling DAV reply mail using them? Interestingly, the answer is, “It depends.” A tagged stamp does no good if it’s not in the “detection zone” of the upper-right corner, approximately three inches wide and two inches deep (depending on overall phosphor signal strength). Recall the varied positions of 10¢ Clock strips (all tagged version) among the four DAV covers on page 87. The strips affixed to the left are too far away to activate the phosphor detector.

Let me cut to the chase about possible delays with the now-third version 10¢ Clock, untagged and still using year date “2008.” The DAV spreads its various mailing campaigns over a period of time, so it is not expecting a crush of response mail at any one time (as much as that would be welcome for benefit’s sake). (Note: While I do not have specific figures handy regarding the DAV, the overall non-profit mail response rate over decades past has been about 3%.)

Likewise, while the low number of responses in the days after delivery follow a normal “bell-shaped curve” at any given postal plant, the USPS worker monitoring the reject tray is going to respond accordingly when faced with a batch of “alike” reply mail (versus later piecemeal replies mixed in with reject items of other causes). And those machine-canceled test results for untagged mail I mentioned earlier? An inspected tray of “rejects” can be fed back enmasse into the facer-canceler in “cancel only” mode, instead of requiring hand cancelation of each mailpiece.

Regardless, I made some impromptu test mailings just before deadline to see what would occur five years later, this time involving both Richmond and Hampton Roads, VA facilities. For the untagged part, I had each plant process two covers. Interestingly, only one of these four covers was delayed (one day, shown at right), and somewhat surprisingly: The one Richmond example with an FIM (facing identification mark) and matching barcode. But the four untagged covers all received machine cancels, as did the tagged control pieces. Better tests are needed to draw substantive conclusions. But if the DAV is not concerned, as indicated by their recurring “mis-affixed” tagged coils, do delays matter? – Ron Blanks



## SFS Shifts More Coil Order Costs to Hobbyists

Stamp Fulfillment Services (SFS), the order fulfillment arm of the USPS for purchases of its postage and collectibles output, has modified its handling of low-denomination coils sold to the hobby.

Starting with the 2013 Quarter 2 edition of *USA Philatelic* (with a “last chance” sale date through the catalog of June 30<sup>th</sup>), ordinary low-value (denominated) WAG coils are only listed with item numbers for “Full Coil of 10,000.” And for the 1¢ Bobcat rolls of 3,000, the only low-value coil issued so far as a self-adhesive, prepackaged strips are also no longer offered. Thus, SFS has removed the overhead of producing and storing shrink-wrapped packages with strips of 5, or strips of 25 with plate number, for these low-denominated coil issues.

No doubt due to the restricted-use nature of presort coils, SFS continues (at least at present) to offer them as plain strips of 5 and strips of 25 with plate number (whether WAG or self-stick).

So, does that mean collectors and dealers can no longer get WAG coils at less than full-roll quantity? Actually, for an extra \$2 “custom order” fee added to the normal handling fee, one can specify any WAG coil strip length to order. Interestingly, the terms currently prohibit custom order of self-stick coils (including 1¢ Bobcat strips). — *Ron Blanks*



### 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).

<b>Previous Membership Count</b>	<b>520</b>
<b>New Applicants</b>	<b>7</b>
<b><u>Reinstated</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>PNC<sup>3</sup> Membership Count</b>	<b>528</b>

## Membership

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 82 for his contact choices.) Applicants are accepted as members one month after publication if no objection is made.

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## Classified Ads

**PNC used singles**, used strips, MNH PS5s. Great prices! Guaranteed quality! No hassles! Visit <http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/HimesPNCs> or send LSASE for lists to John Himes, PO Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453. Please specify what you collect. Or e-mail [johnwhimes@yahoo.com](mailto:johnwhimes@yahoo.com). Member 957L

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**Getting bored?** Looking for a new collecting area? How about PNC back number #on#s? It's fun. It's challenging. Send LSASE for list to John Himes, PO Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453 or check the #on# link on my website.

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**I have extra** used Egrets V2121 VP, V3211 VP, and V3221 VP for sale or trade. Am looking for any of these in PV diecut. Please email or write. Jeff Fiszbein, 10092 Pembroke Cir, South Lyon, MI 48178. [fiszbein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fiszbein@sbcglobal.net). Member 1148

## Brief Talks Solicited

As we approach the club's Annual Meeting in August, I invite any member who would care to do so, to make a short presentation (10 minutes or so) on a favorite PNC topic. If this is something you'd like to do, contact Gene Trinks (*please see page 82*) and we'll work it into the schedule for the meeting on Saturday afternoon. — *Gene Trinks*

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**PNC<sup>3</sup> members** are entitled to two free 50-word ads per year. (There is a 10¢ charge for each word over 50 with free ads.) Contact the editor to place an ad (see page 82).

## Low-Value Coils on Outer Envelopes

Last month's issue showed examples of ongoing consumption of 5¢ Toleware rolls regardless of rates. Use of 5¢ coils on courtesy reply envelopes (such as those provided by the Disabled American Veterans) has been constrained in recent years. This is due to room on the reply covers running out from rising first-class rates if 5¢ is the highest coil value affixed. (Now 10¢ strips are in vogue; see page 87.)

In contrast, many advertising and solicitation mailings have small strips or singles of low-value coils on outside covers year-in and year-out. The June issue showed several political mailings with 5¢ Toleware pairs canceled with mailer postmarks. The 10¢ "token" postage meets the minimum required franking for standard-class mail in lieu of using the (10¢) Patriotic Banner presort coil.

We noted last month that a non-profit 5¢ token franking might use a 5¢ Toleware with mailer's postmark instead of the (5¢) Art Deco Bird self-adhesive. But the low-value coils have all been water-activated gum versions (until the 1¢ Bobcat was issued in 2012). It seems that if a mailer is going to use a WAG coil affixer, they often "go creative" here also — and we can now show examples. (*please see page 92*)

# Untagged Errors Found In Older PNCs Mix

Dan Forgues

A large old used PNC accumulation I acquired recently turned out to have quite a few gems. Among the approximately 3500 PNCs, all off-paper, were 97 early untagged errors. The mix consisted of 18¢, 20¢, 22¢ and 25¢ Flags, 18¢ Surrey, 20¢ Fire Pumpers, 20¢ Consumer Education, 25¢ Honeybee, “D” and “E” issues and a few other Transportation issues.

Some of the untagged errors are the first used copies to be reported with the given PNC: three 20¢ Fire Pumper numbers, plate # 5, 6, and 8. The #8 untagged errors were found in two varieties – with black machine cancel and with purple machine cancel.

Other untagged-error PNCs in the mix included 18¢ Surrey #6, 20¢ Flag #2, 20¢ Flag #3s in both black and purple machine cancels (PMCs), a 20¢ Consumer Ed #3, and Consumer Ed #4 with PMC. The mix contained multiples of most of the untagged PNCs.

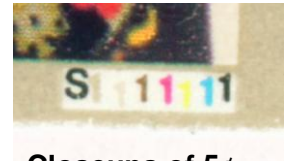
Shown nearby in normal light are examples of the seven PNCs which were previously unknown as untagged errors with PMCs. These qualify as seven new items to be listed among PNCs Known with Purple Machine Cancels.

(from page 91, Low-value coils)



And a single 5¢ Toleware for a non-profit franking? It turns out this also occurs (*see front page*).

Denominated low-value coils on advertising mail is an intriguing collecting target. The chance of plate numbers as well as the stamp varieties present can make this corner of postal history as fun or challenging as one chooses. – Ron Blanks



**Closeups of 5¢ Toleware plate #s** (from the PNCs shown on back page of June issue— note positions of first two 1s )



**Untagged-error PNCs recently discovered with purple machine cancels**

#5, 6, 8 (first row)  
2, 3, 3, 4 (second row)  
(shown in normal light)

