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PNC ³ Illustrated Glossary (26 pages including 1 page of color illustrations), 4th Edition	\$ 4.50	_____

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Stamp Illustrations in Color	\$12.40	_____
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2013 Cumulative PNC-ID Index, Cross Reference		
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illustrations in color	\$10.50	_____
\$0.44 Star Flag (15 pages, denominated,		
illustrations in color	\$ 8.00	_____
\$0.42 Flag 24/7 (15 pages, denominated,		
illustrations in color	\$ 8.25	_____
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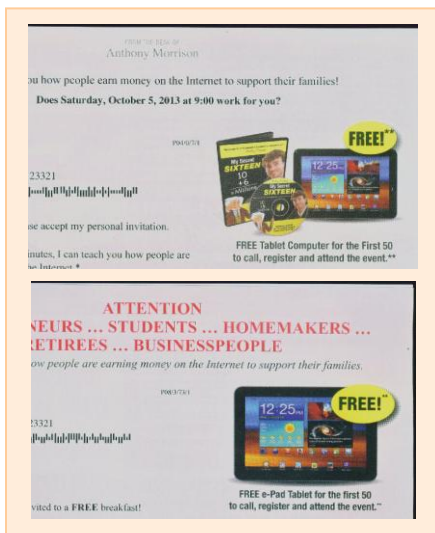
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New PNC Catalog Chapters Available

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44¢ Flag-Issue Studies

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President's Message

from the PNC³ president ...

As the holidays approach, we are entering the traditional season for gift giving. Why not give a gift to yourself this year? If you've not already done so, consider ordering the latest offerings from the Catalog Committee. There's an order form along with this issue of *Coil Line*, so fill it out and send it to Andy Jakes to get the permanent chapter on the Flags of Our Nation and the updated Values List section on Precancel Gaps. The last time we were able to publish data on Gaps was in April 2006, a list that is long since out of print. Since that time, we have added hundreds of members to our roster, and I'm sure many will need this list.

We had originally intended to publish the next edition of the complete Values List this fall, but the publication date has been pushed back to next spring due to time and personnel constraints.

Although it is not until spring next year that nominations are due for elections in June, I would like all members to give thought to how they might be able to help with club affairs. Most of the current officers are term-limited this year and cannot continue in their current positions.

In addition to the elected Board positions there are many opportunities to serve on the many committees that keep the club going. Committee positions are listed on the website, but you can contact me to discuss your interests and availability if you don't know where you would fit best.

It's appropriate at this time of Thanksgiving to give thanks for those who have served in recent (and some for many) years in elected and other volunteer positions. Joe Sedivy has been our Auctioneer for 23 years now, and Ron Maifeld has run the website for as long as we've had it. Ron Blanks has done a yeoman's job editing this publication. Some recent changes added Allan Clapp as our new webmaster, replacing Paul Bravell (who thankfully got us through some tough times with website issues). The list of officers and chairs of the committees appears on the website and elsewhere, but space doesn't allow me to mention them all. We appreciate their efforts. – *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

Report from SESCAL – Los Angeles

On Saturday, October 5th, eleven PNC³ members and guests gathered for a local meeting at the SESCAL Stamp Show near Los Angeles International Airport. SESCAL generously provided us with a spacious conference room and audio-visual equipment for the meeting.

Following introductions of those in attendance, we reviewed all of the new PNCs that have been released in the past 12 months. This led to a question about what PNCs were available from the USPS booth at the show. Those who had gone to the booth indicated that when asked, "Do you have any coils?" the clerk said, "What's a coil?" After explaining, the clerk was able to dig up a roll of the 2012 Forever Four Flags coil. There were no other coils in stock, but *(please see page 140)*

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

A Letter from the Webmaster

Greetings PNC³ Members,

I have been busy this month (September) getting the new membership management system written. As of the time of this writing (September 16), I have put in 100 hours on the website.

Fixing Annoying Problems Receiving E-Mail Messages

If you are like me, you have probably had problems with certain e-mails misdirected to your spam folder, or you did not receive them at all!

Here is a simple tip to correct that problem. Add an entry to your contact list with the e-mail address that those letters are coming from. That way the e-mail system knows that letters coming from that address are important to you.

Unfortunately, some e-mail providers take the “papa knows best” attitude and block an e-mail address, because the e-mail provider believes that, ALL messages from that domain are spam! Google does that. Some providers don’t like to accept messages from the Internet at all (case-in-point, America OnLine). If your e-mail provider does this, the only thing you can do is either change providers or establish a second e-mail address. This problem affects all devices (computers, smart phones, etc.) you use to receive e-mail messages.

PNC³ Goes Mobile!

The PNC³ website now supports mobile devices! You will find the new enabled site at <http://pnc3.org/mobile>. This is the first time I have built mobile support for a website. So, please let me know how I did and what I need to do in order to improve the system.

Introducing the New Member Login System

The Member Login system has been in development for several months. The member login system will be going on-line after the first of the year. This system will give you on-line access to the last three years of *Coil Line*. Due to problems in implementing proper security on the server, you will not be able to update your personal information through this system. When the system is implemented, you will receive a “welcome message”

Editor’s Message

With the glitches that occurred in contents of last month’s issue, this column is practically writing itself this month! (Especially since some of the content suffering a glitch was itself a subject in *last* month’s column.) Joking aside, let me briefly point out that the first two dozen or so Minimum Bids for our October auction listed on page 126 were each placed one line higher than they should have been (lots 76-97). This was fixed within a couple days of the electronic-version release, thanks to the report of alert reader Ed Wigger. We who might have spotted the glitch in time to fix it for print apologize for any confusion that resulted.

I also goofed in attributing to Dan Forgues the (5¢) Seacoast image with mis-aligned plate number shown in color on the back page. Jeff Fiszbein sent in that item, and he has since provided more interesting examples in the errors, freaks and oddities category. So in the months ahead we’ll have more to see from both of them. If you have your own example of a crazy misprint that probably has never been shown (at least in color) before, you are welcome to send it in.

Speaking of EFOs, Mark Schultz has provided another interesting installment in his “100% Number on Top” PNCs census series (page 142). At the time of his first column, *Coil Line* was not printing the back page in color. It is only appropriate that since color is now used there, relevant color-related images in this article of the series can be featured for the print version.

However, at the risk of controversy I feel obliged to raise a point that occurred to me after the article pages were prepared. Some of the items pictured remind me of printer’s waste. Some significant areas of the stamp hobby (e.g., the Scott catalogs) do not accept printer’s waste on-par with stamps purchased from a post office. Should *Coil Line* have a policy about handling such items? Should an author (or owner) disclose that kind of source? Should the editor inquire of a “clean bill of health?” Your opinion is solicited. — Ron Blanks

from me inviting you to activate your account. I will provide more details in December’s *Coil Line*.

My door is always open to you. Feel free to write to me anytime you have a concern or a suggestion on how to improve the site. My e-mail address is webmaster@pnc3.org.

— Allan Clapp, Webmaster

Readers' Forum



Rate Change Mishap?

Michael Lipson sent in a picture of a cover mailed to an office (shown at right) postmarked August 31, 2007, just over three months after the first-class letter rate rose from 39¢ to 41¢.

The 39¢ “Lady Liberty and Flag” stamp was apparently affixed first, neatly arranged in the upper-right corner: It is a PNC of Ashton-Potter’s make (P1111, shown enlarged above). Then a (41¢) Flag, also a PNC (Avery’s V1111) was added. An unusual circumstance of a “combination” PNC cover.

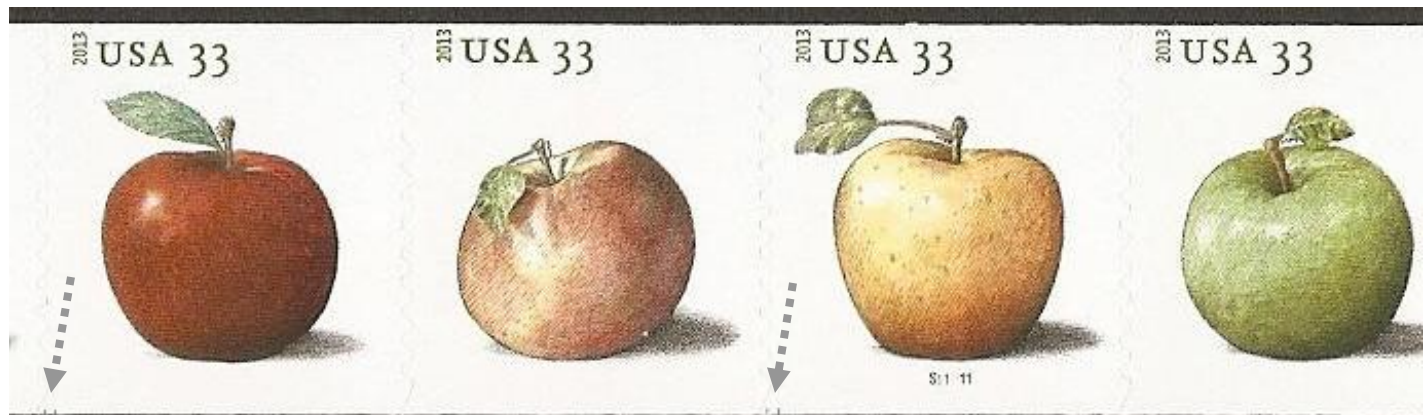
The attached scan [excerpted below] is from a roll of the 33¢ Apples coil that I purchased some time ago (I believe from Oneco, CT). It’s likely the bottom roll from a “stick” [of 10 rolls] and is cut low (design is high). In the image at the plate numbered stamp [PNC], notice the two vertical lines at the lower-left corner of the PNC. These two lines are slightly less than 1 mm apart. The lines also appear on the stamp two to the left of the PNC [position 2L, at left below], and also on a third stamp that is 17L/15R of the PNC [not shown].



In addition, the PNC has a second set of vertical lines about 6 mm to the right of the first set of lines. *The second set of lines is considerably shorter* than the first and is not visible in the attached scan; I only detected them when viewing the strip under higher magnification. The shorter lines are also closer together, about ½ mm apart.

The vertical centering on my roll improves toward the inside of the roll, so the vertical lines disappear about two-thirds of the way in. Obviously these lines were meant to be trimmed off. Have there been other reports of this on the Apples or another coil? – Tom McFarland #1046

[Doug Iams replies: Both August and September 2012 Coil Line issues show pictures of the 2012 Four Flags (Equality, Justice ...) with markings, including these. They have the same die cutting guide marks, but the other circle mark that was below the plate number (please see page 138)





(from page 137, Readers' Forum)

on the Flags doesn't show on the Apples.

I received an earlier report from a non-member of PNC³ about 33¢ Apples with the vertical lines. Those coils also showed only the die cutting guidelines. It's still uncertain if Sennett Security Printers removed the other marks for the Apples, or they were just less miscut and the other marks might be lurking lower.]

[Editor replies: Frank Covey first showed these marginal marks of a mint strip of Sennett's 2012 Four Flags provided by Al Haake (August 2012 *Coil Line*). Perhaps a slightly different presentation of that evidence can shed light on the 33¢ Apples. A closeup for the first time of all marks together appears above (although PNC³ members subscribing to the "e-book" *Coil Line* in 2012 could enlarge the full-stamp image and see the same thing.)

With an emphasis on the PNC (with all those colorful digits) for the August and September's front-page highlight picture, another colorful subject was overlooked (until this issue – see front cover). These color registration marks include two dark symbols with vertical bars (solid arrow, above). Tips of the bars barely showing would explain Tom's additional lines ½ mm apart about 6 mm to the right of one set of die cutting marks (first dashed arrow).

Interestingly, neither 2012 report remarked on the presence of two sets of die cutting marks nearby, shown just two stamps apart as on the 33¢ Apples.]

I have seen the new (10¢) Snowflakes pre-sorted standard coil issue, and like them a lot. I have

attached an image (shown below).

The back number positions are constant on a given roll. Positions reported thus far are:

- * 5L (USPS, Kansas City caves)
- * 4L (USPS, Kansas City caves)
- * 2L (Oneco CT)
- * 1L (Stamp Shoppe, Minneapolis MN)

Please let me know if you hear of others.

On the snowflakes' names, the Scott catalog is likely to issue technical names for each of the five designs. This is OK, but might not help collectors easily identify what stamp is being referred-to.

From left to right I suggest these nicknames:

- * Blue Spade
- * Six Pines
- * Feather Duster (plate # can be on this stamp)
- * Mace
- * Green Juniper.

My wife says I cannot call something as delicate as a snowflake a "Mace" and prefers the name "Pink Star" as it has a pinkish cast. I'm very interested in readers' opinions. Tell me if you like these or would like other nicknames.

–Frank Covey #319 Email: ecoiline@comcast.net

Robert E. Thompson's **"Errors, Freaks and Oddities on Plate Number Coils"** exhibit at APS StampShow 2013 (August, Milwaukee) received: *Vermeil Award*; *Errors, Freaks & Oddities Collectors Club First Place Ribbon*; *American Philatelic Society Award of Excellence-Post-1980*.

Congratulations to Robert for these recognitions of his research and exhibiting efforts.



18¢ Flag #6 Escapees

by Dan Forgues

I have had more than a dozen used 18¢ Flag #6 examples over the last 25 years that I've been collecting PNCs. Two of them have escaped my holdings in very odd ways.

Before I was collecting used PNC singles I was just accumulating them. Sometime in the late 1980s (1988, if memory serves) I decided to put one of each away for me and the extras I put in a stock book. I took the stock book to a stamp club meeting in Spokane, WA.

I had never seen a price list and assigned a price of 25¢ each for of my duplicates. I sold about 20 stamps that night at the club meeting and didn't think anything about it.

A few weeks later I was at the annual Spokane Stamp Show and saw Howard Foster's exhibit on used PNC singles. I noticed that he was missing an 18¢ Flag #6 and I knew I had an extra in my stock book that I had left back home. I found out when I returned home that in fact I had earlier sold the 18¢ Flag #6 for 25¢. My loss became the highlight of someone's collection.

Just a few years ago I acquired a used strip of eight of the 18¢ Flag #6. The stamp to the right of the plate number had a tear. I had the strip at the dining table (my work area) and was thinking about turning it into a pair or a single.

My wife asked for the table to be cleared because we were having company for dinner. I was also working on large lots of PNC covers that were being mailed out. Somehow the 18¢ Flag #6 strip of eight got mixed in with the cover lots. One of my cover-lot buyers got a very nice bonus.



**18¢ Flag #6 used,
one of the rarest
PNCs**

*(file image, courtesy
John Himes)*

New Coils Planned

by Doug Iams

When the U. S. Postal Service provided information on the designs for the definitives for the current (2013) rates, mention was made of a 20¢ Hummingbirds definitive (in panes of 20 and coils of 100) in blue designed by Nancy Stahl (designer of the 37¢ Egret, 26¢ Panther, 17¢ Bighorn Sheep, etc.). This issue was to replace the 20¢ Washington, but it was then postponed.

Richard Beecher recently came across an image on a USPS website that shows most of this new design. The lower left of the design was covered, which is presumably where the denomination will be. But since the USPS doesn't know if the recently proposed new rates will be approved, they couldn't show a denomination.

In early October, journalist and first-day cover maker Lloyd de Vries reported that it was revealed at a USPS/philatelic press meeting at American Stamp Dealers Association show in New York City that the stamp will be issued in 2014. However, it will be for the new postcard rate (currently proposed to be 34¢) instead of its initial announced use for the additional-ounce rate.

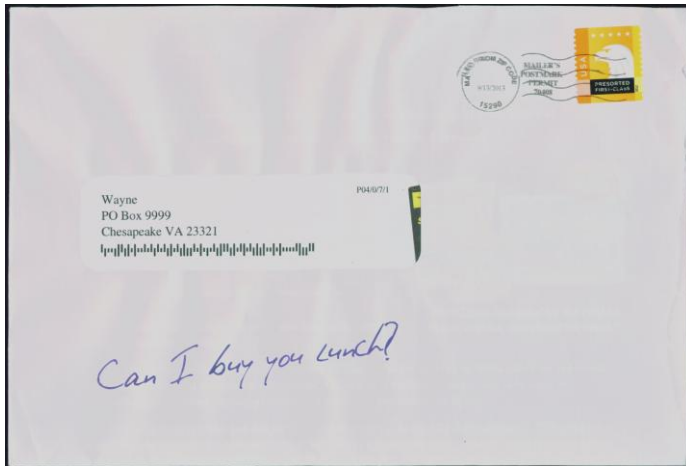
The new additional-ounce rate (currently proposed for 21¢) will be met instead by stamps featuring an image of Lincoln. Presumably they would be issued as rolls of 100 and panes of 20.

Also reportedly planned are two different denominated first-class coil issues in large rolls (3k, 10k). One issue features five different fern designs, and the other four different stylized flags. The proposed new first-class rate is 49¢. We might also see a (Forever) Star-Spangled Banner in coils of 100, since Lloyd reported it as being a "mail-use stamp."

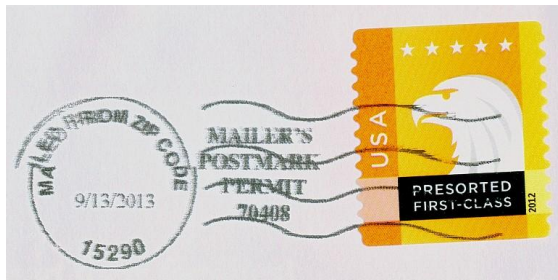
[Additional details: The USPS press briefing also noted that the Abraham Lincoln design will be based on a black-and-white photo of the head of the Lincoln Memorial statue in Washington, D.C. sculpted by Daniel Chester French. According to USPS manager Susan McGowan, 20¢ Washington inventory is low so the Lincoln issue will likely replace it regardless of how the Postal Regulatory Commission decides the new rate case application.]

Direct Mail Sightings

Ron Blanks



When retrieving mail at my PO box in mid-September, I checked the lobby trash can and found a discarded mailing bearing a (25¢) Spectrum Eagle canceled under a Mailer's Postmark Permit. The advertising it contained solicited attendance at a financial seminar, and the mailer's cancel included the mailing date of September 13. (Alas, the coil was an un-numbered example. Having a PNC of the presort coil "tied" to a cover by cancel would be very desirable, as most mass mailers using presort stamps do not go to the extra trouble of adding a postmark.)



Interestingly, a few days later on September 18th my household incoming mail included a familiar sight – a cover that looked almost exactly like the earlier one found at the post office. Except this time the presort coil is a (10¢) Banner for "standard" class service, and the mailer's postmark does not have a date (which are normally used only on first-class mail).

In that month's *Coil Line*, I wrote about direct-mail testing in which part of a mailing list gets advertising copy slightly different from the rest of the list. Here, the inside contents also differed somewhat, but in addition some recipients got "first-class" treatment. ■

(from page 135, *SESCAL* report)

of course, there were plenty of uncut press sheets of the latest commemoratives and other gimmicks prominently displayed.

Next, we were treated to the debut of Dan Forgues' new presentation on Plate Number Coil used-single rarities. The presentation was absolutely fantastic! It included examples of rare die cuts, rare color varieties, rare tagging varieties, imperforates, etc. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, Dan was only able to get through about half of his presentation, but I think we prevailed on him to come to the next meeting, at ORCOEXPO, to present the second half. Dan very generously provided copies of the presentation, on disc in PowerPoint format, to everyone who attended.

Printed copies of *Coil Line* from the last three months were made available to guests as an incentive to join PNC³, and membership forms were made available, as well. This was followed by a question and answer session, and the distribution of door prizes to all who attended.

Thanks go out to dealers Dave Cobb, of Newport Harbor Stamp Company, and Jerry and Barbara Koepp, of Coins, Stamps, 'N' Stuff for their kind donation of some very nice door prizes.

We wrapped up the meeting with some vigorous trading, more questions about specialized items, and a lot of smiles. It was truly a wonderful get-together. We hope to have another Southern California Club Meeting at ORCOEXPO, in Anaheim, this coming January. — John Himes

Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes, Die Cuts & Tagging

Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
1¢ Bobcat	P1111	3k	27	VP	
1¢ Bobcat	S111111	10k	31	w	
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	OA
	S2222	"	"	w	
10¢ Clock 2006	S1111	10k	14	w	
20¢ Washington	P11111, P22222	100	31	VP	OA
32¢ Aloha Shirts ≠	S1111111	100	25	PV	S
33¢ Apples	S11111	100	32	PV	S
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	PV	S
		10k	"	"	"
46¢ Patriotic Star	S111	10k	27	PV	S
(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¢) Snowflakes	C11111111	10k	30	VP	
(10¢) Banner	S111	10k	27	S	
	V111, V222, V333	3k	10	VP	
		10k	"	"	
(10¢) Banner	S111	500	31	w	
(25¢) Spectrum Eagle	V11111	3k	30	S	
		10k	"	"	
(25¢) Eagle 2003	S3333333	3k	20	S	
	S1111111, S2222222, S3333333	10k	"	"	

Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
(weakly tagged)	S3333333	10k	"	"	S
(25¢) Spectrum 2005	S1111111	3k	25	S	
(25¢) Spectrum 2004	S1111111	3k	10	w	
(∞) 2013 Flags-Seasons	P1111	100	32	VP	??
(∞) 2013 Flags-Seasons	S1111	100	32	PV	??
(∞) 2013 Flags-Seasons	V1111	100	20	PV	S
	"	"	"	VP	"
(∞) 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
(◇-this issue no longer on sale)	"	"	"	VP	"
(∞) 2011 Flags of Our Nation Set 5, (∞) 2012 Flags of Our Nation Set 6	S111111111	50	20	PV	S

Key to Symbols

- **new number or variety** ◇ **update or correction**
- ≠ new "sold out" (strips of 25 with PNC) 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 (perforated);
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

New issue: (10¢) Snowflakes presorted standard coil rolls of 10,000 (five designs). Die cutting in the transition from corner to first peak or valley exhibits the "angled" type (as opposed to "rounded") previously seen in Avery affixer-coil self-stick issues. Note "C" in plate # for new supplier CCL Label, Inc.

The *USA Philatelic* catalog for 4th quarter 2013 shows self-adhesive strips only from 3k rolls of (5¢) Sea Coast remain available.

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

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

8th in a Series

“...By any other name would smell as sweet...” A year ago I was given an extraordinary opportunity when member Dr. John Greenwood allowed me to scan his very large 100%-#-on-top collection for the Census. Not only is John an early and longstanding member of PNC³, he has amassed a breathtaking assortment of rare and difficult-to-find #-on-tops, many of which are imperforate. I hope to reflect back on additional scans from his collection in future installments of this column, but for the time being I can't think of a better place to begin than with the 32¢ Yellow Rose issue (1997, Scott 3054).

The most interesting element concerning this issue, by my estimation, is the variety of color or partial color omissions in the four inks used to produce the stamps: magenta, yellow, green and black. Stamps were found with black omitted; black, yellow and green omitted; various combinations of colors omitted to one degree or another or partially omitted; and finally, stamps with all colors omitted.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing printed the issue as a part of the generically named Flora and Fauna Series, producing rolls of 100 for sale. Plate numbers occur every 24 stamps and the web was printed on prephosphored, self-adhesive paper. In addition to the color omissions, collectors have also found many misperforations and miscuts.



Cases in point are the first two offerings here from John's collection, plate numbers 3344 and 5555, each badly miscut and misperfed. Both qualify as 100%-#-on-top since the plate numbers appear in the top half of the stamp. *[Printed colors on these two examples are normal; see front cover.]*

The next three examples demonstrate *[in color images on the back page]* color omissions as inks (presumably) began to run dry in the well leaving *only magenta ink* and ultimately no colors in the inkwells (not shown). The magenta #3 and #5 are generated from the first numeral of the rolls having plate numbers 3344 and 5555 with the yellow, green and black omitted. The magenta #2 is from a plate number 2233 roll and appears with the additional novelty of having a shadow #2 printed on top of the first #2. In referencing *Datz Errors* (Scott 3054b) I believe that these three magenta, single plate numbers are unique.

Final mention is of an imperforate #5566 (Scott 3054a). While not shown, it appears like the #5555 above except for lack of die cutting. (Imperforates for #5555 and #7777 also exist.)

Once again I extend my thanks to John for sharing these strips with us. If you have additional information concerning this issue or other #-on-top sightings, please send me a note. Keep 'em coming folks and please contact me with information, questions and scans at: Mark Schultz, 1002 Wisteria Trail, Austin, TX 78753. Email: mschultz @jomarpress .com. *(please see page 144 for images)*

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Annual Membership Renewal

Believe it or not, it's time for us all to renew our memberships in PNC³ for another year. Printed on the outer wrapper of this month's *Coil Line* is the renewal form. We're going to put it on the wrapper in both this issue and the next issue in order to give you two different reminders. We want to encourage you to take a few minutes right now to fill out the form and send it in at your earliest convenience while it's currently on your mind. (Those of you with the electronic version will need to print out the form, of course.)

Last year there was some confusion for a few of our members who thought we would bill them for their annual membership fees. Interestingly, PNC³ has never done that, as it's expensive to send a letter to every member. We'd rather save those funds as part of our effort to keep the annual dues as low as possible. So please take note – it's up to you to be proactive and send us the form along with your annual dues payment.

Life members who opt to receive *Coil Line* electronically don't owe any additional fees, but we still encourage them to send in the form to keep us apprised of their status. This is important to the Club officers who try to keep track of everyone and assure they can be contacted when needed.

Thanks in advance for keeping your membership current and helping us keep PNC³ a strong and viable part of the philatelic community.
– John Himes, PNC³ Treasurer

No membership changes occurred this month.
PNC³ membership count: 542

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EFOs Show & Tell

From Jeff Fiszbein comes images of coils (from PNC issues even if the individual stamp shown has no plate #) in the errors, freaks, and oddities category.

First up, on the heels of the 25th anniversary of its issuance in September, 1988, is a 25¢ Honeybee PNC that some of us have only read about, but never seen: a stamp with the plate number embedded within the design. This is a reflection of the color ink registration challenges that faced the printer (the Bureau of Engraving and Printing) in producing coil rolls made with a combination of printing techniques, namely intaglio engraving and offset lithography. This is but one of many EFOs known for this issue.



25¢ Honeybee with plate # "2" a full digit's height above the bottom frame line



Next up is what appears to be a complete color mess of the 32¢ Flag over Porch issue, "1996" red year date, self-adhesive (Scott 2915A). It doesn't show any plate numbers, and we want to learn which PNCs, if any, are known by readers with this particular freakish result.



Last but not least is a (41¢) Flag coil from Avery, PNC V1111 with evidence of a significant mis-aligned ink cylinder. Note the location of the reddish "1".

