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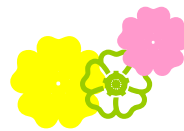
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## President's Message

Welcome!



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

There has recently been an announcement (in *Linn's Stamp News's* March 10th U.S. Stamp Program) that the USPS will release a "Forever" denominated variety of the recent Ferns design (which was denominated at 49¢). The roll size is said to be 10,000, typically used by mass mailers. I wonder why this is being done.

Perhaps these were printed in error, having the Forever designation instead of the normal denominated value for rolls of this size. This invites stockpiling of these Forever stamps for a time when the postage rates rise once again. It's possible that there were not very many (relatively) Forever Ferns printed, thus of no concern to the revenue protection folks at USPS. Also, since the 49¢ rate is good for a few years into the future, it might not be feasible for the mailers to stockpile rolls at a cost of \$4,900 each. We'll see...

We're trying something new in our plans for PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meetings. Membership chair Mike Conway is making arrangements to have a show table and Regional Meeting at the American Topical Association's annual meeting in St. Louis in June. As announced previously, PNC<sup>3</sup> has become a Study Unit of the ATA, so we're going to see if we can recruit ATA members at the show. The show is the National Topical Stamp Show, and will be held at the St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, Missouri 63134 from June 27<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>. The date and time for the meeting have not yet been confirmed, but the request is for a meeting on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. If you're a topical collector, or even if not, try to attend the meeting to show the flag for PNC<sup>3</sup>! Mike will have a newly revised CD featuring PNCs to display at the show. If you like it, you can request a copy to show at your local stamp club.

Anyone who is interested in preparing a single frame exhibit on PNCs for display at the NY 2016 international show is invited to contact me. I have a single frame exhibit that was done for a previous show and which can be updated or completely revised.

—Gene Trinks

If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC<sup>3</sup> is in our 27<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!

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

### Plymouth, Michigan - April 26

A PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the annual Plymouth Stamp Show (sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club). For the third straight year the show location is at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, MI. Our Website Content Mistress, Jill R. Ambrose, will host the meeting. 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 2 p.m., which is a change from past years. For more details on the meeting, Jill can be reached via her contact choices on page 46. The Plymouth stamp show will be held Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more show information, visit the website [www.plymouthshow.com](http://www.plymouthshow.com) or contact Sandra Strzalkowski: [myWSSC@msn.com](mailto:myWSSC@msn.com); phone 313-533-7737.

### 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.

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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.)

## New Coils Update

The following new coil stamps were issued in March:

**March 3:** Star-Spangled Banner (“Forever”) roll of 100 from Sennett Security Products (“S1111” every 32 stamps). Frank Covey reports finding rolls on February 18 in at least four Illinois towns; he will feature this edition in a future Catalog Corner installment.

**March 6:** “Forever” Ferns (*similar to the 49¢ version described in 2014-2 Catalog Corner, March Coil Line*), first large-roll “forever” coils.

### Fake Four Freedoms Flag Turns Up, Mimics Avery Die Cut



PNC<sup>3</sup> member and intrepid mixtures searcher Bob Murrin sent in his first find of a counterfeit coil among the 2012 Four Freedoms Flag issues. He notes the fake (*top image*) lacks phosphor tagging, is on slightly glossy paper, and has pretty good die cuts (compare with genuine Avery-supplied version, *bottom image*). Images came from same scan of Bob's, enlarged as much as resolution will allow for those who want to compare the die cut gauges.

## Richard Nazar Wins 2013 Hopkinson Memorial Literature Award

“Mr. Richard J. Nazar has been selected to receive the Walter W. Hopkinson Memorial Literature Award for the best article or series of articles published in *The United States Specialist* during 2013. The award is given annually by the United States Stamp Society...

“Richard’s four articles entitled ‘What Color is the White House?’ ‘Discovery of “Star-Spangled Banner” Linerless Self-Adhesive Test Coil Stamp,’ ‘Updated Information on the 29¢ Eagle Linerless Self-Adhesive Test Coil Stamp’ and ‘Die Cut Production Varieties of the 32¢ Flag over Porch Self-Adhesive Stamp Produced by the BEP in Coils of 100’ earned him the award.”

– from the March 2014 U.S. Specialist

Congratulations to PNC<sup>3</sup> member Richard on the achievement of this award.

## PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog Offerings Updated for 2014

The PNC<sup>3</sup> PNC Catalog Committee offers an order form for new and some prior publications on the wrapper of this issue of *Coil Line*.

### New Publications

#### **2013 New Issues**

(29 pages, choice of color or black/white)

#### **2014 Values List, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition**

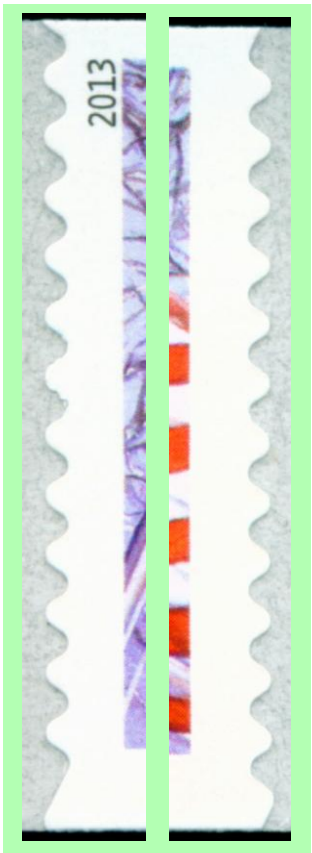
(68 pages, black/white)

#### **2014 Cumulative PNC indices**

(3 cross-references)

Many of the previous Flag chapters are still available on the order form, while quantities last. Please note that the Catalog Committee will decide on how many copies of the **2013 New Issues** to print in color at the end of the third week *this April*. Orders not received by then 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.)

# Readers' Forum



**Has another supplier made a “dramatic” die cut shift?** I’m sending this (enclosed) strip of five called, “How high can you go?”

The roll [of supplier Sennett’s *Flag for All Seasons, 2013-4*] started very well-centered. Then, in the middle it took this crazy uplift and ended the roll back to fairly well-centered.

– Carl Moore, Jr. #1856

*[Images from Carl’s strip are shown above and at right. The “top” bridge is on the second coil; the “bottom” bridge is on the fourth coil.]*



**Bridges along paper edges**

**(10¢) Snowflakes under ultraviolet light.**

CCL Label has printed Snowflakes coils on prephosphored paper. Since Scott 4808-4812 are service-inscribed Presorted Standard and valued at 10¢, they should not be tagged. This was really not a surprise, since this was the first stamp for a new printer, and even though they were using the former Avery Dennison plant at Clinton, SC, it seemed to me that we might see the Monday morning syndrome with this issue.

These were initially reported as “high-bright.” I took a look in both long and shortwave u/v, and the stamps reacted strongly to both. The bluish-white tag reminds me of the blue-white tagging that appeared on some panes of the 17¢ Bighorn Sheep, Scott 4138, where panes that appeared high-bright under longwave gave a bluish-white response under shortwave. Those panes were overall tagged. Other Bighorn panes had the traditional yellow-green tagging.

With Bighorn, the lack of tagging in the selvage was the clue that tagging had been applied after printing. With Snowflakes, since we don’t see selvage, I carefully scraped at the surface with a

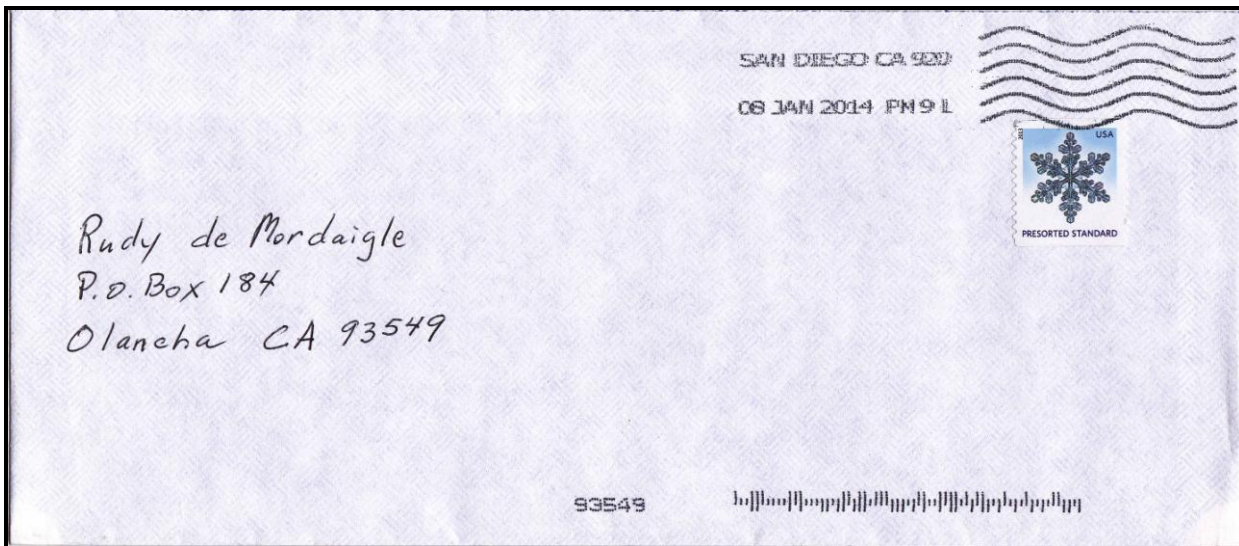


straightedge razor blade, removing the printing. The shortwave response remained the same. This confirmed that this was not an overall tag.

Further scraping removed the paper’s coating. At this point, the shortwave response disappeared, showing that the taggant was a component of the coating.

If we expect the tagging response to be the traditional yellow-green, we can miss something like this. This blue-white taggant clearly triggers the USPS facer-cancellers. Here’s an example mailed to me by Frank Covey with a clear San Diego cancel. *[See cover image shown on next page.]* Notice the perfect placement of the stamp to receive just one wavy line of the killer.

As an aside, I’ve observed that very few collectors use a similar stamp placement on their letters, instead jamming the stamp up in the corner where it’s likely to get a messy spray-on cancel. Just mail a letter to yourself to see where the cancel falls, then use that as a template and do other collectors a favor with stamps that aren’t wiped out by the cancel. *(please see page 50)*



A dead version of these stamps is rumored to exist. If any *Coil Line* reader has Snowflakes on dead paper, I would very much appreciate a note. You can read my address on that cover.

– Rudy de Mordaigle #1830

**Membership losses.** In the March President’s Message, Gene Trinks is feeling good about the loss of around 40 members, and compares this to the APS loss of around 1000 in the past year. But we have 500 members and the APS has around 32,000, so that’s a roughly 8% loss for PNC3 and a 3% loss for the APS. I don’t see anything good to feel about in those numbers.

– Rudy de Mordaigle #1830

**Poor strips/100 packaging.** In the February Catalog Corner, Frank Covey showed the little brown box that was used by Stamp Fulfillment Services for shipping rolled-up strips of 100 of the new 4¢ Chippendale Chair. The rolled-up strip that I received today came in a white box. It wasn’t a cube either - instead it was just a bit taller than the stamps, though a square in cross section.

When whoever packed it pushed in the flap, it dinged the edge of the stamps in the outer two or three rings of the coil. They used this box because it fit inside the packaging, just barely. The larger box would have been better. I hope the USPS is saving money by using these.

Frank also described these stamps as small hole. If the enlargement of the corner showing the date is from one of those stamps and isn’t distorted, the hole diameter is the same dimension as the width

of the paper between the perfs. That doesn’t look like small hole to me. – Rudy de Mordaigle #1830

[Frank uses an objective method to measure relative hole sizes in water-activated-gum coil issues; namely, a No. 24 tapestry needle. It will not pass through a “small” hole. This was last shown in March, 2009 Coil Line, page 38 and on its cover.]

**49¢ Ferns back-number positions.** In Catalog Corner (March) Frank Covey states that the back numbers (BNs) on Ferns occur halfway between the top and bottom on the back of the liner. He then shows a BN at high center. Center is halfway. High center is not halfway.

It would have been better to say that so far, BNs have been found at high center. Here’s an example (below) of Fern back numbers that is not “middle.”

– Rudy de Mordaigle #1830

(Frank’s reply follows on next page.)



**Back number from 3k coil of 49¢ Ferns.** (Numbers also occur at high middle.)

Has a *Coil Line* reader found any bottom back numbers on this issue?

[Frank Covey replies: Here is what I had intended to convey, but in more words.

Historically, Avery Dennison (now replaced by CCL Label Inc., a CCL Industries division) has only printed 5-digit back numbers, regardless of the coil size (3K or 10K). The other printers use one print head to print two rows at one time. Hence, their rolls end up with top and bottom back numbers – except for the odd row which tends to be toward the middle.

Avery, and now CCL, has used one print head per row and the number tends to be printed near the middle of the stamp instead of along the top or bottom edge.

I doubt if collectors will seek CCL back numbers that tend to be higher or lower than normal as a specialty. I certainly like the different font sizes and styles that seem to appear (*latest examples shown below*). I hope this helps.]

**Back numbers on 49¢ Ferns.** As there were on the (10¢) Snowflakes from CCL, there are at least two back number fonts on the 49¢ Ferns (2014-2) from CCL as well.

I have attached images of each kind. Catalog Corner for 2014-2 (March 2014 *Coil Line*) featured a square font back number from a 3K roll.

The font difference is most noticeable by looking at the “8”. The square font “8” looks like stacked boxes of different sizes.

These are referred to as “round” font and “square” font. In general, the round font has been found so far on the 10K rolls and the square font on the 3K rolls. However, I know of at least one exception, where the square font was on a 10K roll.



**Back numbers from 10k rolls of 49¢ Ferns.**



The Oneco, CT post office has the round-font version from 10K rolls (*image above, at left*). Stamp Shoppe in Minneapolis, MN has the square-font version from 10K rolls (*image above, at right*). Or, you can order 10K and 3K strips of 100 from the Kansas City Caves using the item numbers printed in

the March 2014 *Coil Line*.

– Frank Covey #319



**4¢ Chippendale Chair confusion.** I thought it will be beneficial for all PNC<sup>3</sup> collectors to know that the 2007 version of the 4¢ Chippendale Chair coil is available without back numbering. The initial order of strips of 100 from the caves of both reissue (2014-1) and the 2007 version (2007-11) were the old issue, except no back numbering (although the boxes were labeled different). Mine have bad centering, unfortunately.

– Thomas Mathew #1951

[Frank Covey replies: Order fulfillment in Kansas City really pays no attention to back numbers. 2007-11 had back numbers initially. However, sometime in late 2012, Sennett stopped putting back numbers on their WAG coils. You might recall, at the time Jay Bigalke had an article in *Linn's Stamp News* that stated the reason for no back numbers was because Sennett had run out of food grade ink. Having no back numbers on 2007-11 means there was a later printing before the 2014-1, Ashton Potter's Chippendale Chair (issued Jan. 2, 2014).]

[In mid-February, collectors were posting online messages about a confusing situation with Stamp Fulfillment Services (the “Kansas City Caves,” location of USPS' order fulfillment). The messages themselves were also confusing, including an erroneous item number that was not corrected.

In summary, until then SFS was sending out 2007 reprints (“S1111” strips without back numbers) in the same packaging with the same item number as for the “P1111” strips just issued. So, some who ordered the 2014 edition were sent 2007 reprints until this was corrected by the end of February. Ray Beer reported, in the September 2013 *Coil Line*, receiving some of the first strips of 100 without back numbers. The item number for 2007 strips/100 (should be without back numbers) is 785615; for 2014 strips of 100 it is 705605. – Editor]

## Installment # 130

### 45¢ PNCs: Earliest Documented Usages

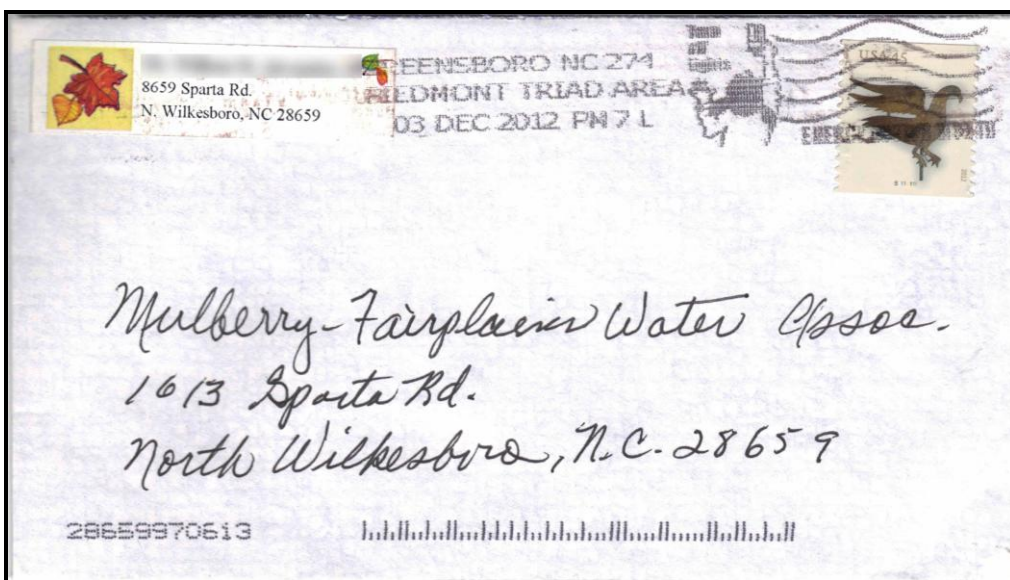
This month I am doing my first report of EDU dates on cover for 45¢ PNCs, and I believe many, if not all, of these dates could be improved on, so please check your covers and report any earlier dates. The 45¢ first class rate began on 1/22/12 and lasted a little over one year, ending on 1/26/13.

45¢ Weather Vane #S111111.....	4/25/12
<45¢>* Four Freedoms Flag #P1111.....	6/2/12
#P2222.....	2/19/13
#S11111 p/v.....	5/8/12
#S11111 v/p**.....	9/11/12
#S22222 p/v.....	3/29/13
(variety not known) #S22222 v/p	
#V1111 p/v.....	6/4/12
#V1111 v/p.....	5/31/12
<45¢> Flags of Our Nation (Texas) #S11111111.....	2/5/13

**Key:** p/v – starts with a peak shape at upper left  
v/p – starts with a valley shape at upper left.  
*All 45¢ issues are self-adhesive.*

**Figure 1. Cover (below, left) with postmark of December 3, 2012, currently Earliest Documented Use for 45¢ Weather Vane PNC.**

**Figure 2. Closeup of PNC (below).**



The 45¢ Weather Vane appears to have seen limited use and PNC covers of that coil could turn out to be quite scarce (*Figures 1, 2*). As for the 2012-Flag Four Freedoms PNCs, since they are “forever” first-class rate stamps and still in use, it is too early to say whether the P2222 and S22222 versions turn out to be tougher to find than the others but, so far, I have not seen that many. The S11111 V/P version of the Four Freedoms Flag (if verified) seems to be much scarcer than the P/V version. *(please see page 56)*

# Catalog Corner

Frank Covey



Forever <49¢>  
 Star Spangled Banner (AP)  
 (SA)  
 Plate P1111  
 PNC ID 2014-3

The first-class rate “forever” <49¢> Star Spangled Banner issue in coils of 100 from Ashton Potter went on sale in Independence, Missouri and nationwide on February 28, 2014. Most post offices did not have the stamp available then, but Stamp Fulfillment Services in Kansas City had them for sale on the first day.

The P1111 plate number repeats ever 31<sup>st</sup> stamp along the roll. Most collectors will save this as a PS5 (plate strip of 5) with the plate numbered stamp in the middle of the strip. There is a thin tagging break at position 1L.

Ashton Potter coils usually have a straight part of the die cut equally spaced at the top and bottom of the stamp. The stamp shown to the left has a long straight cut at the bottom but very little at the top. In past “flag” issues, Ashton Potter’s stamp designs are also generally narrower than those printed by CCL Label (formerly Avery Dennison) or Sennett Security Products. But for this issue, the design width matches the other printers’.

The two wrapper styles seen to-date are shown below. The larger strip image below has a “star” in the design. The second has an “open rectangle.” Other wrapper styles might be possible, but these are the only two styles known among the previous Ashton Potter forever-rate issue rolls (“A Flag for All Seasons,” PNC ID 2013-5).



Two wrapper types for Ashton Potter’s 2014 rolls/100 (as 2013’s).

# 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 2013	P1111	10k	24	w	
4¢ Chippendale Chair 2007	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
▶ 21¢ Lincoln	C111	100	20	PV, VP	OA
32¢ Aloha Shirts ≠ (5 diff.)	S1111111	100	25	PV	S
◊33¢ Apples (4 diff.) ≠	S11111	100	32	PV	S
▶ 34¢ Hummingbird	P11111	100	31	VP	OA
◊42¢ Flags of Our Nation Sets 1&2, ≠					
◊44¢ Flags of Our Nation Sets 3&4 ≠					
(10 diff./set)	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
(5 diff.)		10k	"	"	"
46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers	S11111	3k	28	PV	S
(4 diff.)		10k	"	"	"
46¢ Patriotic Star	S111	10k	27	PV	S
▶ 49¢ Ferns (5 diff.)	C1111	3k	30	VP	OA
		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¢) Snowflakes (5 dif.)	C11111111	10k	30	VP	
(10¢) Banner	S111	10k	27	S	
	V111, V222, V333	3k	10	VP	
		10k	"	"	
(10¢) Banner	S111	500	31	w	

Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
(25¢) Spectrum Eagle (6 dif.)	V111111	3k	30	S	
		10k	"	"	
(25¢) Eagle 2003 (10 diff.)	S3333333	3k	20	S	
S1111111, S2222222, S3333333		10k	"	"	
(weakly tagged)	S3333333	10k	"	"	S
(25¢) Spectrum 2005	S1111111	3k	25	S	
(25¢) Spectrum 2004	S1111111	3k	10	w	
▶ <49¢> Ferns (5 diff.)	C1111	3k	30	VP	OA
		10k	"	"	"
▶ <49¢>2014 SpangledBanner	C11111	100	20	PV	OA
		"	"	"	"
▶ <49¢>2014 SpangledBanner	S11111	100	32	PV	OA
▶ <49¢>2014 Spangled Banner	P1111	100	31	VP	OA
<> 2013 Flags-Seasons	P1111	100	32	VP	??
<> 2013 Flags-Seasons	S1111	100	32	PV	??
<> 2013 Flags-Seasons	V1111	100	20	PV	S
(4 diff.)	"	"	"	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
(2 diff.)	"	"	"	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 25/100 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

The *USA Philatelic* catalog for 1st quarter 2014 announced that after March 31, it would no longer offer any of the Sets of the Flags of Our Nation series, nor the 33¢ Apples issue. The last Lady Liberty & Flag coil was also removed.

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**B** = Bank Corp. of America                **V** = Avery-Dennison  
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A quiz this issue: On page 48, a fake coil is shown above its genuine counterpart. It has been noted that on the fake, the year date looks larger and the white stars look smaller. But there is one more obvious difference one can tell from the images – can you spot it? Answer next month.

### Mailing List Available

Rental of the club mailing list is available upon request. A one-time usage fee of \$50.00 includes preprinted address labels. Contact Harvey Wales, Secretary. Email: [hwales16@aol.com](mailto:hwales16@aol.com) or see page 46 for more contact methods.

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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 Chair Michael Conway with the objection ([mjconway@hotmail.com](mailto:mjconway@hotmail.com) or (203)268-5896.) Applicants are accepted as members one month after notice if no objection is made.

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<b>Previous Membership Count</b>	<b>501</b>
<b>New Applicants</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Reinstated</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>PNC<sup>3</sup> Membership Count</b>	<b>508</b>

New Earliest Documented Usage reports this month include the 37¢ Antique Toys #B12222 (8/13/02, Figure 3) and a 4¢ Stagecoach Precancel #3 (1/22/84, Figure 4).



Figure 3. 37¢ Toys PNC #B12222, August 13, 2002 (new EDU).

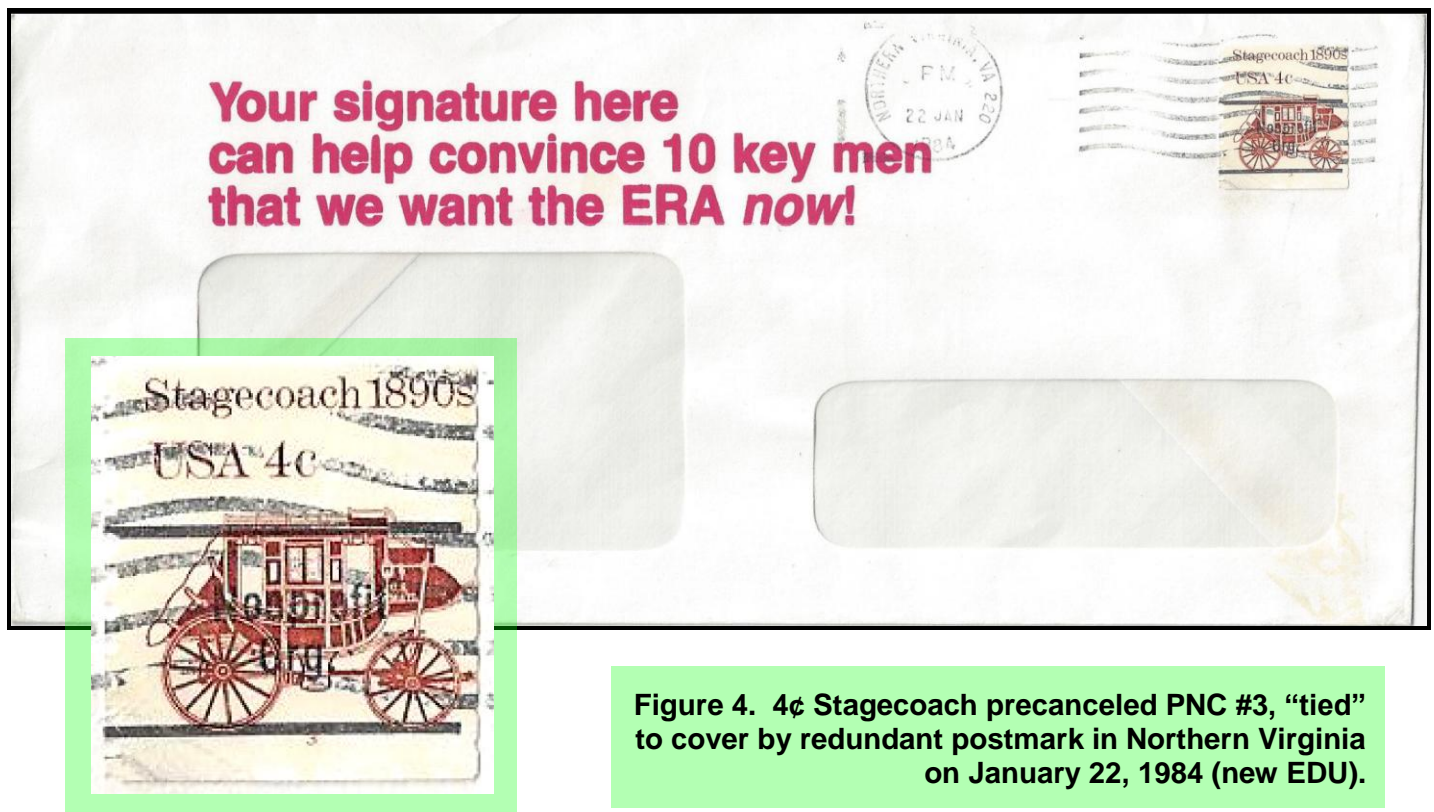


Figure 4. 4¢ Stagecoach precanceled PNC #3, “tied” to cover by redundant postmark in Northern Virginia on January 22, 1984 (new EDU).

Lastly, a new version of the 10¢ American Clock (2008) coil is out, with plate #S2222, and a cover dated 1/14/2014 is the earliest reported so far. (See front cover.)

Please send me scans or photocopies of any earlier usages in your collections. If you have any earlier usages or any usages of the more difficult 45¢ PNCs, please send me your reports. I want to thank readers for their reports. (See the April, 2013 *Coil Line* for installment #128, on the 44¢ 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](mailto:stamps@beeline-online.net), phone: (207) 474-8021.