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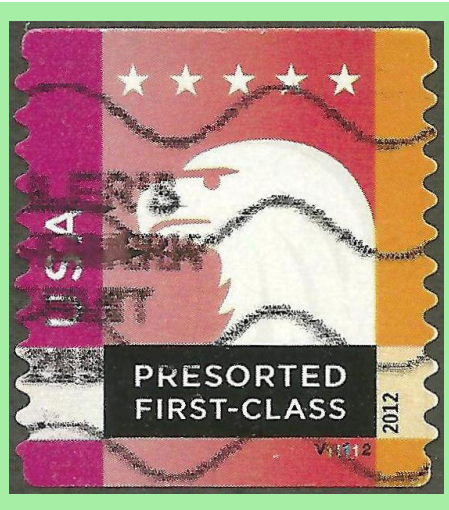
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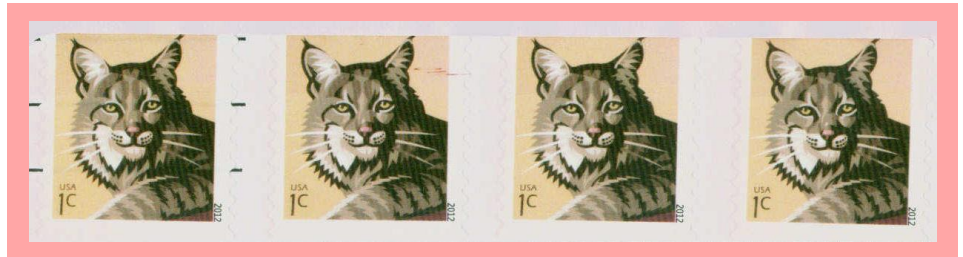
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President's Message

from the PNC³ president ...

The holidays are just around the corner and you know what else that means – it is time to send in your PNC³ renewal form for 2015. So while you are sending out all of those holiday greeting cards, remember to send in your renewal form along with your check for next year's dues. An additional thought: maybe this is the year that you decide to become a life member. Also, remember a reduction of \$2 in next year's dues is in effect. (John Himes, PNC³ Treasurer, has more information on page 152.)

The Catalog Committee has been frantically working on the first bound permanent chapter of our previously offered publications of the PNC³ catalog. The first issue will be for the 44¢ Star Flag, which was originally published March 2012. It will be 24 pages long and in full color. If you didn't get a copy when it was first published, this would be a great opportunity. It will include everything that we now know about the 44¢ Star Flag, from how to identify all five format versions of the issue to which format has back numbers, and more.

Eventually the Catalog Committee plans to make available to club members and the general public all of the old publications that are currently sold out. More information will be available as we get closer to the publication date. It is expected to be released early next year, followed by several other sold-out chapters as time permits.

We are always looking for articles to publish in *Coil Line*. For timely news-related items, to be considered for a given month's issue they need to be submitted by the first of the previous month.

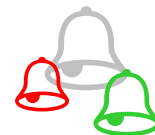
If you are like me, I seem to find something new every time I look at my collection. Whether it is new evidence of an unreported plate crack, tagging variety, or whatever, there has to be something that some of you have found that the rest of the club members would be interested in hearing about. So please take some time and sit down and put those thoughts together to describe your new discoveries.

I'd like to offer a happy and safe holiday wish to everyone, and their family and friends.

– Robert E. Thompson



Welcome!



If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC³ is in our 27th 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

Sarasota, FL – February 7, 2015

Welcome to sunny Florida! A PNC³ Regional Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, February 7, 2015 during the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, February 6-8, 2014. The PNC³ meeting place is in the North Balcony of the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium (same as the show location).

The auditorium address is 801 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. The exhibition hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further details on the PNC³ meeting, contact Al Light at al.light@verizon.net. For more information about the exhibition, contact this year's show chairperson, Liz Hisey, at lizhisey@comcast.net. (*more, page 154*)

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, CT 06333-0624; email, tbbee@aol.com

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

Annual PNC³ Membership Renewal

From John Himes, PNC³ Treasurer – Here’s the second (and final) monthly reminder for you to renew your membership in PNC³ for another year. And, for the second time, the renewal form is printed on the outer wrapper of this *Coil Line* issue.

Are you prone to pay your bills promptly when presented? Please recall that we also placed the renewal form on the wrapper last month, so if you’ve already sent your annual dues in, you can just ignore the form this month.

If you haven’t already renewed, we want to encourage you to take a few minutes right now to fill out the form and send it in while it’s fresh on your mind. (Those of you with the digital version will need to print out the form, of course.) If we don’t receive your 2015 renewal payment by December 31st, there’s a late fee, and we want you to avoid having to pay that fee unless it’s absolutely necessary.

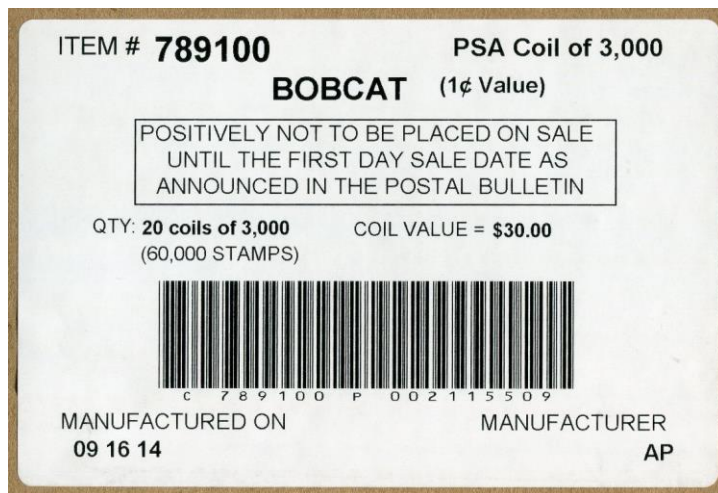
Please note that at our annual meeting in August, the PNC³ Board approved an annual dues decrease of \$2.00 per year. So the year’s membership fees for 2015 have been adjusted accordingly.

In the past there has been some confusion on the part of 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 do not 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.

Noted In Passing...



Member Frank Covey shares (*above*) the label he recently acquired from an Ashton-Potter carton of 1¢ Bobcat self-stick affixer rolls with plate #P2222. Frank notes the manufacturing date is printed on the label, “09 16 14.”

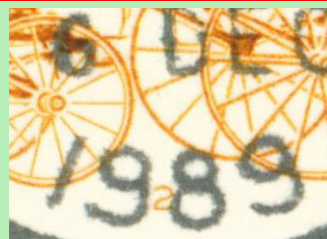
Speaking of self-stick Bobcats, they were finally spotted in a new setting for them: partial “pre-paid postage” on Business Reply Mail covers.



V333 (10¢) Banner Now Known with # on

The (10¢) Patriotic Banner with plate #V333 has finally been found with back numbers behind the plate numbers in a roll (“# on #”). The issue has been reprinted so many times with V333 that this was almost bound to happen. Since both the plate # interval and back # interval is 10 stamps, every plate strip in the found roll is a # on # strip. Therefore, the quantity should easily be enough to meet collector demand.

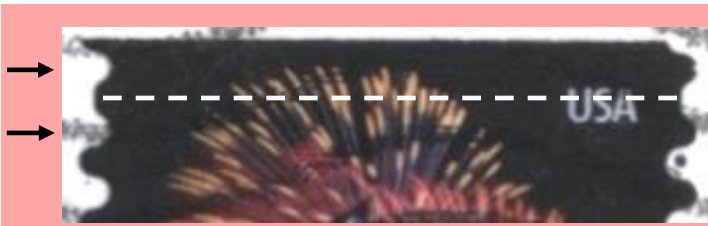
– Doug Iams



25 Years Ago this Month

A 25¢ Bread Wagon strip of four from a plate #2 roll overpaid by 10¢ the 90¢ 1-ounce airmail letter rate to England, postmarked Dec. 6, 1989.

Readers' Forum



Embedded knoll closeup of coil at right

Last valley
of left side,
"row above"

First valley
of left side,
this stamp's row

"-----" denotes
downward extent of
die cutting mis-
aligned to design



<49¢> 2014 Flag (from CCL)

Embedded "knoll" on 2014 Flag. Richard Matta (member 2123) found a cover stamped with a CCL-produced <49¢> Star Spangled Banner coil with vertical diecutting mis-aligned with the design. This follows the October issue's report of Jeff Fiszbein's mixture find of similar die-cut <45¢> Flag PNC #V1111 from 2012 (made by CCL's predecessor Avery.) The area of row separation (normally sliced in half by horizontal row slitting) is moved down to reveal its whole "knoll" shape, as shown by the white dashes between the arrows in images above. The knoll shape is used in transition from a Peak-Valley* run of serpentine shapes to a Valley-Peak run.

*—starts with peak, ends with valley, "PV" for short.

Self-adhesive boxed strips/100. We have been able to order the "affixer coils" in unfolded (boxed) strips of 100 using the item numbers below:

777305 <49¢> Ferns Forever (*no longer offered*)

790005 49¢ Ferns, from 3K roll (*no longer offered*)

790805 49¢ Ferns, from 10K roll
(orders still OK for these)

776505 <49¢> Red, White and Blue Forever (from
10K rolls only, orders still OK for these)

However, two of the four listed above cannot be ordered and there is no indication that they will be available later. I do not believe these were ever listed in the Philatelic Catalog and members could only know about these through *Coil Line*. Better get the remaining two while they last.

— Frank Covey #319L

New <49¢> RWB Plate

Member At-Large Jill Ambrose recently ordered from Stamp Fulfillment Services one of the few offered boxed, unfolded strips of 100 from large-roll self-adhesive rolls. She was surprised to learn that the <49¢> Red, White & Blue strip she received in November was not printed with the known plate combination "C11" but with "C12".

(The "C" stands for supplier CCL Label, successor to Avery whose plate numbers start with "V". Interestingly, the USPS recently explained why CCL reprinted (25¢) Spectrum Eagles with "V11112" instead of an "all 2s" combination as might be expected. [See story, page 156.] A similar reason is likely for not using "C22" yet.)

(please see page 156)



**New plate #
C12 for <49¢>
Red, White &
Blue coil**
(joins only
previously
known number
C11)



PNC³ Regional Meetings

APS AmeriStamp Expo, Riverside, California February 14

A Regional Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will be held at the AmeriStamp Expo on Saturday, February 14, 2015.

The AmeriStamp Expo will be held February 13-15 at the Riverside Convention Center, 3637 Fifth Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The PNC³ regional meeting will be held at the Expo on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Riverside's Room 3, hosted by club members John Himes and Dan Forgues. (Look for the January issue for more details.)

Further details on the three-day APS show will be available in January at www.stamps.org.

(For PNC³ at Aripex '15, please see page 156)

SESCAL PNC³ Meeting Report

On Saturday, October 18th, John Himes and Dan Forgues were privileged to host a PNC³ regional meeting for 14 of our members and guests at the SESCAL Stamp Show and Exhibition at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton. The meeting kicked off with introductions from all present and we were amazed to hear the diversity of collecting interests amongst fellow collectors.

Dr. John Greenwood premiered his wonderful new presentation on imperforate PNCs. He showed everyone the difference between "blind perf" strips and imperforate strips, and then highlighted a number of the rare imperf PNC strips from his collection. He provided tips on what's rare, what's not, where to find values for imperf PNC strips, and things to watch out for when collecting. It was an absolutely remarkable presentation, and was enjoyed by all.

Strips of the latest PNC issues were shown to those attending, including the (25¢) Spectrum Eagle V11112, the Forever <49¢> Red, White, and Blue C11, The (5¢) Art Deco Bird P3333, and the 34¢ Hummingbird P2222. No one in attendance had yet found the new 1¢ Bobcat (self-adhesive) P2222.

John Himes demonstrated how to remove used

self-adhesive stamps from their backing paper using the Pure Citrus Orange air freshener aerosol. It just took a few seconds to loosen the stamp and remove it from the backing paper, then about a minute to remove the remaining adhesive from the back of the stamp. John pointed out that the stamps take a little longer to dry using this method than with the more common usage of lighter fluid or naphtha, but everyone agreed that the results were great and the lingering orange smell in the room was quite pleasant. Several asked where this product could be obtained, and John stated that he got his can at Walmart. He added it can also be found at Home Depot, but he found the price to be a bit better at Walmart.

Next up was Dan Forgues with a brand new presentation on varieties that are fun to collect in PNC used singles. (*See one type on back page.*) He went through a long list of varieties, and then spent quite a bit of time talking about PNC stamps missing their plate numbers – those from the top row which have a joint line at right, but were slit high so that no plate number is actually present on the stamp. Dan showed the six copies he's been able to find, and everyone agreed that these are incredibly rare.

John Himes then demonstrated the use of a USB microscope using his laptop computer. John pointed out that they are available through domestic stamp suppliers for about \$165.00, but he bought his on eBay, postage paid, for under \$30.00 from a vendor in China. Although the setup instructions were a bit hard to understand, it's the same quality microscope that is available domestically, and costs far less. His only warning was that it might take a little help from a computer literate friend to get it configured correctly because of the language issues.

Free copies of *Coil Line* were made available to all, and everyone received a 22¢ Flag "T" cacheted, unaddressed First Day Cover. Next was a door prize drawing, and everyone who attended received a nice door prize. Many thanks to dealer Dave Cobb who provided some nice door prizes, as well as to members John Himes, John Greenwood, and Dan Forgues who also chipped in with donations.

It was announced that the next local meeting will be held at the APS AmeriStamp Expo in Riverside, California on Saturday, February 14th. The meeting adjourned with a brisk round of buying, selling, and trading among the members. – *John Himes*

Fraud Alert from the American Philatelic Society

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE BEWARE: An individual or group has been reported to APS as using the name of past APS President [and current PNC³ member] John Hotchner, in a scam requiring a substantial cash deposit (which is then stolen) as basis for help in selling a collection. Members should be on guard against any such offer. There is no circumstance in which a cash deposit for being bonded should be required to sell your collection. Mr. Hotchner is not associated with any commercial venture involved in buying or selling collections, and has no involvement of any sort with this scam.

PLEASE REPORT CALLS AND ANY INFORMATION: We are trying to gather as much information as we can in order to turn this over to the authorities. If you have been contacted by these people, please call the APS at 814-933-3812 or email Complaint Manager Wendy Masorti and provide any details you have. And if you have given money to these people, please be sure to contact us and provide details as we can use this information to build a case. **Even if you previously contacted APS regarding this matter, please call or email AGAIN so that we can properly document your information.** Several APS staff members have been receiving these calls and might not have collected all pertinent information that we are now documenting – so please call again as all calls are now being directed to our Complaint Manager, Wendy Masorti.

HELP GET THE WORD OUT: Everyone please help get the word out on this so that fellow collectors are not taken advantage of. Clubs please inform all your members. Again, if you have any information please call the APS at 814-933-3812 or email Complaint Manager Wendy Masorti and provide any details you have. *(adapted from APS email received Nov. 17, 2014)*

New Email Scam

Editor's Message

Unfortunately, in these times of data security breaches and phone-call scams such as the one above reported by the APS, we also have to be super-vigilant when it comes to emails.

On the same day I was processing the above notice at this issue's deadline, I received the email shown at right. Normally, when I see similar emails they are shown as being "from" such-and-such financial institution. As no such party has ever been given the editor's email address, I know these are attempts to fraudulently obtain data from me.

However, this email's apparent sender "matches" the provider of one of the Internet browsers I use, so I had to take care to notice the poor wording and avoid clicking on anything. Even if the "pitch" had been perfect, note the salutation of my email address and not my name – not a good sign. – *Ron Blanks*



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PNC³ at Aripex '15

Mesa, Arizona February 20-22

Aripex '15 will be held February 20-22, 2015 at the Mesa Convention Center, 263 N Center Street in Mesa, AZ. Exhibition hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday. PNC³ will have a table on the convention floor. But due to poor attendance last year, a room for a meeting could not be reserved. PNC collectors are invited to meet at the PNC³ table on the show floor at 2 p.m. Saturday.

(from page 153, Readers' Forum)

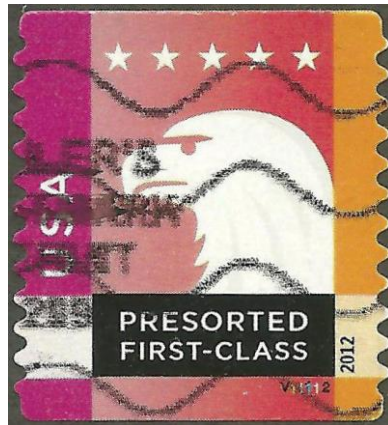
7.6¢ Carreta in “various variations.” In response to Michael Zettler’s inquiry about the 7.6¢ Carreta “White Wheel” variety in the July issue, back then I dutifully reviewed my dozen or so used duplicates. I was surprised to find similar under-inked examples, some to a striking degree. I made closeup scans to share (but I find now that they never made it to *Coil Line*, which is odd).

Recently in looking for something else, I came across another dozen or so 7.6¢ Carretas, all on-cover. Again, for such a small sample the range of inking anomalies was interesting. In addition to the wheel inking, the distance and interplay between the red ink and the brownish ink created various results. Sometimes, part of a wheel rim is missing. And are there two shades of brown ink among the three plate printings (1, 2, and 3) made?

The back page in color shows closeups of the more interesting stamps, all unnumbered. It probably won’t show up in the printed edition, but on a display screen there seems to be two brown shades represented. The closeness of the red text and the brown right-side wheel might be the most-close we’ve seen between inks on intaglio-only coils. The spillover of inks among various Flag issues is widely known and I suspect the distances between red stripes and blue fields involved are wider than in the 7.6¢ red-and-brown case here.

Without an exhaustive review of the literature, I still wonder if the modest 7.6¢ Carreta has been overlooked for serious study. — Ron Blanks #2119

Why “V11112” ?



**Discovery
PNC of (25¢)
Spectrum
Eagle #V11112**

*(source image
courtesy of
Mark Schultz)*



Jay Bigalke’s article, “New plate number V11112 on Spectrum Eagle coil stamps,” in the December 1, 2014 issue of *Linn’s Stamp News* offered a reason why supplier CCL Label used “V11112”. (A 2006 USPS policy has limited new plate numbers to seldom-made, if any, production changes. Prior practice was to increment individual digits of cylinder(s) or plate(s) when replaced. Since 2006, for a change suppliers normally bump all the digits by 1. Prefix letter “V” identifies the (initial) supplier Avery, whose stamp-printing business was later sold to CCL Label. CCL would be expected to use “V22222” or “C22222” [or even “C11111”] to note a change.)

According to USPS quotes cited by Linn’s, CCL had an order for reprinting the (25¢) coils (Scott 4585-4590) for initial delivery in June, 2014. Meanwhile, CCL became qualified for using another paper supplier whose paper involved a new self-adhesive laminate process. The laminate change did not involve the liner paper itself nor the “face stock” (stamp paper on the liner), areas that would normally instigate a new plate number if changed.

In this case, CCL asked the USPS to allow at least one cylinder digit to change to track the laminate, and the USPS agreed.

Interestingly, CCL chose to update a new “black ink” cylinder with a “2”; this is the same cylinder with the supplier prefix “V”. What remains unaddressed is why the “V” wasn’t changed to “C”.

New PNC Papers Gallery

After Frank Covey's set of images of (25¢) Spectrum Eagles, comparing the new V11112 with a V11111 example under shortwave ultraviolet light (SW UV), appeared on the back of the October issue, he obtained mint strips of other new numbers.

We were about to state his now-readied SW UV images of the other two issues allows a recap. But along comes the fourth case in 2014 of a newly added number to an existing PNC issue, the C12 of <49¢> Red, White & Blue. But unlike the others (below), this issue is phosphor-tagged (by design).

Under SW UV: Prior (left), New (right) PNC #s



of P1111 roll

of P2222

Printer
Ashton-Potter
Phosphorescent: No
Fluorescent:
(see left)



of P2222 roll

of P3333

Printer
Ashton-Potter
Phosphorescent: No
Fluorescent:
(SW, see left;
LW, see
front page,
courtesy Robert
Thompson)



of V11111 roll

of V11112

Printer
Avery
(far left);
CCL (left)
Phosphorescent: No
Fluorescent:
(see far left)

The story on page 156 implies the new paper CCL used for the V11112 reprint didn't really call for a new plate # per USPS policy, but CCL desired it for tracking an adhesive laminate change. Yet, so far the coils show a change in paper brighteners, too.

Speaking of Ultraviolet Light...

by Ron
Blanks



(A)

395821

(B)

**Mailer's
control
number
printed with
invisible ink**

[shown under
LW UV (A),
SW UV (B)]



The above images are unretouched photos (cropped for space) of the Salesian Missions outer cover featured on the back of the August issue, taken by Robert Thompson. Robert made the top image (A) under longwave UV light and the bottom image (B) under shortwave UV light.

The glowing number in the photos is a mailer's control number, uniquely assigned to each mailpiece respectively in a mailing. Personalized inserts are printed with the same ID and/or a barcode of the ID to support proper collation by lettershop equipment.

In the past, some collectors have found control numbers, usually printed in black ink, on top of presort coils found in mixtures and speculated they were post-office applied for some reason.

I only had a working shortwave UV light when I examined the cover this past July. So I showed a simulation for the August issue and sent the cover to Robert for pictures under both wavelengths. I suspected the invisible ink could be read under LW UV since it is safer (and cheaper) to use in a lettershop, and photo (A) proves that. (I have since acquired another working LW UV).

Bridging Two Eras: 10¢ Tractor Trailer Issues

We can't let 2014 pass into the history books without noting an anniversary of one of the more interesting PNCs issued for mass mailers. The 10¢ Tractor Trailer coil stamp was issued twice, an engraved intaglio version on May 25, 1991 and a gravure printed version on the same day in 1994 – twenty years ago this past May.

The USPS intended the 10¢ Tractor Trailer, with the nonprofit-use 5¢ Canoe, to replace the previous stable of coils having varied service inscriptions, denominated at select presort rates (some with decimal fractions). The USPS thought it simplified matters for mailers choosing presort coils for a stamp-use look. A mailing's postage-due math was also simplified in finding the difference of the stamps-affixed value and discount rates earned.

But in what was at least a large gaffe, issuing this 10¢ coil re-imposed on mailers the need to add an endorsement to every mailpiece. The USPS failed to take into account that mailers had enjoyed cleaner mailpiece designs (and less work) when using coils already inscribed with the desired mail class (first-class or bulk-rate third-class). Some first-class mailers failed to add the wording, and their mail sometimes did not receive first-class service. In reaction, the USPS reiterated in postal bulletins the wording rules, even allowing mailers to overprint the 10¢ coils if desired. Later, the first of several 23¢ “first-class presort” Flag coils were issued as an alternative.

For third-class mailers, the Eagle & Shield “USA Bulk Rate” coil was issued and assigned a nominal value of 10¢, a precursor to the era of undenominated presort coils we're in today. (It was not until 1995 that nonprofit and first-class presort coils were also issued without denominations.)

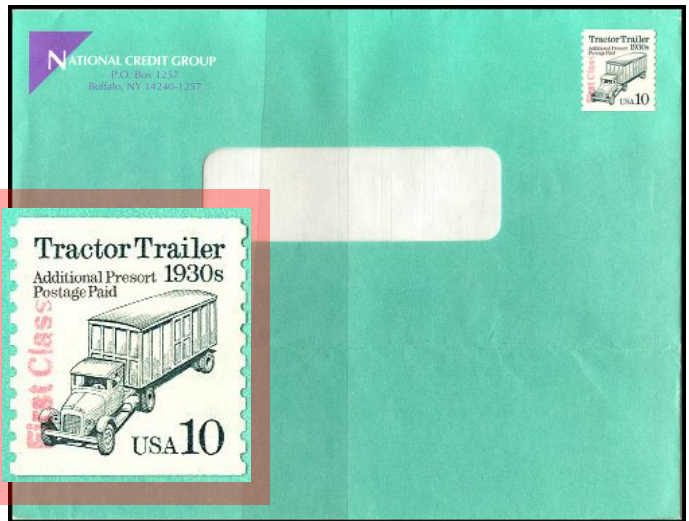
Some mailers indeed overprinted 10¢ Tractor Trailer coils with “First Class” or a variation of “bulk rate,” sometimes in what appeared to be the fluorescent red ink of meter impressions. Leonard Piszkiwicz's article in *The United States Specialist*, June 2000 (pp. 251-257) discusses examples of what might be overprinting on coils *before* affixing, and of likely overprinting after affixing.

The column at right shows several cropped images from covers of this period, courtesy of Len (1-2) and Rob Washburn (3-4). – Ron Blanks

(1) Mailer-overprinted “First Class” in red ink



ended.



(2) “First Class” in red ink



(3) Mailer added “First Class” in red ink and also endorsed cover, “First-Class”

(4) Mailer-overprinted “Blk. Rt.” in red ink, from an American Express mailpiece



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Membership Update

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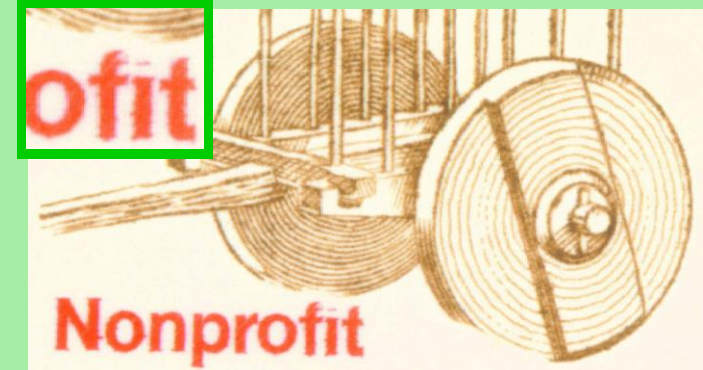
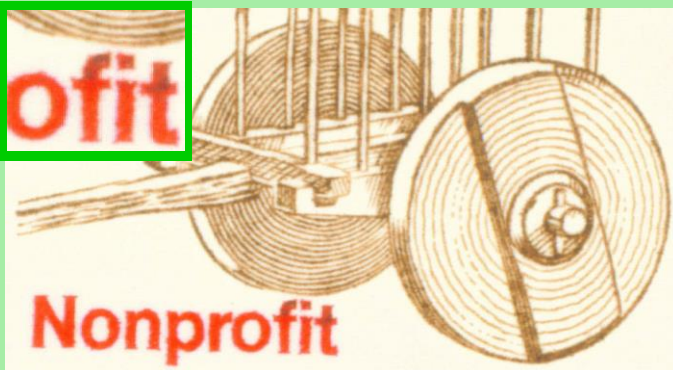
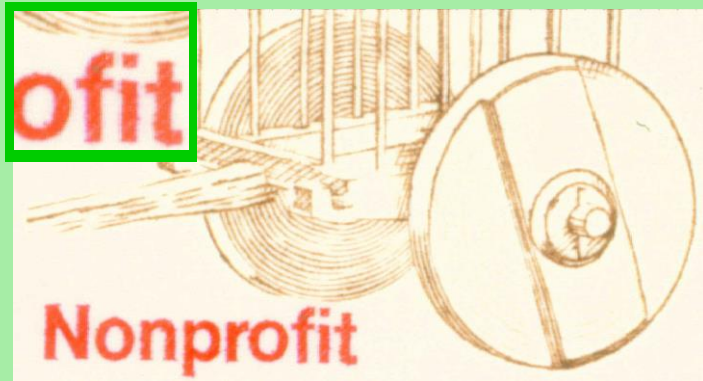
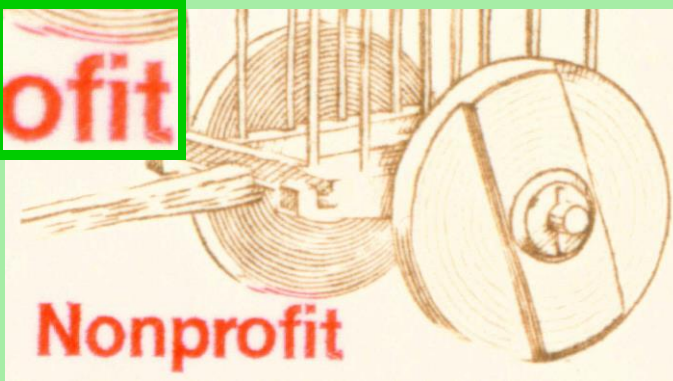
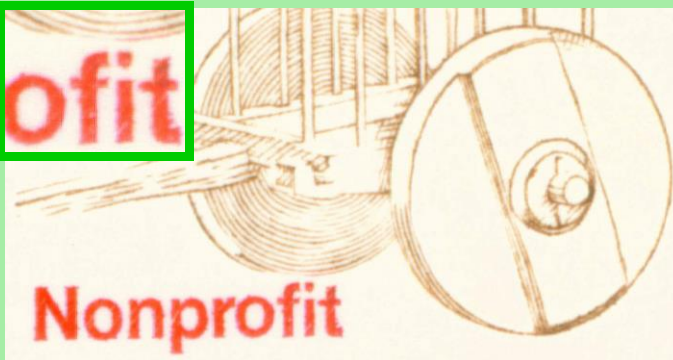
Names of applicants are published for review. A member who questions the suitability of a prospective member should contact the Membership Committee Chair Michael Conway with the objection (mjconway@hotmail.com or (203)268-5896.) Applicants are accepted as members one month following notice in *Coil Line* if no objection is made.

Previous Membership Count	528
<u>New Applicants</u>	<u>3</u>
PNC³ Membership Count	531

20 years ago this month, membership was at 743. December 1994's issue noted 12 new applicants.



Member Dan Forgues sent along images of these six used 25¢ Flag PNCs he's found in mixtures. They exhibit various manifestations of the "forest fire" effect from free-ranging red ink beyond its intended application only for the flag's stripes. No. 9 and the second No. 14 appear most striking.



(from Readers' Forum – 7.6¢ Carreta closeups)

PNC³ Auction #51 Results

Joe Sedivy,
Auctioneer

Closed Date October 28, 2014 – We had 37 bidders in this auction, with 36 of them winning at least one lot and one bidder won 35 lots! Of the 400 lots offered, only 237 sold this time (better than auction #50). I thank all consignors and bidders as they are the members that make these club auctions work! Also, a big thanks to all who donated lots for this and future auctions.

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
1	\$12.00	62	\$3.00	113	\$6.00
3	\$21.00	63	\$4.00	114	\$5.00
6	\$55.00	64	\$5.00	115	\$1.50
12	\$70.00	65	\$7.00	116	\$5.00
17	\$1.00	66	\$7.00	119	\$5.50
19	\$60.00	67	\$4.00	121	\$100.00
21	\$4.00	68	\$6.00	125	\$8.00
24	\$85.00	69	\$4.00	126	\$7.00
26	\$26.00	70	\$5.00	128	\$7.00
27	\$4.00	71	\$0.75	130	\$7.00
28	\$5.00	72	\$5.00	131	\$6.50
29	\$7.00	73	\$5.00	132	\$5.00
30	\$26.00	74	\$3.00	133	\$6.50
31	\$3.50	75	\$2.00	135	\$27.00
32	\$105.00	76	\$3.00	137	\$50.00
33	\$2.00	77	\$3.00	138	\$40.00
34	\$11.00	78	\$3.00	139	\$7.00
36	\$3.50	79	\$4.50	140	\$7.00
37	\$2.00	80	\$4.75	141	\$7.00
38	\$2.00	81	\$2.75	142	\$3.00
39	\$11.00	82	\$2.50	145	\$17.00
40	\$12.00	84	\$5.00	147	\$7.00
41	\$13.00	85	\$2.00	148	\$8.00
42	\$5.00	86	\$4.50	149	\$6.50
43	\$7.00	87	\$5.50	150	\$4.00
44	\$6.00	89	\$7.50	153	\$7.00
45	\$45.00	92	\$7.00	154	\$8.00
46	\$46.00	93	\$5.00	155	\$7.00
47	\$42.00	94	\$16.00	156	\$8.00
48	\$26.00	95	\$3.00	157	\$8.50
49	\$5.00	96	\$15.00	158	\$7.00
51	\$4.00	97	\$8.00	159	\$8.50
52	\$4.00	99	\$5.00	160	\$4.00
54	\$6.00	101	\$7.00	161	\$21.00
55	\$5.50	102	\$7.00	162	\$2.50
56	\$25.00	105	\$2.00	163	\$3.00
57	\$4.00	106	\$4.75	164	\$3.00
58	\$12.00	108	\$5.00	165	\$7.00
59	\$1.25	109	\$9.00	166	\$45.00
60	\$3.00	110	\$11.00	167	\$6.50
61	\$4.00	111	\$2.00	168	\$1.75

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
169	\$3.75	227	\$30.00	292	\$30.00
172	\$6.00	228	\$4.00	294	\$55.00
173	\$1.50	229	\$7.00	295	\$70.00
174	\$30.00	230	\$70.00	299	\$7.00
175	\$3.00	231	\$3.00	301	\$6.00
176	\$6.00	235	\$6.00	308	\$2.50
178	\$15.00	243	\$6.00	309	\$5.00
179	\$14.00	248	\$7.00	317	\$115.00
180	\$16.00	249	\$7.00	323	\$4.00
181	\$10.00	250	\$25.00	324	\$115.00
183	\$30.00	251	\$7.00	333	\$3.00
184	\$3.00	254	\$16.00	334	\$22.00
185	\$30.00	255	\$10.00	335	\$22.00
186	\$26.00	256	\$6.00	336	\$21.00
188	\$14.00	257	\$8.00	337	\$22.00
190	\$27.00	259	\$5.00	338	\$22.00
192	\$50.00	260	\$5.00	340	\$3.00
193	\$40.00	261	\$8.00	352	\$5.00
194	\$50.00	265	\$40.00	353	\$6.00
195	\$17.00	266	\$40.00	354	\$18.00
197	\$17.00	267	\$41.00	360	\$1.75
202	\$9.00	270	\$2.00	367	\$75.00
203	\$23.00	271	\$4.50	372	\$145.00
204	\$2.00	272	\$65.00	384	\$20.00
205	\$7.00	273	\$31.00	386	\$2.00
206	\$45.00	275	\$75.00	387	\$2.00
207	\$6.00	276	\$100.00	389	\$1.50
208	\$48.00	277	\$10.00	390	\$1.00
209	\$24.00	278	\$7.00	391	\$1.00
210	\$5.00	279	\$9.00	392	\$1.00
211	\$14.00	280	\$11.00	393	\$1.50
212	\$13.00	281	\$25.00	394	\$2.00
214	\$45.00	287	\$7.00	395	\$2.00
217	\$15.00	288	\$4.00	396	\$2.00
218	\$22.00	289	\$6.00	397	\$0.50
219	\$8.00	290	\$6.00	398	\$2.00
220	\$8.00	291	\$30.00	400	\$2.00
221	\$15.00				
223	\$4.00				
224	\$28.00				
226	\$4.50				