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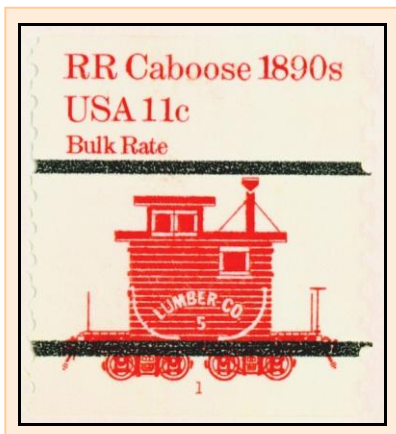
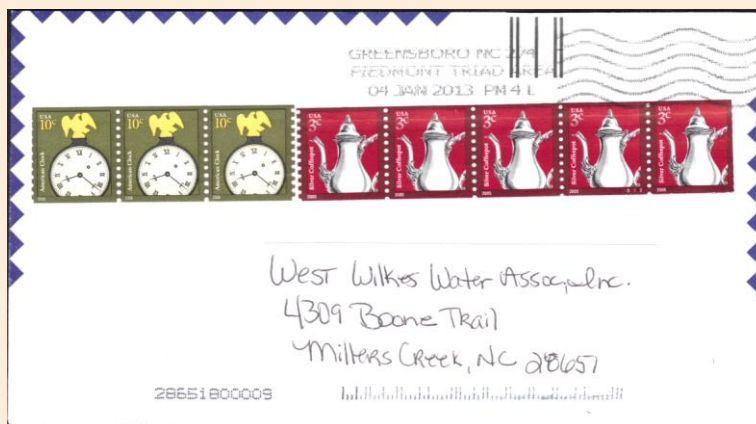
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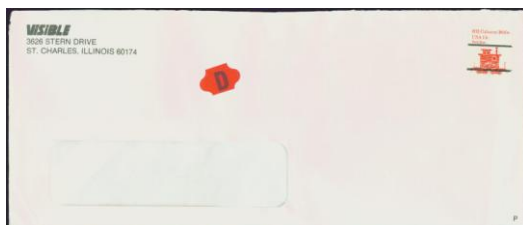


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## President's Message

**Welcome!**



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

As a follow-up to my comments in *Coil Line's* December issue regarding Rich Nazar's great article on the Flag over Porch self-adhesive issues, I have now received from Rich information on how our readers can access this great PNC resource. He has posted a number of articles that were published in the USSS journal as well as a complete copy of his comprehensive 1996 PNC catalog on a website for all to view and benefit from. Please go to [www.usastamps.com/Richard.Nazar.html](http://www.usastamps.com/Richard.Nazar.html) to inspect his in-depth research on many topics of interest to PNC collectors.

Many thanks to Richard for making this valuable resource available to all PNC collectors. My December comments focused on the article on FOPs, but perhaps more importantly, he's given us all access to a terrific resource in his classic work in the 1996 catalog. There's much to be learned there.

Membership Chair Mike Conway has been active in the last couple months, having signed up 10 new members. This demonstrates that if you talk up the club among collectors in your local area, you can help swell our membership, as well.

Our club has committed to financial support of the forthcoming World Stamp Expo to be held in New York in May of 2016, allocating a donation of \$100 per year for 5 years. I encourage our members to also support this worthy cause with individual donations in any amount you can spare. Check the website at [www.ny2016.org](http://www.ny2016.org) for more information on how to donate.

As we start the 2014 calendar year, we are happy to note that there are a number of new coils set to arrive. Most of these are due to the rate increase that took place at the end of January, but we also see a new water-activated version of the 4 cent Chippendale Chair in coils of 10,000 (although these can be ordered in unbroken rolls of 100 from "the Cave"). Also of interest is the First Class rate <49¢> Forever coil issued in rolls of 3,000 and 10,000. I guess the USPS figures that the large mailers won't stock up on these since the 49¢ rate is supposed to be temporary.

– 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

### *early this month ...*

### **Sarasota, FL – February 8**

Welcome to sunny Florida! A PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014 during the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, February 7-9, 2014. The PNC<sup>3</sup> 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 6 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 PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting, contact Al Light at [al.light@verizon.net](mailto:al.light@verizon.net). For more information about the exhibition, contact this year's show chairman, Jack Seaman, at [jakcman@verizon.net](mailto:jakcman@verizon.net).

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### **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](mailto:tbbee@aol.com)

(PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting notices in this column are free. Please submit details to the Editor 3 months before the meeting.)

## A Letter from the Webmaster

Greetings PNC<sup>3</sup> Members,

With the new year comes new challenges...

### Updating Your Member Information

Recently a member wrote to me about having trouble updating their e-mail address in the system. The fact of the matter is that the only thing you can change by yourself is your password. The reason for that is the fact there is no way to properly secure your personal information with our current website hosting package. The current hosting package costs \$4.00 a month. In order to allow you to update your own record, the club would have to pay \$174.00 a month!

With that said, as has been true all along, you simply need to write to the Treasurer in order to update any of your personal information. His e-mail address is: [treasurer@pnc3.org](mailto:treasurer@pnc3.org). He is currently the only person that can update your member account settings.

### Web Site Display and Access Issues

Another member recently wrote to me about a glitch in the menu system. I attempted to re-create it on my computer and could not. This issue turned out to be a problem with the member's web browser. This problem highlights a very important point about Internet technology.

Some web browser publishers adhere more closely to the rules set down by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) than do others. The W3C sets down the guidelines for how web browsers respond to web pages and web servers. Alas, unlike the "laws" that are set down by the government (which has police to enforce them), the W3C relies on an "honor system." Therefore, web browser publishers can feel free to decide to which parts of the guidelines they will adhere.

So, there are *five* different commonly used web browsers that are available on three types of computers. That means there are *fifteen* possible combinations of web browsers vs. computers to cross-check! To make matters worse, I have no way to check the site's actions on Smart Phones (I am aware of at least two types) and four types of tablets.

So, I suggest that if you have a problem accessing the site (or something does not display right), try using a different web browser and see if that makes a difference.

And by all means let me know what you are experiencing. After all, if I do not know about the problem I cannot attempt to fix it at the web site's end.

### Issues with the Electronic Edition of *Coil Line*

Some of you have written to me about a problem with saving the electronic edition *Coil Line*. Here is what to do if you find that you do not see the controls to save the file. Simply "Right-Click" on the displayed file and select "Save As." That way you can save your own personal copy of the file.

Other people have been having a problem with *e-Coil Line* displaying correctly (or at all) in the browser screen. This is due to the physical size of the PDF file (case in point, July 2011 edition). This edition is almost 6MB in size. Therefore, many computers have to spend more time "rendering" the file, which in turn means that it takes longer for the page to display.

### My Open Door Policy

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](mailto:webmaster@pnc3.org).

– Allan Clapp, Webmaster

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

### Aripex 2014 Meeting February 22

PNC<sup>3</sup> will hold a Regional Meeting on Saturday, February 22 at Aripex 2014. The exhibition and meeting is at the Mesa Convention Center, 263 North Center St., Mesa, AZ 85201. Our meeting will be held 10–11 a.m. in the Serrane Room at the center. We will discuss topics of interest and provide door prizes and time for trading. For more information about the meeting, please contact Gene Trinks via e-mail at [President@pnc3.org](mailto:President@pnc3.org) or by phone 623-322-4619.

## Installment # 129 – News & Updates

Happy New Year!

This month I want to report some new finds. Below is a cover with a 5¢ Canoe #2 with number on top (*Figure 1*). The inset at left is a closeup of the PNC.

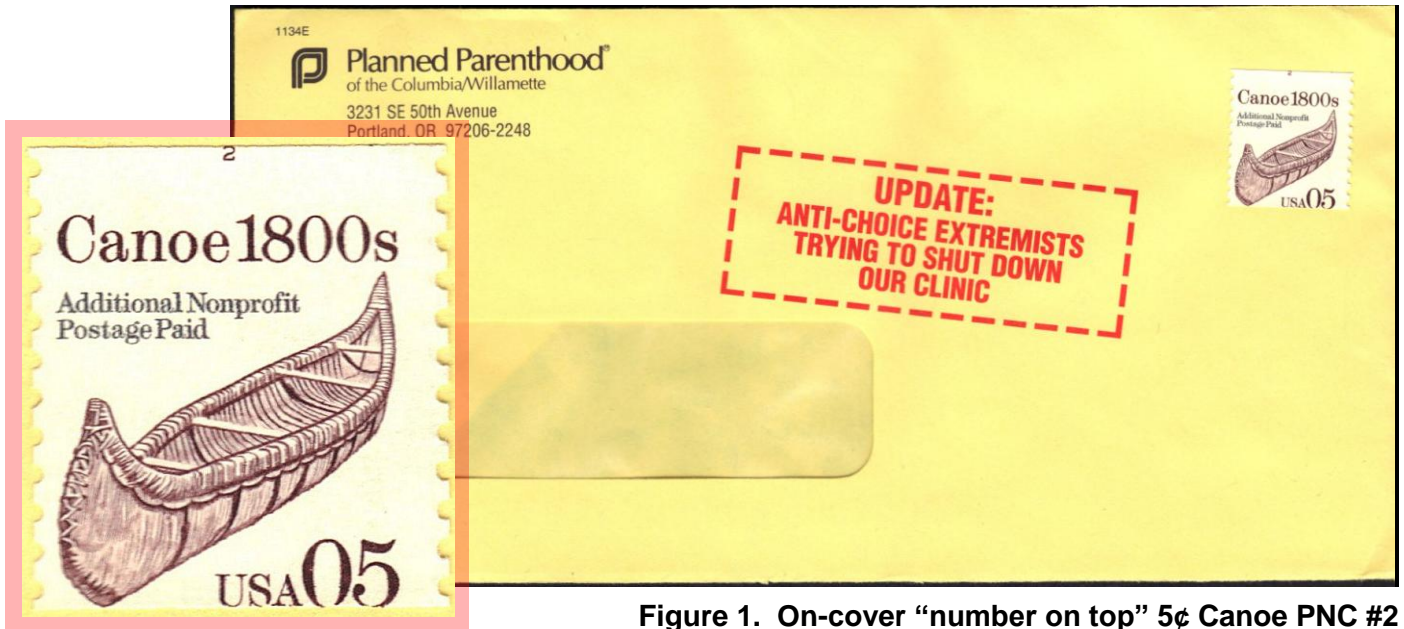


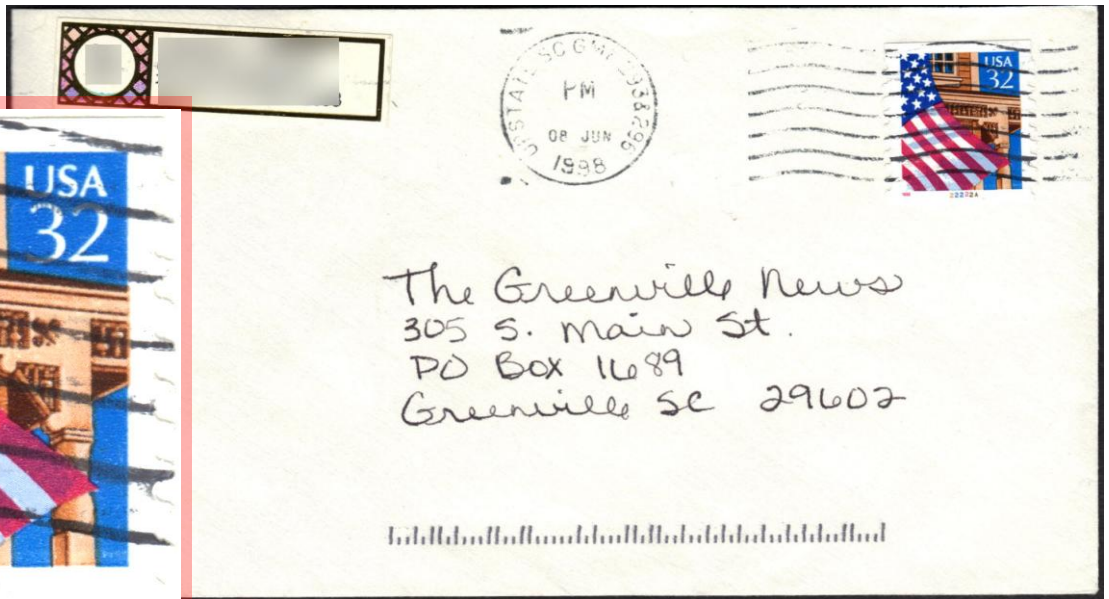
Figure 1. On-cover “number on top” 5¢ Canoe PNC #2

Next are a couple of new Earliest Documented Uses (EDUs) on commercial covers of 32¢ Flag over Porch self-adhesive PNCs, #23222 (4/1/97, *Figure 2*) and #22222A (6/8/98, *Figure 3*, next page). (please see next page)



Figure 2. 32¢ Flag PNC #23222, April 1, 1997 (new EDU)

Figure 3. 32¢ Flag PNC #22222A, June 8, 1998 (new EDU)



I also want to report a new EDU on commercial cover of the (39¢) Lady Liberty/Flag self-adhesive #S1111 (peak/valley die cut), 1/7/06 (Figure 4). *(please see page 20)*

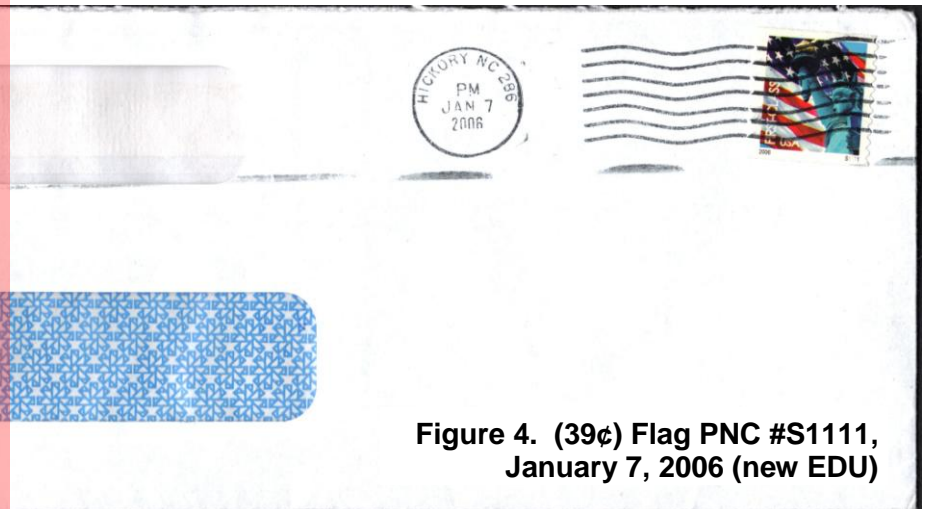
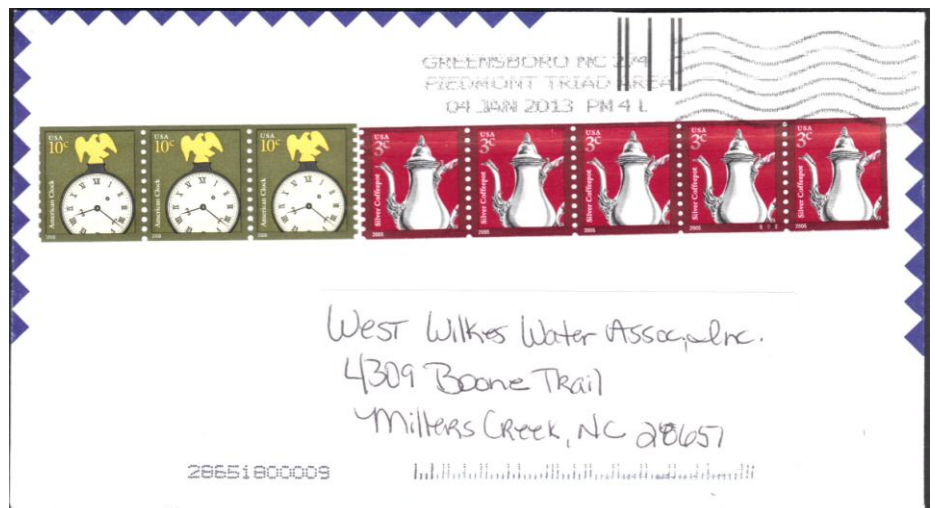


Figure 4. (39¢) Flag PNC #S1111, January 7, 2006 (new EDU)



Figure 5. 3¢ Coffeepot PNC #S2222, Jan. 4, 2013 (the EDU?)



## Readers' Forum

## State of the PNC Market

Bob Rabinowitz

The market for PNCs began in the early 1980s when the USPS decided to eliminate the “biggie” plate blocks that started in the late 1960s and forced many collectors to abandon this mode of collecting.

At the time, plate numbers were introduced periodically at the bottom of coils, and we were off and running. Much of the early interest came from plate number enthusiasts, the plate block collectors who found this an area of interest and fun. There were a continuum of numbers and the strips were easy to purchase, store, and mount.

Soon other collectors joined in and, in addition to the fun, there was the lure of finding something scarce or rare since most issues from 1981 had something worth looking for and finding. Collectors found it exciting and dealers sprung up hoping to earn a living supplying some of the plate numbers that collectors were unable to purchase at the post offices or at local bourses.

The market remained strong until the mid 2000s (after the 37¢ issues) when the USPS decided that the changing of plate numbers was unnecessary as a control measure and that all plates except for special circumstances such as a change in paper type, for example, would be all 1s. No more hunting.

If you went into a post office at the beginning of the year and the same issue was on sale or if you ordered a roll from Kansas City, you'd get the same plate number at the end of the year, all 1s. What fun was that? Some collectors lost interest.

Potential new collectors couldn't be excited the way they were when they learned that the 37¢ coils of 100 had 20+ collectably different numbers from several different manufacturers, with additional tagging and die cut varieties plus some tougher types. And on top of that, the 37¢ Egret rolls of 100 appeared with 12 findable numbers, one of which was very scarce, V3221, and another, V3211, which has only been discovered as a used single.

Visits to post offices slowed and collector excitement began waning. Some collectors dropped out and dealers and accumulator stocks, that had been stored to accommodate the ever growing market, began being offered in ever decreasing prices. Ten years ago, several hundred eBay PNC lots were commonplace. Today that number has grown 10-fold. Obviously, from ten years ago, things have changed significantly.



### More on (10¢) Snowflakes Back Numbers.

On December 31st, I found a (10¢) Snowflake 10K roll that had the back number behind the Green Juniper (Scott 4812) stamps. Back Numbers, printed every ten stamps, now have been found behind each of the five snowflake designs of this issue. Since the number of designs is a multiple of the back-number interval, different rolls need to be found for each of the snowflake back number positions, making it a real challenge. As far as I know, though, no “# on #” roll has been found as of this writing, but it is very probable that there is one out there waiting to be discovered.

— Frank Covey #319

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(from page 19, *Commercial Covers*)

Last but not least is what so far is the earliest known use on cover of the 3¢ Silver Coffeepot #S2222, 1/4/13 (Figure 5). Has anyone found an earlier usage?

I also want to report the sale via a private internet auction of a 32¢ Flag/Porch V11111 cover. The seller, a PNC dealer, who insisted on anonymity, would not disclose the amount the cover sold for, but my offer of \$100 was not enough to buy it.

Please continue to report your earliest usages on cover to me. Next time, I will address 45¢ PNCs on cover. Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976. Email: [stamps@beeline-online.net](mailto:stamps@beeline-online.net), phone: (207) 474-8021.

### Correction

Due to wrong data in the Dec. 12 *Postal Bulletin*, *Coil Line's* January print edition stated the “new” 4¢ Chippendale Chair just issued was to be a self-adhesive. We read the corrected news in the Jan. 6 *Linn's Stamp News* in time to revise the electronic edition.



**4¢ Chippendale Chair  
(AP) (WAG)  
Plate P1111  
PNC ID 2014-1**

The 4¢ Chippendale Chair from Ashton-Potter was released January 2, 2014 in Kansas City, Missouri. This stamp is considered a makeup stamp as it pays no specific rate, but is used with other stamps to reach a desired rate. Its most likely use will be by mass mailers as part of the postage on courtesy reply envelopes, or with a 1¢ stamp as franking on nonprofit mailpieces for the minimum 5¢ required towards the discounted rate due.

This issue is a reprint of an existing design. The design's original printing was in 2007 by Sennett Security Products (2007-11) and has an S1111 plate number. The original printing has a "2007" year date in the lower-left corner while this printing (2014-1) has a "2013" oriented vertically in the upper left corner.

The P1111 plate number shown to the left repeats every 24 stamps 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. Unlike the original printing with pink back numbers, there are no back numbers on this issue.

It was issued in rolls of 10,000. However, unfolded strips of 100 can be ordered from Stamp Fulfillment Services in Kansas City (Item # 705605). The small brown boxes these strips come in are shown below. The first distribution in these boxes had small-hole perforations.



Open box with coil of 100 inside

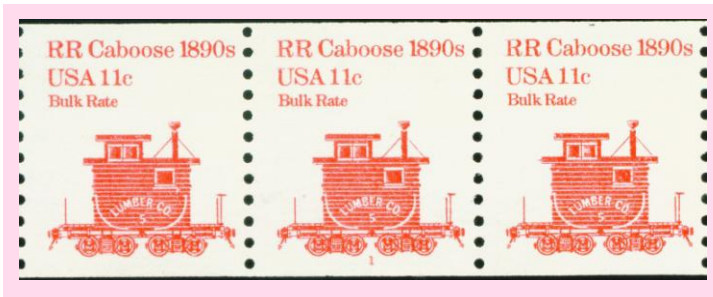


Box for item no. 705605



**"2013"  
year date**  
*(Unusual in that  
the date runs  
from the top  
down.)*

## Issued 30 Years Ago: “11¢ Caboose”



With its train-related topical appeal and bright color, the 11¢ Caboose in the Transportation series quickly became a collector favorite after it was issued 30 years ago this month. For such a modest design subject (which takes up only about half of the stamp area), the intended use of the coil landed it into some controversy in the months following its initial release on February 3, 1984. (More about that in a follow-up in March’s *Coil Line*. This month’s focus is on the fun the 11¢ Caboose stamps brought.)

In the previous year, 1983, most of the nation’s postage rates were in the middle of a long run of stability as part of the 20¢ letter era (Nov. 1981 – Feb. 1985). But effective May 22, 1983 the USPS raised *some* rates on third-class bulk mail, priced at various discounts (often at fractional rates) based on work that mailers did before bringing the bundles or trays to a bulk-mail acceptance office. The basic presort rate rose from 10.9¢ to 11¢.

Authorized mailers so inclined had previously used the 10.9¢ Hansom Cab precanceled coil that the USPS had provided since March 1982 for the basic-presort rate. With no 11¢ stamp available, the USPS allowed continued use of the 10.9¢ with mailers paying the shortfall at time of mailing.

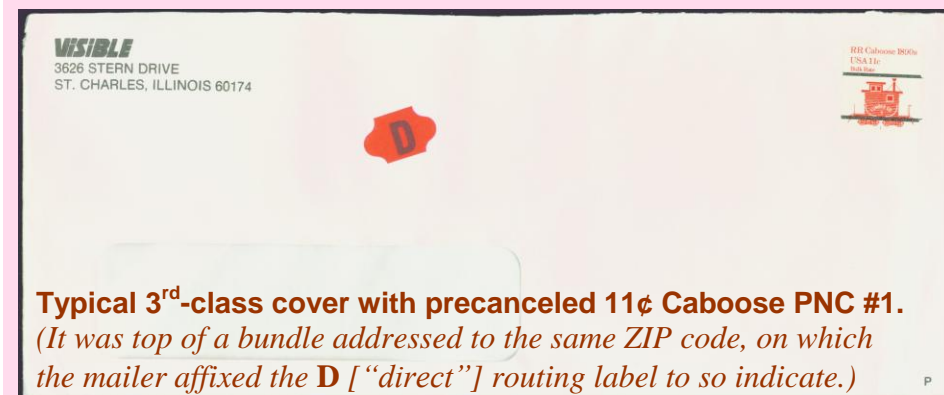
In its main role as a stamp for authorized bulk mailers, most 11¢ Caboose production went into precanceled rolls of 500 and 3,000. The precancel of two black bars was applied as part of the printing, a USPS-required deterrent from use or re-use as postage on ordinarily deposited mail.

For what it called collector needs, the USPS also issued rolls of 500 without precancel lines but phosphor-tagged as done for most stamps. This allowed use of stamps with the 11¢ Caboose design without interference of restrictive precancel rules, or so the USPS intended. Uses included first-day covers and related souvenirs (e.g., souvenir [announcement] pages), “mint” stamps on album pages unblemished by cancels, and using up excess mint coils towards ordinary postage.

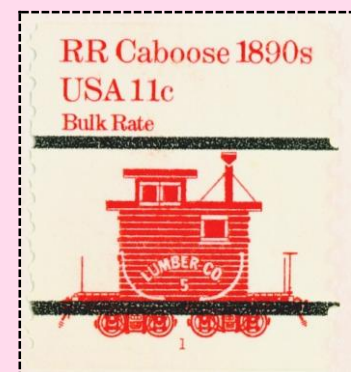
The Bureau of Engraving and Printing printed these rolls on its “B” press with only one seamless printing sleeve, engraved with 52 subjects around its circumference in each of 18 “rings” counting along its axis. For one of the 52 subjects in each ring, the engraved design included a tiny plate number “1”. So, each turn of the sleeve impressed on the paper web 18 rows of stamps 52 stamps long, with the “1” appearing at the 52 interval. The rows were perforated, then slit apart and coiled into 500 or 3,000 count rolls for sale.

For over seven years, outside of recognizing and identifying any errors, freaks, or oddities (EFOs), collectors only had two major production types to easily classify (regardless of format or if unnumbered) – phosphor-tagged or precanceled.

*(please see page 24)*



**Typical 3<sup>rd</sup>-class cover with precanceled 11¢ Caboose PNC #1.**  
*(It was top of a bundle addressed to the same ZIP code, on which the mailer affixed the D [“direct”] routing label to so indicate.)*



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## Letters, Flats Postage Rose 3¢\* or more January 26

The USPS received a late December decision from the Postal Regulatory Commission regarding its proposed new rates, which took effect January 26. The first ounce for domestic letters now costs 3¢\* more. The cost for each extra ounce or fraction thereof, and for the nonmachinable surcharge, was increased 1¢ to 21¢. The postcard rate rose 1¢ also to 34¢. (All unused non-global "Forever" stamps, including coil issues, are now valued at 49¢ effective that date.) Note the first ounce cost of large envelopes ("flats") rose 6¢ to 98¢. And if in the past year you mailed first-class a 3-ounce or less parcel (prior cost, \$2.07), it now costs \$2.32. Heavier parcels over three ounces to 13 are 18¢/oz. more. \*—metered mail 1¢ less, according to usps.com.

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• Half Page	\$ 80.00
• Third Page	\$ 65.00
• Quarter Page	\$ 45.00
• Sixth Page	\$ 35.00
• Eighth Page	\$ 20.00
• Back Cover	Add \$ 50.00
• Inside Cover	Add \$ 25.00
• Color Ad (for full page)	Add \$ 100.00
• Color Ad - Electronic Version	Add \$ 25.00

(Discounts available for multiple insertions.)

## Mailing List Available

Rental of club mailing list is available on request. A 1-time use fee of \$50.00 includes preprinted address labels. Ask Harvey Wales, Secretary. Email: [hwales16@aol.com](mailto:hwales16@aol.com) (other contact choices, page 14).

Letters,  
(1<sup>st</sup> ounce)  
**49¢\***  
(add'1 oz **21¢**  
each,  
3½ oz max.)

Postcards,  
**34¢**

\*—metered mail  
1¢ less



## Membership Update

### Deceased

Gaylord C. White (210), Columbia, SC

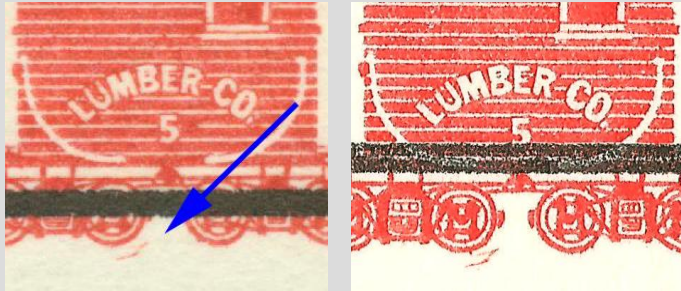
### Life Membership

Todd L. Johnson (1317-L)

*Our thanks to Todd for making this level of commitment to the PNC<sup>3</sup>.*

Previous Membership Count	542
<u>Deceased</u>	<u>(1)</u>
PNC <sup>3</sup> Membership Count	541

(from page 22, 11¢ Caboose)



“Brake Shoe” constant plate variety

But in 1991, the USPS unexpectedly re-issued the 11¢ Caboose design without phosphor tagging and without additional precanceling, under a newer policy that treated the “Bulk Rate” service inscription as the precancel. Since the 1991 type was produced on the BEP’s C press from a new press sleeve, rolls held a new plate number “2” but at 48-stamp intervals. Unnumbered, copies of the C-press printing in normal light look practically indistinguishable from the earlier B-press tagged type.

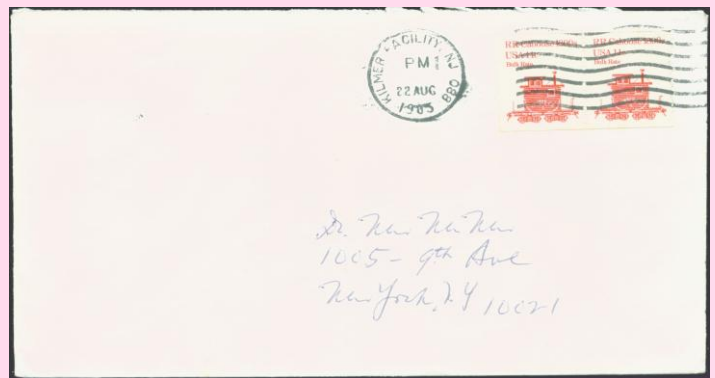
In *Linn’s Plate Number Coil Handbook*, Ken Lawrence described the 1984 B-press effort as “... a straightforward job relatively free of production problems. No imperforates were ever reported, but a couple of interesting plate varieties have stirred some interest. I reported the first one in the April 23, 1984 of *Stamp Collector*, and Stephen G. Esrati promptly dubbed it the ‘Brake Shoe.’ Esrati then came up with another he called ‘Hoseline.’ ... The ‘Brake Shoe’ location is 17 left [of the numbered coil, counted as 1]. The ‘Hoseline’ is 31 left, but has only been found on precanceled rolls.”

Through the courtesy of Robert Thompson (arrows added) and Peter Tukker, we have enlarged images in color of these artifacts for comparison.



“Hoseline” constant plate variety

A serendipitous event occurred in February 1985, exactly 54 weeks after the 11¢ Caboose was issued – the domestic 22¢ letter rate era began, in which the USPS raised most postage rates. Collectors began a heyday by using up supplies of the phosphor-tagged 11¢ Caboose, usually in pairs of course, to pay the new letter rate. An August 22, 1985 dated example is shown below. Space does not permit showing more interesting cases, but we will include some next time when we present Part Two.



(from page 20, Readers’ Forum)



While searching through a presort-coil clippings lot, I came across a (10¢) Patriotic Banner produced by Sennett (no plate #) that, when compared to another similar one with the plate number #S111, has obviously dull or faded red stripes. See attached photo comparison. I was wondering if any members have found this variety with the S111 #? Or is this a common printing?

– Steven A. Chapp #2082

[Hard to believe it’s been three years since Coil Line has mentioned “pinkish” (10¢) Banners. Questions about them were raised in the January, 2010 issue, but little is yet known about them. – Ed.]