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Auction #50 -- Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet

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Name _____ PNC³ Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Scott # _____ Minimum Bid (see rules above) \$ _____ Is this Your ONE *Non-PNC* Lot? _____

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Ave F F/VF VF XF S

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Ave F F/VF VF XF S

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President's Message

from the PNC³ president ...

As you know from my previous columns, we are now in an election year for PNC³. The voting will take place in July, which means we must have ballots in the July issue (to-press in mid-June).

It would be great if we could offer our members a choice of candidates for each position. This is something that has not been possible very often in recent years. Something that we need to keep in mind is that the current officers (with the exception of our Treasurer) are not eligible to run for their positions again, as they are term-limited by our bylaws. We need new volunteers to keep our club healthy and vibrant. So, please consider how YOU can help and offer your services as an officer or member-at-large. Contact me and let's discuss. Contact info is on the masthead page facing this one.

Our club has recently affiliated with the American Topical Association as a Study Unit of the ATA. It is hoped that both of our organizations can benefit from this association by cross-familiarization with the other. Our liaison with ATA is handled by Membership Chairman Mike Conway, and he'd be pleased to provide you with information on the ATA and how you might benefit from joining one or more of their working groups. Or, just log into the ATA website, www.americantopicalassn.org.

I've started to see new Snowflakes stamps on some of the bulk mail arriving at my house. It's nice to have something other than the too familiar red-white-blue Patriotic Banner gracing this mail class. It's still true, though, at least in my mail, that the Banner claims the title of most-used for this mail class. As winter marches on, I wonder if Snowflakes will become prevalent as the franking of choice by bulk mailers. I wonder, also, if mailers will continue the use of Snowflakes once the warmer weather resumes. With no replacement announced for 2014, will mailers revert to using Banner stamps? If so, will the Snowflakes re-appear on covers once the cool weather resumes in 2014? Is it possible that the Postal Service will offer another seasonal design for use on bulk mail in the future? Food for thought.....
—Gene Trinks

**Welcome,
And Happy New Year!** 

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

ORCOEXPO – Anaheim January 18, 2014

Great news! We now have a confirmed time for our PNC³ club meeting at ORCOEXPO.

John Himes and Jeff Haas will host a PNC³ regional club meeting at the ORCOEXPO Stamp Show on Saturday, January 18th, starting at 10 a.m.

OrcoExpo will take place at the Embassy Suites Anaheim South Hotel, 11767 Harbor Blvd. (1 mile south of Disneyland, just north of Chapman Ave.), Anaheim, Calif. 92840.

Both parking and admission are free. All club members are invited to attend, and guests are welcome. If you need any additional information, feel free to contact John Himes or Jeff Haas:

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949.219.3179 (W). (please see page 4)

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,

“How Do I Access an Issue in the *Coil Line* Archives?”

Let's say that you were looking for the August 2013 issue of *Coil Line*. Since the latest three years are only available online to PNC³ members, this means you can access 2011, 2012, and 2013 years of *Coil Line* as one of your “members only” benefits. This is the procedure to find this issue:

- 1) Login to your account.
- 2) Click on the “Reference” button (on the left side of the screen).
- 3) Click on the “Coil Line Archives” button.
- 4) Select the year you are looking for (in this case, “2013” which is near the bottom of the links in this block of buttons.)
- 5) Click on the “August” button to retrieve it.

That's all there is to it! Please keep in mind that you **MUST** have an e-mail address registered with PNC³ to access the “Members Only” section.

A Big Site Means It is Difficult to Find All Errors

Since the PNC³ website has over 1,000 pages of content, it is impossible to find all of the problems that might be lurking within the pages. Both link and content hiccups can be very tough for us to find.

Recently, a member e-mailed me after she/he had received “404 Page Not Found” error messages when attempting to access the individual checklists on the “PNC Listings / Checklists” section of the site.

After I asked the member to tell me what buttons were clicked in order to get to the page, I discovered that the problem was in the “Coils” checklist page. The links in that page pointed to the old website “pnc3.us” that no longer exists. We were not aware of the problem since that site was still there at the time we made our initial check for problems. Our thanks to that member for bringing this matter to our attention.

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.

– Allan Clapp, Webmaster

... PNC³ Regional Meetings

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As usual, we'll try to make sure there are some great door prizes for everyone who attends, we'll discuss the latest news in the PNC world, and we'll make sure there's sufficient time for buying, selling, and trading amongst the club members at the end of the meeting. We'll also get to see Part 2 of Dan Forgues' wonderful presentation featuring his outstanding PNC used singles collection. It's fantastic, not to be missed!

Very Important: The OrcoExpo staff asks that we formally check in prior to coming to the meeting. They want to make sure they get registrations from all attendees. We promised them we would comply with this simple request. We hope to see you there! Sincerely, John and Jeff.

Sarasota, FL – February 8, 2014

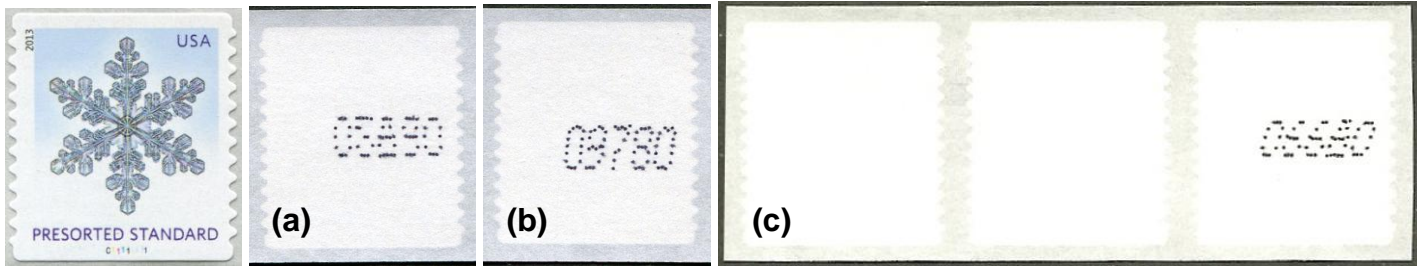
Welcome to sunny Florida! A PNC³ Regional Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014 during the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, February 7-9, 2014. The PNC³ meeting place is in the North Balcony of the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium (same as the show location).

The auditorium address is 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. The exhibition hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 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 PNC³ meeting, contact Al Light at al.light@verizon.net. For more information about the exhibition, contact this year's show chairman, Jack Seaman, at jakcman@verizon.net.

Aripex 2014 Meeting – Feb. 22

PNC³ will hold a Regional Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Aripex 2014. The show 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'll arrange discussion of topics of interest, door prizes and time for trading. For more information about the meeting, contact Gene Trinks via e-mail at President@pnc3.org or by phone 623-322-4619.

Readers' Forum



More about fonts behind Snowflakes. I noticed with interest Frank Covey's report in the December Readers' Forum about his "square" and "round" back numbers on the new (10¢) Snowflakes presort coil issue [(a) and (b) above].

Have a look at this scan [added as (c) above]. These came from the Oneco, Conn. post office. They are "round italic" back numbers occurring at 2L (printed behind second stamp to the left of the plate numbered one). I thought readers would like to see this variation to the ones reported last month.

– John Himes #957-L

[Frank noted last month, the difference in fonts is most noticeable by looking at an "8". On that basis, is (c) an italicized version of "round" or "square"??]

Gravure 29¢ Mt. Rushmore variety. Attached are images of the gravure 29¢ Mt. Rushmore, showing a PNC with a short thin blue one. (See images at lower-left.) It is not listed as one of the varieties for this issue on the PNC³ Values List, and I haven't heard of it before now.

I have also included a scan of an A11111 PNC with a normal blue "1" so you can see the difference.

I believe PNC dealer Al Haake has multiple copies of the short thin blue one. If so, the PNC³ Catalog Committee should review this information and consider adding it to the next Values List update.


– Frank Covey #319



Reviewing November's back page.


In the November issue, referring to the 32¢ Yellow Rose error and freak items Mark Shultz was writing about, the editor raised a question about possible coverage of "printers waste" in *Coil Line*, and asked for opinion.

There is no evidence that the 32¢ Yellow Rose items are printers waste. Printers waste refers to stamps that were either stolen by an employee or "rescued" by someone in the waste industry that was supposed to be destroying them. While these should have been designated as waste, there is no evidence they are indeed printers waste and that they weren't bought at a post office. *(please see page 6)*



Recently noticed PNC variety of Scott 2523A

(sources of images courtesy of Al Haake)



"thin blue 1"

"normal 1"

(from page 5, Readers' Forum)

In fact, Scott has a policy of not listing such items in its catalogue, yet the missing color examples pictured are indeed listed by Scott. In the case of actual printer's waste, I don't see why they can't be written about in *Coil Line* as long as they are designated as such. (The only case of relevant coil printer's waste I can think of is the 19¢ Fishing Boat imperforates and vertical pairs and blocks of the 18¢ Flag.)

Mark wrote, "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)." What actually happened is the plates were either disengaging from the paper or just touching down. (I'm not sure which.)

On another request for information, from November's back page in color (Jeff Fiszbein's 32¢ FoP color shift mess), I don't think any numbered examples of this are known. However, two unnumbered used examples are known with similar shifts, but they also have the tan (light brown) omitted. – Doug Iams #625



A comet that showed up this autumn. Attached is an image [above] of what I call a "Comet" freak on a strip of the 5¢ Toleware coil.

Two things are unusual about this strip. First, its height is 25mm, which is about 1 mm taller than a normal Toleware coil. Normally the plate number [ink] dropout box sits on the very bottom of the coil. On this coil the dropout box is well away from the bottom of the stamp. Second, there is an area at the top right of the plate numbered stamp that looks like the head of a comet. Going one stamp left, the comet disappears, but one stamp left of that the tail of the comet can be seen.

This is not a constant plate variety and must be labeled a freak. While interesting, freaks usually have very little market value.

This coil strip came from a boxed strip of 100 that I received from USPS order fulfillment at the Kansas City "caves" in November 2013 (item 778105). This is the original Toleware coil with back numbers. The strip has small hole perforations. – Frank Covey #319



vertical line added to closeup ↑

More Toleware variety. Ray Beer has sent in an unusual strip of the 5¢ Toleware coil [images above]. His example is from a later printing as it lacks back numbering. What is unusual about it is it has a misalignment of perforations on just a single column of holes.

In this odd column, the top half is shifted to the left relative to the bottom half and in the middle there is a pair of overlapping holes (sometimes called a "snowman"). It is known that Sennett Security Products, who produced this issue, does their skiving (their version of perfining) in segments at different stations. When the operation at one station is misaligned with another station, one finds such a misalignment in the holes, but it usually affects multiple columns of perfs until the stations come back into alignment.

A clue to the mystery is Ray reported the misalignment repeats once every 28 stamps. Unless there is an odd mechanical glitch at one station, this suggests that at one of the stations one of the columns of pins is in the wrong place.

– Doug Iams #625

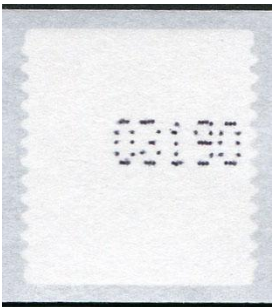
Call for Auction Lots

January 25th Consignment Deadline

PNC³'s next upcoming auction is our annual Spring auction in March. The deadline for getting consigned material into the hands of auctioneer Joe Sedivy is Saturday, January 25th. You will find the Consignment Sheet on this month's outer wrapper. Please review the terms on the form carefully, and thanks for participating!



(10¢) Snowflakes (CCL) (SA)
Plate C1111111
PNC ID 2013-8



The self-adhesive (SA) Presorted Standard Snowflakes issue in rolls of 10,000 was released October 1, 2013 nationwide. The non-denominated snowflakes have an implied postage value of 10 cents, as all other “Presorted Standard” or “Presorted Std” stamps that the U. S. Postal Service has issued for use by bulk mailers under permit.

The C1111111 plate number shown to the left repeats every 30th stamp along the roll. Because five different designs repeat in succession, the plate numbered design also appears on unnumbered stamps. Due to this, most collectors will save these in a plate strip of eleven (PS11) to include an unnumbered example of the PNC design. Some might only want a PS5.

The “C” prefix ahead of the plate number represents CCL Industries, a Toronto, Ontario-based company, that purchased Avery’s stamp division on July 1, 2013. This is the first issue to use the “C” prefix.

Back numbers occur every 10 stamps along the roll with the highest numbers on the outside of the roll. They are printed halfway between the top and the bottom on the back of the liner. Examples are shown below. On a given roll, the back number is always in the same position relative to the plate numbered stamp.

The numbers shown above the images below are the Scott Catalog numbers assigned to each of the snowflake designs.

← Examples of 5-digit back numbers from different 10K rolls

Scott 4812

4808

4809

4810

4811



From the Treasurer

I thought it would be a good idea to let you know how the annual membership update cycle has been going this year. We tried something new this year – putting the 2014 Renewal form on both the November and December *Coil Line* wrappers, as opposed to only on the December wrapper. We also included a reminder in both issues of *Coil Line*.

As a result, nearly half the members sent their dues in during November, which has eased the burden of trying to process them all in a single month. For that, I'm truly grateful. We were worried that some members would forget they responded in November, and send in renewal dues in both months. This did happen a couple of times, but I just simply returned the second check in those few cases, and all is well.

A lot of you have forgotten your membership number. Some of you guessed, and wrote a number on the form, followed by a question mark. In almost every case, the stab at a guess turned out wrong! Not to worry. If you're not sure about your membership number, have a look at your cancelled check. I wrote your membership number on your check, so capture it now, while you're thinking about it, for future reference.

So far, it's looking like we're doing much better getting everyone to enroll on time this year. For those of you who forgot to enroll by December 31st, please send your payment in now, and please include the \$4.00 late fee. This is critical in order to avoid you being dropped from membership and taken off the distribution list for the February 2014 *Coil Line*.

Here's wishing you all a Happy New Year!

– John Himes, PNC³ Treasurer

Direct Mail Sightings

More Bobcats on the Prowl

Some interesting coil uses didn't find space in *Coil Line* in 2013. Here we play catch-up with examples of the 1¢ Bobcat coil issues that readers submitted or I found. The first issue, released June 1, 2012, was a novel start as the format is a self-adhesive (SA) in rolls of 3,000. For the first time we had a denominated "makeup rate" stamp as an SA in large rolls. This was intended for mailers to use up supplies of 44¢ SA large rolls, using only SA affixing equipment in lettershops if they wished. (Both the 44¢ Star Flag and the 44¢ Quill & Inkwell designs were available as affixer rolls.)

But use on advertising or fundraising mail seemed slow to come, no doubt due to the self-stick novelty since mailers could still use "water and glue" affixers to add 1¢ Toilewares from large rolls with water-activated gum (WAG). Yet some creative direct-mail marketers were no doubt delighted to get a new design away from the American Design series that they could mix-and-match for attention-getting frankings, regardless of the affixing equipment.

Courtesy of PNC³ member Richard Matta, Figure 1 shows a closeup of an example using an SA 1¢ Bobcat plus a 4¢ Chair to meet the required minimum "token" 5¢ postage per piece on qualified nonprofit mail. (The actual postage due is based on myriad factors of mail preparation that save the Post Office work, and mailers' prepaid funds on account are adjusted accordingly, minus any postage affixed.)

Note that since these coils are not sold "pre-cancelled," the mailer had to apply their own postmark under permit as part of the qualifications for discounted postage rates. (please see next page)



Figure 1. Novel mixed use of SA & WAG coils to meet minimum franking towards postage due. (See text for explanation.)

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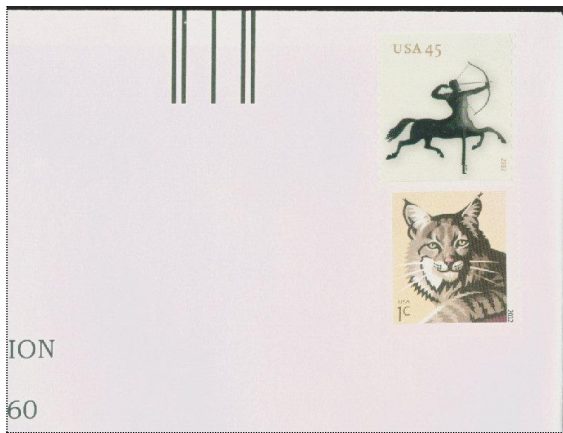


Figure 2. SA 1¢ Bobcat with 45¢ Weathervane.

In April 2013 a collector friend let me review envelopes saved from his residential incoming mail earlier that year. Within a donation appeal mailing franked with a (25¢) Spectrum Eagle presort coil, received in February, was a courtesy reply envelope. Its postage was prepaid by affixed stamps (upper-right corner area shown in Figure 2.) Here finally was the first example I saw of the SA 1¢ Bobcat uprating a 45¢ affixer coil for the first-class letter rate, but it was on a reply envelope not yet postmarked. So I’m still waiting to see a dated example. And based on this month’s postage hike, the 46¢ rate window of one year will be closed!

Meanwhile, from his September 2013 mail PNC³ member Cerel Fritz, Jr. submitted a case of SA 1¢ Bobcat usage with a twist: This time, the mailer applied two SA 1¢ coils to join a WAG 3¢ Coffeepot coil. These, too, added up to the minimum token postage required of 5¢ per mailpiece for qualified nonprofit presort rates (Figure 3).

[I should interject here, in case you come

across one, that such mailings do not have to “stick with” 5¢; they can be franked with more postage up to the minimum postage per-piece actually rated, based on the level of presorting and other prep work. I believe we’ve shown a pair of 3¢ coils (for 6¢ total) used this way in recent years. This parallels the attention-getting device of using “two” nondenominated presort coils (for 10¢ total) seen occasionally. I just saw my first example of a pair of (5¢) Art Deco Birds used this way, also canceled by the mailer.]

Member Steve Blair provided the wrap up to this report, shown (cropped) in Figure 4. December’s back page reported use of the new WAG 1¢ Bobcat, issued August 9, and asked, “Can any more BREs be reported that do include PNCs?” Meanwhile, Steve sent in his PNC example. Interestingly, this BRE and the one shown last month differ slightly in the code at left, and the first line of the address.

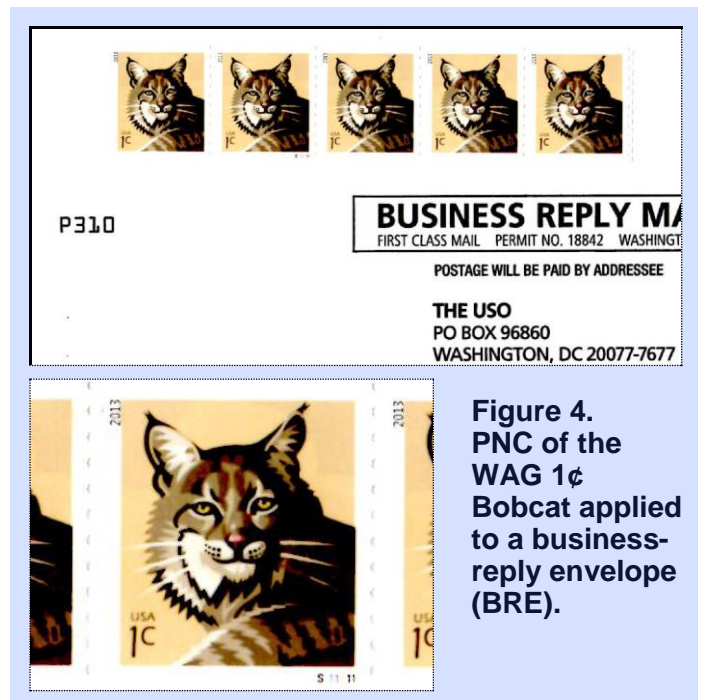


Figure 4. PNC of the WAG 1¢ Bobcat applied to a business-reply envelope (BRE).



(“Direct Mail Sightings” compiled by Ron Blanks. See page 2 for ways to report your finds.)

Figure 3. A variation on mixed use of SA & WAG coils.

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Reinstated

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Deceased

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Reinstated	(1)
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EFOs Show-and-Tell



PNC³ member Jay Bigalke, on the front cover of the September 23, 2013 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, wrote about and showed a strip of four 2012 (Forever) Four Flags (Scott 4637-40) coil stamps completely devoid of die cutting. This imperforate strip came from New York collector Richard Chan, who stated he purchased a full roll of 100 and 52 stamps from another roll. They lack the normal die cutting in-between stamps. While not shown in the *Linn's* image (adapted for image above), Jay noted the plate number is S22222 and Chan stated the intact roll had three stamps with the plate number.



(images cropped from a mint plate strip of five)

Over three decades or so we've had gravure- or offset-printed multicolored coil issues, and misregistered colors are a constant possibility for the printers to minimize. Those few strips or rolls sold that slipped by quality control give a challenging hunt for errors, freaks, and oddities enthusiasts. Many were shown over the years in *The Plate Number* or *Coil Line*, but in black-and-white.

Courtesy of Jeff Fiszbein, we have an example in color (*above*) of the 19¢ Fishing Boat issue. This "hopper" case shows by the plate number digits the extent to which printing cylinders were misaligned.

New Coils Update



According to the USPS *Postal Bulletin* of December 12, the following coil issues are planned (*all coils except the 4c Chair* are self-adhesives*):

- January 2:** 4¢ Chippendale Chair coil of 10,000 (*to be supplied by new printer for this format, Ashton-Potter, with "P" plate number.*)
- Mid- to late-January:** Hummingbird (at denominated Postcard rate) coil of 100 (*edited USPS source image above*)
- January 27:** Ferns (5 designs, "Forever" first-class rate) coils of 3,000 and 10,000
- February 12:** Abraham Lincoln (denominated additional-ounce rate) coil of 100
- March:** Star-Spangled Banner (4 designs, "Forever" first-class rate) coil of 100.

The "New Coils Planned" item in last November's *Coil Line* alluded to first-class denominated four stylized flags in rolls of 3,000 and 10,000. However, these are not listed in the published first-half 2014 schedule. — *Doug Iams*

*— *After this issue of Coil Line was sent to the printer, we learned from the January 6, 2014 issue of Linn's Stamp News (page 1) that the USPS information initially released about the 4¢ Chair in a pressure-sensitive adhesive large-roll format was in error. Jay Bigalke reports that the new coils of 10,000 are water-activated gum rolls, produced by Ashton-Potter working with Guilford Gravure.*