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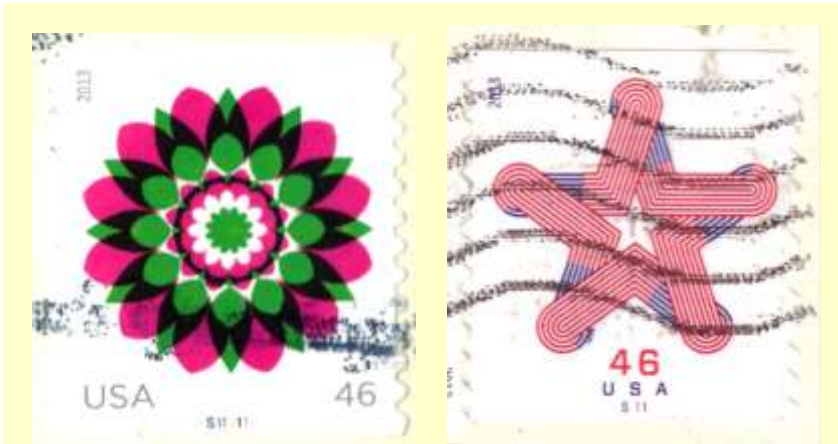
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## President's Message

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

Later this month, we will hold our Annual Board Meeting at DeVos Convention Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in room "Overlook-G."

Items for discussion will include the upcoming international stamp show (World Stamp Show-NY 2016) to be held in New York City beginning May 28, 2016 and continuing through June 4. PNC<sup>3</sup> will have a booth at the show. (If you might be able to help staff the booth for NY 2016, please contact Tom McFarland who is in charge of organizing our schedule for the show.)

We will also have committee reports including the Catalog Committee, Membership Committee, and Webmaster, all of which have been very busy this year.

The annual club meeting will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in room "D" that same day. We will get updates, including membership and our financial position at the meeting, as well as plans for NY 2016.

In addition to the meetings, we will have a booth at the Grand Rapids show, so take some time to stop by to introduce yourself or to say hello to some old friends. Something new that we will have this year at the show will be "Quick Response" Codes or "QR" codes. This will be something new for me, since I have never used a QR code before, but the codes can contain a lot of information about the club and can be used to take someone to a very specific area of our website, such as the membership application, or be used as a general link to our home page.

Tim Lindemuth will have an excellent exhibit at the show called "20-cent U.S. Flag of 1981." This is a wonderful exhibit that includes the 20¢ Flag in sheet, coil and booklet form, including numerous errors, freaks and oddities. I saw his exhibit earlier this year and I understand that he has made some more improvements to it. It is definitely worth taking some time to see.

I hope that I will see many of you at the show.

– Robert E. Thompson



## Welcome!

If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC<sup>3</sup> is in our 28<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

### *Notice of Annual PNC<sup>3</sup> Meeting* APS StampShow – August 22 Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Annual Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will be held in Grand Rapids, MI in conjunction with the APS StampShow on Saturday, August 22nd. The DeVos Place Convention Center, at 303 Monroe Ave. NW, is hosting the exhibition. PNC<sup>3</sup> will meet in Room D from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Also, the PNC<sup>3</sup> Board will meet that Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon in the "Overlook G" room. Interested members are invited to attend.

APS StampShow runs (*please see page 96*)

### PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog Committee at APS StampShow – August 21 Grand Rapids, Mich.

The PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog Committee will hold a meeting on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the APS StampShow (announcement above), at 1 p.m. in room D. Though normally closed to non-members, this will be an open meeting for any member interested in possibly helping with committee activities. Upcoming needs are for members to help prepare the next Values List, and for assistance in assembling new chapters of the PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog.

## A Letter from the Webmaster

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

### Digital *Coil Line* Subscription Delivery Changes

As many of you are aware, we have been making changes to the website. One case in point is the “Current Issue of *Coil Line*” button which appears after you log in. **Starting in October** of this year we will no longer be distributing the “link” to the current issue of *Coil Line*.

There are two reasons for this. The first – some members are unable to receive the link when it is sent out. The second is that once someone has the link, they can read *Coil Line* whenever they wish. The problem is that non-members can also use that link. And since the most recent three years of issues are a “Members Only” benefit, this needs to be changed.

Therefore starting with the October 2015 issue, the *Coil Line* link will not be distributed. Instead, an automated announcement will be sent out to those members that are receiving the digital *Coil Line* when the new issue is ready. For example, the October 2015 announcement will say, “The October 2015 issue of *Coil Line* is ready for viewing.”

To ensure that you receive this announcement you need to add [webmaster@pnc3.org](mailto:webmaster@pnc3.org) to your contact list. That way, e-mail services such as Gmail, Hotmail and AOL will know that you really do wish to receive messages that have that return address. Otherwise these messages might get routed to your “spam” folder.

### My Open Door Policy

My door is always open to you. Feel free to write to me any time you have a concern or a suggestion on how to improve the website. My e-mail address is [webmaster@pnc3.org](mailto:webmaster@pnc3.org).

– Allan Clapp, Webmaster

### For More Background,

#### Technical Subjects this Issue:

- ♦ ...die-cut ties in Ashton Potter-made coil rolls, *Coil Line*, January 2012, pages 6-7 (charts, figures).
- ♦ ...color changelings by light or chemical agents, *Linn's Stamp News Weekly*, January 26, 2015 (p.32), and *Linn's*, July 13, 2015 (p. 23).

## Call for Auction Lots

### August 15<sup>th</sup> Consignment Deadline

PNC<sup>3</sup>'s next auction is our annual Autumn auction in October. This is one of two annual auctions PNC<sup>3</sup> conducts as a membership benefit. (The Spring auction is held every March.)

Joe Sedivy reminds members who sent unsold lots that you can contact him about minimum bids. (Sometimes members have unsold lots but do not contact him after an auction.) Without a member's input, Joe's policy is to lower the start bid by 10% (rounding to the nearest bidding increment). Contact Joe (see consignment sheet on outer wrapper) if you want a different bid revision.

## PNC<sup>3</sup> Membership Cards

The club has not issued membership cards for some time now. (It is unclear when this was suspended.) We are now resuming this practice. Any current member who desires to have a (new) membership card should contact Mel Borofsky at [melborofsky@comcast.net](mailto:melborofsky@comcast.net) or Mel Borofsky, 101 West Sterling Way, Leesburg, FL 34788.

(from page 95, Annual PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting)

from Thursday, August 20 through Sunday, August 23 and opens at 10 a.m. each day. It closes at 6 p.m. daily except for Sunday when it closes at 4.

PNC<sup>3</sup> will have a corner table on the exhibition floor on all days of the show. It will be located in the rear of the hall near the exhibits and is labeled “BB.” Members are encouraged to help staff the booth, especially on Thursday, August 20th.

### 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)  
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## Readers' Forum

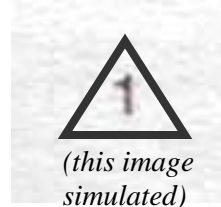
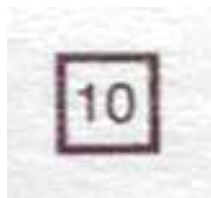


Colors-smearred mint copy of 29¢ Flag over Rushmore plate #7 with normal PNC for comparison (in color on front page)

**Printing anomaly, or post-purchase ruination?** Member Dan Forgues found an odd *mint* copy of the 29¢ Rushmore #7 shown above (with a normal copy at right for comparison). He's curious if anyone else has come across a similar example, or can explain what caused this effect. He noted that the Mount Rushmore design elements appear quite faded, as if barely printed and also smeared.

*[Yes, you are seeing the above image for the second month in a row in this space (courtesy of my slip-up last month). When July's Coil Line appeared, Dan Forgues reminded me he stated at the start that the odd stamp at left is a mint copy with undisturbed gum. I was led astray by the "normal copy" stamp being a used copy. – Editor]*

**New label symbol for <35¢> Coastal Birds Postcard rolls.** Member Michael Lipson reports that he has found triangles now being used for number symbols on roll labels of 2015's <35¢> Coastal Birds Postcard issue. Previously, as related by Frank Covey in last month's "Catalog Corner," the 2015 postcard-rate coil labels were found each sporting a number inside either a circle or a square.



**"Triangle" is a new number symbol on roll labels of <35¢> Coastal Birds.**

(Close-ups of "circle" and "square" types at left.)

**Long multi-design PNC strips.** Doug Iams (last month's issue, page 86) is blaming dealers for the long strips on the multiple-design coil issues. He might be too young to remember that when PNCs first appeared and were collected as plate strips of three (PS3), it was collectors who defined the collectible format for strips, with precancel **gap** types going up to PS12.

Collectors settled on the PS5 format for mint coils as well and that has been the convention for single-design issues for 30+ years. Collectors fully realize that the PS3s of the early issues are worth far less than the trivial difference in the face value of the PS5. There are many examples: Look at Scott 1891 # 3, \$40 vs. \$300 or #6, \$425 vs. \$1,800. Or look at the 20¢ Flag #4, \$5 vs. \$175. Many other examples exist.

Collectors see this and realize that on current issues, if a tough or rare number develops, they are far better off buying the longer strip and paying the small additional cost, rather than risk getting the smaller strip and finding years later that a major price difference exists.

The cynics might argue that dealers prefer selling the longer strips since it's less postage to get rid of after stripping out the rolls. However, on the rare occasions that collectors want the shorter strips, the cost of the extra stamps to be discounted is figured into the price of the shorter strip. I should add that sending out the longer strips is more time consuming, requires more effort to assemble into mailing form, and often more postage cost to mail. If the "powers that be" (the catalog producers, album makers, and collecting leaders) would focus on the shorter strips, the dealers would be enthusiastic to follow along.

– Bob Rabinowitz #265



# Catalog Corner

Frank Covey

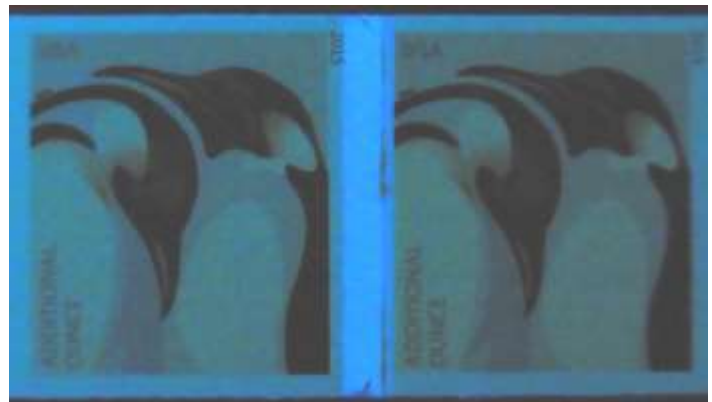


The <22¢> **Penguins Additional Ounce** coil of 100 went on sale June 1, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. No denomination appears on this 22¢ stamp, as it is the first stamp that will pay the first-class additional-ounce rate forever. (Among shape-based pricing instituted in 2007, this rate has been the same for first-class “letters” as well as “large envelopes”; it does not apply to parcels.)

The rolls were produced by Sennett Security Products (SSP) and have an **S1111** plate number on **every 31<sup>st</sup>** stamp. “USPS” is microprinted above the penguin’s neck on the left edge of the stamp. (See image below.)

There is a tagging break at the 2L position (2<sup>nd</sup> stamp left of plate-numbered stamp) of this overall phosphor-tagged issue. (See image below.)

A leader strip starts the roll as shown below.



<22¢> Penguins  
Plate **S1111** (SSP)  
PNC ID **2015-6**



(above) Tagging break at position 2L

(at left) “USPS” microprinted above penguin neck

(below) Leader strip that seals a roll



## A 37¢ Egret “Plate Strip of 3” is Examined

Ron Blanks

After John Himes’ story appeared in last month’s issue (page 86) about a used 37¢ Egret P22222 variety that sold for \$500, a member mailed in a mint P22222 “strip of 3.” He wondered if it might be of the same variety (a die-cut incision style that shows tiny paper ties across the serpentine separation cut at peak-valley midpoints).



A

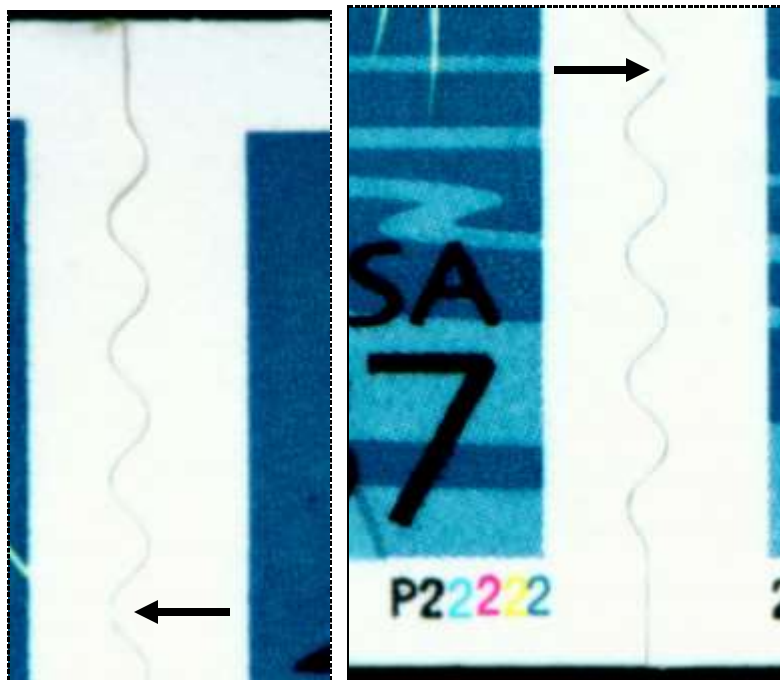
Among the Ashton Potter supplied coils, rolls with P33333, P44444, and P55555 only have *one* tie somewhere along each vertical serpentine cut. Conversely, rolls with P11111 are known only with multiple ties – a tie at each peak-valley midpoint. But rolls with P22222 can be wildcards. They are usually found with a one-tie style like the higher numbers. But evidently the switchover from the multi-tie style used for P11111 occurred after a few P22222 rolls were similarly cut, and examples are very rarely found (thus, a used-single sale at \$500).

As seen in the close-ups at right, the submitted mint strip (image A) has a common one-tie style. One is found at the left side of the P22222 stamp at the fourth peak from its top; on its right side, at the seventh peak. (Other one-tie tie locations are also known.)

But I also wondered about something. I don’t collect mint PNCs except some for reference, and I happened to have this very PNC as a PS5 (below). The rough liner ends of the submitted strip (close-ups, image B) have exposed several of the peaks’ adhesive on the back. I checked with auctioneer Joe Sedivy. He cautions that if strips like the submitted one were consigned to auction, they would be considered having damaged ends.



B



Close-ups, one die-cut incision tie on each side of PNC.  
(Below, a separate plate strip of 5 [PS5] with P22222.)



## Installment # 131

### 46¢ PNCs: Earliest Documented Usages

The 46¢ first-class one-ounce letter rate lasted from January 27, 2013 until January 25, 2014. A short first-class rate period and an unusually low number of PNCs issued to meet the new rate combine to make a few of the 46¢ PNCs quite tough to find on commercial covers, namely the 46¢ Kaleidoscope #S11111, 46¢ Patriotic Star #S111 and the V/P version of the <46¢> Flag For All Seasons #V1111. Here are the earliest usage dates on commercial covers of the 46¢ PNCs:

46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers	#S11111.....	3/30/13
46¢ Patriotic Star	#S111.....	12/3/13
<46¢>* Flag for all Seasons	#P1111.....	8/2/13
	#S1111 (p/v).....	8/5/13
	#V1111 <b>p/v</b> .....	6/14/13
	#V1111 <b>v/p</b> .....	8/20/13

**Key:** **p/v** – starts with a peak shape at upper left  
**v/p** – starts with a valley shape at upper left.  
*All 46¢ issues are self-adhesive.*

\* – <46¢> indicates the value at time of use for these “Forever” first-class rate stamps; dates are in month/day/year format.



**Figure 1a. Cover of 46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers PNC**  
*(dated December 3, 2013, not an earliest use).*



**Figure 1b. Close-up of PNC S11111.**

Since this is my first report of EDU dates on-cover for 46¢ PNCs, I believe many, if not all, of these dates could be improved on, so please check your covers and report any earlier dates. My thanks go out to Robert Thompson for his reports. (See the April, 2014 *Coil Line* for installment #130, on the 45¢ 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. *(please see page 102)*

## Mixed-category Presort Coils on Mailing

Member Richard Matta recently shared a cover with us that he recalled finding in a post office trash bin, most likely in 2005. (See image at right.) While any doubt that the cover genuinely traveled through the mail should be minuscule given its provenance, it still raises some questions. The cover as it presently appears is very much “against regulations” and we cannot recall ever learning of a similar use on an outer envelope.

We’d like to know if anyone else has seen this.

Here is an opportunity to review some of the areas where a mailer’s creative use of stamps can apparently run afoul of postal regulations. Keep in mind we always have, logically speaking, at least these three states possible for any use: Does not run afoul; or runs afoul, but permission obtained; or runs afoul, permission not obtained (not stopped in mails).

Mixing stamps inscribed with different service indications is strictly prohibited; yet even here an exception “in the manual” is allowed. (Do you recall? *Answer at this section’s end, next page.*)

Using more than one precancel or presort coil per piece is not prohibited, even though many collectors have thought otherwise over the decades. From the early days of local and Bureau-printed precancels, regulations usually strongly requested only one stamp be used on discount-rate bulk mailings, but it was never prohibited.

(Long before a large mailer like “Look” magazine used multiple low-value stamps as courtesy postage on reply envelopes, mailers used two brown or bright-orange ½¢ precanceled stamps for the 1¢ third-class bulk rate to draw attention and distinguish themselves from the “1¢ green stamp” uses.)

Nowadays, multiple-presort coil use is typically a pair of the same stamp, such as the pair of 2003 (25¢) American Eagle Presorted First-Class stamps affixed in the “normal” position on this cover. The marketing text on the cover, “Your FREE Patriotic Bracelet Enclosed,” hints at an above-average weight for the item with contents. (Although it is interesting that this involved a flimsy paper enclosure with large windows – the glassine window on reverse occupies most of that side; we have other mailers’ cardboard “boxes” thicker than the maximum allowed for letter-shape mail, often holding a writing pen, thus rated as a “flat.”)



**Mixed-category presort coils (close-up) of fund-raising mailpiece (at top)**

We’re of the opinion that the pair of Eagles (a 50¢ franking value) should have been sufficient “razzle-dazzle” to encourage opening the cover –

(a) The design of the issue itself yielded ten different “designs” in-sequence throughout a roll, due to the ten pairs of color combinations employed;

(b) While pairs of Non-Profit Org. coils are not uncommon, pairs of presort coils of the Presort First-Class and the Standard categories are rarely seen. (Interestingly, we received a political mailing during August 2007 that had two standard-rate coils that differed [one a (10¢) Lion, the other a (10¢) Atlas] – the only such case we can recall. We don’t think this was on purpose but rather simply reflected a mix of design rolls on-hand when the lettershop loaded rolls into the affixers.)

*(please see page 102)*



**Two short plate strips of 1¢ Bobcat with plate # on correct coil for strip size**

*(from previous page, Direct mail sightings)*

As Nonprofit-Org. coils are a preferential-rate subset of standard-class, the main problem (at least historically) with these mixed coils is not knowing which service category applies. First-class affords exception services that cost extra with standard-class, such as forwarding and address correction.

(See December 2014 *Coil Line* for the problems caused by the 1991 issuance without a service inscription of a forerunner of today's presort coils, the 10¢ Tractor Trailer issue.)

But for all I know, in recent years these handling distinctions for exceptions are not relevant (e.g., digital handling of address changes), and the only likely rule that applies to a cover like this is that the highest class among mixed coils applies.

[Answer to question posed earlier – Mixed-category coils are allowed under precancel-use permit available to collectors to use up scrap postage, for full-rate franked first-class mail likewise endorsed below stamps. Such mail is supposed to be presented to counter clerk of permit's post office.]

*(from page 100, Commercial covers #131)*



**Figure 2a. Cover of 46¢ Patriotic Star PNC (not an earliest known use).**

### Gleaning from Recent Mail

We're almost out of room so we conclude with a clipping mailed in by member Cerel Fritz. Based on previous examples, it is most likely from a business-reply envelope of a USO donation appeal. What is remarkable about the two 2013-dated 1¢ Bobcat strips, a pair and a trio, is that each has a plate number in the correct position for the strip size. (Fans of the Transportation Series will recall that "joint-line pairs" of the old Cottrell press coils would have the plate number on the first stamp when numbers were added starting in 1981.)

### 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 Richard Beecher, Secretary. Email: [richardlater@aol.com](mailto:richardlater@aol.com) or see page 94 for more contact methods.



**Figure 2b. Close-up of PNC S111.**

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## Membership Update

### New Applicants

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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 following notice in *Coil Line* if no objection is made.

<b>Previous Membership Count</b>	<b>515</b>
<b>New Applicants</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Reinstated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PNC<sup>3</sup> Membership Count</b>	<b>518</b>

## Shifting Digits in (25¢) Spectrum Eagle PNCs



(25¢) Spectrum Eagle #V11111, #V22222 cylinder numbers

(close-ups from on-paper mixture clippings above, image source - Jeff Fiszbein)

What if a single PNC stamp showed a dramatic mis-alignment of an ink cylinder among the gravure or offset print cylinders, but the design showed nary a color-shift problem? Mixture-sorter Jeff Fiszbein found four (25¢) Spectrum Eagle PNCs that pose challenges counting the digits. The cyan ink “1” was prone to shifting out of its dropout “1” spot – and little if any cyan (light blue) is used for the numbered stamp’s colors.

The numbered stamp is one of six different color schemes that repeat through a roll of this issue in which the eagle, stars, lettering etc. remain the same. Blue and/or green colors (using cyan ink) are on some of the six.



**A.** Odd-color 5¢ Toleware trio on mixture clipping



**B** [image sources - Jeff Fiszbein (gray), Coil Line (dark beige)]

Jeff found something else while sorting a mixture recently – alleged color-omitted examples of the 5¢ Toleware coil, still on-piece unused (image A). [For a true error, no speck of the color can be present, so only the middle and last stamp in the strip above are candidates.] A reviewer noted that the yellow ink “1” was missing in the plate number (top close-up, B), which perhaps warranted having the coil strip expertized.

Comparing the plate number digits with normal PNCs (close-ups with yellow, B) shows a problem with the “missing color” case – the first two digits closely match the gray frame and pale gray background, respectively. Since plate digits are printed with only one ink each, it is a contradiction to have a “missing” yellow ink involved in any “change” of the first two inks’ colors. The gray towards the strip’s upper left corner but not the lower left suggests a corner of an overlaid item. A *color changeling* results when sun or light exposure first fades the most vulnerable inks during the exposure time. Jeff has sent the item to be expertized.

## Auction #53 -- Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet

(Photocopy this page. A separate sheet is required for each lot.)

 **Saturday August 15, 2015 is Auction Consignment Deadline** 

**Please Note:** Auction Lot fee is 10% of hammer price (minimum 50¢ per lot), and a 50¢ lotting fee for each UNSOLD lot (all fees deducted from the sale proceeds).

- 1) Keep this entire page intact and attach only one lot in its own glassine with tape on the top half (*do not use staples*). I understand that this might not be possible for longer strips.
- 2) LIMIT CONSIGNMENT TO ~~25~~ **30** LOTS, please. **New - Limit of TWO non-PNC/non-Coil lots.**
- 3) As I find that there is no totally acceptable definition of a commercial cover, all covers will be listed as either "First Day Covers" or "Other Covers". There will be no exceptions.
- 4) If you do not state a minimum bid, your lot(s) will go to the highest bidder regardless of the price(s) realized.
- 5) Bidding increments are: \$0.25 to \$4.75 -- 25¢, \$5.00 to \$9.50 -- 50¢, \$10.00 to \$49.75 -- \$1.00, \$50.00 to \$97.50 -- \$2.50, \$100.00 to \$495.00 -- \$5.00, \$500.00+ -- \$10.00

**OWNER IDENTIFICATION** Preferred E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ PNC<sup>3</sup> Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Scott # \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid (see rules above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Is this One of Your 2 *Non-PNC* Lots? \_\_\_\_\_

Description of material:

**Note!** It is assumed that all mint material is never hinged, with undisturbed gum, sound perfs, etc. If otherwise, please note under "Faults" below. Used materials are assumed to be unhinged with sound perfs, etc. If otherwise, please note under "Faults".

(For COTTRELL press issues, please grade **both** design centering and line centering.)

Centering – Overall for non-Cottrell issues or Cottrell designs (see grading notes) (Circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Centering (line) Cottrell issues only (Circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

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