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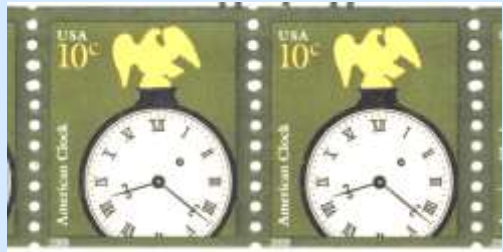
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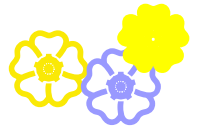
Inside this month's issue are the auction results from our Spring auction held last month. Congratulations to those who were able to find a good deal and to those who were able to sell some extra material. Also, it cannot go without saying "Thank You" to Joe Sedivy for all of the time he spends in describing all of the material that is submitted for each auction. Now as he gets the lots out from this auction, he will be starting the process over again as he gets ready for the next auction.

Also, in this month's issue are a couple of announcements from our Webmaster Allan Clapp. I am in constant communication with Allan on several issues, and apparently some of our members are still having issues with printing *Coil Line*. Allan has offered a few suggestions as well as his contact information so that he can help out anyone that is still having a problem. Allan is very easy to work with, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact him.

We ask for your patience as we handle some technical housekeeping matters on our club website. Allan will soon begin the process of converting our website to a Secure Sockets Layer or, as some of you might know, "SSL." This will provide an extra layer of security to the PNC³ website. More specifically, the members' area will be more secure and allow us to add more features that we have been reluctant to implement in the past. With the SSL support, this will also give our website a higher ranking during Internet searches.

Establishing the SSL will involve switching the current server in use to a new, more secure one. Note that during this conversion process, two versions of the club's website will be running for a short period of time. This process can take as long as a week to be fully implemented. I have asked Allan to start the process around the middle of May, so that hopefully it will not interfere with anyone trying to download the new edition of *Coil Line*. This will also mean that some of the PNC³ website's "Plate Number Coil News" might not be up-to-date during this process. We appreciate your patience during this upgrade.
— Robert E. Thompson

Welcome!



If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC³ is in our 28th 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

(no meeting notices received to publish this month)

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

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

From the April 2003 *Coil Line* – by Frank Covey

One Large Hole Perforation Variety of the WAG Lion



"Sennett WAG perforations are done by a skiving process whereby pins push up the stamp paper and the holes are shaved off the top of the pins. When this process goes awry, different size holes are produced.

"Looking at the [(10¢) NY Library] Lion PS3 above, you will note one large perf hole in the center of the perf line to the right of the plate number. This was found on both odd and even middle back-numbered rolls. It did not occur on every plate numbered strip on the roll, but when it did occur it was always in the same location."

A Letter from the Webmaster

from the editor ...

Greetings PNC³ Members,

Problems Printing the Digital Edition of *Coil Line*

Recently it came to my attention that various members are having trouble printing the digital edition of *Coil Line*. There can be a number of causes for this problem. However, in most cases the issue is either an older web browser or attempting to use the “wrong” set of print controls.

Normally, the Adobe Reader program opens the Digital Edition of *Coil Line* from within the web browser. And the Reader program has its own print button (usually near the upper-right corner, just above the *Coil Line* page). Therefore it is rather easy to overlook this print button and use the web browser’s own print feature. That print feature will print the one web page just as it appears on your screen (menu buttons and all!)

In contrast, the Adobe Reader print button will print the *Coil Line* pages only (which is, after all, what you really want to print). If you find that you are still experiencing problems printing the file, send me your phone number and best time for me to call to: webmaster@pnc3.org.

I will be happy to work directly with you to determine the problem and how to correct it. After all, I am here to provide a service to you, the members of the PNC³.

PNC3.org Implements Data Encryption

In order to better protect your User Name and Password from prying eyes, the PNC³ website is implementing Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) data encryption. Some of you already know what this means.

For those that are not familiar with it, SSL is a fancy way of saying that whatever you send over the Internet will only be able to be read by those who it is intended for (namely, the web server itself). And when the web server sends information to you, only your web browser will be able to read it.

Eventually (development time permitting), this will also allow the implementation of other features on the website.

But first things first. What you need to know now is that the site will be temporarily unavailable while the SSL conversion takes place. The reason is

Due to a fortuitous combination of factors, we were able to prepare another 16-page edition of *Coil Line* on the heels of a 12-page April issue that followed the 16-page March issue (enlarged due to the Spring Auction lot listings). I appreciate the recent level of reader contributions and thank you now if I failed to do so personally. Some columns absent for awhile also return. Enjoy! – Ron Blanks

Forever Categories to Expand; New Postal Rates Postponed

As we went to press, the Postal Regulatory Commission had approved the U.S. Postal Service’s plan to add new rate categories of “Forever” valued stamps. Included will be a “postcard rate” type and an “additional ounce” type, both of which traditionally have been supported by coil formats. But the PRC had problems with a few technical issues in the USPS filing of new postal rates that were planned to take effect on April 26. The USPS decided to postpone the new rates’ effective date rather than have a piece-meal rollout of approved ones. The new date had yet to be announced.

that our Domain Name (pnc3.org) will be re-pointed to a new server computer. This process usually takes from 24 to 48 hours. I say “usually” because, on one memorable occasion, someone I was working with had to wait for *seven days* for the task to finish!

The simple fact is that there is no way for anyone to expedite this process. It takes as long as it takes. And to borrow a saying from the automotive industry, “Your mileage may vary.” The process is dependent on a great many factors (over which none of us have any control), so it is impossible to determine just how long you will have to wait. My suggestion is to keep returning back every few days to determine when you regain access to the site.

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 website. My e-mail address is webmaster@pnc3.org.

– Allan Clapp, Webmaster

Readers' Forum



Questions over an odd ink-smear. Here is an interesting 20¢ Flag (Scott 1895) used strip of three bearing plate number 8. Black ink is smeared for the “20c USA” area only. And only on the center stamp. A couple of questions arise.

Why is the “20c USA” the only part of the stamp that is smeared? Why are the other two stamps normal? Maybe one of our members has the answer. – *Dan Forgues #1037L*

Two sets of combo perfs on cover. Have I correctly identified this cover (*shown below*) which seems to have Combination Perforations in both coil strips? I saw a note/listing for Plate Strip of 5 (PS5) on page 3 of the PNC’s Values 2011 edition, but no price for a cover.



Oddly selective smearing on 20¢ Flag coil
(close-up from middle stamp in strip shown at left.)

10¢ American Clock (Scott 3762) has combo perfs on perfs 3 and 4 from top. The 3¢ #3759 has Combo perfs on perf 6 down from top. – *Jim Lowery #976* (please see page 67 for “combo” cause)





The self-adhesive (SA) Presorted Standard “Stars and Stripes” issue was released February 27, 2015 in Grapevine, Texas 76051. It is available in rolls of 3,000 and 10,000. The non-denominated Stars and Stripes has an assigned 10-cents value like other Presorted Standard stamps, first issued in 1995 and used by bulk mailers under permit filed with the U.S. Postal Service. It replaces the Presorted Standard Patriotic Banner (PNC ID 2007-10) and supplements the Presorted Standard Snowflakes (2013-8), both of which are still on sale through the USPS’ *USA Philatelic Catalog*.

This issue uses three distinct stamp designs that when viewed together form a portion of a U.S. Flag. (See the plate strip of five* at the bottom of the page for a view of this multi-stamp image.)

The S111 plate number repeats every 27th stamp.

A 2015 year date appears vertically in the upper right corner within each design, each shown in close-ups below.

Back numbers occur every 10 stamps on the back of the liner with the highest back numbers on the outside of the roll. Both top- and bottom-positioned back numbers are possible. Since the plate number occurs at an odd-numbered interval (every 27 stamps), the back number’s location will creep in relation to the plate number. This allows for all relative positions of the back number to be collected from one roll.



(10¢) Stars and Stripes
(SSP) (SA)
Plate S111
PNC ID 2015-2



Bottom BN
“04070”
←



* -- a strip of 5 shown here is not necessarily the preferred length to collect; see page 59.





Suggested length to collect of newly issued (10¢) Stars & Stripes (*see text for reason*).

News and Trivia: 2015's (10¢) Stars & Stripes

Initial printing quantities. The initial printing quantities that the U. S. Postal Service listed in its technical details for the new (10¢) Stars & Stripes show a big difference between rolls of 3,000 and rolls of 10,000.

Quantity for the 3K rolls is 60 million, while that for 10K rolls is 1 billion. That seems to be a huge “discrepancy” – the 3K rolls’ figure is but 6% of the 10K figure. (In comparison, quantities for the <49¢> Ferns reprint 3K and 10K rolls, released March 27, are 45 and 100 million, respectively.)

At first glance, one might infer that mailer demand for the 3K rolls is proportionately low versus 10K rolls, and this might very well be the case. However, with data from about seven years’ sales of the predecessor “Patriotic Banner” rolls, it’s more likely that current stocks of those 2007-design 3K rolls are simply more robust than its 10K rolls.

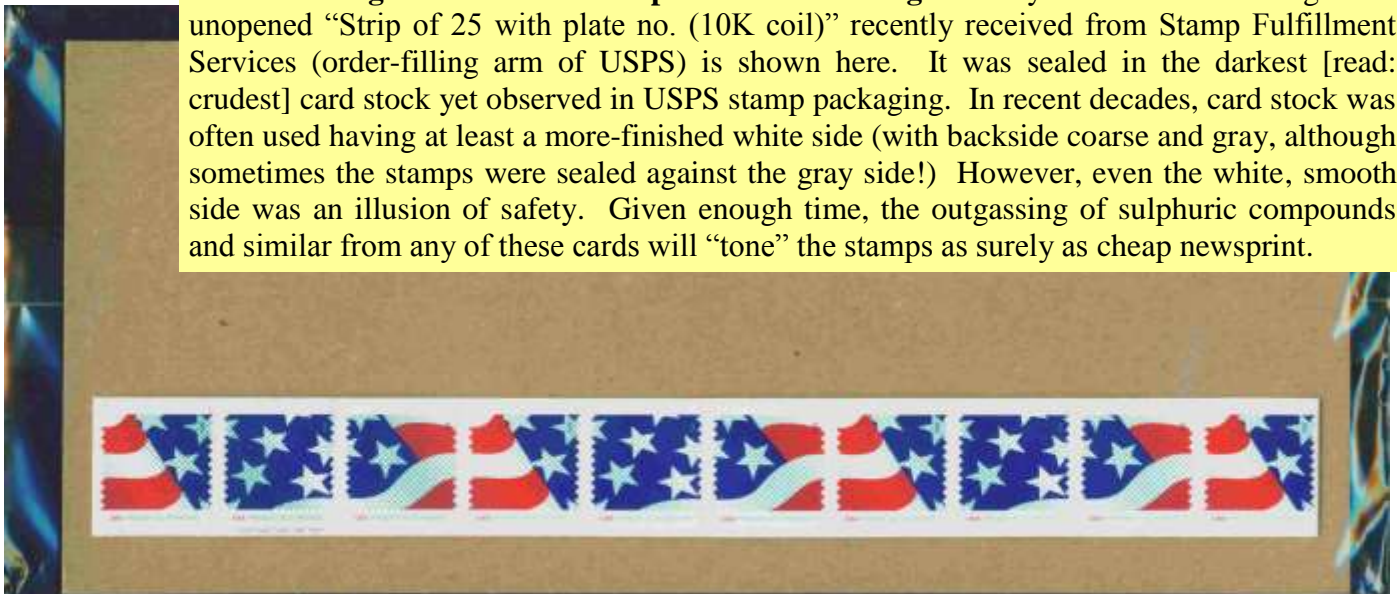


Political mailing found April 4 used the new coil.

What length strip to collect? Given the three distinct designs repeating throughout a roll, the traditional plate [numbered] strip of 5 (PS5) favored by most mint collectors might not be the best choice here. By convention, multi-design strips are saved with a numbered design at center plus *an unnumbered coil of that design*, with the strip lengthened by an even count as needed if the center five does not have it. By this rule, PS5s are too short for design counts of three or more.

Longer strips can be problematic for album pages, so a collector’s preference for aesthetic placement can reflect a variance to this rule.

“Package not suitable for philatelic archiving.” They never were kidding. An unopened “Strip of 25 with plate no. (10K coil)” recently received from Stamp Fulfillment Services (order-filling arm of USPS) is shown here. It was sealed in the darkest [read: crudest] card stock yet observed in USPS stamp packaging. In recent decades, card stock was often used having at least a more-finished white side (with backside coarse and gray, although sometimes the stamps were sealed against the gray side!) However, even the white, smooth side was an illusion of safety. Given enough time, the outgassing of sulphuric compounds and similar from any of these cards will “tone” the stamps as surely as cheap newsprint.



Circus Wagon Test Finds Unexpected Machine Cancels

Joann Lenz

[In another installment of our series of occasional transcriptions of early Coil Line and The Plate Number (TPN) articles on-file only as photocopies, we bring the following to text-searchable digital life. In the July 1994 TPN, member Joann Lenz described her mailing test using the then-novel "05" Circus Wagon coils found with luminescent ink.]

In Coil Line issues of spring 2014, a recent low-value coil reportedly using phosphorescent paper sufficient to activate facer-canceler detection was discussed with some debate, still unresolved. Thus, the presentation of the 1994 story below also serves as prerequisite background to review today's coils and mail-stream processing in a future issue.]

In May [1994], I sent out three covers to about 45 fellow collectors. They were to mail them back to me.

The covers were franked as follows:

- * 5 tagged 5¢ Circus Wagons plus 2 untagged 2¢ Locomotives
- * 5 untagged Circus Wagons (from Plate A2) plus 2 untagged 2¢ Locomotives
- * 5 glowing ink Circus Wagons (from Plate A3) plus 2 untagged 2¢ Locomotives.

94% of the covers with tagged Circus Wagons received proper machine cancels while only 23% of the untagged Circus Wagons did. 52% of the covers with the glowing ink stamps had machine cancels.

To me it looks as if USPS did create much extra work for itself, and also large numbers of uncanceled stamps, by switching to untagged low values, especially those stamps regularly used by charities such as the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Wherefore art thou oh automation savings/revenue protection? *[See sidebar, page 61.]*

Secondly, our little test seems to show that the glowing ink stamps do seem to activate some facer/cancelers, more than do the untagged versions of these stamps, no matter how loudly Dr. Al Fatah and USPS deny this possibility.

All covers from Washington D.C. (no matter what stamps) received proper machine cancels. Untagged and glowing ink covers from Cincinnati received hand cancels.

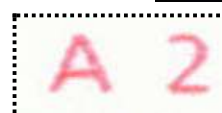
Covers from other post offices received mixed treatment. One cover from Royal Oak, Mich., got a dauber cancellation on untagged stamps, the other got no cancel at all. Of the glowing ink covers from there, one got a machine cancel, the other no cancel.

In comparing these results with an earlier test, we got back different covers. For example, on this mailing Roanoke, Va. covers received a hand cancellation on the tagged stamps, a proper machine cancel on the glowing ink and no cancel on the untagged. In the previous mailing, glowing ink stamps got a proper machine cancel.

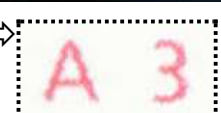
It appears to me that the facer/cancelers at some locations are more sensitive than others at other times or locations. Perhaps there are sensitivity switches on this machinery. This is a question I'll leave to those more knowledgeable about postal equipment and procedures. I'll be glad to share my complete results with anyone interested in pursuing this adventure. (SASE to [then-given address].) *(please see sidebar, next page)*



A



B



C

(from page 60)



DAV used a phosphor-tagged 4¢ Steam Carriage with five untagged Circus Wagon coils (Scott 2452a; fourth stamp is plate-numbered “1”) on this reply envelope in an October 1991 mailing. (See previous page for a PNC close-up [A].)

The Three “05” Circus Wagon Coils in 1994 Test

In 1991, the USPS announced a policy of no longer phosphor-tagging stamps below 10¢ denomination. The policy was intended to thwart a mail scam of the time that tried to sell a “secret report” that purported to reveal how users could legally mail letters with only low-value stamps. The gradual replacement of phosphor-tagged low-value stamps with untagged ones would, of course, lessen the chance that under-stamped letters would be automatically canceled. The Scott catalog lists many 1¢ to 5¢ varieties in the Transportation Series coils and the Great Americans panes created by this policy.

Note that Joann’s three sets of test covers list some examples of the affected coils: “untagged 2¢ Locomotives,” “tagged” 05 Circus Wagons [Scott 2452], “untagged” 05 Circus Wagons [two print types – BEP’s intaglio-engraved cylinder 1 still good after tagged run, and 2, both printed untagged rolls: Scott 2452a; Guilford Gravure-printed rolls from cylinder A1 or A2: Scott 2452B; from A3, 2452f]. (See table, above right. Close-ups of an A2 coil [B] and A3 coil pair [C] are shown on previous page.)

If not clear in the main story, coils described as “glowing ink Circus Wagons (from Plate A3)” are the then-novel variety with luminescent ink [2452f], the instigating subject of Joann’s tests. Since the A3 rolls were produced after the “untagged” A2 rolls, collectors were conflicted about the appearance of

Scott Catalog References to Types of “05” Circus Wagon Design

Print Method	Phosphor Tagging?	Gum Type	Ink Type	Plate # Used	Scott Ref.
intaglio ¹	yes	dull	plain	1	2452
intaglio	no	dull	plain	1	2452a
intaglio	no	low-gloss	plain	2	no ID
gravure ²	no	low-gloss	plain	A1, A2	2452B
gravure	no	low-gloss	lum.	A3	2452f

¹ by BEP, Bureau of Engraving & Printing

² by Guilford Gravure, for USPS contractor

American Bank Note Co. (hence, reason for plate # prefix “A”); “lum.” = luminescent

Note: Test (see page 60) used the Circus Wagon types denoted by **highlighted plate #s**, respectively.

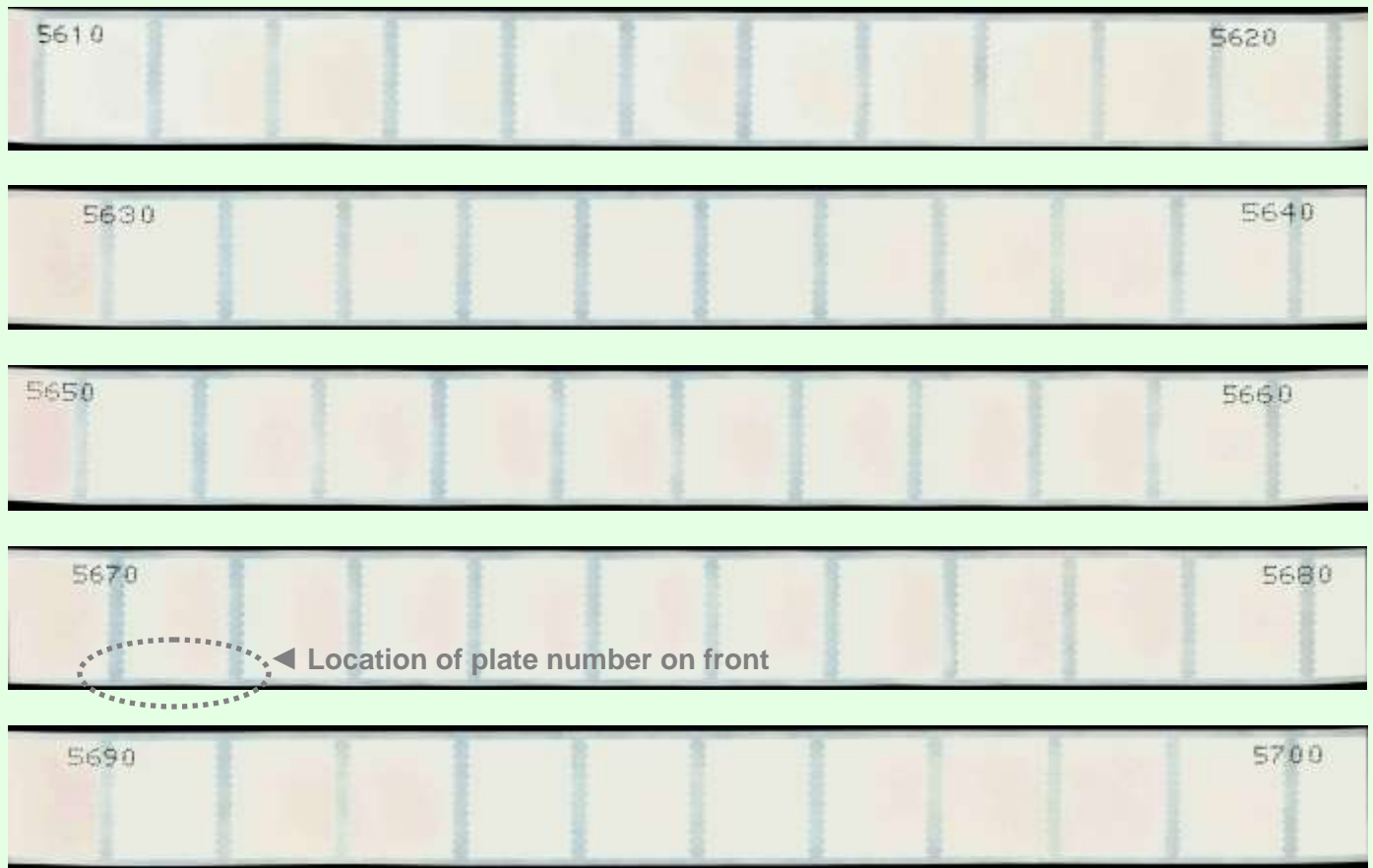


Example of reply envelope using untagged gravure-printed Circus Wagon coils, from a May 1993 mailing. (These have plain ink and no plate number, so come from either A1 or A2 rolls. The 2¢ Locomotives are block-tagged.)

the luminescent ink as some speculated it constituted “tagging” just like phosphor-overcoated or phosphored-paper stamps. Subsequent published discussion of Joann’s tests, and other collectors’ articles, will be presented in the future to round out this topic’s coverage.

A few years ago, the USPS raised the minimum value for a stamp to be phosphor-tagged to the additional-ounce rate, currently 21¢. Thus, the current “2008” year-dated 10c American Clock coil exists in both phosphor-tagged and untagged versions due to recent reprinting. — Ron Blanks

Migrating Back Numbers on 2015 1¢ Bobcat: A Photo Essay



Is the PS5 at left a “number on number”? The center stamp bears “P1111”, and the “7” of a back number can barely be seen through the liner (red oval, **A**).

In **B**, the mirrored back number is super-imposed to show its location. Are these considered “off centered”? What if they were \$1 stamps, or rare?

In my most recent order (a rare occasion) of mint strips from the USPS via the *USA Philatelic* catalog, I received a strip of 100 of the 2015-dated 1¢ Bobcat from a 10K roll. For 1¢ stamps I suppose it's unimportant, but for collectors I thought it interesting that the back numbers (added to show how many stamps

remain in a roll) were not always positioned neatly behind the stamps. In fact, for these 100 (about half shown above; stamps after the numbers *on right right* to the next number were omitted), numbers migrated to span the gaps. (I don't collect back numbers, so I ask about trading conditions.) – *Ron Blanks*



Recent gleanings from clipping mixtures

Member Jeff Fiszbein is one of the most active stamp mixture sorters who shares finds with us on more than an occasional basis. (Readers of *Coil Line* in recent years might recall that Jeff, in addition to Bob Murrin, have contributed almost all of the counterfeit coil reports in these pages. Dan Forgues, whose other finds are featured elsewhere in this issue, has also shared a notable counterfeit find or two.)

Now Jeff shares used-stamp clippings from recent fundraising mailings that have made their way into mixtures. The timing of Jeff's picture now jump-starts a discussion I've been meaning to have since mid-2014 or so, as previous columns presented covers using the same stamps as the ones above.

"Same" stamps? Well, that's the point of the discussion – whether for fun or education or both, research that is seemingly unbounded is possible to study these direct-mail uses of our denominated low-value coils from plate-numbered rolls. As those with at least a passing interest in these coils know, the coils form a still-expanding set of varieties across adhesive type, year dates, and plate numbers (just to name the three primary traits beyond design).

And I believe our members' varied interests in this area range from complete indifference to those one or two of you who might take up the challenge of discovering many statistical possibilities of what combinations are possible to collect (assuming one can afford the time commitment, of course).

By way of disclosure, as a student of direct-mail uses I am happy to log every occurrence I come across (key facts being "who" and "when" in addition to "what"). But I have yet to find the time for any

substantive analysis. (As per Jeff's jump-starting, I had hoped to slip in some data, but ran out of space.)

Naturally, PNC collectors upon seeing any strip of different coils like these, anywhere, immediately look closely to find any plate numbers. I must have noted in earlier columns how few plate numbers seem to pop up on these mailings in spite of the many coils present, because Jeff noted that not one of these 24 coils he found has a number.

Half of these clippings show a "1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢" sequence, and half show exactly the opposite. Of the four designs represented, all are available in water-activated gummed (WAG) rolls but only one is also available in self-adhesive (SA) rolls (the 1¢ Bobcat). Not noticeable in the group image at left, the 1¢ Bobcat starting the second row is the only SA case (enlarged, below). My sense of the mail logged since 2013 is that the 1¢ SA is ever so gradually being used, even mixed in with WAGs.

Other mash-ups possible involve the 3¢ and 4¢ issues in the American Design series, although for the 3¢ one needs a PNC example. A numbered 3¢ can be either "S1111" or "S2222" but otherwise look identical. Not so with the 4¢ – now from two different printers, it can be found with "2007" or "2013" year date, numbered or not. Interestingly, again in the set of six here, only one of the 4¢ is the newer "2013" (second 4¢, top row, enlarged below).

I can report recently finding a similar strip of these four coils on-cover, with one numbered, to show next time. And, they are in a third sequence! The November 2014 issue showed a cover with two numbered coils (out of two). Who will report the next case of two (or more) on one cover?



On this 4¢, the "2013" is at upper left; on 4¢ with "2007", it is located at lower left.

My last report was published in the December 2013 issue of *Coil Line*. In the interest of bringing newer members up to speed on the true rarities in the PNC world, I've pulled together this update. Newer members should take note that most of the varieties listed on this report are ones that have never been found in mint condition. The officials no longer release data on actual printing quantities, so we only have the reporting of the collector community as a means to gauge relative scarcity or true rarity.

I'm confident that our newer members will search their holdings and identify more copies of these rarities. There are surely more out there. Long-standing members would be well advised to review their collections with the last two varieties on this list in mind, since these are the most recently added discoveries and have received relatively little attention. It's my belief that there are more than a few copies of the #22222 tagged Jukebox in collectors' hands that have not been identified. Having found two covers, there must be singles from mixtures and other sources that have been "hiding in plain sight."

It would be great if we could list the values of these items in our Values List the next time it comes out. I have little price data to go on, and ask those who have bought or sold, to let me know the prices.

Another copy of the 32¢ Flag over Porch (FOP) #66666 12/11 die was discovered in early March this year, bringing the count to five. So don't give up on locating some of the varieties that have been listed for many years.

The counts now stand at:

PNC Issue	PNC ID	Scott No.	Mint Single	Mint P/S 5	Used Single	On Cover
32¢ Flag over Porch ("Famous Five")						
66666 10/11 die	1996-8.221	2915A	--	--	22	2
66666 12/11 die	1996-8.241	2915C	--	--	5	2
78777 10/10 die	1996-8.211	2915A	--	9	71	5
88888 11/12 die	1996-8.252	2915C	--	--	4	--
13231A 10/10 VP die	1996-8.212	2915A	7	9	58	15
(5¢) Avery Mountain V333342 13L/12R die	1996-10.211	2904A	--	--	25	3
V333343 round corner die	1996-10.211	2904A	--	--	6	--
(5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die	1997-1.22	2904B	2	5	16	2
(25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die	1998-7.21	3208A	--	--	104	9
(10¢) Green Bike #444 square shoulder die	1998-4.22	3228	--	--	33	4
(10¢) Eagle&Shield STD #11111 round shoulder die	1998-15.1111	3271	1	6	12	4
(10¢) Atlas V13222	2003-9.11	3770	--	--	70	2
V21113	2003-9.11	3770	--	--	6	--
V21211 tagged	2003-9.12	3770a	--	--	6	1
37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die	2003-8.22	3829	--	--	32	1
V2121 PV die	2003-8.21	3829	--	--	2	--
V3211 VP die	2003-8.22	3829	--	--	47	4
V3211 PV die	2003-8.21	3829	--	--	9	2
(10¢) Lion #S666666 fully tagged	2000-2.12	3447b	--	--	1	--
(25¢) Jukebox #22222 Tagged	1996-13.12	2912Bc	--	--	--	2

These counts represent only the stamps that have been reported to me, NOT the quantities that actually exist. Some owners choose not to report their holdings, and others are not aware of this survey. If you have a new find to report, please send a report to me at 16415 W. Desert Wren Ct., Surprise, AZ 85374. My e-mail address is gctrinks@cox.net. Send a scan too, if you have the capability. Many thanks to all members who have reported in the past. Keep up the good work!!

Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes, Die Cuts & Tagging

Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
1¢ Bobcat 2012	P1111, P2222	3k	27	VP	
►1¢ Bobcat 2015	P1111	10k	27	VP	
1¢ Bobcat	S111111	10k	31	w	
1¢ Tiffany Lamp 2008	S11111	3k	31	w	
		10k	"	w	
1¢ Tiffany Lamp 2003 ≠	S11111	3k	14	w	
2¢ Navajo Jewelry	S111111	10k	31	w	
3¢ Silver Coffeepot	S1111, S2222	10k	14	w	
4¢ Chippendale Chair 2013	P1111	10k	24	w	
4¢ Chippendale Chair 2007	S1111	10k	14	w	
5¢ Toleware	S1111111	10k	14	w	
10¢ Clock 2008	S1111 ≠	10k	31	w	OA
	S2222	"	"	w	
10¢ Clock 2006 ≠	S1111	10k	14	w	
20¢ Washington	P11111, P22222	100	31	VP	OA
21¢ Lincoln	C111	100	20	PV, VP	OA
33¢ Apples (4 diff.) ≠	S11111	100	32	PV	S
34¢ Hummingbird	P11111	100	31	VP	S
34¢ Hummingbird	P22222	100	31	VP	OA
42¢ Flags of Our Nation Sets 1&2, ≠					
44¢ Flags of Our Nation Sets 3&4 ≠					
(10 diff./set)	S111111111	50	10	PV	S
44¢ Flag ≠	S111	3k	31	w	S
44¢ Flag (affixer) ≠	V1111	3k	16	VP	S
		10k	"	"	"
44¢ Quill & Inkwell ≠	S1111	3k	27	S	S
		10k	"	"	"
45¢ Weather Vanes ≠	S1111111	3k	25	S	S
(5 diff.)		10k	"	"	"
46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers≠	S11111	3k	28	PV	S
(4 diff.)		10k	"	"	"
46¢ Patriotic Star ≠	S111	10k	27	PV	S
49¢ Ferns (5 diff.)	C1111	3k	30	VP	OA
		10k	"	"	"
(5¢) Art Deco Bird	P1111, P2222, P3333	3k	27	S	
		10k	"	"	
(5¢) Sea Coast	P7777, P9999	3k	27	S	
	P7777 ≠, P9999 ≠	10k	"	"	
(5¢) Sea Coast	B111	500	10	w	
		10k	"	w	
(with luminescent ink)	S1111	3k	14	w	
		10k	"	w	
	S11111	500	31	w	
(10¢) Snowflakes (5 dif.)	C11111111	10k	30	VP	
(10¢) Banner	S111	10k	27	S	
	V111, V222, V333	3k	10	VP	
		10k	"	"	

Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
(10¢) Banner	S111	500	31	w	
►(10¢) Stars & Stripes	S111	3k	27	PV	
(3 different)		10k	27	PV	
(25¢) Spectrum Eagle	V11111, V11112 (6 diff. designs)	3k	30	S	
		10k	"	"	
(25¢) Eagle 2003 (10 diff.)	S33333333	3k	20	S	
	S1111111, S2222222, S3333333	10k	"	"	
(weakly tagged)	S3333333	10k	"	"	S
(25¢) Eagle (10) 2005	S1111111	3k	25	S	
(25¢) Eagle (10) 2004	S1111111	3k	10	w	
<49¢> Ferns 2014 (5 diff.)	C1111	10k	30	VP	OA
►<49¢> Ferns 2014	S1111	10k	25	PV	OA
►<49¢> Ferns 2015	S1111	3k	25	PV	OA
<49¢>Red-White-Blue	C11, C12	10k	32	VP	OA
<49¢>2014 Spangled Banner	C11111	100	20	PV	OA
	"	"	"	VP	"
<49¢>2014 Spangled Banner	S11111	100	32	PV	OA
►<49¢>2014 Spangled	P1111, P2222	100	31	VP	OA
◊<> 2013 Flags-Seasons ≠	P1111	100	32	VP	S
◊<> 2013 Flags-Seasons ≠	S1111	100	32	PV	S
◊<> 2013 Flags-Seasons ≠	V1111	100	20	PV	S
(4 diff.)	"	"	"	VP	"
<> 2012 Four Flags ≠	P1111	100	32	VP	OA
	P2222	"	"	"	S
<> 2012 Four Flags≠	S11111, S22222	100	32	PV	S
<> 2012 Four Flags ≠	V1111	100	32	PV	S
	"	"	"	VP	"
<> 2011 Flags of Our Nation Set 5, ≠					
<> 2012 Flags of Our Nation Set 6 ≠	S111111111	50	20	PV	S

Key to Symbols

- **new number or variety** ◊ **update or correction**
- ≠ new "sold out" (strips of 25/100 with PNC), or no longer shown in *USA Philatelic* (USPS catalog)
- ?? unreported attribute <> Forever first-class value
- Freq** – frequency or interval of # appearing in roll
- Cut** – **w** = water-activated gum (perforated); PV = peak/valley die cut; VP = valley/peak; S = serpentine without corner variation.
- Tag** – phosphor tagging if not blank/white: S = surface phosphor with smooth appearance; U = surface phosphor with uneven or grainy look; OA = overall.

Notes to this Report

According to the March 5th *Postal Bulletin*, all post-office sales of 2013's "Flag for all Seasons" coils ended March 31 (*but the notice is in error; please see page 66*). New major items of <49¢> Ferns with "S" numbers are tentative until examples are in-hand.

Printer IDs by # Prefix: **P** = Ashton Potter
B = Bank Corp. of America **V** = Avery-Dennison
C = CCL Label **S** = Sennett Security Products

PNC³ Auction #52 Results

Joe Sedivy,
Auctioneer

Closed Date March 28, 2015 – We had 46 bidders in this auction, with 43 of them winning at least one lot and one bidder won 23 lots! Of the 381 lots offered, only 201 sold this time. 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. (Unsold donated lots will be placed in the next auction.)

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
2	\$2.00	72	\$3.50	135	\$8.50
3	\$225.00	73	\$2.00	136	\$5.50
17	\$5.00	74	\$2.50	137	\$6.50
18	\$105.00	75	\$5.00	139	\$9.00
19	\$35.00	76	\$4.75	140	\$7.50
20	\$20.00	77	\$7.50	141	\$7.00
23	\$1.50	78	\$3.50	142	\$18.00
25	\$2.00	79	\$7.00	143	\$8.00
26	\$3.00	81	\$12.00	144	\$11.00
27	\$3.00	82	\$6.00	145	\$52.50
28	\$5.00	84	\$5.50	146	\$8.00
29	\$5.50	85	\$7.00	149	\$3.75
30	\$3.50	86	\$5.00	152	\$3.00
31	\$3.00	87	\$6.00	153	\$130.00
32	\$6.50	88	\$5.00	154	\$13.00
34	\$62.50	89	\$5.50	155	\$75.00
35	\$18.00	90	\$7.00	156	\$12.00
36	\$23.00	94	\$5.00	157	\$14.00
37	\$3.00	96	\$2.00	159	\$130.00
38	\$240.00	97	\$14.00	163	\$14.00
39	\$13.00	104	\$6.50	167	\$85.00
40	\$65.00	106	\$5.00	169	\$24.00
44	\$5.00	109	\$6.00	170	\$21.00
46	\$18.00	110	\$6.50	175	\$8.00
47	\$2.00	111	\$6.00	177	\$7.50
48	\$80.00	112	\$6.00	178	\$45.00
49	\$2.00	113	\$31.00	179	\$40.00
51	\$3.25	115	\$10.00	181	\$30.00
52	\$2.50	116	\$7.00	182	\$32.00
53	\$1.50	117	\$19.00	184	\$9.00
54	\$2.00	118	\$5.00	185	\$65.00
55	\$1.50	119	\$5.00	186	\$7.50
57	\$2.00	120	\$6.00	187	\$55.00
58	\$6.00	121	\$6.50	188	\$65.00
60	\$2.00	123	\$6.00	192	\$1.50
62	\$5.50	127	\$6.00	193	\$6.00
63	\$3.50	129	\$10.00	197	\$15.00
64	\$6.00	130	\$6.50	198	\$5.00
69	\$11.00	132	\$8.00	200	\$5.00
70	\$1.00	133	\$8.00	201	\$2.00
71	\$4.75	134	\$9.00	202	\$100.00

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
207	\$4.00	253	\$6.00	302	\$2.50
208	\$2.25	254	\$7.00	303	\$2.00
209	\$2.00	256	\$5.50	305	\$5.00
211	\$40.00	258	\$3.00	310	\$1.50
212	\$18.00	259	\$100.00	311	\$2.00
213	\$6.00	261	\$20.00	324	\$2.00
214	\$7.00	263	\$60.00	334	\$6.00
215	\$7.00	264	\$65.00	336	\$65.00
216	\$7.00	265	\$3.00	337	\$65.00
217	\$14.00	266	\$2.00	338	\$2.50
218	\$45.00	267	\$6.00	341	\$70.00
219	\$5.00	271	\$6.00	342	\$65.00
222	\$6.00	275	\$60.00	343	\$80.00
223	\$5.00	276	\$60.00	350	\$41.00
226	\$90.00	277	\$70.00	352	\$15.00
227	\$92.50	280	\$100.00	354	\$1.50
231	\$110.00	282	\$4.00	356	\$500.00
233	\$32.00	289	\$6.00	357	\$90.00
236	\$2.00	292	\$8.00	358	\$200.00
243	\$42.00	294	\$7.00	365	\$1.00
245	\$70.00	295	\$4.50	368	\$7.00
246	\$8.00	296	\$3.25	369	\$7.00
249	\$5.00	297	\$4.00	373	\$2.00
250	\$5.00	298	\$1.00	378	\$1.00
251	\$5.00	300	\$3.50	379	\$1.00
252	\$11.00	301	\$1.50	380	\$1.50

From Postal Bulletin 22413, April 16 –

Correction: Item 789600, \$49 Flag for All Seasons Coil/100 Stamps

In the article "Stamp Stock Items Withdrawn from Regular Sale and From Sale at Philatelic Centers" in *Postal Bulletin* 22410 (3-5-15, pages 34-36), Item 789600, \$49 Flag for All Seasons coil/100 stamps was reported as off sale on March 31, 2015. The corrected information is given in bold. **Item 789600, \$49 Flag for All Seasons coil/100 stamps will be taken off sale at SFS, but will remain on sale in the field. The change will be effective April 21, 2015, for CARS Units.** [Note: No coil/100s are listed in USA Philatelic since at least "2014 Quarter 4 & Holiday." "CARS" is a reference to an accounting system used in contract post offices.]

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(from page 57, *Readers' Forum*)

Coil Line of October 2009 last reported on "skiving," in Doug Iams' report: ... "We know that Unique Binders [for Sennett] conducts perforating in three sections across the web (using a grinding process called skiving). ... The perforating sections overlap slightly where they meet. Any misalignment between stations, or change in tension that causes an increase or decrease in the web slack between the stations, produces the snowman-shaped perf holes in the overlap area we find from time to time." (See close-ups on front cover.)

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Membership Update

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Marshall Gates (1273L)

Previous Membership Count	511
New Applicants	2
Reinstated	2
Deceased	1
PNC³ Membership Count	514

New PNC # Reported for Black Ink Field of 20¢ Flag



Two #6 PNC examples of 20¢ Flag (Scott 1985, with “normal” blue flag field at left, black ink for field at right in full-stamp and close-up images here.)

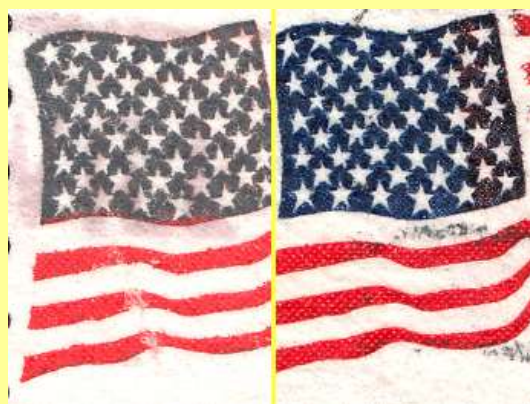
Member Dan Forgues sent in pictures from which the images above and below were made. He notes: About these four used stamps: The two “black field of stars” errors were recently found on an Internet site costing less than \$1. [“Error” label was premature in the second case, as Dan explains below.]

A “normal” Scott 1895 20¢ Flag plate #6 was scanned side-by-side with a 20¢ Flag #6 with black field of stars. Until now, the black-field variety was known only from plate #9.



A

B



A

B

Dan continues, discussing the 22¢ Flags shown here: Scott 2115 22¢ Flag #2 with “black field of stars” [A] was scanned alongside a 22¢ Flag with roughly one-fourth “black field of stars” [B].”

Upon further review, John Himes and I both agree the earlier 20¢ Flag #6 [top of page] is a true “black field of stars” error. But both of us now feel that the 22¢ #2 [A] is an extremely dark blue. Could it be that black ink was added to the blue ink well? We could call the color “Midnight Blue.”

[Regarding the “partial black field of stars” in the 22¢ Flag images labeled B, hobby use of “error” is reserved for “yes/no, all-or-nothing” cases. Also, as seen in the close-up at right, the “black” appearance is likely of red ink spreading leftward more than usual. - Editor]



B