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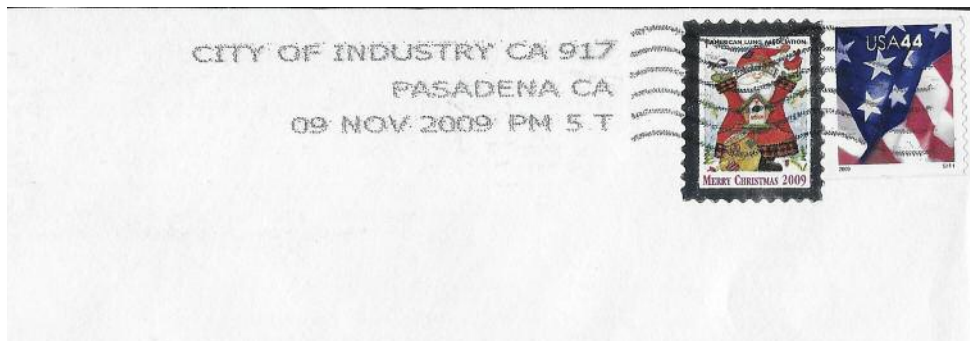
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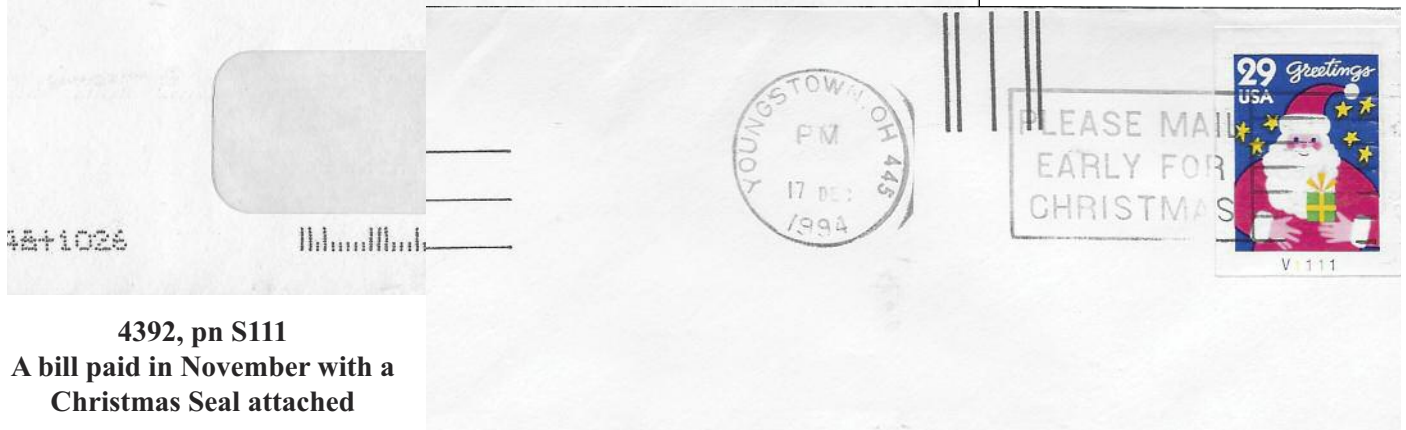
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Season's Greetings!



2873b, pn V1111
 A bill paid with a
 Santa Claus stamp



4392, pn S111
 A bill paid in November with a
 Christmas Seal attached

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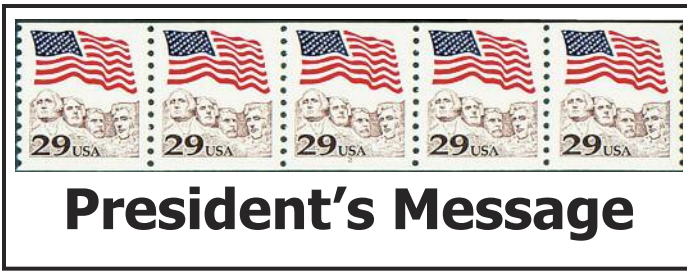
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I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. It is also that time of year to renew your membership, so please take a moment to fill out the renewal form and send it in with your check, if you did not take advantage of the form in last month's issue.

Richard Beecher has volunteered to chair the Awards & Exhibits Committee. This is a position that has been vacant for several years. This committee is very important to the club, because this is how members and non-members, alike, get recognition for exhibits that are shown at regional and national shows that include Plate Number Coil material. If you have any interest in helping with this committee, please contact Richard or myself.

One of the things that was considered at the annual board meeting in August was a way to speed up the process between the time that a new member submits a membership application and the time they start to get our newsletter. This would also include access to the "Member's Only" section on our website. The thing that has taken the most time has been the insertion of the new member's name in **Coil Line**, so current members can comment on the application. I have been on the board now for over six years and there has never been an issue about a new member during that time.

What we have decided to do is, once Melvyn Borofsky, our treasurer, gets the application, he can send out a broadcast email to all the members who have an email address. The email will only show the name of the sender and the recipient and the new member's name. No other information will be shared, but it will give you the ability to comment on the new member. This system was set by Allan Clapp, our webmaster. We will continue to list the names of new members in **Coil Line** for those who don't have or use a computer.

Finally, I want to thank Joe Sedivy, our auctioneer, for another great auction. The auction results can be found on page 152. If you get an opportunity, please thank Joe for all his help.

What? Another Great Idea? YES!

John Himes
PNC³ Vice President

I'm excited to have received some great ideas since

I first asked for them in the October edition of the journal. One of the best came from member Mark Cooper in Loveland, Ohio.

Mark noticed in our SESCAL meeting announcement (in the September issue), we mentioned that Dan Forgues would be giving another one of his informative talks on PNCs at that meeting. Mark had also seen similar announcements for other regional meetings. He asked if the presentations could be made available via the club website to all members (since not everyone is able to travel to the club meetings and hear the presentations in person).

These presentations are one of the big "draws" to get our members to come out to the meetings. Dan's presentations, in particular, have been used at Southern California meetings first, then passed on to club meetings in other regions. We don't want to just throw every presentation up on the website without first circulating it through the various regional meetings. But once they're been presented at several meetings, it does make sense to make them available to all our members.

I ran this idea by the board members, got their approval and then asked Dan if he would be willing to take one of his earlier presentations (which has already been shown at several regional meetings) and prepare it for distribution via the website. Dan enthusiastically agreed and got to work on it right away.

So Happy New Year! On January 1, webmaster Allan Clapp will be posting Dan's presentation on *PNC Singles, Rarities, and EFOs (Errors, Freaks, and Oddities)* to the members-only area of the club website. Dan has taken time to add additional material (newly acquired) to this presentation, so it will actually be an expanded version of the presentation that has been seen at the regional meetings.

Many thanks to Mark for making this suggestion and I hope everyone will enjoy pouring over Dan's great material starting on January 1.

Please keep the great ideas coming.

Call for Auction Lots

January 17, 2017 Consignment Deadline

The first of PNC³'s 2017 auctions is scheduled for March. The two annual auctions are held for the benefit of the members with all funds realized used to keep dues low while maintaining services.

Members wishing to consign lots for the spring auction must send them to auctioneer Joe Sedivy with receipt by January 17, 2017.

A consignment sheet is located on the PNC³ website under the heading "Auction Overview."

digits on them. An odd digit means a TOP roll and an even digit means a BOTTOM back number. No effort is involved except to look at several rolls in a case where about 1/2 the rolls are one way or the other.

We have tried over the years to make the personnel at KC more accommodating to the collectors as presumably they are there to serve. But so far it has fallen on deaf ears. We'll keep trying.

Dr. Robert Rabinowitz

Interesting FOP EPO

John Himes

Member Jim Lowery has come up with another interesting stamp find. Here's a Flag Over Porch, Scott 2915A with peaks 10 left and 10 right. I'd classify it as an "error, freak, or oddity" because of the date.



Note that the date should read "1996," but under magnification, it reads "1396." Obviously, this is an inking flaw of some sort. Although not especially valuable, it's an interesting find and just proves that "fly specking" can reveal some interesting details. It would be fun to see if anyone has found one on a plate number stamp.

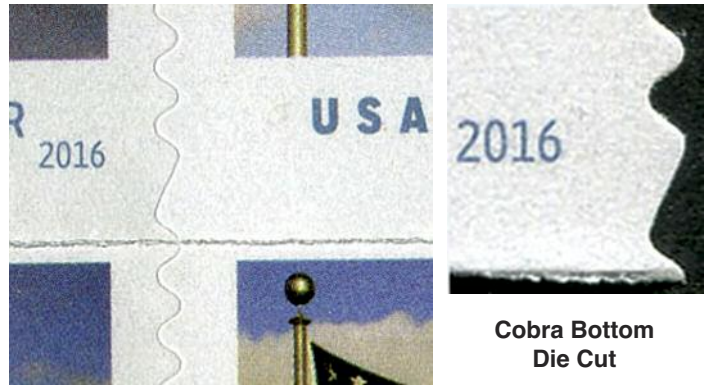
Cobra Die Cut on BCA Flag and Clouds

PNC ID 2016-7

Frank Covey

As the illustrations show, it is possible to find a cobra die cut on the newly discovered BCA Flag and Clouds Forever issue.

A cobra die cut is formed when the separation of the coils in a stack makes a slice too high or too low in relation to the vertical die cuts along either edge of a coil stamp. In the illustrations above, the row separation should have occurred in the middle of the long sloping die cut, but instead occurs in the valley below it, forming the cobra die cut.



This die cut is named after the snake with the same name. It can only occur on Sennett Security Product (SSP) and American Bank Note Corporation (BCA) coils.

Dues are Due!

Now is the time to renew your membership in PNC³ for another year. The renewal form is on the outer wrapper of this month's **Coil Line**. We want to encourage you to take a few minutes right now to fill out the form and send it in while it's fresh on your mind. (Those of you with the electronic version will need to print out the form, of course.) If we don't receive your renewal payment by December 31, there's a late fee, and we want to avoid having to pay that fee unless it's absolutely necessary.

In the past, there has been some confusion on the part of a few of our members who thought we would bill them for their annual membership fees. That's never been a practice. So please note: it's up to you to be proactive and send us the form along with your annual dues payment.

Life members who opt to receive **Coil Line** electronically don't owe any additional fees, but we still encourage them to send in the form to keep us apprised of their status. It is important to the club officers who try to keep track of everyone and assure they can be contacted when needed.

Most everyone is doing a good job remembering their membership number and placing it on the form. (This speeds the renewal process.) If you don't remember your number, send in the form anyway and remember to look on your canceled check when it's returned, as I write the membership number on the check for anyone who had trouble remembering. If you would like a membership card with your number imprinted, please indicate "Send member card" on the form and I will make sure you receive one in return mail.

Thanks in advance for keeping your membership current and helping keep PNC³ a strong and viable part of the philatelic community.

Mel Borofsky
PNC³ Treasurer

Direct Mail Sightings

Ron Blanks

New PNC Found in Trash Cans



**New PNC number
found in post office
trash cans**

Club secretary Dan Farrar discovered not one but two examples of new PNC number “B111” for the (10¢) Stars & Stripes presorted standard coil issue. Pictured are images of the upper-right corners of two covers Dan found in two post offices’ trash cans in mid-October. Initially produced by Sennett Security Products (SSP) when the issue was released in 2015, those rolls have plate number “S111” (Scott 4961-4963; # is on 4962 design seen above).

This report comes on the heels of last month’s Readers’ Forum, in which Rudy de Mordaigle reminded us that current issues previously supplied by SSP (bearing “S” plate numbers) could be re-supplied with stock bearing “B” numbers. The “B” stands for Banknote Corporation of America (BCA), a printer that SSP acquired about a decade ago.

In 2015, SSP was acquired by CCL Label (a part of CCL Industries). So, CCL’s stamp production for the U.S. Postal Service from its BCA printer is now using the “B” prefix. Any more printings needed for issues that BCA previously printed for SSP using “S” numbers will have “B” numbers, but otherwise should have the same traits. The (10¢) presort coil joins the <47¢> Flag & Clouds “B11111” coil [Catalog Corner, October 2016 **Coil Line**] as the two coil examples known so far.

Catalog Corner columnist Frank Covey reports that PNC dealer Bob Rabinowitz found clues to indicate BCA/CCL printed the B111 (10¢) rolls in August 2016. As of October 29, Stamp Fulfillment Services in Kansas City, Missouri, did not know about the new printing and couldn’t supply it to coil collectors. Frank and Bob confirmed this after speaking with their various SFS contacts. At deadline

Frank was close to confirming a find of mint 3K and 10K rolls.

Collectors might recall that before SSP acquired BCA, BCA, as a contract printer, supplied stamps to the USPS bearing the “B” prefix. These included some formats of 37¢ Flag rolls from 2002 and 2003 (Scott 3633, 3633A), all rolls of 2002’s 37¢ Antique Toys quartet and 2001’s (10¢) Atlas (Scott 3520).

When queried, Dan noted that he found the B111 (10¢) Stars & Stripes cover with Mailer’s Postmark Permit cancel on October 11. Unless an earlier date is confirmed, this denotes the earliest documented use for this PNC. Dan found the second (uncanceled) B111 example two days later at a different post office.

Interestingly, a review of current USPS-supplied coils shows a narrow choice of candidates for more “B”-prefixed reprints, thanks to recent news about the 2017 stamp program (see Readers’ Forum this issue for related story). With one exception, these coils are supplied as large rolls used mostly in direct-mail marketing.

Actually issued earlier this year, the 10¢ Pears in self-adhesive rolls of 10,000 (with #S111111) is the most likely coil next to be re-supplied with a B number. Among self-stick coils, only the current postcard-rate Penguins (in rolls of 100) and 10K rolls or 3K forever first-class rate Ferns (all with S11111) might be replaced.

But the 2017 program has a new design for the postcard rate and the Ferns are going on two years old. For large rolls of this rate, a new design (Patriotic Spiral) was recently issued. (If the USPS wants to retain both a “patriotic” choice and “pretty” choice for mass mailers, the Ferns could be re-supplied and thus bear a new “B” number. Ironically, CCL supplied the first two Ferns issues, a 49¢ version in both large-roll sizes and a forever version in 10K rolls. These have #C1111, since at that time CCL produced them out of facilities it acquired from former supplier Avery-Dennison.)

No other re-supply candidates exist, if we assume that water-activated gummed (WAG) coils are on their way out. A few months ago the new 1¢ Apples design replaced 1¢ Bobcat self-stick large rolls. So, even if 1¢ Bobcat WAG rolls are to be replaced if they run low, 1¢ Apples might show up instead.

The remaining “S” numbered WAG coils are the 2¢ Jewelry, 3¢ Coffeepot, 4¢ Chair and 5¢ Toleware large rolls. Earlier in 2016 as the first “5¢” self-stick rolls appeared, they

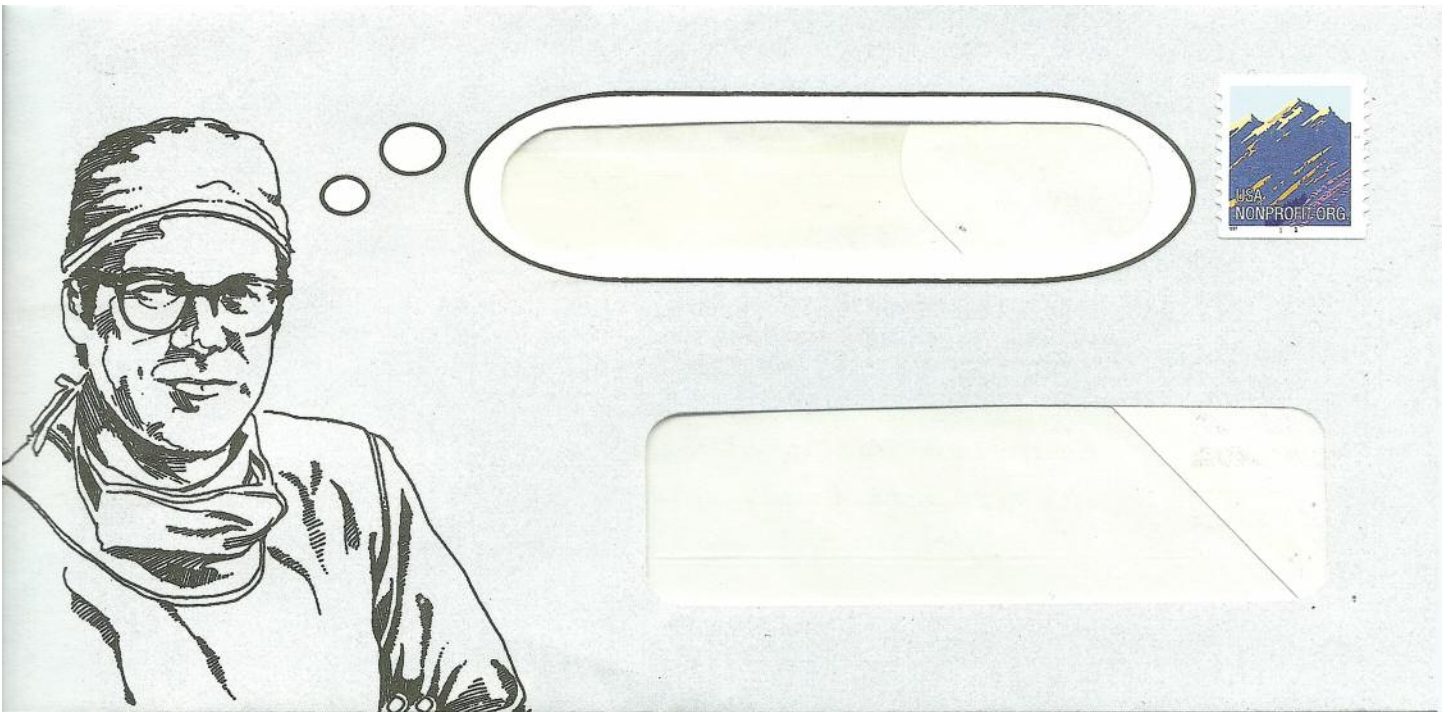
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sported the new Grapes design instead of Toleware. It remains to be seen if any new supplies of WAG coils will be forthcoming, regardless of supplier or denomination.

If you have an interesting advertising or fundrais-

ing mailpiece involving PNCs to report or ask about, please let me know. You can send me an email at rblanks_stamps@yahoo.com, or mail me at PO Box 531, Windsor, VA 23487.

Coil Line Cover of the Month



This month's featured cover comes to us from Bob Murrin. Bob included this explanation:

"Although to most collectors, this undated, uncanceled envelope may look very ordinary, but to pnc specialists, it is a newly discovered item. US #2904B normally comes only with round diecuts; this pnc has square diecuts and as such is unlisted in the PNC3 catalog.

The cover is one of two I discovered last year; the other has been sold. To my knowledge, no off cover examples are known."

We'd like to feature your interesting cover on the next issue of Coil Line. Just send a high-resolution scan along with a brief explanation to the editor at vcanfieldp@gmail.com.

Coil Line Procedures and Deadlines

Deadline

Deadline for the receipt of articles, letters, advertising and news is the first of the month preceding the month of publication. For example, we need everything for the January issue by December 1, everything for the February issue by January 1, everything for the March issue by February 1 and so on.

The preferred method of receiving copy is via an email attachment. Please send as an MS Word document. We also welcome compact discs (CDs). Hard copy is acceptable but must be rekeyed so electronic submission is preferred.

All submissions are subject to editing for length, clarity and content. Every effort is made to retain the facts without changing the meaning or thrust of the article.

Questions about articles or illustrations can be directed to editor Vickie Canfield Peters by emailing vcanfieldp@gmail.com or by writing to her at 11911 E. Connor Road, Valleyford WA 99036. The telephone number is 509-991-5376.

Your attention to, and compliance with, these procedures and deadlines assures the best quality we can achieve. Thank you for your support of, and contributions to, **Coil Line**.

PNC³ Auction 55 Results

Auction closed October 29, 2016

Joe Sedivy, Auctioneer

We had 48 bidders in this auction with 46 winning at least one lot. Of the 479 lots offered, 283 (or 60 percent) sold, better than last auction. I would like to thank all who make these club auctions work so you can buy and sell to help fill holes or move out duplicates. Please remember most lots sell for under C/V, so price them accordingly when sending in lots. Lots for the Spring 2017 auction are due in the auctioneer's hands no later than January 17, 2017.

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
1	\$8.00	58	\$45.00	134	\$6.00	198	\$8.00	268	\$13.00	353	\$7.00
3	\$10.00	59	\$30.00	140	\$8.00	200	\$6.00	269	\$10.00	354	\$10.00
4	\$2.50	60	\$5.00	141	\$6.00	202	\$6.50	272	\$130.00	355	\$50.00
8	\$3.00	61	\$19.00	142	\$30.00	203	\$23.00	276	\$185.00	356	\$15.00
9	\$2.00	63	\$19.00	143	\$30.00	204	\$18.00	277	\$32.00	357	\$10.00
11	\$2.00	64	\$18.00	144	\$28.00	205	\$16.00	279	\$70.00	358	\$8.00
13	\$4.00	65	\$50.00	146	\$15.00	207	\$17.00	280	\$350.00	359	\$13.00
14	\$5.50	66	\$2.00	147	\$3.00	209	\$475.00	283	\$16.00	360	\$6.00
15	\$90.00	68	\$2.00	149	\$7.50	210	\$125.00	285	\$40.00	361	\$6.00
16	\$45.00	69	\$5.00	150	\$8.00	214	\$95.00	286	\$20.00	362	\$8.00
18	\$1.75	70	\$6.00	154	\$6.00	216	\$120.00	291	\$5.00	363	\$6.00
19	\$19.00	71	\$8.50	155	\$7.50	217	\$140.00	292	\$15.00	364	\$8.00
20	\$37.00	72	\$2.00	156	\$5.00	219	\$2.00	293	\$10.00	365	\$7.00
21	\$4.00	73	\$5.00	159	\$2.00	221	\$125.00	294	\$11.00	366	\$6.00
22	\$4.00	74	\$5.00	160	\$30.00	223	\$7.00	296	\$11.00	369	\$35.00
23	\$4.50	75	\$2.50	163	\$15.00	225	\$9.00	297	\$11.00	370	\$50.00
24	\$2.00	76	\$4.50	164	\$10.00	226	\$10.00	298	\$10.00	371	\$3.50
25	\$50.00	77	\$4.50	165	\$5.00	227	\$140.00	304	\$32.00	372	\$6.00
26	\$55.00	78	\$2.00	166	\$3.50	228	\$50.00	306	\$12.00	374	\$8.00
28	\$3.00	79	\$5.00	168	\$7.00	232	\$20.00	308	\$3.00	375	\$10.00
29	\$7.00	81	\$2.50	169	\$6.50	233	\$10.00	309	\$8.00	376	\$15.00
31	\$15.00	83	\$4.00	170	\$9.00	234	\$10.00	310	\$9.00	377	\$3.00
34	\$12.00	85	\$8.00	171	\$8.00	235	\$15.00	314	\$7.00	380	\$3.00
36	\$40.00	86	\$6.00	173	\$6.50	236	\$15.00	316	\$4.00	381	\$30.00
37	\$82.50	89	\$5.00	174	\$8.00	237	\$15.00	318	\$30.00	388	\$3.50
38	\$200.00	91	\$12.00	175	\$7.00	239	\$20.00	322	\$10.00	390	\$6.00
39	\$180.00	93	\$5.00	176	\$11.00	240	\$15.00	326	\$15.00	392	\$5.00
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51	\$25.00	113	\$5.00	188	\$28.00	259	\$6.00	348	\$6.00	412	\$22.00
53	\$4.50	114	\$5.50	189	\$6.00	261	\$6.00	349	\$7.00	413	\$13.00
54	\$6.00	122	\$62.50	191	\$5.00	262	\$5.00	350	\$7.00	415	\$9.00
55	\$15.00	130	\$4.50	194	\$5.00	263	\$4.50	351	\$9.00	416	\$22.00
57	\$1.75	132	\$8.00	196	\$10.00	266	\$10.00	352	\$8.00	419	\$19.00

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422	\$30.00	444	\$12.00	468	\$2.00
423	\$10.00	445	\$13.00	469	\$1.25
424	\$2.00	446	\$275.00	470	\$2.50
425	\$6.00	450	\$5.00	473	\$2.50
426	\$16.00	452	\$2.00	474	\$2.50
429	\$250.00	453	\$4.00	475	\$2.50
433	\$5.50	455	\$8.00	476	\$1.50
435	\$75.00	459	\$50.00	478	\$5.00
436	\$20.00	460	\$5.50	479	\$4.00
437	\$65.00	465	\$9.00		
442	\$250.00	466	\$5.50		

PNC³ Club Meeting at ORCOEXPO

John Himes, Dan Forgues and Jeff Haas are hosting a PNC³ club meeting at the ORCOEXPO Stamp Show. The meeting is set for Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ORCOEXPO is in the same location as last year: The Hotel Fullerton in Fullerton, California.

All club members are invited to attend and guests are welcome. The meeting agenda includes a discussion on the latest the latest in PNC news, one or two interesting presentations along with a question-and-answer period about anything of interest to PNC collectors.

As usual, there are plans for are some great door prizes for everyone who attends and there will be sufficient time for buying, selling and trading among the club members at the end of the meeting.

The Hotel Fullerton is located at 1500 South Raymond Dr., Fullerton, California 92831. To get there, exit the CA-91 Freeway at Raymond Dr., go north one block, then turn right on E. Burton St. Show hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

More information is available on the show website at http://www.stampshows.com/fullerton_sp.html. If you need any additional information, feel free to contact John (johnwhimes@yahoo.com, phone 714-826-8552) or Jeff (jhconsult@yahoo.com, phone 949-219-3179).

VERY IMPORTANT: The Orcoexpo staff asks that PNC³ members formally check in prior to coming to the meeting. Show organizers 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!

Questions about your subscription?

Contact PNC³ Secretary
Daniel Farrar at farrard2@gmail.com

From 35 Years Ago . . .



**20¢ Fire Pumper mint plate strip of 5, plate # 13
(Scott # 1908)**

Like the 9.3¢ Mail Wagon on the masthead page, this stamp of the Transportation Series was also issued 35 years ago this month (December 10, 1981). Plate numbers 1 through 16, inclusive, are known for this issue.



**20¢ Flag over Supreme Court mint plate strip of 5,
plate # 9 (Scott # 1895)**

Again, like the 9.3¢ Mail Wagon of the masthead page, this stamp was issued 35 years ago this month (December 17, 1981). The issue is known with plate #s 1-6, 8-14. In 1984, some of #14 were supplied as precancels with two black bars.

Membership Update

as of November 1, 2016

Membership at beginning of month	525
New applicants	0
Reinstated	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Membership at end of month	525

Regional Meeting Hosts Sought

Several members have made it a habit to promote meetings in their areas. New meetings are encouraged as a way to share your hobby and enjoy the fellowship of like-minded collectors.

For information about hosting a meeting, contact regional meeting chairman Tony Bruno, PO Box 624, East Lyme CT 06333-0624 or email tbbee@aol.com.

(PNC³ meeting notices are advertised at no charge in the newsletter. Please submit details to the editor three months in advance of the meeting.)

Coil Line Classifieds

USED PNCs on and off cover. Our new eight-page list #16-3 of Used PNCs is yours free. We also have a free new 33-page list of MNH PNCs, Booklets, Booklet Panes, many by plate number and position. Specify which list is wanted. Vic Collinino, PO Box 300-P, Stratham, NH 03885-0300 or email your name and address to vimco@comcast.net. 9/17

PNC USED singles, used strips, MNH PS5s. Great prices! Guaranteed quality! No hassles! Visit <http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/HimesPNCs> or send LSASE for lists to John Himes, PO Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453. Please specify what you collect. Or email johnwhimes@yahoo.com 12/16

GOT DUPLICATES you don't need? Want a nice tax deduction? Donate stamps, covers, philatelic supplies to Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. SCCFK is dedicated to helping beginners and starting children (and adults) in stamp collecting. See website www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org. Our 14th year. 4/17

BUYING USED SINGLES, Scott 4896 #C11 and #C12 with greenish tagging under SWUV light. Multiples needed. \$2.50 cash or \$3.00 credit per solid stamp. Other recent PNC used singles needed, as well. Contact me for list. John Himes, P.O. Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453. Send email to johnwhimes@yahoo.com (714) 826-8552 12/16

From the Pages of PNC³ History

Here are interesting excerpts from the October 1991 issue, compiled by Ron Blank.

Letters: More fun & games with Philatelic Sales

from Frank Covey

[Frank discusses his recent new-issues order received. Coils included: 19¢ Fishing Boat # A1212 (same number as Frank's local post office, while he still lacked # A1111), 29¢ denominated Flower coil # S1111 with rouletted perforations, and a strip of 500 of the gravure 29¢ Mount Rushmore # A11111 with uniform very-fine centering.]

Commercial Covers

by Rob Washburn

I'm pleased to have had the opportunity to meet so many of you PNC collectors at StampShow '91 in Philadelphia. I certainly ran into lots of fellow PNC cover enthusiasts. Thanks to all of you for showing me some of your new discoveries and other cover material.

This month's featured issues are the 7.4¢ Baby Buggy and the 5¢ Milk Wagon. The 7.4¢ Baby Buggy was issued April 7, 1984, in San Diego, California. Only plate number 2 has been found, and it comes both tagged and precanceled. The plate numbers appear every 52 stamps in a roll. The earliest known usage of the tagged 7.4¢ is August 3, 1984.

The precanceled Baby Buggy met the third-class carrier-route sort bulk rate through February 16, 1985, and thereafter was used to pay the increased rate of 8.3¢ as authorized false franking until August 18, 1985. The earliest confirmed usage on cover of the 7.4¢ precanceled is October 20, 1987. Obviously, truly commercial covers were likely

used prior to 1987. Such covers are very difficult to find and my records indicate I have received less than 10 reports of 7.4¢ precanceled #2 commercial covers. I would value such covers at \$25 - \$50 each.

The 5¢ Milk Wagon was issued on September 25, 1987, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Only plate number 1 exists and it exists only as a tagged version. The plate numbers appear every 52 stamps in a roll. The earliest known usage on cover of the 5¢ Milk Wagon is December 21, 1987. PNC covers of the Milk Wagon usually sell for \$2 - \$4 each.

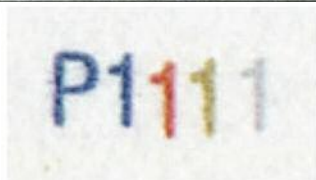
By the way, in case you missed it, Ed Denson placed a recent ad in *Linn's* (8/28/91) offering to buy commercial covers of [(29¢) Flower] F #1211 for \$25 each! He's selling such covers for \$50 each. The F #1211 commercial covers have certainly proven, so far, to be quite tough to find, but that's got to be a record price for a "recently issued" PNC on commercial cover. Mint strips of F #1211 can be purchased for \$20 or less.

New cover reports this month include: 18¢ Surrey #15 with purple machine (now making a total of 3 known covers with such cancels); also EKV covers of: 4¢ Stagecoach #1 B-press overall tagged (1/18/91), 10.9¢ [Hansom Cab] tagged #1 (6/27/85), 22¢ Flag #3 (6/13/85), and 25¢ Honeybee #2 (9/14/88).

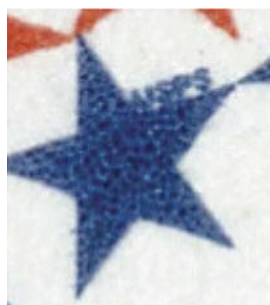
[The 1995 Plate Number Coil Catalog, 8th Edition lists the same earliest known use dates for all of the PNC reports here. However, it is possible that a revision was reported in a Coil Line issue of recent years.]

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Catalog Corner with Frank Covey



<47c> Patriotic Spiral (AP) (SA)
Plate P1111 PNC ID 2016-9



From left to right are: (1) Top BN 8310; (2) Bottom BN 8510; (3) an example of the “USPS” microprinting, and; (4) a box containing an “unfolded strip of 500” from the 10K roll.

The First-Class Forever Patriotic Spiral stamp was issued August 19, 2016, in 10K rolls from Kansas City Missouri 64108. It is intended to be used by mass mailers for First-Class Mail. A 10K roll costs \$4,700. Collectors can buy a boxed unfolded strip of 500 from Philatelic Fulfillment in Kansas City for \$235. The design features 50 stars arranged in a spiral representing the 50 states of the union with an extra gold star in the center.

The P1111 plate number repeats every 27th stamp.

The stamp is tagged and mounted on a liner that is higher than the stamp itself. “USPS” is microprinted on top of a blue star on the right side of the design.

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 back numbers exist. Shown are examples of four-digit back numbers. Back numbers below 1000 contain three digits and back numbers below 100 contain two digits. Every 270th stamp will contain a back number behind a plate numbered stamp.

From Philatelic Fulfillment in KC, one can order an “unfolded strip of 500” from the 10K Patriotic Spiral coil by using item number 760015.

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If you wish to apply for Life Membership, please complete the name and address information at the top of this form, along with the items below, and submit the form to the Treasurer along with the Life Membership fee which is 10 times a member's current annual dues.

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