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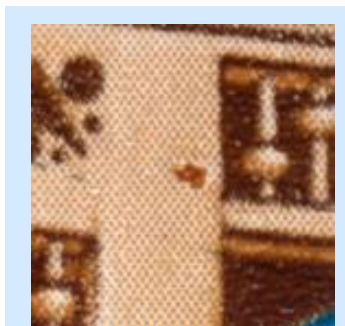
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## President's Message

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

Good news on the club participation front – we have two people who have volunteered for the Ballot Committee. They are Mark Cooper and Peter Tukker. This committee is only needed for a short period of time, but it is essential that we have one during the elections. I appreciate their help.

This is my last column before the international World Stamp Show begins in New York on May 28 and concludes on June 4. I was asked recently if it was possible to preregister for the show. Yes, go to [www.ny2016.org](http://www.ny2016.org). In the upper-left corner of the page (just below the Statue of Liberty/NY2016 logo) you will find “Log In/Register.” It is simple and takes just a couple of minutes to do, and much easier than standing in line at the show to register (especially if you are there at the beginning of the show). You can supply information for up to four people to be registered with a single entry process.

We are still looking for volunteers to help staff our booth at the show. If you are able to help, please reach Tom McFarland at [philatomic@verizon.net](mailto:philatomic@verizon.net).

PNC<sup>3</sup> will have a club meeting on Sunday, May 29 in room 1E20 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. I hope that many of you will be able to make it to the show, and either stop by our booth (#876) or make it to the club meeting, or both.

The organizers for the NY2016 show are also looking for volunteers. Please get in touch with them if you are available to help. At the APS exhibition last in year in Grand Rapids, we showed a presentation on “PNC Singles, Rarities and EFOs,” provided by Dan Forgues. It was very nicely done. We plan to show it again near the conclusion of the show in New York for those that are interested.

Last month I mentioned that we are looking for a new editor for *Coil Line* because Ron Blanks has asked that he be replaced as soon as possible. Please let me hear from you if you are interested.

– Robert E. Thompson

Memorial Day in the United States is observed May 30. We take this moment to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice that members of our armed forces made in the defense of our nation.



Welcome!



If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC<sup>3</sup> is in our 29<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

### World Stamp Show NY2016 Regional Meeting – May 29

World Stamp Show NY2016 is scheduled for Saturday May 28 – Saturday June 4, 2016. It will be held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, 655 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001 on Level 3.

A PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting is scheduled for 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on the second day of the show, Sunday, May 29 in the show's convention center, room 1E20. Door prizes will be given and time set aside for trading and conversation. Non-members are welcome to attend.

The World Stamp Show hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sat. May 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the last day Sat. June 4, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for each day in between. [www.ny2016.org](http://www.ny2016.org) is the show's website. For further details on the PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting, contact President Robert E. Thompson at [rthompson@pncvarieties.com](mailto:rthompson@pncvarieties.com) or by phone, 713-397-1772.

### Want to Sponsor a Regional Meeting?

Contact Tony Bruno for suggestions (see below). 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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(PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting notices in this column are free. Please submit details to the Editor 3 months before the meeting.)

## New (5¢) Nonprofit Org Coil Issued April 28<sup>th</sup>

The *Postal Bulletin* of March 31, 2016 announced a new self-adhesive postage stamp in rolls of 10,000 for use by nonprofit organizations. It was scheduled to be issued on April 28, with plate number “P111” printed on every 27<sup>th</sup> stamp. “P” denotes the supplier, Aston Potter.



The technical details also note an initial print quantity of two billion stamps, and the use of microprinting “USPS” (not shown in the U.S. Postal Service media image above).

If the actual “USA” coil’s design conforms to the image above, it will mark a departure from past designs in the category. (Can you spot what it is?)

The service inscription “Nonprofit Org” denotes the subcategory of preferential (lower) rates within Standard Class mail for which qualified organizations are eligible. These mailings must also be prepared under rules that reduce the work required of the postal service to deliver them.

The more work reduced, the greater the postage discount. The stamp is assigned a 5¢ price for easier accounting of trayed mail on which it is used; a mailer pays the difference between the actual postage due and the value of stamps affixed.

## Ashton Potter Added Wasted Step Producing (25¢) Spectrum Eagles

In early autumn 2015, it wasn’t long after collectors obtained strips of the then-recently issued Ashton Potter (AP) version of the (25¢) Spectrum Eagle that online posts noted it glowed yellow-green in shortwave ultraviolet (SW UV) light. The color suggested the examined strips were phosphor-tagged.

Subsequent issues of *Coil Line* from that time were busy with coverage of the so-called “extra 1” in the plate numbers of the Avery version (V11111) and CCL version (V11112). So mention of the trait of the AP’s version was overlooked.

Meanwhile, by January 2016 I had obtained an industrial-grade SW UV lamp and set about as time permitted to review recent stamp issues with it. Also that month, a Colorado friend’s batch arrived of all of his household stamped covers received in 2015.

Between the Colorado source, a Richmond, VA relative’s 2015 saved covers and my “dumpster diving” from that autumn into 2016, I had a good sampling of AP’s Spectrum Eagles from various mailers across the country. Not only did each case glow yellow-green under SW UV, but it was apparent the coils had been overcoated with phosphor taggant. Mild finger scraping of a stamp’s surface yielded taggant residue on the finger that was easily observed in SW UV light.

As one of the service-inscribed presort coils (or “precancels” as the USPS calls them) designed for mass mailings, *(please see page 68)*

## Correction and Clarification

In last month’s issue, “Acquiring Current PNCs” gave the plate number interval of the two Flag & Clouds coils as 27. In fact, both suppliers used an interval of 31 (as stated in the Catalog Corner pages of that issue and this one).

Last month’s Catalog Corner, for the #P11111 Flag & Clouds, garbled the explanation of how the design made history in regards to its lowered 47¢ selling price effective April 10<sup>th</sup>. This issue’s Catalog Corner, for the #S11111 version, has a better description of the coils’ novel status.

## Readers' Forum



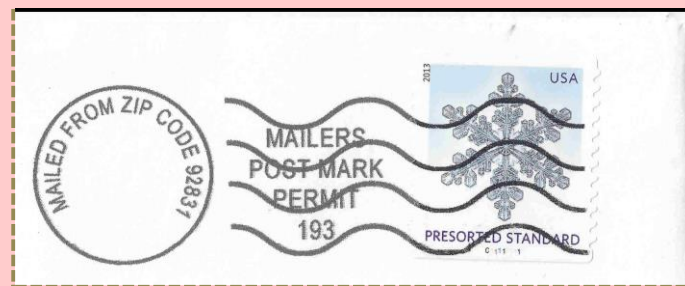
**(33¢) Hat #3333 joins #2222 now known with “B” incision.** In Readers' Forum last month, I reported finding die-cut incision style “B” for the (33¢) Hat #2222 PNC (Scott 3265). This was a novel find because previously, style “B” was only known on a variety of #2222 PNCs with an errant black line through the middle two digits of the plate number (*shown on page 48 of April's Coil Line*).

I have a couple of updates to add to that report. I have found another #2222 with style “B”, now only the second one reported. More importantly, I have found four of the #3333 with the “B” incision. These are the first ever reported. They were in a large eBay used PNC singles lot. All stamps were sorted in glassines with notes for “2000 Trends” values. They must've been hidden away for the last 16 years. – *Dan Forgues # 1037L*

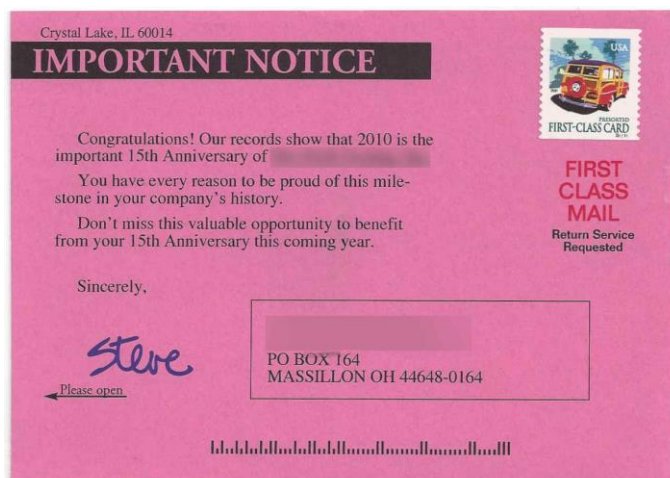
*[The most-recent illustrations of die-cut incision styles we could find in Coil Line are in the September 2005 issue, page 116. They accompany a chart of those found for varieties of 32¢ Flag over Porch PNCs. Dan lists some FoP finds on page 63.]*

**Finally, a prized (10¢) Snowflakes find.** I have a neighbor that saves stamps for me. He gave me this cover on December 23, 2015. – *Dan Farrar*

*[Last month's issue counted the few Snowflakes covers seen in the past two years and showed the first one found with its coil “tied” by a Mailer's Postmark Permit cancel. Dan's cover below is the first report of a numbered PNC example canceled.]*



Your April *Coil Line* (15¢) Woody cover looks just like one with PNC S11111 that I pulled out of the PO trash on July 12, 2009. – *Dan Farrar #743*





The <49¢> Forever **Flag & Clouds** coil of 100 went on sale January 29, 2016 in Washington, DC. No denomination appears on this stamp as it is intended to pay the current first-class rate forever.

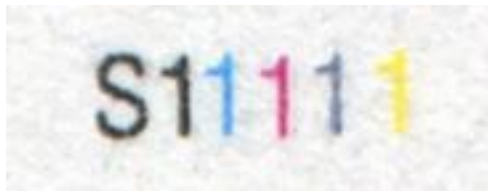
Sennett Security Products (SSP) produced this version. The coil has an **S11111** plate number **every 31<sup>st</sup>** stamp. Most will collect this as a PS5 as there is only one design in the issue. Ashton Potter used the same design in their Flag & Clouds stamp (2016-2).

This design made history with its use on the first letter-rate coil that saw its “face value” *reduced* during its role as the latest-issued workhorse. On April 10, 2016, the value of this stamp was lowered to 47 cents as part of several USPS changes affecting most first-class rates.

The coil is secured by a leader strip which is shown at the bottom of this page. At the end of the roll is a trailer.

“USPS” is microprinted at the bottom of the flag near the flag pole.

The SSP coil comes in sticks up to ten high. Individual rolls are broken off these sticks before sale. The stick is held together by bridges which are tiny pieces of uncut paper between the rolls.



<49¢> Flag & Clouds  
Plate **S11111**  
PNC ID **2016-3**



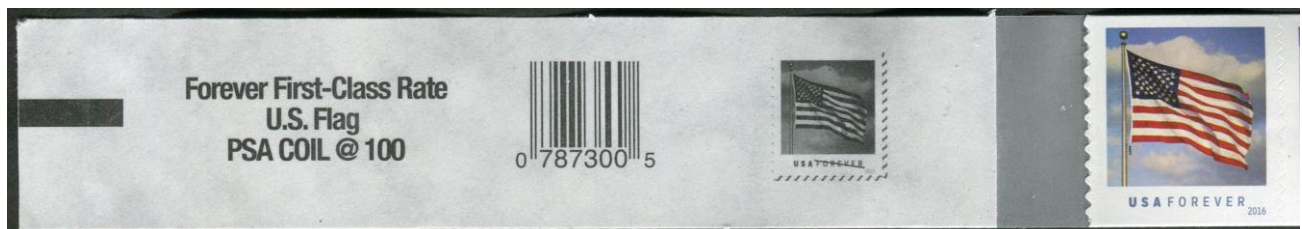
(above) Trailer that secures the end of the roll



microprinted “USPS”



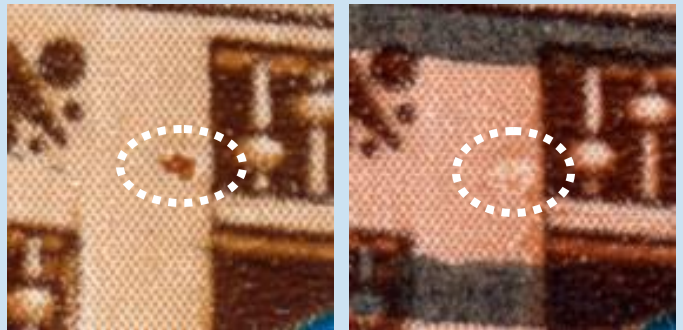
Two rolls attached in a stick





## Bullet Holes & Knot Holes in the Porch

Dan Forgues



Close-ups: **Bullet Hole** (left), **Knot Hole** (right)  
varieties of 32¢ Flag over Porch

I have been accumulating the 32¢ Flag over Porch (Scott 2915A) “Bullet Hole” varieties for years. Recently I expanded my hunt to include the “Knot Hole” variety, because the Knot Hole is in the same exact location as the Bullet Hole.

During a couple of weeks this past February, I organized my accumulation and proceeded with a hunt for the #88898 Bullet Hole among my circle of hobby acquaintances. I wasn’t even sure if this plate number existed with the Bullet Hole, and if it did, what die-cut pattern it would have.

After much hunting through emails and a little luck, one #88898 Bullet Hole was located and a trade was made for the stamp. My review showed it ended up being an 88898 10/10 “C”. [10 peaks at left and at right, incision style “C”; shown above.]

Also along the way, I found the 88888 10/10 “B” Knot Hole. What makes this stamp special is that it’s the only “B” incision on the list. [See Dan’s Readers’ Forum item in this issue for a (33¢) Hat B-style find, and a reference for incision styles.]

Before this February, I had only known 32¢ FoP Bullet Hole examples to have 11/10 die cuts. You can see from my finds chart (shown at right) that in addition to the #88898 above, I found #87898 and #89898 also with 10/10 die cuts after finding them with 11/10 die cuts.

### Flag over Porch “Bullet Hole” Variety

	11x10 “A”	10x10 “C”
87888	have	
87898	have	have
88888	have	
88898		have
89878	have	
89888	have	
89898	have	have

### Flag over Porch “Knot Hole” Variety

	11x10 “A”	10x10 “B”
88888	have	have

I am asking all members to look at my chart above and see if you can add to it. Please e-mail me at [pnc3nv@aol.com](mailto:pnc3nv@aol.com) with your finds and I will report back at a future time.

## Elections 2016: Candidates for PNC<sup>3</sup> Offices

Note: Some current officers are term limited, having served two terms in the same position, and must be replaced. There are no rival candidates for the officer posts, but please consider **two** ballot choices among the three candidates for the two Member-at-Large positions.

**Please keep these sketches handy for use in filling your ballot, to arrive in next month's issue.**

### **Mel Borofsky** – *Candidate for Member -at- Large*

I am an over-60-years collector of US, Canadian and possession postage. Lately, my interests have included Oceania and Caribbean Islands. I have an extensive PNC collection of PS5s and enjoy creating my own albums. I enjoy reading philatelic history and writing articles for our local club's newsletter. I am a member of APS and a second-term Central Florida Stamp Club director. I founded and produce that club's monthly electronic swap meet, the "Bourse." I designed the show cachet for the past two FLOREX stamp shows held each December in Orlando.

I provide PNC<sup>3</sup> membership cards to new members and, on request, to existing members. I was the ballot chairperson for our last PNC<sup>3</sup> election. If elected again, I will provide assistance to the club, as needed, to the best of my abilities.

### **Jill R. Ambrose** – *Candidate for Member -at- Large*

My name is Jill R. Ambrose and I am running for an At Large position on the Board. I have been a member of PNC<sup>3</sup> for over 25 years and have member number 425. I have served in many capacities over the years, including two terms as President.

I started the club website and have been involved in it ever since. I am currently a Member-at-Large, the Website Content Mistress and a member of the Catalog Committee. I also am the Digital Version Producer of *Coil Line* each month. I have recently published a book on modern 'U. S. No-Die-Cut' stamps.

I normally attend the Annual Meeting in August every year and I have hosted numerous Regional Meetings, including those at the APS winter shows and the Plymouth Show in Michigan.

### **Thomas McFarland** – *Candidate for Member -at- Large*

My name is Tom McFarland and I have been collecting stamps for more than 55 years, having started a collection for a Cub Scout achievement. I joined PNC<sup>3</sup> in 1994, shortly after beginning to collect PNCs. I have previously served as club Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President. I look forward to rejoining the Board and continuing to look for ways to improve the club, promote PNCs, and enhance the collecting of them.

In addition to PNCs, my other collecting interests are modern US booklets, general US, Canada, Ireland, and Great Britain Machin definitives. I've been a member of APS and United States Stamp Society for over 25 years, and also belong to the Eire Philatelic Association.

Professionally, I have worked in the IT industry for 40 years in a variety of positions. In addition to stamps, my leisure interests include old cars and music.

*(please see next page)*

**Daniel Farrar** – *Candidate for Secretary*

I am Daniel Farrar, retired payroll professional from Canton, Ohio. I began collecting PNCs in 1981 and joined PNC<sup>3</sup> in 1992. I am currently collecting PNCs on commercial covers. I previously served two terms as PNC<sup>3</sup> Secretary, 2007 through 2010.

**John Himes** – *Candidate for Vice President*

John Himes is a Life Member of PNC<sup>3</sup>. He collects both PNC used singles and mint strips and drives his friends and family crazy hunting for plate numbers on incoming mail. He's also a long-time member of the American Philatelic Society, and is working on a collection of mint, never hinged, superb quality 20<sup>th</sup> century U.S. stamps, as well.

For the past four years John has served as PNC<sup>3</sup> Treasurer. During that time, the club Treasury remained strong and stable and, in fact, grew a significant amount as careful cost controls and revenue generation measures were put in place. Based on this performance, annual club dues were actually decreased during John's time in this position.

John is also involved in hosting PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings at Southern California stamp shows and other venues. Those meetings are always well-attended and he considers it a pleasure to serve in this capacity.

Professionally, John is an IT Delivery Executive managing two major IT outsourcing accounts – one for a major Japanese automotive company's U.S. business, and another for a global medical instruments manufacturing company. In that role, he oversees a budget of over \$30M per annum and works with corporate CIOs to assure they are getting the needed IT support. He also travels annually to India to meet with off-shore personnel, and has developed a keen interest in the Indian culture. He is a strong people person and concerned with finding solutions to problems that provide win-win scenarios for all involved.

John would consider it an honor to receive your vote for PNC<sup>3</sup> Vice President for the coming term.

**Jeff Haas** – *Candidate for Treasurer*

Hello, my name is Jeff Haas and I would be pleased to have the opportunity to give back to the PNC<sup>3</sup> family by serving as Treasurer of the organization. I currently work for a large Southern California insurance company in a corporate financial planning function. Many of you might know me from the Southern California chapter as I have assisted in putting together many of our local meetings over the past 10 years.

I had just started collecting stamps again after a 35-year hiatus from the hobby when I learned of PNCs and the PNC<sup>3</sup> club. I have learned so much from other members of the community by participating in the organization and look forward to giving back through service as Treasurer. In addition, one of my goals is to see how we can share the knowledge and great presentations that are done at regional meetings by our members with others around the country.

I look forward to serving as your Treasurer and getting to know more of you from around the country.

**Robert Thompson** – *Candidate for President*

Robert is 59 years old and has been collecting stamps since he was a child. A friend introduced him to PNCs when they first started and he has been collecting them ever since. He collects pretty much anything to do with PNCs. His personal long-term project is to document all known varieties on PNCs, including cracks, layout markings, tagging varieties and errors. His compilations have included all reports from *The Plate Number*, *Coil Line*, *Linn's Stamp News* and many other sources, too numerous to list. His plan is to have scanned images and descriptions of all of the different PNC varieties. He believes these varieties are one of the things that make stamp collecting interesting and also believes that once he has completed this project, many years from now, it will add greatly to the club.

# Current Plate Numbers, Roll Sizes, Die Cuts & Tagging

Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
1¢ Bobcat 2012	P1111, P2222	3k	27	S	
1¢ Bobcat 2015	P1111	10k	27	S	
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	
► 5¢ Grapes	P111111	10k	27	S	
10¢ Clock 2008	S1111 ≠	10k	31	w	OA
	S2222	"	"	w	
10¢ Clock 2006 ≠	S1111	10k	14	w	
► 10¢ Pears	S111111	10k	27	PV	OA
21¢ Lincoln ≠	C111	100	20	PV, VP	OA
<22¢> Penguins <sup>(1)</sup>	S11111	100	31	PV	OA
33¢ Apples (4 diff.) ≠	S11111	100	32	PV	S
34¢ Hummingbird ≠	P11111	100	31	VP	S
34¢ Hummingbird ≠	P22222	100	31	VP	OA
<35¢> Coastal Birds <sup>(2)</sup> (4 different)	P1111	100	32	VP	OA
45¢ Weather Vanes ≠ (5 diff.)	S1111111	3k	25	S	S
		10k	"	"	"
46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers ≠ (4 diff.)	S11111	3k	28	PV	S
		10k	"	"	"
46¢ Patriotic Star ≠	S111	10k	27	PV	S
49¢ Ferns (5 diff.)	C1111	3k	30	VP	OA
		10k	"	"	"
► (5¢) USA Star	P111	10k	27	S	
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(5¢) Sea Coast	P7777, P9999	3k	27	S	
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		10k	"	"	

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 B = Bank Corp. of America V = Avery-Dennison  
 C = CCL Label S = Sennett Security Products



Issue	Plate#	Roll	Freq	Cut	Tag
(10¢) Banner	S111	500	31	w	
◇ (25¢) Spectrum Eagle	P1111	10k	27	S	OA
" (6 different designs)	V11111 and V11112	3k, 10k	30	S	
(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 (5)	S1111	10k	25	PV	OA
<49¢> Ferns 2015 (5)	S1111	3k	25	PV	OA
<49¢> Red-White-Blue (4 different designs)	C11	10k	32	VP	OA
		"	"	"	S
	C12	"	"	"	OA
► <49¢> 2016 Flag & Clouds <sup>(3)</sup>	P11111	100	31	VP	OA
► <49¢> 2016 Flag & Clouds <sup>(3)</sup>	S11111	100	31	PV	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 ≠ (4 diff.)	V1111	100	20	PV	S
	"	"	"	"	VP
<> 2012 Four Flags ≠	P1111	100	32	VP	OA
	P2222	"	"	"	S
<> 2012 Four Flags ≠	S11111, S22222	100	32	PV	S

Stamps (1) labeled "Additional Ounce" rate now 21¢,  
 (2) "Postcard" rate, now 34¢,  
 (3) "Forever" rate, now 47¢ (as of April 10, 2016).

## 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 <> Value when-issued  
**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

The new 2016 issues through April 28 have been added (noted by ►). Phosphor tagging now noted for the P1111 (25¢) Spectrum Eagles.

## Classified Ads

**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 e-mail [johnwhimes@yahoo.com](mailto:johnwhimes@yahoo.com). Member 957L

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**USED PNC'S on and off cover.** Our new 8-page list #15-3 of Used PNC's is yours free. We also have a free new 33-page list of MNH PNC's, 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](mailto:vimco@comcast.net). Member 748

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**WANTED: 2281 25¢ Honeybee:** Seam Line Strips, full rolls, single strips to complete collections. Michael Mules, Fox River Stamps, PO Box 6, Salem WI 53168 [foxriverstamps@gmail.com](mailto:foxriverstamps@gmail.com) Member 1289L

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**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](http://www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org). Our 14<sup>th</sup> year. Member 2242

**CLASSIFIED AD** rates are 6¢ per word, with a minimum cost of \$3.00 per insertion. (Only members may advertise in *Coil Line*.)

**PNC<sup>3</sup> members** are entitled to two free 50-word ads per year. (There is a 10¢ charge for each word over 50 with free ads.) Contact the editor to place an ad. (See page 58.)

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• Inside Cover	Add \$ 25.00
• Color Ad (for full page)	Add \$ 100.00
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## Membership Update

### New Applicants

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### Reinstated

Don Johnson (2297)

### PNC<sup>3</sup> Members Count

Previous Members	502
New Applicants	3
<b>Reinstated</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PNC<sup>3</sup> Members</b>	<b>506</b>



Three types of <49¢> RWB, seen in SW UV light

Elsewhere in this issue, I bring up my recent acquisition of an industrial-grade shortwave ultraviolet lamp. I began using it in January 2016 to re-check recent issues that I had previously examined using typical well-worn portable hobby lamps that I suspected were not serving me well.

What I didn't mention in the other story is that my latest lamp is actually two – it has a longwave lamp in addition to shortwave. This is useful because one of the more involved coil issues of late in regards to paper types are the <49¢> Red-White-Blue (RWB) large rolls (plate numbers C11 and C12). That issue



Three types of <49¢> RWB, seen in LW UV light

has distinctions in LW UV light as well as SW UV.

The good news in revisiting the RWB coils I examined initially in November 2015 is that nothing in the resulting report's chart (December 2015 *Coil Line*, p.152) is out-of-order. With the benefit of some of my subsequent trials at getting good pictures made, we can see what the chart's UV references tried to describe. (See images at upper left, and above.)

The surprising news is about the so-called “bluish-white” phosphorescent glow we've seen on several coil issues (including the first two RWB types shown at upper left). When SW light strikes just right near a 90-degree angle, they glow yellow-green, too.

(from page 60, Ashton Potter eagles)

these coils do not require tagging. The bulk mailings for which they are intended bypass the facing and canceling steps in postal plants that ordinary collected mail requires.



(25¢) Spectrum Eagles from V11111 rolls (upper stamp), V11112 rolls (lower-left stamp) and P1111 rolls (right-side stamp) react under shortwave UV light (left image) and longwave UV light (right image).

Since the “Presorted First-Class” category of coils priced at 25¢ each was initiated in 1995, only the first design (the “G” flag) is known with its entire production needlessly phosphor-tagged. (That “mistake” didn't involve press work, since it was printed using phosphored paper.) Since then, an occasional errant tagged or weakly tagged case is seldom seen, all apparently due to phosphored paper (including some of 2003's 10-design American Eagles, and the 2012 discovery of two 1997 Jukebox coils fully tagged [Scott 2912Bc]).

At press time I had not yet received a reply from USPS to my repeated inquiries of why AP went to the effort of adding a phosphor overcoat to their P1111 Spectrum Eagle rolls. I imagine someone at AP mis-interpreted the supply contract (or at USPS mis-wrote it) in regards to “first-class” stamps and thought these coils also were to be tagged, not realizing they are of the precancel type.

Perhaps the 2015 introduction of more undenominated retail categories (e.g., “Postcard”) for first-class rates was the key factor in leading to the Spectrum Eagles confusion. — Ron Blanks (At left: Spectrum Eagle images in SW, LW UV light.)

## Call for Volunteers – PNC<sup>3</sup> Booth at NY 2016

### *World Stamp Show NY 2016 Volunteers Still Needed*

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 is nearly upon us. The club will have booth number 876 at the show where we hope members will stop by to meet and socialize. We are still in need of volunteers to help staff the booth during the show. Shifts are available for all days of the show but **we are in particular need for the last three days, June 2 through June 4**. If you can spare a couple of hours while at the show, please consider volunteering. Contact Tom McFarland at [philatomic@verizon.net](mailto:philatomic@verizon.net), or call Tom at 609-273-4103 to be placed on the schedule.

## PNC<sup>3</sup> Auction #54 Results

**Joe Sedivy,  
Auctioneer**

Closed Date March 31, 2016 – We had 43 bidders in this auction, with all winning at least one lot. Of the 493 lots offered, about 58% of them (a total of 283 lots) sold. This is better than past auctions. I waited until April 2 to close the auction books in case of late bids. We did have three in my PO box that morning because members mailed them late for some reason. I thank all who make these auctions a good place to buy and sell. I hope you all had fun and filled some holes in your collections.

*(please see inside back wrapper for auction results tabulation)*

(from inside front wrapper, Auction #54 Results)

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
1	\$15.00	74	\$2.50	157	\$1.00
3	\$5.00	75	\$2.50	158	\$2.00
4	\$20.00	77	\$5.00	160	\$3.00
5	\$15.00	79	\$5.00	162	\$4.00
10	\$3.50	80	\$2.50	163	\$9.00
12	\$2.00	81	\$2.50	164	\$8.00
13	\$3.25	82	\$4.00	165	\$30.00
15	\$3.50	83	\$1.00	167	\$770.00
16	\$9.00	84	\$1.00	168	\$7.00
20	\$4.00	85	\$22.00	169	\$8.00
21	\$4.00	87	\$4.75	170	\$3.00
22	\$3.00	88	\$5.00	171	\$8.00
23	\$7.00	89	\$2.00	172	\$1.50
27	\$5.00	92	\$3.50	173	\$7.00
28	\$10.00	93	\$5.00	174	\$3.00
31	\$12.00	94	\$8.00	175	\$8.00
32	\$75.00	95	\$7.00	176	\$4.50
33	\$4.00	96	\$6.00	177	\$13.00
34	\$55.00	97	\$6.00	179	\$1.00
35	\$27.00	98	\$1.00	181	\$7.00
36	\$67.50	99	\$3.00	182	\$8.00
37	\$9.00	100	\$1.50	184	\$7.50
38	\$5.00	101	\$1.50	185	\$7.50
39	\$34.00	102	\$3.00	187	\$8.00
40	\$3.50	104	\$4.00	188	\$6.00
41	\$22.00	107	\$5.00	190	\$50.00
42	\$7.50	109	\$5.00	191	\$5.50
43	\$10.00	113	\$5.00	192	\$7.00
44	\$17.00	116	\$1.00	193	\$7.00
48	\$8.00	119	\$1.00	195	\$5.50
50	\$5.50	120	\$1.00	196	\$5.50
51	\$1.50	121	\$1.00	197	\$6.00
53	\$5.00	122	\$1.00	198	\$7.00
54	\$55.00	123	\$1.50	199	\$8.00
55	\$4.00	124	\$5.00	200	\$9.00
56	\$4.00	125	\$6.00	202	\$16.00
57	\$7.00	126	\$7.50	203	\$6.00
58	\$3.00	128	\$5.00	204	\$11.00
59	\$2.00	142	\$65.00	205	\$7.50
60	\$7.00	147	\$5.00	206	\$8.00
61	\$6.00	148	\$4.00	207	\$6.00
64	\$7.00	149	\$4.00	208	\$11.00
65	\$3.25	150	\$6.00	209	\$6.00
68	\$3.50	152	\$1.00	210	\$8.00
69	\$9.00	153	\$6.00	211	\$10.00
70	\$7.00	155	\$5.50	212	\$52.50
72	\$2.50	156	\$1.00	213	\$9.00
73	\$4.00				

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
214	\$11.00	306	\$20.00	421	\$3.50
215	\$5.00	308	\$8.00	422	\$3.50
216	\$10.00	309	\$7.00	423	\$50.00
217	\$5.50	314	\$16.00	424	\$140.00
220	\$15.00	316	\$20.00	425	\$10.00
224	\$7.00	321	\$4.00	432	\$3.00
225	\$5.00	322	\$4.00	433	\$2.00
227	\$200.00	323	\$150.00	434	\$3.00
228	\$20.00	326	\$8.00	435	\$15.00
229	\$25.00	328	\$50.00	436	\$12.00
234	\$8.00	329	\$4.00	437	\$6.00
237	\$25.00	330	\$8.00	438	\$11.00
243	\$10.00	331	\$7.00	439	\$8.00
244	\$9.00	332	\$4.00	440	\$3.00
248	\$50.00	333	\$4.00	444	\$13.00
249	\$30.00	334	\$5.00	445	\$75.00
251	\$6.00	335	\$6.00	446	\$85.00
253	\$9.00	336	\$10.00	448	\$16.00
254	\$6.00	340	\$4.75	450	\$40.00
255	\$15.00	342	\$7.50	451	\$250.00
256	\$16.00	343	\$6.00	452	\$2.00
259	\$15.00	345	\$7.50	453	\$2.00
260	\$2.00	347	\$2.00	454	\$10.00
263	\$11.00	350	\$25.00	455	\$5.00
264	\$4.00	351	\$30.00	456	\$14.00
265	\$4.00	352	\$24.00	461	\$22.00
266	\$6.50	354	\$15.00	464	\$10.00
267	\$5.00	355	\$7.00	465	\$2.00
268	\$6.00	356	\$60.00	466	\$5.00
269	\$35.00	357	\$57.50	471	\$2.00
270	\$6.00	360	\$60.00	472	\$80.00
273	\$8.00	362	\$25.00	475	\$5.50
274	\$12.00	363	\$5.00	476	\$4.00
277	\$9.00	365	\$7.00	477	\$4.00
279	\$10.00	370	\$15.00	478	\$1.25
280	\$7.00	375	\$0.25	481	\$1.25
281	\$15.00	376	\$5.00	482	\$1.25
282	\$8.00	380	\$20.00	483	\$2.00
283	\$50.00	403	\$4.00	484	\$2.00
284	\$85.00	409	\$21.00	485	\$1.50
293	\$3.50	410	\$70.00	486	\$2.00
294	\$5.50	411	\$70.00	487	\$2.50
295	\$20.00	414	\$4.00	488	\$2.50
299	\$5.00	415	\$4.00	489	\$2.50
300	\$100.00	416	\$3.00	490	\$1.00
304	\$2.00	417	\$16.00	491	\$2.00
305	\$12.00	420	\$20.00	493	\$9.00