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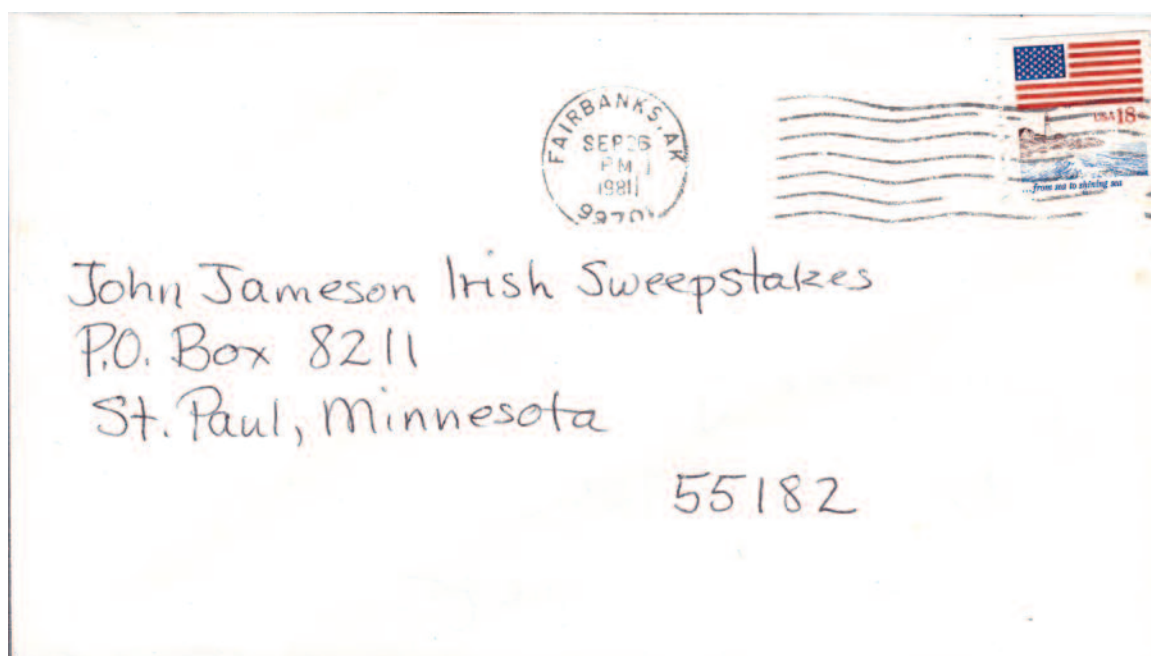
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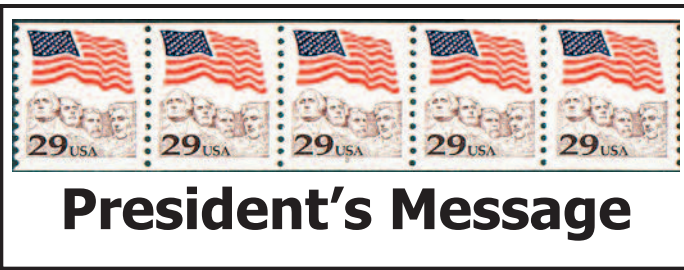
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Over the past two months, *Linn's Stamp News* has featured two front-page articles on counterfeit stamps. The first article, dated February 27, 2017, was on a sheet of stamps that was purchased on eBay in January 2017 for the Forever Hearts sheet. That article also referred to some counterfeit stamps for the Vintage Rose that were used to mail the Hearts sheet.

After that article came out, I contacted Chad Snee who wrote the article, to let him know that I have found more than 30 people who have been selling counterfeit sheets of the Forever Hearts stamps on eBay. I also told him that I have found almost 100 people selling counterfeit sheets of the Vintage Rose stamp. I discovered both fakes on August 10, 2016, from orders purchased on eBay.

After Mr. Snee and I spoke, he wrote the second article, dated March 13, 2017, on the Sennett Security Products coil version of the Star Spangled Banner (SSB). I told him that I found my first counterfeit roll of this issue on July 25, 2016, and Mr. Snee mentions that in his article. Since July, I have found more than 25 people selling these fakes on eBay.

There is a whole lot more to this story than what can fit in this column or even this issue. Gene Trinks has suggested that I post it on our webpage with pictures that will help explain what I have discovered and I will do that. At the time that I was writing this column, I came across my first spliced roll of the counterfeit SSB. All the other rolls were continuous from start to end, until now. A write-up about that roll can be found elsewhere in this issue.

I've mentioned that Allan Clapp has been working on several items over the past months. He has added a new search feature on our website. It gives you the ability to search our website, including past issues of **Coil Line**, for whatever topic you are interested in. He currently has **Coil Line** issues back to 2000 that are searchable. He is still working on the issues before that. Allan continues to work on adding PayPal to our website with the help of Melvyn Borofsky, our treasurer.

Robert Thompson

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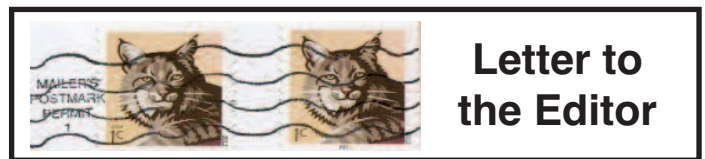
As promised a few months ago, I have been listening to your requests for things that will assist you in your PNC collecting. Recently, while researching the Flag Over

Porch die cut varieties for his club meeting presentation at Orcoexpo, Dan Forges was in contact with prolific philatelic author Rich Nazar. Dan asked Rich for permission to use some of his material at the club meeting and Rich generously agreed. Rich also agreed to let us link to his publications from the PNC<sup>3</sup> website. Thanks to Allan and Jill, our great web hosting team, a link is now available. To find Rich's articles, go to the Reference Section, then click on Nazar Publications.

I really want to recommend Rich's article on FOP die cuts, titled "Die Cut Production Varieties of the 32¢ Flag over Porch Self-Adhesive Stamp Produced by the BEP in Coils of 100." You'll find illustrations of the Type A, B, C and D die cuts that are better than any I've ever seen elsewhere. These die cuts can also be found on Yellow Rose and other coils, so the information is valuable for more than just the FOP stamps. For those of you who are bored with your current PNC collecting interest, think about taking on the challenge of collecting all these different die cut varieties. It's fascinating!

Let me remind you all that I'm still soliciting ideas from the membership that might help us all with our collecting. Feel free to contact me at the email address provided on Page 38.

John Himes  
PNC<sup>3</sup> Vice President



### New Coils for Large Mailers?

This item in Bill McAllister's column in the January 30 issue of *Linn's* suggests we might see some new coils for use by the large mailers:

"Some mailers would like to use a combination of several stamps on their solicitations, but the USPS 'has not been offering the right combination of stamps in large rolls to add up to 47 cents, or 49 cents,' Kearney [USPS spokesman] said.

"Even if they add up, they can cover up the response address because of the number of stamps you have to use," he said."

"The Alliance [of Nonprofit Mailers] also has urged the USPS to consider creating rolls of low denomination stamps 'that are printed together in rows that add up [to] the first class rate and can be applied by automation.'"

So, we could be looking at new denominations and/or se tenant denominations.

Doug Iams

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# Splice on Counterfeit Star Spangled Banner Coil

Robert E. Thompson

As mentioned in this month's President's Message, I've found some counterfeit rolls of the Sennett Security Products coil stamps that are being sold on eBay. In the March 13, 2017, *Linn's Stamp News*, Chad Snee wrote about the Star Spangled Banner. The article includes a scan of the stamps with the leader strip still attached. That is from the first roll that I found and although Mr. Snee doesn't mention it in his article, the leader wrapper is on the wrong end of the roll and it is upside down. I found that that occurred about 50 percent of the time. None of the rolls are tagged, there are no plate numbers and none of them have the microprinting of "USPS." They do have what I call a seam line that is present every 10 stamps.

Another roll I just found has the first splice that I've seen out of the more than 100 rolls I have found. All the other rolls were on continuous paper from end to end. I've also noticed on the most recent rolls that I have come across, all of the leader wrappers have been right side up.

This roll shows some other things that I have not seen on the previous counterfeit rolls. The first is that it appears to be from the top part of the web, since the top edge is showing white along the top. This can be seen on both sides of the splice. What is causing this is that the backing paper is extending a little bit above the stamps. Whether it has not been cut cleanly or the printing is shifted down, I don't know.

In order for me to be able to keep track of the different varieties from each of the rolls, I assigned a letter and a number to each. The letter represented the first initial of the seller's user ID and the number represented a specific roll from that order. By doing this, I was then able to identify which rolls matched, regardless of who they came from.

On the most recent rolls, however, none of the constant plate varieties (CPV - scratches, extra ink, colored dots, etc.) that are constant across a roll that I have previously used to identify a roll matched any of the rolls from this new group. Within this new set of rolls, I have found six different rolls. I mention this because the roll with the splice in it is from two different rolls, which is not what I would have expected. As I mentioned, they both appear to be from the top of the web.

Since there are no plate numbers, I used the location of the seam line to designate where a particular variety is located. The first stamp right of the seam line is one, all the way up to 10, and then it repeats. On the strip to the left of the splice, there is a blue spot located below "USA" and a small black spot on the left edge of the "U" of "USA" (Figure 1). I found that I had designated this CPV as coming



Figure 1



Figure 2

from J-2 and that these marks were located on stamp 4 right of the seam line. The strip to the right of the seam line has a black mark across the bottom of the "V" of "FOREVER" (Figure 2) on stamp 1. I found that this roll had been identified as J-4.

The final thing I noted that was different is the end of the strip on the left, just left of the splice (Figure 3). The right edge fully shows the die cuts along the right edge of the stamp and just to the left of that you can see magenta, cyan and yellow



Figure 3

dots running vertically from top to bottom. Based on another roll of J-2, I was able to determine that this is where the seam line would normally be found, but I have not found this on any other rolls of this type.



Figure 4

On the back of the strip (Figure 4) you can see where part of the backing paper was cut away on the left and torn away from the edge on the right before the two strips were spliced together.

One thing that I have concluded from finding these counterfeits is that it is much easier to sell counterfeit stamps now than it might have been before. That is because now that there are Forever stamps, the stamps will always be equal to the current First Class rate. The design does not need to be changed each year as the rate changes.

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# Commercial Covers

## with Rob Washburn

### PNC Cover Hoards: All-Time Greatest Finds

**BACK IN THE EARLY 1980s**, when I first started collecting pnc commercial covers, it wasn't easy to find them, much less in any quantity. Very few dealers had stocks of PNC covers. Most pncs at that time were soaked off covers and saved as used singles. That's why many of the earlier pncs are tough to find on cover.

My first PNC cover purchases were from Ken Schoolmeester and Ed Denson. Schoolmeester had access to mail sent to a veterinary clinic and he found several PNC covers. Ed Denson was the first actual PNC dealer from whom I bought covers and he sold from a pricelist. Denson listed every plate number known, but didn't actually have all in stock.

This month's article is about the greatest PNC cover hoards ever found. In these cases, I'm talking about unsearched hoards of PNC covers, not accumulations by avid PNC cover collectors like Robert Thompson, myself and others. Here's the four best hoard finds I know of.

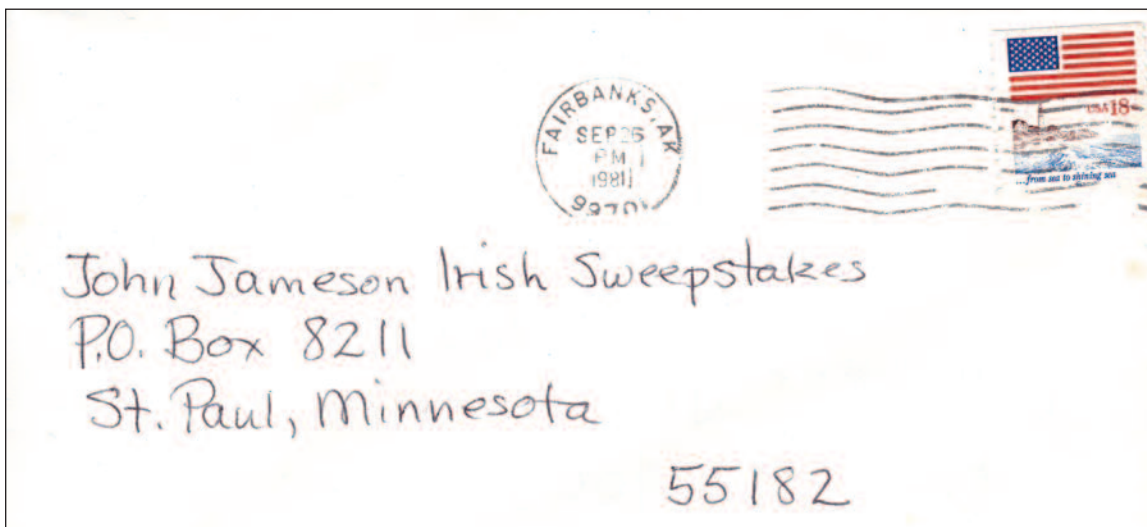
**THE FIRST MAJOR** hoard of PNC covers I ever heard of was in 1988. PNC<sup>3</sup> member Rolly Grandahl's friend, Ed Brown, had a warehouse and three tractor trailers in Connecticut full of covers from the 1970s and 1980s. Ed and Rolly went through the covers and started offering some of the PNC covers for sale. I decided to drive down to Connecticut from my home in Maine to check it out.

Most of the covers were sent to a Connecticut company, Northeast Utilities. After a few hours of digging through the hoard, I was able to find several 20¢ flag PNC covers, a few 2¢ locomotive and 20¢ Pumper PNC covers, some 20¢ Consumer Ed, (22¢) D PNC covers and about 10 covers with a new experimental 1/10/88 Stamford, Con-

necticut, (the first day of the two-day experiment) ink jet spray cancel.

Because Ed Brown was paying storage fees for storing the hoard, he was anxious to sell them off in one big sale. Unfortunately, I couldn't find an easy and inexpensive way to transport and store the covers myself so I passed on them. I don't know what happened to them.

**THE GREATEST** PNC hoard find ever, at least in my mind, was found in 1990 by Jerry Koepp, owner of Stamps 'N Stuff. This incredible hoard of covers, consisting of 27 tons (seven semitrailers full) from 1979 to 1984 were from all over the U.S. and sent to various sweepstakes in Minnesota.



**Earliest Known usage of the 18¢ Flag #6 coil, 9/26/1981, from the Jerry Koepp hoard.**

Interestingly, this hoard of covers was the subject of a raid by postal inspectors who thought the original owner was washing off the cancellations and reusing the stamps as postage. The Postal Service was experimenting with purple machine cancels in the late 1970s and early 1980s. These cancels were easy to wash off the stamps, leading the USPS to discontinue the purple machine cancel experiment in 1983.

Postal inspectors confiscated several boxes of the covers, but eventually the original owner of the hoard won his case with the government. He then offered Koepp all the remaining covers for \$2,000. Koepp sold some "unpicked" boxes to collectors, but mostly Jerry and his employees spent months going through the massive hoard of boxes. He threw out most of the non-PNCs, except for the 20¢ Birds and Flowers stamps. The hoard yielded hundreds of 18¢ Flag, 18¢ Surrey, 20¢ Pumper, 20¢ Flag and 20¢ Consumer Ed PNC covers. Highlights included almost half the 21 known 18¢

flag #6 covers, several 18¢ Surrey #15 and #16 covers and a few 20¢ Pumper #12 and #14 covers. Koeppe told me that he thought there were more 18¢ Flag #6 covers and possibly some 18¢ Flag #7 covers, but he believes many of the boxes from late 1981 were the ones seized by the postal inspectors when they raided the original owner and were never returned.

Koeppe's hoard also yielded many PNC earliest known usages on cover and most of them are still the earliest known usages on cover today. In addition, if it weren't for the find of this hoard, my book on purple machine cancels would probably never have been done, as most of the earliest and latest known usages of PMCs are on covers from this find. Koeppe sold several of the best PNC covers from this trove in two auctions in 1991.

**ANOTHER GREAT HOARD** of covers was found by a guy named Cal Morrell. He had thousands of covers sent to a sweepstakes and the National Bank of North America. I understand that Morrell mostly cut the stamps off the covers for mixtures, but he did sell several covers, too.

One of the only five known 18¢ Flag #7 covers, three 18¢ Flag #6 covers, some 18¢ Surrey #15 and #16 covers and one each of the only known 18¢ Surrey #17 and #18 covers came from this hoard, as well as many other better PNC covers from the 1980s. I was told in 1995 that there were still 1,000 boxes to go through. In 1999, I heard there was another 3½ tons of covers to sort, but I have no idea if the search was ever completed.

**LAST, BUT NOT LEAST**, is the greatest hoard of precanceled/service-inscribed junk mail covers ever found. Dennis Knowles from New Hampshire acquired a few hundred boxes of covers sent out by and returned as undeliverable to the First Deposit National Bank. Most of them had auxiliary markings and many had dated cancellations, which are unusual for precanceled junk mail covers that are not usually postmarked.

The only known covers with tagged errors of the (25¢) Jukebox 1997 SA #22222 came from this trove, as well as many tougher precanceled PNC covers like the 17.5¢ Racing Car #1, 20.5¢ Fire Engine #1, 24.1¢ Tandem Bicycle #1, 21.1¢ Letters #111111 and #121111, and 23¢ USA # A2232, A2233, A4443, A4444, A4453 and A4364. Dozens of 23¢ USA #1111 tagged error covers were also found.

**SO THERE** you have it, the "Four Greatest PNC Cover Hoards" finds ever found. If you have a collection of PNC covers that includes covers from the 1980s, it's likely you have at least one cover that came from one of these four hoards. Are there more unsearched hoards still lurking out there in some storage facility or barn? Time will tell, but I sure hope so.

## Forever Flag & Clouds-BCA

# Die Cut Omitted Roll Found with Gray Omitted

Robert E. Thompson

Initially a full roll was offered on eBay (Sunday, January 15). A stamp collector was selling the roll for a stamp friend. But, one day after the auction started, the auction was canceled. The seller said there were too many people interested in it and that he gave it back to his friend to sell on his own.



Strips and pairs showed up on eBay Friday, January 20 (four days after the auction was canceled) from a dealer. I bought the one shown. Since then, I've found out that the dealer had two rolls, but all of the rolls had been cut out in pairs and PNCs of 5.

The full roll contained 81 stamps with the yellow color and 19 stamps with the magenta color. There are two PNCs of 5 with the yellow color and one transition strip with the plate number on the middle stamp. On the transition PNC, although very light, both the cyan and magenta plate numbers are visible. Both rolls are the same. The dealer said they were from a collector from the Midwest. At least one other roll has shown up on eBay in strips and pairs.

I've heard that there is one full roll and a strip of about 80 stamps that are die cut omitted. There were no color issues with these rolls.

### March-April Order Form

The March-April 2017 Catalog Chapters Order Form is a repeat of the form in last month's **Coil Line**.

The form as a wrapper for this month's issue is provided as a reminder of the availability of newly published and previous chapters.

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# PNC<sup>3</sup> Meets at ORCOEXPO

John Himes

We had another great Southern California PNC<sup>3</sup> club meeting at ORCOEXPO on January 14. Attending were 17 club members and guests.

Following introductions, Frank Covey gave an in-depth talk on the recent and coming new issues. He shared the new "Flag Waving" Forever stamp coming out later in the month and the new Sea Shells stamps. He pointed out that there will be a new USA & Star issue with a blue border around the stamp. It's going to be an interesting few months as these new issues come out.

Frank also talked about the recent BCA printed stamps that surprised us all and he talked about collectors' frustration with the U.S. Postal Service's *USA Philatelic Catalog* failing to list precancel stamps in the last two issues.

Frank asked the attendees if they collect the precancel PNC stamps as well as the regular postage issue and most everyone stated that they do. There was a lively discussion about ways members can obtain these precancel stamps now that the USPS is making them so hard to obtain and a number of suggestions about ways to combat this problem. It was obvious that pretty much everyone in attendance was aggravated with the USPS and their stamp issuing policies.

Dan Forgues launched into another of his great presentations. This program was on the die-cut incision types that can be found on Flag Over Porch, Yellow Rose and a number of other issues. He talked about, and showed diagrams, of the A, B, C, D Tie-Tip-Left and D Tie-Tip-Right die-cut incisions. Color illustrations of all five types were provided to the attendees.

Dan followed this talk up by giving everyone in attendance a non-numbered Rushmore Toledo Brown stamp in a stock card along with the normal "maroonish brown" variety. These will come in helpful as examples as the attendees search for Toledo Browns in mixtures. Dan cleared up some confusion in that some of the attendees didn't realize that the Toledo Brown is a variety of Scott 2523 (2523c, to be precise), rather than the gravure printed 2523A. Both these chats were very well received.

PNC dealer and club member Ron Czaplicki passed away about two years ago. He left a very large stock and much has been done already to help his widow dispose of this stock and his personal collections. But there were about 60,000 common, used PNC singles still left after all was said and done. John and Dan auctioned off two boxes of 30,000 used PNC singles each and Dan threw in an untagged error stamp with each box. One box brought \$325 and the other

sold for \$300. All the money goes to Mrs. Czaplicki. One of our members generously tossed in another \$100 because he sold an expensive door prize given out at the last meeting and he wanted Mrs. Czaplicki to have the proceeds of that sale. She will be overwhelmed to get a check for \$725. Our club members are the most kind-hearted and generous folks you'll ever meet!

The meeting wrapped up with a round-table discussion and the distribution of door prizes by cohost Jeff Haas to everyone attending. One of the door prizes was a copy of the Flag Over Porch #13231A VP used single, cataloging at \$800. It was slightly damaged, but still a very valuable stamp. Nice door prizes were also provided by Dave Cobb of Newport Harbor Stamps and Jerry and Barb Koepp of Stamps 'N' Stuff. If you live in the Southern California area and didn't attend the meeting, you missed out on a wonderful opportunity.

We hope to have our next local club meeting at the SESCAL show later this year.

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## Used PNC Album Pages Updated

Two pages for the used PNC Album Pages, available on the PNC<sup>3</sup> website, have been updated to correct minor errors.

On page 55, the "A" was previously omitted on plate #A7667. On page 131, two of the stamps were issued at <49¢>, not <47¢>, and this has been corrected as well. To access the pages, go to [pnc3.org](http://pnc3.org), then click the "Reference" tab at left, followed by clicking on the "Plate Number Coil Singles Album" tab.

If you haven't checked out these album pages, be advised that they're an easy way to print pages in which to mount your used PNC collection. The pages are Microsoft Excel files and can be modified if you wish to add specialty items.

John Himes

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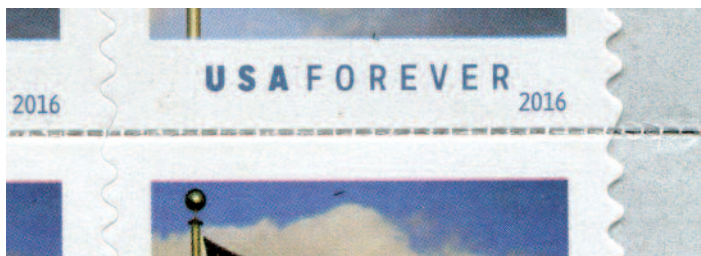
Bulk rate and precancel postage is especially welcome as many members don't want to get a usage permit and so have no use for these types of scrap postage.

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# BCA Flag and Clouds Saw Tooth Separator

Frank Covey

In the February 2017 issue of **Coil Line**, Bob Novak revealed his find of the BCA Flag and Clouds issue with the saw tooth separator. It is not known at this time if this was an experiment by Banknote Corporation of America (BCA) or a new production technique that will be used in the future.



As shown, the saw tooth separator is easiest to see before the stack has been separated.

The saw tooth separator shows on both the top and bottom of an individual stamp or strip if there was an attached coil above and below. However, if the coil came from the top row or bottom row, the saw tooth separator will be absent on the top or bottom.

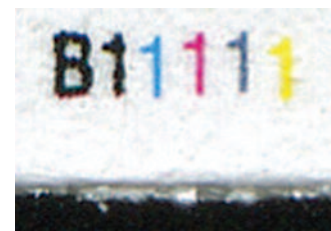


Shown above is a B11111 single with saw tooth separations on the top and bottom. To the right is a single with no saw tooth separator on the top.



These rolls are easily identified before purchase because they have a wrapper around the coil that is not as high as the stamp itself. It is possible, but difficult to create coil blocks from the stacked rolls. These rolls come apart much more easily than the stacked rolls with bridges between them.

Bob Novak first found these rolls at a New Jersey post office in mid-December 2016. Since then they have been found at other locations throughout the country, but they are not common. If you want an example for your collection you had best hurry. The dealers I spoke with are not stocking up on these. It's hard to identify this variety without magnification and so it is thought most coil collectors will not seek these out.



Brian Engler's keen eye noticed that the black "B1" of the plate number is bolder in the original 2016-7. The saw tooth shown on the left and the original is on the right.

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# Beyond the Numbers

Lynnette Wood

## The First PNC

In 1894, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing took over the printing of United States postage stamps. From then on, each printing plate was designated by a numeral printed in the margin (or selvage) of the paper. To this day many collectors avidly seek plate blocks (blocks of four stamps with the plate numbered selvage attached) as well as plate numbered single stamps.

The first coil stamp to appear with a plate number was not issued until almost 90 years later, in 1981. This plate number coil (PNC) was the 18¢ flag coil (Scott #1891). The stamp is found with single-digit plate numbers 1 through 7 located in the lower center of the stamp itself. It is this, that the plate number is on the actual stamp rather than on selvage, that distinguishes PNC collecting from other plate number collecting. (In later years some booklet singles would also include plate numbers on the stamps themselves, a topic for a future article.)

Numbers 2, 4, 5 and 7 are relatively common; numbers 1 and 3 are less so. Number 6 is the least common and can command a price of \$2,000 for a strip of five. Beyond the numbers, the stamp can also be found with omitted tagging (the phosphorescent compound that causes some stamps to glow under ultraviolet light) and imperforate (without perforations). Note, however, the *Scott Specialized Catalog* cautions collectors to beware of pairs offered as imperforate which actually have blind perforations or "blind perfs" (stamps with perforations that are only lightly impressed, leaving the paper intact with no holes cut through).

The 18¢ coil was one of a four-stamp Flag and Anthem set designed by Peter Cocci, a prolific designer of both stamps and banknotes. Scott #1891 is the only coil stamp in the set; the other stamps are in sheet or booklet form. Three of the four stamps feature lyrics from the patriotic song "America the Beautiful." Often called "Flag Over Seacoast," Scott #1891 features the line "... from sea to shining sea" and depicts a lighthouse on a rocky knoll jutting out into the ocean.

I am curious to know whether the lighthouse pictured is a real one or not. The USPS-issued souvenir page for the stamp states only that it is "based upon the rocky

coastline of Portland, Maine, the first day of issue city." Thus, I suspect the lighthouse may have been inspired by, rather than intended to depict, a specific lighthouse. If anyone knows differently, please let me know and I will pass on the information in a future column. I look forward to hearing from you at [PNCsAreCool@gmail.com](mailto:PNCsAreCool@gmail.com).

## Regional Meeting in Michigan

A PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 during the 2017 Plymouth Stamp Show (sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club). For the sixth straight year, the show is held at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, Michigan.

PNC<sup>3</sup> Website Content Mistress and At-Large Board Member, Jill R. Ambrose, hosts the meeting.

The agenda includes a time for socializing as well as trading, buying and selling PNC material. As usual, door prizes will be awarded. The planned meeting time is 11 a.m. For more details on the meeting, Jill can be reached via her contact choices on page 38.

The Plymouth stamp show is set for Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more show information, visit the website [www.plymouthshow.com](http://www.plymouthshow.com).

## 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](mailto:tbbee@aol.com).

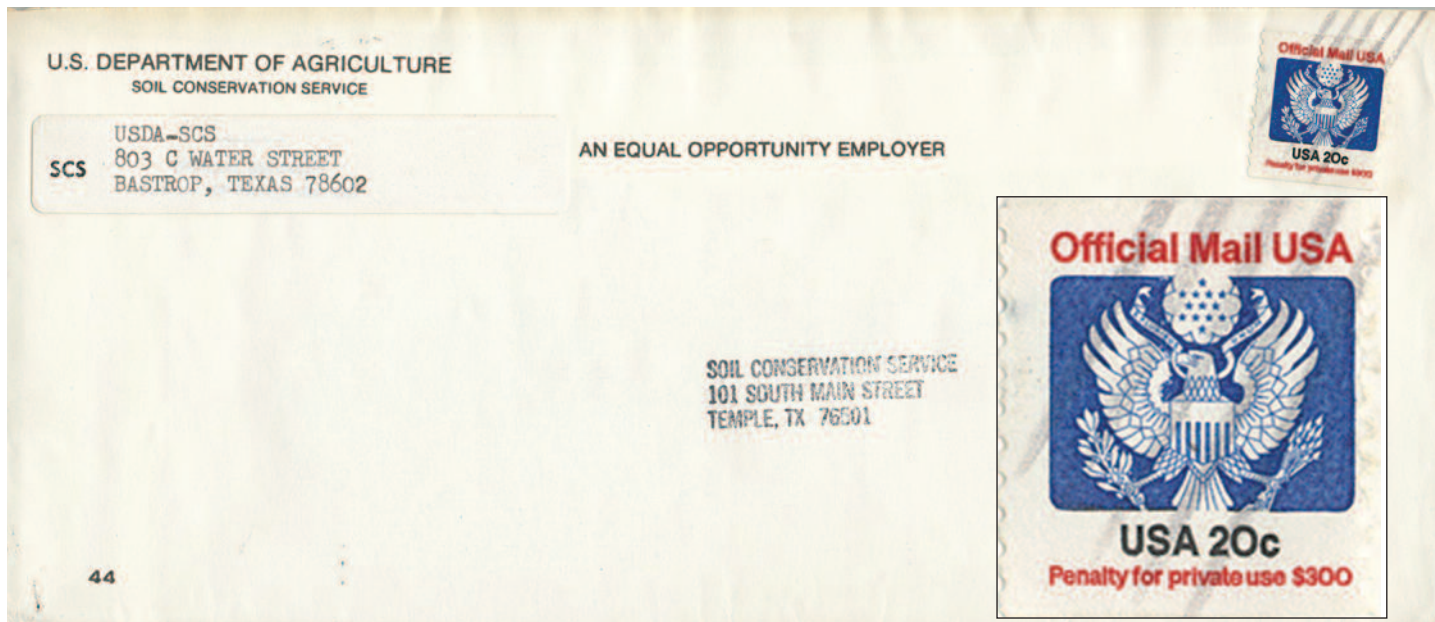
PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting notices are advertised at no charge in the newsletter. Please submit details to the editor three months in advance of the meeting.

## Mailing List Available

The club mailing list can be rented. A one-time usage fee of \$50 includes preprinted labels.

Contact secretary Daniel Farrar  
[farrard2@gmail.com](mailto:farrard2@gmail.com)  
for more information.

# 20¢ Official Mail Untagged Error



Robert E. Thompson

In the January 30, 2017, edition of *Linn's Stamp News* there was an article on the front page about an untagged error I found on cover for the 20¢ Official Mail stamp that was issued in 1983. The cover is pictured slightly smaller

than actual size and an enlarged copy of the stamp is seen in the inset.

This was the first official mail coil stamp issued with a plate number on it. It was expertized by APEX last year. Apparently it is the first one that has been reported and it will be included in the 2018 *Scott U.S. Specialized* catalog.

## Articles Needed for May Issue

**As of this writing, there are no articles in the stockpile for the May issue of Coil Line. Members are urged to dig into their collections and send an article for future publication.**

### 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 November issue by October 1, everything for the December issue by November 1, everything for the January issue by December 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.

### Illustrations

The most effective way to transmit illustrations is electronically. They should be TIFF or JPEG, preferably scanned at 300 dpi but no less than 150 dpi. They can be sent on CD and we can retrieve copy and illustrations from electronic copy if provided the correct routing. Do not embed illustrations in a Microsoft Word document, but attach separately to an email. Word sets parameters not recognized by Adobe Photoshop, my photo program, and I am unable to produce the best quality illustrations from Word.

Questions can be directed to editor Vickie Canfield Peters by emailing [vcanfieldp@gmail.com](mailto: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**.

## 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](mailto:vimco@comcast.net). 9/17

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**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](mailto:johnwhimes@yahoo.com) 12/17

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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 14th year. 4/17

### Classified Ad Rates

**PNC<sup>3</sup> classifieds are available to only PNC<sup>3</sup> members at a cost of 6¢ per word with a minimum of \$3 per insertion.**

Membership in the society includes two free 50-word classifieds per year. There is a 10¢ per word cost for every word over 50.

Send ads to the editor using the information on the inside front cover.

## Membership Update

### New Applicants

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### Resigned

2285 Carl Dischner (2285)  
(changed from dropped to resigned for health reasons,  
no effect on membership count)

Membership at Beginning of Month . . . . .	446
New Applicants . . . . .	+3
Reinstated . . . . .	+1
Membership at End of Month . . . . .	450

### Revised Illustrated Glossary Available

The publications order form attached to this issue references the revised Illustrated Glossary. This is a valuable 27-page reference that explains many unusual terms used in PNC collecting.

This newly revised issue incorporates illustrations embedded in the text to eliminate the need to refer to illustrations at the end of the document.

Those new to PNCs and many experienced PNC collectors will find it an invaluable resource.

The best things in life are **FREE** and that includes PNC<sup>3</sup> classified ads! Members are entitled to two free 50-word ads per year. Send yours to the editor today for inclusion in the next *Coil Line*!

## Want to read about it? Then write about it!

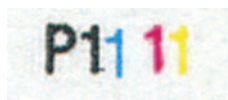
*Coil Line* is **YOUR** journal.  
Send an article to the editor today.

# Catalog Corner with Frank Covey

The <49c> Forever Fluttering Flag coil of 100 went on sale January 27, 2017, in Norcross GA 30071. No denomination appears on this stamp as it is intended to pay the existing first-class rate forever. It was issued as a 49-cent stamp as the first class rate increased from 47 to 49 cents on January 22, 2017.



Produced by Ashton Potter the coil has a P1111 plate number every 31st stamp. Most will collect this as a PS5 as there is only one design in the issue. A phosphor tagging break is evident under shortwave ultraviolet light, just left of the plate numbered stamp as seen in the image below.



Wrappers like the one shown below seal the coil. Each wrapper has a number inside either a circle or square that can go as high as 12. The wrapper shown is a circle 3 wrapper.



The rolls of 100 come individually wrapped in clear plastic wrap. The 2017 date is printed vertically in the bottom left hand corner of the design.

This same design is used in a coil by Banknote Corporation of America (BCA) (2017-2) issued on the same date. USPS is micro-printed on at the top of the white stripe near the top right edge of the stamp.



# 2017 New Issues (as of February)



**PNC ID: 2017-1**  
Fluttering Flag First Class Forever from Ashton Potter (AP)



**PNC ID: 2016-2**  
Fluttering Flag First Class Forever from Banknote Corporation of America (BCA)



**PNC ID: 2017-3**  
Sea Shells from Ashton Potter (AP)



**PNC ID: 2017-4**  
Blue Border USA Nonprofit from Ashton Potter (AP)



**Uh-Oh!**  
**The editor is running out of articles!**

The **Coil Line** "Finished Copy" folder is running low and as I put the April issue together, I find I don't have enough to fill another month.

Articles don't have to be long and they don't have to be perfectly written. Just send me a paragraph or two about a favorite or interesting item and I'll take it from there.

Deadlines and procedures information can be found on Page 46 of this issue.

# PNC<sup>3</sup> PNC Catalog Chapters Order Form (March-April 2017)

The Plate Number Coil (PNC<sup>3</sup>) Catalog Committee is accepting orders from PNC<sup>3</sup> members for new publications and re-offered publications, all listed below. These will be available as long as inventory is available. Orders received in April can be expected to be filled within 30 days.

	Quantity Ordered	Total Cost
<b>A. New Publications</b>		
2016 New Issues: 30 pages		
Stamp Illustrations in Color	\$9.25	_____
Stamp Illustrations in Black & White	\$6.00	_____
2017 Cumulative PNC-ID Index, Cross Reference, PNC ID and Scott Numbers Index, and Alphabetical Name Index (3 items), B&W, 66 pg	\$6.25	_____
2017 Values List, <b>7th Edition</b> (PS 7, PS 5, PS3, Used Singles, Covers), 62 pages, black & white	\$5.25	_____
2017 PNC3 Illustrated Glossary, illustrations in color near terms, 28 pages, <b>5th Edition</b>	\$8.50	_____
<b>B. Re-Offered Publications</b>		
First Forever Flags 2010-13 (<44>, <45>, <46>), 29 pages, illustrations in color	\$11.00	_____
CCL Die Cut Varieties, 10 pg., color illustrations	\$5.50	_____
Precancel Gaps Values List, 29 pages, black & white	\$4.50	_____
Flags of Our Nation (FOON), 20 pages, Illustrations in color	\$7.65	_____
\$0.42 Flag 24/7 (15 pages, illustrations in color)	\$8.25	_____
\$0.41 Flag on Pole (27 pages, illustrations in color)	\$12.50	_____
\$0.39 Lady Liberty & Flag (28 pages, illus. in color)	\$12.75	_____
\$0.37 Flag Waving (26 pages, illustrations in color)	\$12.25	_____
\$0.32 Flag Over Porch (19 pages, illus. in color)	\$8.50	_____
<b>C. Postage &amp; Handling</b>		
\$2.85 for first item order	\$2.85	
\$0.30 for each additional item ordered	\$_____	
Total Postage & Handling		\$_____
TOTAL REMITTANCE (U.S. FUNDS ONLY), payable to PNC <sup>3</sup>		\$_____

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