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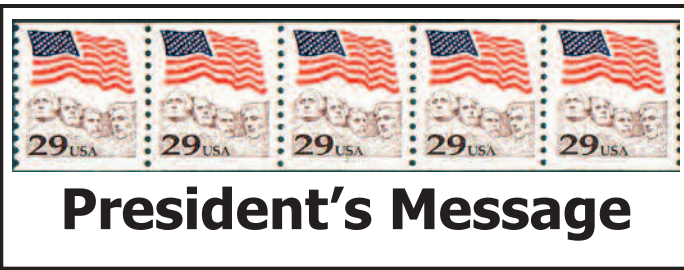
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The end of the year is approaching, which means it is time to renew your membership. At the time of this writing, our new renewal application using PayPal was not working, but hopefully it will be soon. If you see the link for the new renewal, then it is working. Remember, the cost of membership was reduced by \$2 next year for electronic delivery.

Over the last two months there have been two major hurricanes to hit the southern portion of the country. The first was Hurricane Harvey that dumped more than four feet (yes, that is correct; my area received 49.4 inches of rain in less than four days) of water on the Houston area. I was contacted by numerous members to make sure I was okay and for some, to make sure that their future inheritance from me was not affected.

Two weeks later Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida and slowly worked its way up the state. I contacted several members to make sure they were okay and, thankfully, they were. Please try to help anyone in need for either of these two storms.

Allan Clapp, our webmaster, has been working on the new issue data pages. Allan is not a collector and is not familiar with some of the terminology we use, so if you see anything wrong, please point it out to him or me and we will get it corrected.

Here's a quick update on fakes. I recently found a sealed tray of the Star-Spangled Banner. I will have a report in a future issue of **Coil Line**.

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 receiving the electronic version will need to print out the form, of course.)

This year we hoped to give you the option of paying your dues on line using PayPal. The website was developed and tested, but a last-minute glitch is causing problems and the funds are not being transferred to PayPal. So, unfortunately, we're going to need you to send in your dues via check or money order again this year.

Due to the decline in the number of members requesting bulk rate mailing of **Coil Line**, we were no longer able to meet the minimum volume requirements for that service. Thus, we have been forced to eliminate the bulk mail delivery option. The only domestic mail delivery option is now first-class mail. But there's great news for those of you who read the journal on line. We have decided to lower our electronic delivery dues from \$14 to \$12 for the coming year. The dues for first class mail delivery and international mail delivery remain the same: \$36 and \$41, respectively.

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 renewal form along with your annual dues payment.

Life members who opt to receive **Coil Line** electronically don't owe additional fees, but we still encourage them to send in the form to keep us apprised of their status. It's 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. If you don't remember your number, mail the form leaving that entry blank. I will then send you a membership number reminder and membership card. Please refer to it in future communications with the club. If you don't already have one and would like a membership card with your number imprinted, please include a note with your membership renewal or contact me at melborofsky@comcast.net. I will make sure you receive a card via 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

Looking to Recycle Coil Strips?

PNC³ welcomes donations of mint postage, including presort coils.

Send donations to:

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Letters to the Editor

Response to John Himes' Comment on 37¢ Flag, Scott 3632C and 3632Cd

John wonders if any of us have these Sennett Flag stamps in diecut gauge 11.5. The PNC³ website data page shows both gauge 11.75 and 11.5 as possibilities.



One of these beauties is gauge 11 1/2, according to Scott. The other is gauge 11 3/4. The teeth wouldn't mesh like this if the gauges were that different. Actually, both are 11.6, as is the test stamp, TD138A. Scott got the gauge right on that one. Sennett's diecutting mat from that period was gauge 11.6. Both of these were printed by Sennett.

Both gauges are incorrect. The Scott catalog incorrectly reports these stamps as gauge 11.75. The correct decimal gauge, as shown by a Scott Multi-Gauge under 10x magnification, is 11.6.

Sennett routinely used a gauge 11.6 diecutting mat on its coils during the early 2000s. Scott correctly reports 11.6 as the gauge of the Sennett test stamp TD-138A that appeared in 2000. They report the gauge of the Sennett Non-profit Org Seacoast coil, Scott 3875, which appeared in August 2004, as 11 1/2 and the gauge of the June 2003 Sennett Presorted First Class Eagle coils, Scott 3792-3801, as 11 3/4. Ditto for the Flag stamp John is inquiring about. It dates from 2004

Push these stamps together on your desk and do an edge-to-edge comparison. They are all gauge 11.6. The wavy diecuts mesh perfectly. Use mint stamps to preclude the possibility of paper shrinkage that might occur when a used stamp is soaked off in water.

Scott used to report diecut and perforation gauge in tenths. At some point they began to report gauge in quarters, 11, 11 1/4 and so on. They round to the nearest quarter, at least some of the time. They flunked both the measuring and the math when they rounded the gauge 11.6 Flag and came up with gauge 11 3/4.

A possible cause for the reported gauge 11.5 version is an inaccurate alignment of the gauge. If a multi-gauge is used, it is critical to get the horizontal lines absolutely flush with the tops of the peak diecuts. A very slight tilt will result in an inaccurate result. Magnification helps greatly.

A possible cause for the reported gauge 11.75 version is the acceptance of Scott's 11 3/4 as being accurate. "Measure twice, cut once," says the carpenter. We should give any diecut gauge reported by Scott a second measure.

The PNC³ web data page should be changed to report that both 3632C and 3632Cd are gauge 11.6. Perhaps a footnote should mention the inaccurate gauge reported in the Scott catalog.

Rudy de Mordaigle

Damage Dampens Elation

A couple of days ago I was thrilled to find a new Father Hesburgh PNC stamp with plate #P11111 on my incoming mail. This is a limited printing in coil format, so finding these used is going to be a challenge.

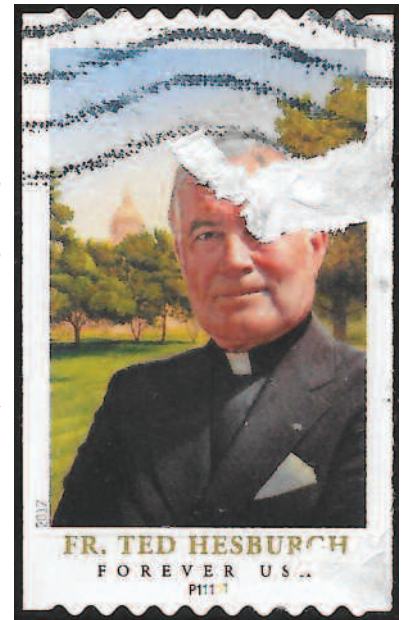
But just as I was jumping for joy, I noticed the stamp wasn't "quite right." As you can see from the scan, there is a major tear in the paper directly through the good Father's face and another one at lower right. So much for automated postal sorting and canceling equipment. So much for finding a nice and relatively rare stamp on my incoming mail.

I guess I really can't blame the United States Postal Service.

After all, given the volume of mail they process every day, automated equipment is a necessity and "these things happen."

If anyone out there collects examples of postally damaged hard-to-find stamps, let me know. It's yours!

John Himes



Looking for Something?
Check out the Classifieds!

Change in Dues Structure and Fees for 2018

John Himes
PNC³ Vice President

Earlier this year, it became apparent to the PNC³ Board members that we could no longer afford to send out bulk rate mailings of **Coil Line**. A minimum of 200 copies sent at bulk rate are required in order to use that service.

For several years, we sent more and more duplicate copies of the bulk rate mailings to regional meeting coordinators for use in local meetings in order to assure that 200 copies were being mailed. After the membership renewals of last year, it became apparent that we could no longer do so since the volume for bulk rate mailings dropped to well under 150 per month. A decision was made to send first-class mailings to those who paid for bulk rate service for the balance of 2017. (It was less expensive to do that than printing and mailing the extra copies just to keep bulk rate mailings afloat.)

Effective with dues renewals this year, bulk rate mailing of **Coil Line** is no longer an option. In order to move more of our members to electronic distribution (digital, computer-based downloads of the journal), the dues structure for 2018 not only eliminates bulk-rate mailings, it also lowers the annual dues from \$14 to \$12 per year (which includes electronic distribution). Board members are hoping many of our members move their **Coil Line** distribution to electronic and help us reduce hard-copy print runs and subsequent print costs for 2018. The club is actually subsidizing both first class and international print mailings of **Coil Line**, as the surcharges paid for those services don't completely cover the costs of printing and mailing the journal.

We do realize that some members don't have the available computers, tablets, smart phones or other technology to download and read the journal. For this reason, we will continue to provide hard copy mailing of the journal. Please understand, however, that this is actually a revenue-negative situation for the club. By switching to electronic distribution, you'll be helping keep us on a sound financial footing and keep the journal coming to you on a monthly basis.

Thanks so much for your understanding! This is a problem for every major print publication, so it should come as no surprise to our members that we're facing this issue. Our goal, as a board, is to keep the journal flowing and provide uninterrupted service for our members.

Coil Line is YOUR Magazine
We need YOUR articles to make it
the best it can be!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the email address or phone number provided on the masthead page.

Coil Line Display Advertising Rates Adjusted

John Himes
PNC³ Vice President

In mid-September, the PNC³ board voted to reduce the rates for display advertising in **Coil Line**, effective January 1. You can see the current rates in the left-hand column on the masthead page in this issue. The new rates are:

Full Page	\$75.00
Half Page	\$40.00
Third Page	\$30.00
Quarter Page	\$20.00
Sixth Page	\$15.00
Eighth Page	\$12.00
Business Card	\$12.00
Back Cover	Add \$37.50
Inside Cover	Add \$20.00
Color Full Page	Add \$75.00

(For color ads, digital version only, add \$20.00)

Note that a full-page ad is now 25 percent less expensive than in the past, and other rates, which the board felt were also too high, have been adjusted downward even more dramatically. The old rates were established when there was a much larger print run of **Coil Line** and display ads cost more to produce than is warranted by the current print volume (now that most of our members are viewing **Coil Line** on line).

As a result of this change, we're hoping that more of our member dealers and many of our members (who wish to improve sales or dispose of their duplicates, respectively) take advantage of these lower rates. It will help the club by providing more advertising revenue and it will help our members by providing a more reasonable way for them to advertise when they have materials which are no longer needed. We're also hoping that if the number of ads increase, members will have access to more of the rarer material that hasn't been on the market for a while.

Begin thinking about how you might take advantage of this new advertising policy. You can provide your January ad copy to our editor now (deadline for submission is December 1) and remit payment at the new rates. Payment should be made to PNC³ via check or money order and mailed to treasurer Mel Borofsky with a note asking him to confirm payment with the editor.

It's a Post Office Mystery

Peter Wurzbach



As I was getting ready to make a business trip to Los Angeles in early 1989, I decided to make some philatelically created covers with leftover PNC strips. At that time, some major post offices had a "Postique" that sold stamps and also catered to collectors. All the coils used on these covers were from rolls purchased at the main downtown Dallas, Texas post office (75201).

I prepared 14 covers with variations of strips that totaled 25¢, the then first class rate. In California I stayed at a hotel in El Segundo. I didn't have a rental car so the only option was to deposit the covers in the outgoing mail slot at

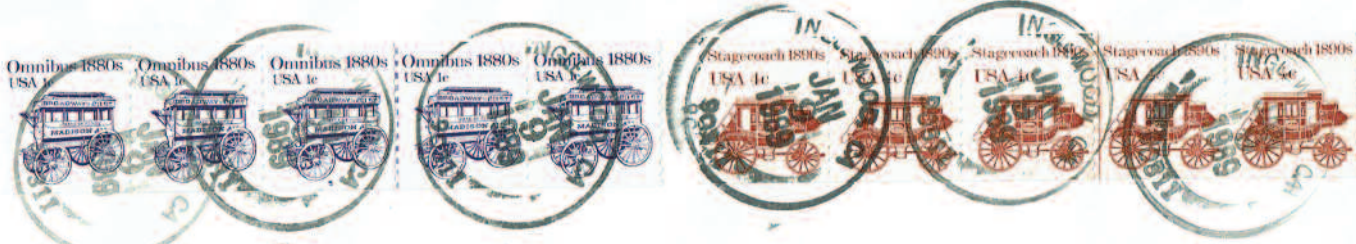
the front desk. All 14 were deposited at the same time. What a surprise I found when I got home!

Of the 14 covers, three were machine canceled at the Marina Del Rey post office. Eight received hand cancellations at the Inglewood post office. Three went through the postal system without any cancellations. The cancellation date on all those that received postmarks is January 9, 1989. I know all 14 went through the postal system because all the covers have back stamps of H5 and/or H7 and/or J3 and/or G5.

It remains a mystery as to how or why the covers



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went through two different post offices, neither of which was the El Segundo post office.

These covers are available if a PNC cover collector is interested. Questions or comments can be emailed to peter.wurzbach@gmail.com.

Classified Ad Rates

PNC³ classifieds are available to only PNC³ 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.

The best things in life are **FREE** and that includes PNC³ 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!*

Recent PNC Issue Information

Denom	Issue Name	PNC-ID Number	Scott Number	Issue Date	Plate #	Plate # Interval	Roll Size	USPS Item Number	Tag	WAG or SA	T, M, B Back Numbers
<.49>	Father Ted Hesburgh	2017-8		9/1/17	P11111	17	50	799404	Overall*	SA	None
<.49>	Flowers from the Garden	2017-7		8/16/17	B1111	28	3,000	755004	Overall	SA	B
		2017-7		8/16/17	B1111	28	10,000	760104	Overall	SA	T
	from 3k roll	2017-7		8/16/17	B1111	28	500	755015	Overall	SA	B
	from 3k roll	2017-7		8/16/17	B1111	28	25	755003	Overall	SA	B
	from 10k roll	2017-7		8/16/17	B1111	28	500	760115	Overall	SA	T
	from 10k roll	2017-7		8/16/17	B1111	28	25	760103	Overall	SA	T
0.03	Strawberries	2017-6	5201	5/5/17	P1111	27	10,000	760304	Untagged	SA	M
0.03	Strawberries	2017-6	5201	5/5/17	P1111	27	500	760315	Untagged	SA	M
0.10	Red Pears	2017-5 (1)	5039	April 2017	B111111	27	10,000	N/A	Untagged	SA	T, B
(0.05)	USA Star - Blue	2017-4	5172	2/10/17	P111	27	3,000	755104	Untagged	SA	Random
	from 3k roll	2017-4	5172	2/10/17	P111	27	25	755103	Untagged	SA	Random
		2017-4	5172	2/10/17	P111	27	10,000	760204	Untagged	SA	Random
	from 10k roll	2017-4	5172	2/10/17	P111	27	25	760203	Untagged	SA	Random
<.34>	Seashells	2017-3	5170a	1/28/17	P111111	32	100	749904	Overall*	SA	None
<.49>	Fluttering Flag	2017-2	5158	1/27/17	B1111	31	100	749802	Overall	SA	None
<.49>	Fluttering Flag	2017-1	5159	1/27/17	P1111	31	100	749804	Overall*	SA	None
0.10	Stars & Stripes	2016-10 (1)	4963a	10/11/16	B111	27	3,000	N/A	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-10 (1)	4963a	10/11/16	B111	27	10,000	N/A	Untagged	SA	T, B
<.47>	Patriotic Spiral	2016-9	5130	8/19/16	P1111	27	10,000	760004	Overall*	SA	T, B
		2016-9	5130	8/19/16	P1111	27	500	760015	Overall*	SA	T, B
		2016-9	5130	8/19/16	P1111	27	25	760003	Overall*	SA	T, B
0.01	Apple	2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P111111	27	3,000	782304	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P111111	27	500	782315	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P111111	27	10,000	780004	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P111111	27	500	780015	Untagged	SA	T, B
<.47>	Flag & Clouds	2016-7	5052	7/18/16	B11111	31	100	N/A	Overall	SA	None
(0.25)	Star Quilts	2016-6	5099a	7/6/16	B11111	28	3,000	781004	Overall	SA	T, B
		2016-6	5099a	7/6/16	B11111	28	25	781003	Overall	SA	T, B
		2016-6	5099a	7/6/16	B11111	28	10,000	799904	Overall	SA	T, B
		2016-6	5099a	7/6/16	B11111	28	25	799903	Overall	SA	T, B
(0.05)	NDN USA Star	2016-5	5061	4/18/16	P111	27	10,000	777504	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-5	5061	4/18/16	P111	27	25	777503	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.05	Grapes	2016-4	5038	2/19/16	P111111	27	10,000	781904	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-4	5038	2/19/16	P111111	27	500	781915	Untagged	SA	T, B
<.49>	Flag & Clouds	2016-3	5052	1/29/16	S11111	31	100	787302	Overall	SA	None
<.49>	Flag & Clouds	2016-2	5053	1/29/16	P11111	31	100	787304	Overall*	SA	None
0.10	Red Pears	2016-1	5039	1/17/16	S111111	27	10,000	799304	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-1	5039	1/17/16	S111111	27	500	799315	Untagged	SA	T, B
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(1) Scott did not assign a catalog number for this new release, though PNC³ did assign a PNC-ID number.

These items cannot be ordered from the USPS Philatelic Fulfillment Center.

* NOTE: After careful inspection, it is observed that these Ashton Potter coils have overall tagging.

These items do NOT have block tagging as suggested by USPS announcements.

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.



Beyond the Numbers

Lynnette Wood

Reader Feedback

Thanks to all the readers who have sent feedback on Beyond the Numbers articles starting with the one entitled "The First PNC."

Referencing different websites, two readers, Al Gore and Rob Kutz, both identified the lighthouse depicted on the "Flag Over Seacoast" (Scott #1891) as the Portland Head Light, on the Maine coast. According to the Portland Head Light / Fort Williams Park website (<https://portlandhead-light.com/about-us>), the Portland Head Light is the oldest lighthouse in Maine. Situated on Cape Elizabeth, the original tower was first lit on January 10, 1791, with 16 whale oil lamps. It is said that, as a youth, the Portland-born poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was a frequent visitor to the Portland Head Light, and that his poem, "The Lighthouse," was probably inspired by his time spent there.

The article titled "The Second PNC" prompted this response from reader and PNC³ life member Peter Tukker:

"You mention that the 20-cent precanceled Flag is the second issued plate number coil. Well, depending on whether one counts precancels or not, your 20-cent Flag was the 6th or 8th plate number coil issued in 1981. The 18-cent Surrey was the second PNC of 1981, followed by the 17-cent Electric Auto, the 20-cent Fire Pumper and the 9.3-cent Mail Wagon. After all these were issued, the 20-cent Flag was issued on December 17."

As a member of the Catalog Committee of the PNC³ Club since 2011, I definitely defer to Mr. Tukker on this one! I counted "first" and "second" by just considering sequential Scott numbers and didn't consider the issue dates, which are, respectively, May 18 (18¢ Surrey), June 25 (17¢ Electric Auto), December 10 (Fire Pumper), and December 15 (Mail Wagon).

Speaking of keeping me honest, in my first draft of the article entitled "The Transportation Coils, Part 2" I added a fourth "type" to the precancel styles of the Electric Auto, Scott 1906a. Subsequent to publication of "Part 1" I noticed that the Arago website (https://arago.si.edu/category_2038111.html) lists a fourth type of pre-cancel that is not listed in my 2014 *Scott Specialized Catalog*: Type D, with a width of 14.1 mm.

Both John Himes and Gene Trinks, when proof-reading my article, caught this possible reporting error before I could embarrass myself (thank you!). Mr. Trinks

warned that experts say this it is not a true type. Indeed, in a personal communication with one such expert, Alan Thomson noted that the types are really defined by the font used, not the length of the word. Others have also noted (e.g., **Coil Line**, May 1989) that there can be quite a bit of variation in the actual widths of the pre-cancels. According to Mr. Thomson, the only true statement is that Type D does not exist.

Thanks again for the enlightening and helpful input. Please email me at PNCsAreCool@gmail.com if you have other comments and observations, or suggestions for future articles.

Coil Line Classifieds

WANTED: Scott 1899 with roller coaster (mountain) tagging. I am looking for a complete roll or a very long strip (50+). Peter C.Tukker, 6321 Sherrian Street, Douglasville GA 30135-3351. Vtukkerp@att.net 11/17

SELLING PNCs (PS-1 to PS-13 and longer). Booklets and booklet panes (printing varieties, perf scoring, cover types, plate numbers, Hi-Brites and more). Example items: 5201 Strawberries PS-5 \$1.49, PS-9 \$2.09; 5172 USA/Star blue frame PS-5 \$2.79. PS-9 \$3.49; BK153 \$1.65; BK192 #111111 \$7.95. Send email www.robsstampshop.com or write PO Box 1987, Gillette WY 82717 10/17

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Auctioneer Joe Sedivy is taking auction lots for the spring 2018 sale through Saturday, January 13. The auction consignment sheet is found on the inside of this month's wrapper. Consignments will only be accepted from members in good standing.

The Sorting Continues

Dan Forgues

I found a mixture on eBay that had 4,000-plus 22¢ used Flags PNC singles. This mixture was already sorted by plate numbers into glassines.

The listing was for 10 ounces and ended up being 8.1 ounces of stamps. Coils weigh out at around 530 stamps per ounce.

I was able to find multiple copies of the wide/tall tagging for #2, #8, #18, #20 and #22. I also found two untagged errors, #5 and #8. I already have both of these so they go into my trading stock. I also found 49 stamps with blue in the plate number and 1 stamp with red in the plate number.

Because of what I found I messaged the seller and asked if he had any more of the same kind of material. He said yes and sent me some pictures and a list of the stamps. We agreed on a price and he mailed the 7.5 pounds of material. This ended up being 50 percent PNC used singles and 50 percent pnc used pairs, PS3s and PS5s.

They were all used early issues from 18¢ Flags to 32¢ FoPs with no self adhesive issues. All were sorted by plate numbers in glassines. This material had been gone through because there were no purple machine cancels and all stamps had good perfs. No damaged or junk stamps were found.

All pairs have the plate number on the left stamp and all the PS3s and PS5s have the plate number on the center stamp.

Now the big surprise of what was found. This even shocked me.

- 3) 20¢ Consumer Ed #3 untagged error
- 4) 20¢ Consumer Ed #4 untagged error
- 1) "D" #1 untagged error
- 1) "D" #2 untagged error
- 1) "E" #1111 untagged error
- 1) 20¢ Flag #8 untagged error
- 1) 20¢ Flag #9 untagged error
- 1) 22¢ Flag #1 untagged error
- 1) 4¢ Stagecoach #3 untagged error
- 1) **17¢ Electric Auto #1 untagged error**
- 1) 18¢ Surrey #2 untagged error
- 1) 18¢ Surrey #5 untagged error
- 1) **18¢ Surrey #11 untagged error**
- 2) **25¢ Bread Wagon #4 untagged error**
- 1) 17¢ Electric Auto #1 pair untagged error
- 1) **1¢ Omnibus #2 PS3 untagged error**
- 1) **2¢ Locomotive #10 PS3 untagged error**
- 1) 4¢ Stagecoach #3 PS3 untagged error
- 1) 4¢ Stagecoach #4 PS3 untagged error

- 3) 4¢ Stagecoach #3 PS5 untagged error uncanceled no gum
- 15) 4¢ Stagecoach #3 PS5 untagged error
- 18) 4¢ Stagecoach #4 PS5 untagged error
- 4) 18¢ Washington #33333 heavy tagging error
- 4) "E" #1111 block tagged on EP paper
- 1) "E" #1111 PS3 block tagged on EP paper
- 2) "E" #1211 block tagged on EP paper
- 2) 20¢ Flag #14 "Q"
- 1) 4¢ Stagecoach #3 PS3 "Prairie Fire" tagging
- 1) 4¢ Stagecoach #3 PS5 "Prairie Fire" tagging
- 1) **20¢ Flag #9 "Gray Field of Stars"**
- 2) 20¢ Flag #9 PS3 "Gray Field of Stars"

The untagged errors total 61 with 18 being different. I needed five of the untagged errors and the "Gray Field of Stars" for my collection. They are in bold on the list. The rest are trading stock.

The find of 19 #3 and 19 #4 of the 4¢ Stagecoach untagged errors would be almost what two 500 stamp rolls would contain.

There would be 20 or 21 numbers per roll with a roll containing both numbers because plate #3 and #4 were paired when printed.

Nine of the #3 and 14 of the #4 are postmarked Omaha, Nebraska. One of the #3 is postmarked Duluth, Minnesota. One of the #3 is postmarked Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Now back to sorting more stamps.

Membership Update

as of October 1, 2017

Deceased

Matthew Szczepanek Jr 881
Placerville CA

Membership at Beginning of Month	474
Deceased	-1
Membership at End of Month	473

You can impact
the bottom line.
Invite a friend to
share your hobby.

Happy Hunting with Al Haake

The Hunt Intensifies

Many PNC hunters had their own techniques, but perhaps none as clever as first utilized by Diane Thompson and later by Bob Rabinowitz. Since post offices were being searched by many, she took it to the next level by going to bulk mailers. She acquired a directory of names and addresses of the large mailers and asked to purchase excess rolls and partial rolls of stamps that were no longer used because of rate changes or simply leftover stamps. Through that technique many scarce gap positions and numbers were found.

Bob Rabinowitz found that many bulk mailers had the partial rolls, but since in those days they were not back numbered, would not count the stamps to sell because of the labor involved. He came up with a solution. He told the mailers that 500 gummed stamps in a roll weighed a certain number of ounces and to use that as a count and he would pay accordingly. Many more gap positions and numbers were found because of his idea.

Another technique utilized by Diane Thompson

was to send letters to post offices that did business with the large bulk mailers in hopes some leftover rolls remained. She hit the jackpot several times, but perhaps none so great as the find of 10.9¢ precancel 3, 4 out of Port Angeles, Washington. That find would keep the prices for those numbers from going even higher. It would be great at a stamp show to have the PNC hunters share their stories of the big finds.

Finding the tough PNCs was indeed work. It took perseverance, time and knowledge. Bob Rabinowitz had extensive knowledge of post office depositories or SDOs, as they were called because of his years dealing in plate blocks. PNC hunting was easier for him. I had little knowledge of these offices and only learned about them through him. We came to share the work and the finds as making constant phone calls all day to various offices was too much for one individual. Many collectors thought the postal service told us where these numbers were. Some of the early issues they did, but on the 22¢ issues and later we had to be like prospectors: keep looking until you strike your find.

Next time: "Where were those numbers found?"

ESTATE SALE -- GREAT PRICES ON MID-PRICED PNCs

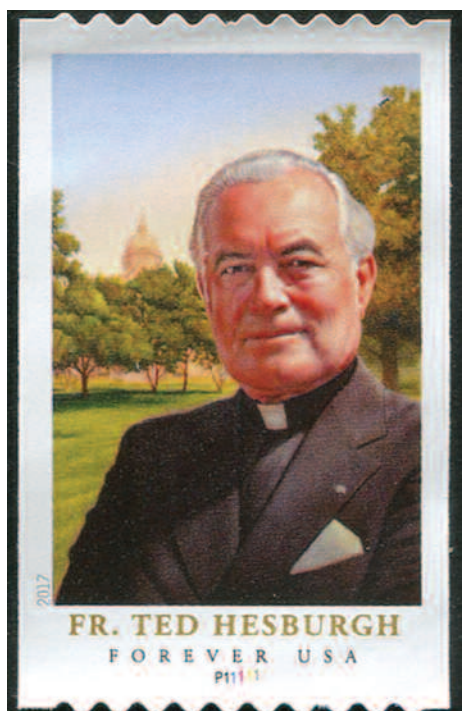
The following lots are from a California PNC collector's estate. They have been hand-picked for quality. First come, first served. Contact John Himes, P.O. Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453 to reserve your item(s). Better yet, email John at johnwhimes@yahoo.com or leave a message at 714.826. 8552. **All strips are MNH PS5s unless noted.**

1895 #6XF-S \$55
 1901a #5XF, Line XF, Line Gap \$50
 1901a #5XF, Line VF-XF, Ln Gap \$48
 1901a #5F-VF, Line F-VF, Ln gap \$40
 1901a #6XF, Line XF, Line Gap \$48
 1901a #6F-VF, Line F-VF, Ln Gap \$38
 1904a #3VF, Line VF, No Gap,
 1 Missing Perf Hole @ 1L \$130
 1904a #3VF, Line VF, No Gap, PI
 # Split 50/50 Top/Bottom \$80
 1904a #4F-VF, Line F-VF, No Gap \$140
 1904a #4F-VF, Line F-VF, No Gap,
 PI # Split 50/50 Top/Bottom \$95
 1906a #3B VF, Line VF, No Gap \$39
 1906a #4B VF, Line VF, No Gap \$19
 1906a #5B VF, Line F-VF, Gap 1L \$12
 1906a #5B VF, Line F-VF, Gap 1L \$12
 1906a #5C XF, Line XF, No Gap \$35

1906a #5C XF, Line VF, No Gap	\$33	2890 #A4435 S	\$115
1906a #6B S, Line XF, Gap 1L	\$18	2915A #88898 S, peaks 10x10	\$33
1906a #6B XF, Line VF, Line Gap	\$16	2915A #99899 XF, peaks 11x10	\$72
1906a #6B VF, Line F-VF, Gap 1L	\$14	2915A #99899 F-VF, peaks 11x10	\$65
1906a #6BA VF, Line F-VF, In gap	\$45	2915A #9.9999 VF, peaks 11x10	\$42
1906a #7C S, Line S, No Gap	\$29	2915A #13211A XF	\$42
1906a #7C XF, Line VF, No Gap	\$29	2915A #77777A VF, valley upper left	\$50
1907 #1 S, Line S	\$28	2915A #78777A XF	\$15
1907 #1 XF, Line VF	\$26	3281 #9999A XF	\$22
1907 #3 VF, Line S	\$25	3632A #S4444 XF, PV, Smth Tag	\$55
1907 #3 VF, Line F-VF	\$23	3770 #V12111 VF	\$28
1907 #4 VF, Line XF	\$24	4166-75 #P2222 PS11, S, Joint Line 1L	\$28
1907 #4 F-VF, Line F-VF	\$22	O135 #1 S	\$25
1908 #1 XF, Line XF	\$32	O135 #1 XF-S	\$24
1908 #1 F-VF, Line F-VF	\$28	O139 #1 VF	\$21
1908 #2 F-VF, Line XF, tiny inclusion 1L, centered low	\$195	CV31 #1 VF+, 18 Strips, 1¢-18¢	\$80
1908 #11 XF-S, Line S	\$34	CV31 #1 XF, \$2 Denom	\$22
1908 #11 XF-S, Line S, 1 Missing Perf Hole @ 1L	\$32	CV31 #1 XF, \$2.90 Denom	\$28
2005 #1 XF, Line XF	\$25	CV31b #1 VF, 20¢ Denom	\$32
2005 #2 XF, Line XF	\$25	CV31b #1 S, 23¢ Denom	\$23
2005 #3 VF, Line XF	\$24	CV31b #1 VF, 23¢ Denom	\$20
2005 #4 VF, Line VF	\$24	CV31b #1 VF, 29¢ Denom	\$21
2523c #7 S (Toledo Brown)	\$110	CV31b #1 S, 32¢ Denom	\$25
2602v #A12213 XF(Brkn Ylw 1)	\$55	CV31b #1 VF, 32¢ Denom	\$22
2602 #A32333 S	\$105	CV31b #1 F-VF, 32¢ Denom	\$20
2886//2893 ALL #s Complete Set of "G" Coils, VF/better, Cat. \$364.90	\$225		

Multiple copies of some strips are available if you need more than one.

Catalog Corner with Frank Covey



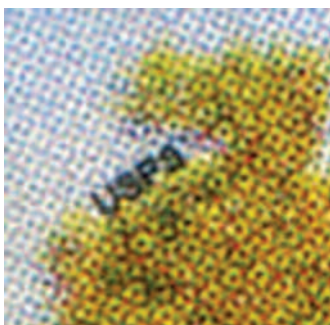
**<49¢> Father Ted Hesburgh (AP)
(SA)
Plate P11111
PNC ID 2017-8**

The <49¢> Father Theodore Hesburgh coil of 50 was issued September 1, 2017 in Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

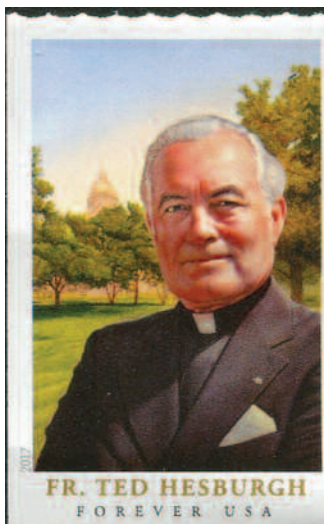
Ashton Potter produced this issue. There is a P11111 plate number every 17th stamp. Most will collect this as a PS5 as there is only one design in the issue. This was printed on nonphosphored Type III paper with tagging applied over the paper. There is a tagging break showing on the top of the stamp just below the stamp with the plate number as shown below.

USPS is microprinted in the tall tree on the right side of the stamp near the topmost branch as shown below. A 2017 date is printed just outside the lower left corner of the design.

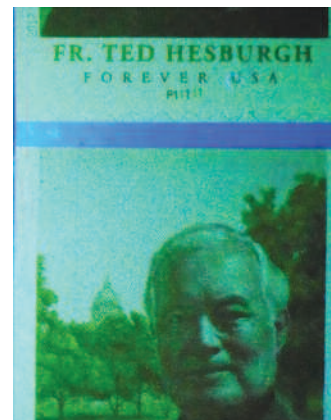
These rolls of 50 can only be purchased through Philatelic Fulfillment in Kansas City. Only 40,000 rolls were produced, which is much lower than regular production numbers. It seems like this might be another planned rarity. Use item number 799404 to order.



**A microprinted "USPS"
in the highest part
of the tallest tree**



**Some roll ends have an
interesting wavy cut.**



Tagging Break

ALL MEMBERS: Please fill out and return this form before December 31, 2017.

2018 PNC³ Membership Update Form

Name: _____ PNC³ Number: _____

Address: _____ () Check if new address

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ email address for *Coil Line*: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

	Regular Member	Life Member
USA - Annual Dues with Electronic Full Color <i>Coil Line</i>	___\$12.00	___Included
USA - Annual Dues with First Class Mailing <i>Coil Line</i>	___\$36.00	___\$22.00
Worldwide: Annual Dues with Electronic Full Color <i>Coil Line</i>	___\$14.00	___Included
Worldwide: Annual Dues with Surface Mailing <i>Coil Line</i>	___\$41.00	___\$27.00
Membership Pin with PNC ³ Logo (postpaid)	___ Add \$5 USA, \$8 Worldwide	

Please remit by check or money order payable (in US funds) to: PNC3

Mail renewal form and remittance to: Melvyn A. Borofsky, PNC Treasurer
101 West Sterling Way
Leesburg FL 34788

Please do NOT send payment for more than one year as the dues structure may change next year.

For Club Use: Date received: _____ Amount: _____ By: _____

In accordance with the PNC3 bylaws (ARTICLE II, SECTION 3c), Life Membership may be requested by an individual member in good standing who has been a member for 10 continuous years and who submits a fee equal to 10 times the current annual dues. Any member whose membership number is 2052 or lower has the necessary 10 years of membership as of January 1, 2018.

This Life Membership fee pays for membership and includes electronic delivery of *Coil Line*. Life members desiring bulk or first class mailing AND those with foreign mailing addresses will have to annually remit to the Club Treasurer the additional amount then in effect for mailing. See chart above. Life Membership fees are not refundable.

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.

Date of Birth: _____ Signature of Life Member Applicant _____

Attach lot here

Auction # 58 -- Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet

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

***** January 13, 2018 is the Auction Consignment Deadline *****

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

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

OWNER IDENTIFICATION Preferred E-mail address: _____

Name _____ PNC3 Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Scott # _____ Minimum Bid (see rules above) \$ _____

Description of material:

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

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

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

(Circle one) Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Centering (line) Cottrell issues only (Circle one)

Ave F F/VF VF XF S

Faults (describe below)

If my lot does not sell . . .
 Please return it to me
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