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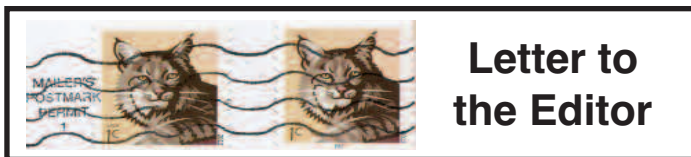
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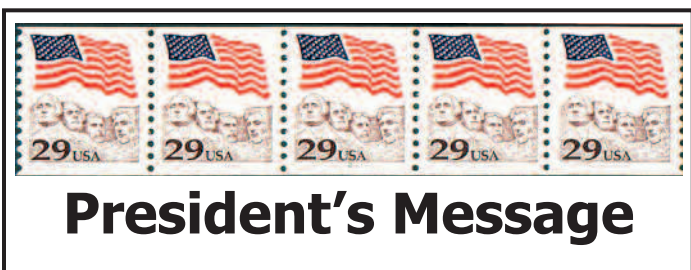
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### Now Just a Footnote

The 3632Ae catalog number referred to in the “When the Lights Go Out” column in the July Coil Line was dropped by Scott years ago. Instead the two different variations have been moved to a footnote.

Doug Iams #625



### Robert Thompson

For those of you who get your monthly issue of **Coil Line** just before the end of the month, this will be my last reminder for our upcoming annual membership meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting is Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 1 p.m. in Room Number B240. The annual board meeting is set for that same day at 10 am in Room Number B234. I’ve found attending the meeting is a good way to finally put a face to a name. I hope to see you there.

Remember, August 18 is the deadline for submitting lots for our next club auction. This is for the next auction that will be held during the month of October. You can find a submittal form on the back of this issue.

I mentioned last month that Allan Clapp, our webmaster, completed a new service for our members that allows you to view the collecting interests of our members. This information is only available to current members and only includes information on current members. Also, the information is only available through the secure “Members Area.” Once you log in, go to the “Reference” tab on the left side and then go to “Member Collecting Interests.” If there is any information you want to change or update, contact Dan Farrar, our club secretary.

Over the past month, I have found two new counterfeit coils on eBay. The first is after the Ashton Potter version of the 2016 US Flag. The rolls are sealed and include a wrapper with a square on it and a number inside. I believe these are the first mint rolls that have been found for this issue.

The other is for a different version of the 2017 US Flag after the BCA issue. The main difference for this new version is that they are also sealed. However, normal BCA

rolls come either with a wrapper or a leader strip, but they are not sealed in plastic. Articles about these counterfeits can be found on Page 82.

## PNC<sup>3</sup> Meeting at SESCOAL in October

John Himes

PNC<sup>3</sup> club members and guests meet Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the SESCOAL 2018 Stamp Exhibition. This is a wonderful get-together for those of us who live in the greater Los Angeles area or for those who will be traveling to the show. SESCOAL takes place at the Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764. It is open Friday through Sunday, October 12-14. The PNC<sup>3</sup> Club Meeting is scheduled from 10: a.m. until noon in Meeting Room 105.

This year’s meeting is hosted by club members Dan Forgues and John Himes. Door prizes will be given and we should have enough to assure that everyone attending goes home with a nice item. Donations of door prizes by PNC<sup>3</sup> club members and dealers are appreciated and will be duly acknowledged.

Several informative talks are being prepared for the meeting. Dan, in particular, is preparing another one of his great talks. This time he’ll be concentrating on “Purple Machine Cancels on Plate Number Coils.” You won’t want to miss this informative session. There will be plenty of time for club members to ask questions about their PNCs, as well as time for trading extra material at the end of the meeting.

Visitors to the meeting are always welcome. Admission is free. Full information on the show is available at [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org).

**Auctioneer Joe Sedivy is taking auction lots for the fall 2017 sale through Saturday, August 18. The auction consignment sheet is found on the back of this month’s wrapper. Consignments will only be accepted from members in good standing.**



# So, I Have This Question . . .



Here is a scan of a no-# strip of 5 of saved from a roll of Toledo Brown # 1 that I stripped when it was current.

Note the dark color on the right half of the bottom stripe of the flag. It appeared in every #1 I have handled plus those I've seen in auction or at shows. I never found it on any 2523 strips or with Toledo Brown #7. I'm hoping a reader can offer an explanation for this origin.

The question can come up as to whether Toledo Brown scrap can be used to forge Toledo Brown #1 or even #7 PS5s. There have been examples in the past of forgeries

on 18¢ Flag #6 where people have added a "crude" 6 to 1891 scrap. The crude ones have been easily uncovered but could there be some better ones out there?

Similarly, one could make the Toledo Brown #1 strips from 2523c scrap but it would have to be from the very limited amount of material showing the partially brown lower stripe. Someone who doesn't understand the "stripe situation" could try it on #7 scrap but with the information above, it would be an obvious forgery.

Finally, a skilled engraver could do the #1 and add in the color to make it look like true #1 scrap but that would be very difficult. Anyone with a #1 who has doubts should have it expertized.

Bob Rabinowitz

## Another Incision Variety Found

Dan Forgues

Most PNC collectors only have one variety of the 3406 33¢ Berries #G1111 in their collection. Gene Trinks, in his July 2002 **Coil Line** article, wrote about two different die-cut varieties for this issue. The two were the normal die-cut with ties near the peaks and a reverse die-cut with ties near the valleys.



As I was sorting through 81 used copies, I noticed that some of the normal type had a different style incision. I was finding normal die-cuts with the ties in two different positions. Some were angled right and some angled left (See illustration). Also pictured is the reverse die-cut variety with the ties near the valley angled left. The reverse die-cut variety is the reverse of the normal with ties angled left.

A fourth type die-cut with the ties in the valley angled right is possible but has not been found. The pictures are of the left side die-cuts with the stamp rotated with plate number at the bottom.

My findings for the die-cut varieties from 81 used copies examined:

**3406 33¢ Berries #C1111**  
**Die-cut Varieties**

**Ties near peak angle right**      **Ties near peak angle left**      **Reverse Die-cut Ties near valley angle left**

Normal die-cut	
Ties near peaks angled right	45
Ties near peaks angled left	32
Reverse die-cut	
Ties near valleys angled left	4

Looking for Something?  
Check out the Classifieds!



## A Surprise in the Mail

Lynnette Wood

I ordered some Prinz mounts from a seller on eBay and was thrilled when they arrived in this envelope covered with stamps, including not one, not two, but three different PNCs: S111 (on Scott #4962) and V222 and V333 (both on Scott #4157).

### Coil Line Procedures and Deadlines

#### Deadline

Deadline for the receipt of articles, letters, advertising and news is the first of the month preceding the month of publication. For example, we need everything for the 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.

#### 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.

# 2016 US Flag Coil-APU

Robert E. Thompson



**Real**

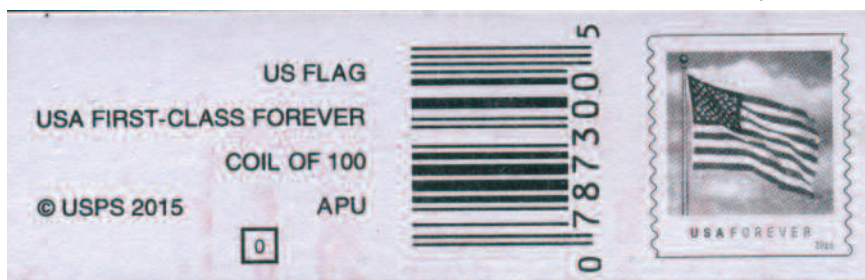
**Fake**

On June 11, 2018, I found counterfeit rolls of the 2016 US Flag similar to the Ashton Potter (APU) version. I found them on eBay from a single seller; there are no others being

tion) with a number inside ranging from "0" to "11." I have not verified numbers 6 and 9. Note that the numbers include "0." This is not one of the normal APU numbers.

I believe this is the first time that counterfeit wrappers have been found depicting the APU coil version, showing a square with a number inside of it. Also of interest is that the single digits (1 through 9) have a preceding "0." This is different on the real version.

There are no wavy die cuts on the beginning or end of the rolls or on the wrappers. The wrappers have generally been cut straight. The wrappers measure approximately 19 mm by 173 mm. The wrappers start just left of the UPC code and end through "CLASS." This has been the same on all the wrappers I have seen.



**Counterfeit label with "0" inside square**

offered as of this writing. I tried to buy more, but additional purchases from me were blocked by the seller. I was, however, able to make another order through a stamp friend. These stamps appear to be the same as some that Bob Murrin found on piece in February 2018. On some of the stamps, there were some strange die cuts that I will explain below.

The rolls are sealed in plastic. The plastic on the rolls were not attached to each other and there were no obvious marks where they might have been attached. They weigh slightly more than a normal roll (0.375 ounces for the fake vs. 0.355 ounces for the real). About 45 percent of the rolls were coiled correctly with the wrappers right-side up and about 55 percent were coiled backwards with the wrappers upside down. Each wrapper has a square (like the APU ver-

The dots in the background of the flag on the fake wrapper run from lower left to upper right. The dots in the background of the real version run from upper left to lower right. The diameter of the fake roll is about 28 to 32 mm, as opposed to 33 mm for the real version. There are no signs of ties along the top or bottom of the



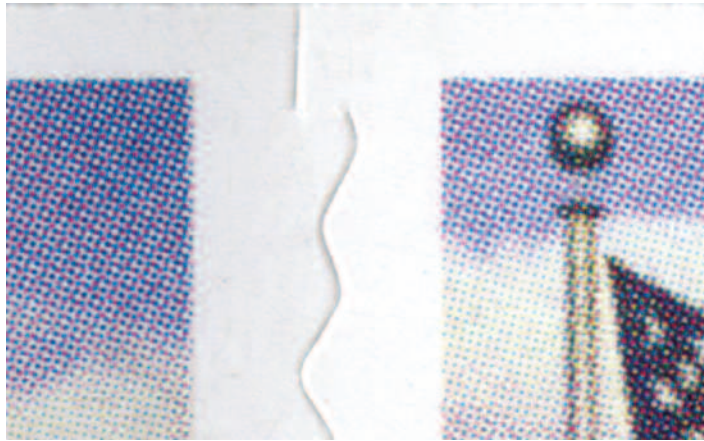
**Top: fake label with "04;" bottom: real label**



Bottom of roll

rolls that would show where they may have been attached when they were separated from the web.

The printing quality of the fake is about av-



Top of roll

erage. The stamps are untagged. There is no plate number on the roll. The stamp size is close to the real version. The stamp design repeats every 15 stamps. The "USPS" microprinting is just a blob where it should be located. The date and the "USA FOREVER" are made up of multi-colored dots. On the real version, it is a solid color

On the "USA FOREVER," the font is not as bold, so there is more room between the letters. I did not find a seam line, but on some of the rolls there is an obvious color shift from one stamp to another that may indicate the beginning and ending of a sequence of stamps. There are uneven serpentine die cuts with the pattern repeating every three stamps. The vertical portion of the die cut is curved and uneven, not straight. When I looked at the pictures provided by the seller, I could see that the bottom vertical line was not straight.

Like some of the fakes Bob Murrin found earlier this year, and stamps on one row of the die cutter, the vertical die cut is offset slightly on two of the columns and on the third, it is offset by about 0.9 mm. The stamps are simply torn where the die cuts don't meet to separate the stamps for use. I have found five different die-cut patterns and at least six different printed versions of the stamps.

**Auction consignments are due Saturday, August 18**

# 2017 US Flag Coil-BCA

Robert E. Thompson

On June 23, 2018, I found another version of the 2017



Sealed counterfeit roll of the 2017 BCA coil

US Flag by BCA on eBay, but they were sealed in plastic. The rolls by BCA do not come sealed in plastic.: they are issued in sticks.

The stamps are untagged. The rolls appear to be the same as the earlier fake version of this issue, but I have only found two rolls, so I have not opened either at this time.

## Membership Update

as of July 1, 2018

### Reinstated

Jeffrey Lutz 2361

### Deceased

Daniel Kauffman Jr. 1230  
Clearlake Park, CA

Membership at Beginning of Month	436
Reinstated	1
Deceased	-1
Membership at End of Month	436

**Early Deadline**  
The deadline for the October issue of *Coil Line* has been moved up to August 25. The editor is planning an east coast road trip in early September and needs to complete the process before leaving on vacation.

## Coil Line Classifieds

**BOOKLETS** / Booklet Panes price lists featuring plate numbers and varieties. Choose 1) Conventional 2) Makeshift 3) Self-adhesive. Doug Iams, PO Box 4123, Santa Rosa CA 95402, [dougiams@comcast.net](mailto:dougiams@comcast.net) 3/19

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**SALE:** Add some color to your collection at a sale price. 2523c "Toledo Brown" #7 PS5 \$50. 2466b "Bronx Blue" #5 PS5 \$40. No number pairs: 2523c \$3, 2466b \$3, 2609c "Indigo Blue" \$30. Add 20% VF and 40% XF. Al Haake, 84 Laurie Court, Germantown IL 62245 or send me email at [alhaake@hotmail.com](mailto:alhaake@hotmail.com) 618-523-4716 8/18

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**SALE:** Add some gaps at bargain prices. 1903a 3, 4 PS11 Gap 5L \$50 each. 1903a 3 2R PS7 \$20. 1903a 5, 6 3L PS10 with "hash mark" variety on 4th stamp right of joint line, \$15 each. Al Haake, 84 Laurie Court, Germantown IL 62245 or send me email at [alhaake@hotmail.com](mailto:alhaake@hotmail.com) 618-523-4716 8/18

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**SALE:** Fill in your collection. 2115b 22¢ Flag wide tagged PS5. Prices are for F/VF. Add 20% VF and 40% XF if preferred: 1) #8 \$50; 2) #18 \$15; 3) #20 \$15; 4) #22 \$75. Al Haake, 84 Laurie Court, Germantown IL 62245 or send me email at [alhaake@hotmail.com](mailto:alhaake@hotmail.com) 618-523-4716 11/18

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## Auctions Reduce Club Dues

Gene Trinks

The July issue contained a form for sellers to list their items in the forthcoming fall PNC<sup>3</sup> auction. As a reminder, the items must be in the hands of auctioneer Joe Sedivy no later than August 18.

I encourage all members to consider submitting their duplicate PNC items for sale in our auctions. Not only do auction sales benefit the seller, but the fees associated with the auction enhance the club treasury, thereby keeping our dues structure lower than would otherwise be possible.

If items are priced correctly at some percentage of retail (use our catalog's Values List to determine reasonable retail prices), buyers can obtain needed material at fair prices. Remember, there are no buyer premiums charged in our auctions and only a 10 percent seller commission.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to Joe Sedivy and his wife, Judy. Both have worked hard to bring these auctions to the membership for more than 20 years now. Their dedication as volunteers is much appreciated and deserving of heaps of praise from all our members, even those who don't participate in the auction process.

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### Annual Meeting at StampShow

The PNC<sup>3</sup> annual membership meeting is set for Saturday, August 11, 2018 during APS StampShow in Columbus, Ohio.

The meeting begins at 1 p.m. in Room Number B240.

All PNC<sup>3</sup> members and interested guests are encouraged to attend.

Attach lot here

## Auction # 59 -- Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet

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

**\*\*\* August 18, 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).

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Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of material:

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(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  
Please hold it for the next auction