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President's Message Tom McFarland

This issue of **Coil Line** includes the annual renewal form. Normally the form is sent with the November issue, but due to some miscommunication, that deadline was missed. For that reason, the renewal deadline is being extended to January 31, 2019.

We understand that members choose not to renew for a variety of reasons but are especially interested to know if a non-renewal is due to the club not meeting your expectations. If you're not renewing for this reason, I would appreciate your letting me know what you feel could have been done better.

The Catalog Committee is planning to publish an updated PNC Values List in 2019. In addition to valuing PNCs, the Values List attempts to document as many PNC varieties as possible, even if prices aren't readily available. If you own or know of something that's not listed and think it should be, please let the Catalog Committee know.

Also, if you're aware of a value, such as a private sale, auction sale or other asking price, for an item that wasn't valued in the last edition, please report that information and the Catalog Committee will consider it for the next edition.

Finally, as with any publication, errors can creep in, sometimes just undetected mistakes and sometimes due to a change in the underlying information, such as a change in the Scott catalog listings. So if you see anything in the current Values List that should be corrected or updated, please reach out to the Catalog Committee.

I would like to wish all members and their families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Time to Renew Your Membership

Mel Borofsky
PNC³ Treasurer

Now is the time to renew your membership in PNC³ for another year. The renewal form is located on the wrapper of this month's **Coil Line**. We want to encourage you to take a few minutes right now to fill out the form and send it in while it's fresh on your mind. (Those of you with the electronic version will need to print out the form, of course.)

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

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

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

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

Welcome!

If you are a new *Coil Line* reader, we're glad you're here! Now in our 31st year, PNC³ is a community of stamp collectors specializing in United States' plate number coil issues.

The first PNCs were issued in 1981 and our club was founded in February 1988. *Coil Line's* first issue was published in May of that year and serves (along with other club literature) to inform collectors on the many aspects of PNCs. Studies include scarce numbers, varieties, printing methods, market values, PNCs on mail and more.

Each edition of *Coil Line* contains material sent in by readers like you. Write something today for the next issue. We'd like to hear from you.

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The 20¢ Flag Imperfs

This month I am covering the 20¢ Flag imperfs (1895d). The imperf pairs are numerous and inexpensive, \$1.50 or, commonly, free. Imperf strips have been found for all 14 plate numbers. The rarest is the number 1 with only three strips recorded. I had a pair and Tim Lindemuth had a strip of three with the right end stamp almost cut off (Figure 1).



Figure 1

He traded me my pair for his almost severed strip of three. I was trying for the longest known piece at the time. Strips of five and longer were not being collected yet. (See Tim's award winning exhibit on the 20¢ Flag at a stamp show if you can.) I later traded away my strip of three for the longer spliced strip shown in Figure 2. There can only be three people who can have a complete set of the Flags imperf.



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

The next rarest is #6. I have included its photo (Figure 3) and one of it miscut (Figure 4). Miscuts can be found on 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 13. In addition, there are numerous imperf-to-perf items. A photo of one is shown as Figure 5.



Figure 6



Figure 7

I also am showing, in two photos, an unusual imperf with a splice on the front (Figure 6) and back (Figure 7)

Looking to Recycle Coil Strips?

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Send donations to:

Brian Snippen

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ORCOEXPO PNC³ Club Meeting 2019

John Himes, Dan Forgues and Jeff Haas are hosting a PNC³ club meeting at the 2019 ORCOEXPO stamp show. ORCOEXPO is the same location as last year, The Hotel Fullerton, in Fullerton, California. The dates for the show are Friday, January 11 through Sunday, January 13. This year's meeting takes place on Saturday, January 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Board Room.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Orcoexpo staff always asks that we formally check in prior to coming to the meeting. They want to make sure they get registrations from all attendees. We have always promised them we would comply with this simple request.

All club members are invited to attend and guests are welcome. We'll discuss the latest in PNC news, have one or two interesting presentations and answer questions about anything of interest to PNC collectors.

As usual, we'll try to make sure there are some great door prizes for everyone who attends and there's sufficient time for buying, selling and trading among club members at the end of the meeting.

The Hotel Fullerton is located at 1500 South Raymond Dr., Fullerton, California 92831. To get there, exit the CA-91 freeway at Raymond Dr., go north one block, then turn right on E. Burton St. Show hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10: a.m. to 4 p.m.. More information is available on the ORCOEXPO website: http://www.stampshows.com/fullerton_sp.html. Both admission and parking are free.

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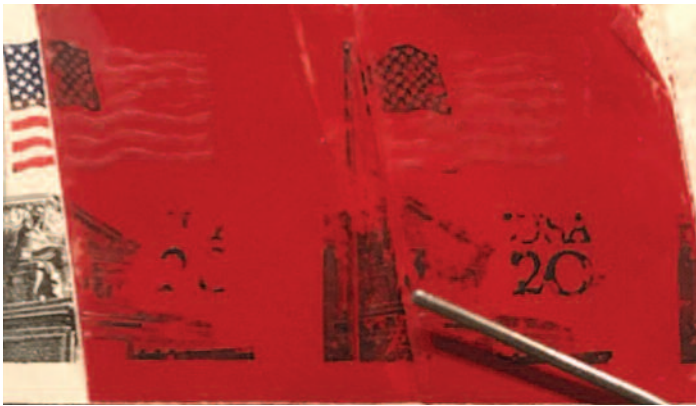


Figure 8

with the printing over the splice. You can see in the photo with a clip (Figure 8) pointing to ink on a wrinkle on the tape splice.



Figure 9

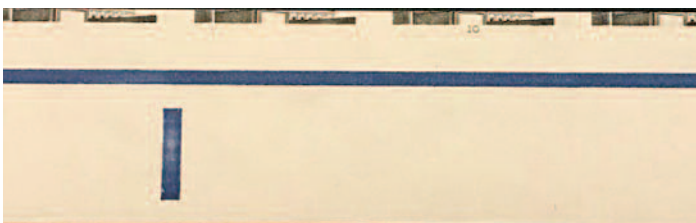


Figure 10

The last two photos are of imperf strips from the very top of the web (which will have no plate number) (Figure 9) and a strip from the bottom with a plate #10 (Figure 10). There are only two of the #10 and Mike Perry has it. He is a well-known marginal markings specialist.

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PNC³ Auction 59 Results

Auction closed October 31, 2018

Joe Sedivy, Auctioneer

We had 38 bidders in this auction with 36 bidders winning at least one lot. Of the 368 lots, 200 sold, about 54 percent fewer than last auction. I waited until November 3 to close in case I got late bids and we did have one today. I would like to thank all who make these club auctions work so you can buy and sell to help fill holes or move out duplicates. Please remember most lots sell for under C/V, so price them accordingly when sending in lots. We had several new bids in this auction which is wonderful to see. Again thank you to all and if you are on the internet, please place your bids that way. I do not need a formal bid sheet for you to bid.

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
4	\$25.00	72	\$15.00	139	\$7.00	210	\$4.50	257	\$5.00	326	\$65.00
5	\$1.75	73	\$4.00	140	\$5.00	213	\$6.00	258	\$25.00	328	\$36.00
6	\$5.00	74	\$5.00	141	\$6.00	214	\$5.00	260	\$135.00	329	\$36.00
8	\$100.00	77	\$7.00	143	\$9.00	215	\$7.00	261	\$22.00	330	\$250.00
10	\$20.00	78	\$6.00	145	\$140.00	216	\$7.00	263	\$3.00	331	\$16.00
11	\$500.00	79	\$6.00	149	\$5.00	217	\$7.00	264	\$10.00	332	\$29.00
12	\$1,140.00	81	\$4.75	152	\$5.00	218	\$7.00	267	\$3.00	333	\$35.00
13	\$42.00	82	\$5.00	153	\$6.00	219	\$7.00	268	\$12.00	334	\$52.50
15	\$2.50	83	\$5.00	155	\$75.00	223	\$26.00	272	\$8.00	335	\$65.00
17	\$48.00	84	\$30.00	156	\$75.00	224	\$5.50	275	\$10.00	336	\$60.00
18	\$2.50	92	\$6.00	157	\$400.00	226	\$55.00	276	\$42.00	337	\$350.00
21	\$2.00	94	\$7.00	159	\$32.00	227	\$105.00	277	\$70.00	338	\$250.00
22	\$11.00	98	\$8.00	161	\$20.00	228	\$110.00	278	\$6.00	339	\$65.00
23	\$12.00	99	\$5.00	162	\$12.00	229	\$150.00	279	\$10.00	340	\$65.00
26	\$44.00	101	\$6.00	163	\$14.00	231	\$6.00	280	\$8.00	342	\$17.00
27	\$260.00	102	\$8.00	164	\$15.00	232	\$100.00	281	\$13.00	343	\$9.00
28	\$190.00	103	\$5.00	165	\$40.00	234	\$50.00	282	\$9.00	344	\$37.00
29	\$10.00	106	\$7.00	166	\$14.00	236	\$11.00	283	\$27.00	346	\$8.00
33	\$60.00	107	\$3.25	167	\$32.00	237	\$11.00	284	\$7.50	348	\$80.00
35	\$8.00	108	\$5.50	168	\$22.00	238	\$150.00	288	\$8.00	352	\$3.00
37	\$7.00	113	\$9.00	169	\$24.00	241	\$15.00	291	\$23.00	354	\$2.00
39	\$8.00	114	\$6.00	170	\$160.00	242	\$14.00	292	\$90.00	355	\$2.00
40	\$15.00	115	\$7.50	171	\$210.00	244	\$16.00	297	\$2.00	356	\$2.00
41	\$8.00	116	\$7.50	173	\$22.00	245	\$7.00	298	\$12.00	358	\$1.00
46	\$75.00	117	\$6.00	184	\$75.00	246	\$15.00	299	\$3.00	360	\$2.00
48	\$42.00	118	\$6.00	189	\$70.00	247	\$25.00	300	\$12.00	361	\$2.00
50	\$5.00	119	\$6.00	190	\$10.00	248	\$8.00	302	\$2.50	362	\$1.00
51	\$2.75	120	\$5.00	192	\$3.00	249	\$6.00	304	\$4.50	365	\$2.00
55	\$4.50	132	\$5.00	195	\$46.00	250	\$10.00	307	\$35.00	366	\$2.00
56	\$4.00	134	\$7.50	196	\$60.00	251	\$11.00	308	\$20.00	367	\$1.50
58	\$11.00	135	\$6.00	197	\$75.00	252	\$10.00	314	\$60.00		
61	\$6.50	136	\$6.00	199	\$33.00	253	\$10.00	323	\$5.00		
65	\$4.75	137	\$5.00	205	\$175.00	255	\$42.00	324	\$65.00		
66	\$4.75	138	\$3.50	208	\$8.00	256	\$10.00	325	\$57.50		

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Is it a Cobra? What's an Embedded Cobra?

John Himes

Recently I was sorting through an accumulation of self-adhesive PNC stamps. I found that the person who had put together this accumulation originally was incorrectly marking some of the stamps as having "cobra" perforations. The term "cobra" comes from the fact that the separator cuts between rows of the "S-prefix" self-adhesive, die cut PNCs are sometimes a bit too high or too low, causing a die cut that looks like a cobra rearing its head, about to strike.

I thought it might be helpful to refresh this topic for some of our newer members who have never heard the term "cobra" in relation to PNCs before, as well as legacy members who might be confused about the topic. I've illustrated the various types for clarity.



Figure 1

ley/peak" stamp. When it slants to the right (/), it's referred to as a "peak/valley" stamp.)

In Figure 2, we see one that has been slit a bit higher and the separ-



Figure 2

rator cut is larger at the top than at the bottom. This is the type of stamp that is sometimes mistakenly called a "cobra." In looking at Figure 3, however, you can see a bend at the end of the die cut (upper right corner of the stamp) where the stamp



Figure 3

was slit quite a bit too high. Note that it now looks like a cobra's head at the end of the cut. Unlike the stamp in Figure 2, which was mistakenly categorized as being a "cobra," this Figure 3 stamp has a true "cobra" die cut. This is what you want to find when looking for "cobras."

Now, occasionally, the die cut is radically off. Such



Figure 4

is the case in Figure 4. Note that, near the bottom, there is a cobra cut that is well within the normal peaks and valleys. This stamp was slit much too low and the die cut "cobra" is now referred to as an "embedded cobra."

In my experience, "cobras" are about 50 times as hard to find as normally die cut stamps. Embedded

cobras are probably 500 times as hard to find. Others may have had different experiences than I, but regardless, a cobra is rarer than a normal stamp and an embedded cobra is a real find!

Just how hard is it to find embedded cobras? I turned to Dan Forgues and asked if he had some examples. Dan came up with three examples, which are illustrated in figures 5, 6 and 7. Figure 5 has a peak/valley embedded cobra near the top.

Figure 6 has a valley/peak embedded



Figure 5

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.



Figure 6

plate numbers other than “all 1s” today, it’s fun to branch out and try to find interesting anomalies like these cobra and embedded cobra die cuts. This might be just what the doctor ordered to spice up your PNC collecting.



Figure 7

cobra near the top. And Figure 7 has a peak/valley cobra embedded near the bottom. As you can see, these cobra cuts appear on a number of different self-adhesive issues and can be a real challenge to collect.

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how you have to look in some obscure places to find these gems.

Dan then gave an in-depth presentation on the use of purple machine cancels (PMCs) by the USPS and how to recognize and collect them on PNCs. He and I handed out a new values list (published in the November issue of **Coil Line** but which had not yet come out by the time the meeting was held). To my knowledge, this is the first attempt anyone has made to associate values with known PNCs with PMCs.

Dan showed a slide illustrating the tagging differences on the five new “fruit” coils. This was discovered recently because Jeff Fiszbein asked a question about tagging on the new Lemons coil and Frank Covey sent Dan and me examples to put under UV light and photograph. Of the five new coils, only the 10-cent Pears stamp seems to have been purposely tagged, but both the 2-cent Lemons and the 10-cent Pears stamps glow brightly under long-wave UV, which we suspect is the result of brighteners in the paper itself.

I talked about the challenge of collecting PS2s, PS3s and PS5s of used PNC strips. I showed four different examples of complete sets of these varieties for different coils and plate numbers. Most everyone seems to agree that collecting these would be both challenging and interesting as a side-line to traditional PNC collecting. The examples were then added to the door prizes and one of our members took home these interesting strips.

A pair of estate remainder lots were auctioned off. One was a large box full of common used PNCs from the Ray Kusmierski estate; it brought \$45. The other was more common EFO and damaged high-end material from the recent Gil Mattox collection. It brought \$170.

Following an interesting round-table discussion, door prizes were awarded to everyone who attended. Many thanks to dealer and PNC³ member Dave Cobb for donating a rare imperf pair of the Flag and Clouds stamp, and to several members who also donated door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned to a time of buying, selling and trading among the attendees. I announced that we hope to get together again at the ORCOEXPO meeting in

PNC³ Members Meet at SESCAL

John Himes
PNC³ Vice President

On Saturday, October 13, 16 PNC³ members and guests met for a two-hour get-together at the SESCAL stamp show in Ontario, California. Just like last year, the meeting room and accommodations in the Ontario Convention Center were outstanding. The meetings kicked off with introductions. Listening to the lists of philatelic interests, it’s amazing what our members collect in addition to PNCs!

The first topic of discussion was the very light issuance of new coils in 2018. The reasons are unclear, but with only the 2-cent Lemons and the “Z Flag” being issued this year, it’s the lightest year for the issuance of new PNCs that anyone can remember. In light of this, the hosts (Dan Forgues and I), decided to talk about a number of ideas for collecting besides just collecting mint strips of the new plate numbers.

Dan kicked this off by talking about his recent find of precanceled PNC strips from some of the U.S. territories. (See the November 2018 **Coil Line**, Page 126. This article wasn’t published at the time of the meeting.) No one present had seen an example of this kind of precancel in the past. Everyone agreed that it was a very unique find and some of Dan’s examples may be unique. Dan also showed an event cover with an 1891 #6 single attached and commented about

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for more information.

Reporting the Rarities by Gene Trinks

January. I've been getting reports for many years now of PNCs that have proven themselves to be among the rarest of stamp varieties. This column began with a list of Flag Over Porch (FOP) issue die cut varieties that were not reported in mint condition as strips of 5 or even mint singles. It's grown since then to include other issue varieties that, similarly, have no (or very few) mint examples reported. All varieties on this list began as items that never had been reported mint, though some have had mint examples surface since being listed.

Some varieties have been taken off the list because partial rolls have been found. In other cases, some known rarities, such as the 18¢ Flag #6 have never been listed due to the fact that they were known to exist as mint strips. An-

other reason to unlist is that there have been so many copies reported that they should no longer be considered rare (though they are certainly scarce).

Even though I hope to get reports monthly for items on this list, it just doesn't happen. In some cases, it's been years since a report has been received for a given variety. And, though I encourage newer members to go through their holdings to learn if they own one or more rarities, I wonder if a list showing the last time a given variety has been reported might encourage searches that could bring new reports of these scarce items. I believe that there are certainly more out there. Refer to the July **Coil Line** issue to get the number reported.

So, here is that list:

PNC Issue	PNC ID	Scott No.	Last reported date
32¢ Flag over Porch ("Famous Five")			
66666 10/11 die	1996-8.221	2915A	1/23/17
66666 12/11 die	1996-8.241	2915C	3/2/15
78777 10/10 die	1996-8.211	2915A	5/5/18
88888 11/12 die	1996-8.252	2915C	8/24/06
13231A 10/10 VP die	1996-8.212	2915A	3/27/18
(5¢) Avery Mountain V333342 13L/12R die	1996-10.211	2904A	11/30/17
V333343 round corner die	1996-10.211	2904A	8/28/13
(5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die	1997-1.22	2904B	1/23/17
(25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die	1998-7.21	3208A	1/23/17
(10¢) Green Bike #444 square shoulder die	1998-4.22	3228	1/23/17
(10¢) Eagle&Shield STD #11111 round shoulder die	1998-15.1111	3271	11/8/17
(10¢) Atlas V13222	2003-9.11	3770	5/23/18
V21113	2003-9.11	3770	11/29/13
V21211 tagged	2003-9.12	3770a	1/23/17
37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die	2003-8.22	3829	3/27/18
V2121 PV die	2003-8.21	3829	7/16/11
V3211 VP die	2003-8.22	3829	12/18/17
V3211 PV die	2003-8.21	3829	12/16/16
37¢ Snowy Egret P2222 multi-tie	2004-2.21	3829A	5/22/18
(10¢) Lion #S66666 fully tagged	2000-2.12	3447b	5/8/12
(25¢) Jukebox #22222 Tagged	1996-13.12	2912Bc	3/2/17

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<.50>	Z Flag - 2018 FE	2018-3	5261	2/9/18	B1111	31	100	749702	Overall	SA	None
<.50>	Z Flag - 2018 FE	2018-2	5260	2/9/18	P1111	31	100	749704	Overall	SA	None
0.02	Meyer Lemons	2018-1	5256	1/18/18	B11111	28	10,000	760404	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.02	Meyer Lemons	2018-1	5256	1/18/18	B11111	28	500	760415	Untagged	SA	T, B
<.49>	Father Ted Hesburgh FE	2017-8	5242	9/1/17	P11111	17	50	799404	Overall*	SA	None
<.49>	Flowers frm Garden FE	2017-7	5236a	8/16/17	B1111	28	3,000	755004	Overall	SA	B
		2017-7	5236a	8/16/17	B1111	28	10,000	760104	Overall	SA	T
	from 3k roll	2017-7	5236a	8/16/17	B1111	28	500	755015	Overall	SA	B
	from 3k roll	2017-7	5236a	8/16/17	B1111	28	25	755003	Overall	SA	B
	from 10k roll	2017-7	5236a	8/16/17	B1111	28	500	760115	Overall	SA	T
	from 10k roll	2017-7	5236a	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	Tagged	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 FE	2017-3	5170a	1/28/17	P1111111	32	100	749904	Overall*	SA	None
<.49>	Fluttering Flag FE	2017-2	5158	1/27/17	B1111	31	100	749802	Overall	SA	None
<.49>	Fluttering Flag FE	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 FE	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	P1111111	27	3,000	782304	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P1111111	27	500	782315	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P1111111	27	10,000	780004	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P1111111	27	500	780015	Untagged	SA	T, B
<.47>	Flag & Clouds FE	2016-7 (1)	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
	FE = Forever										
	(1) Scott did not assign a catalog number for this new release, though PNC ³ did assign a PNC-ID number.										
	These items cannot be ordered from the USPS Philatelic Fulfillment Center.										
*	NOTE 1: 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.										
	NOTE 2: Roll sizes in Italics are quantities available from Stamp Fulfillment Services using adjacent USPS Item Number.										
											Compiled by Andy Jakes Up-dated 11/05/2018

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Coil Line Classifieds

FOR SALE: Purple Machine Cancels on used PS1s. Most of the known plate numbers are in stock. Visit my website <http://www.angelfire.com/ca5/HimesPNCs>, send email to johnwhimes@yahoo.com or send LSASE to John Himes, PO Box 453, Cypress, CA 90630-0453. 20% off on orders of \$10 or more during December 2018 only. 12/18

SELDOM-OFFERED tagging omitted PS5 errors from the John Sikora PNC collection. I only have one of each, so if interested don't delay and be disappointed. 2132c 12c Steamer 1, 2 \$400 each. 2005b 20c Consumer Education 3 \$550. 2112c D Green Eagle 1 \$400. 2115e 22c Flag 2 \$400. 1898Ae 4c Stagecoach 3, 4 \$300 each. Al Haake, 84 Laurie Court, Germantown, IL 62245. alhaake@hotmail.com. 12/18

WANTED for exhibit: Complete, intact, empty Star-Spangled Banner tray for 50 rolls (Sennett Security Products version). Will buy outright or trade for counterfeit version I have. Robert Thompson, 12431 Golden Thistle, Houston, TX 77058. rtompson@pncvarieties.com. 713-397-1772. 12/18

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 3/19

LET VARIETY be the spice of your collection." 2124a "Buggy Whip" set of three PS5 LG,1L and 2L for \$30. No number pair of 2904B scarce 9/10 V/V die-cut \$35. 3271b Tagged error PS5 "Missing blue 1" \$25. Al Haake, 84 Laurie Court, Germantown, IL 62245. e-mail alhaake@hotmail.com 618-523-4716. 12/18

SALE: Tagged in error PS5 strips! 2607a 23c USA 1111 \$65. 2149e 18c Washington heavily tagged dull gum 33333 \$100. 2603b 10c Eagle 22222 \$200. Al Haake, 84 Laurie Court, Germantown, IL 62245. alhaake@hotmail.com. 12/18

USED PNCs on and off cover. Our new eight-page list #17-1 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 3/19

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Membership Update

as of November 1, 2018

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Resigned

Gary Serniuk 2265

Membership at Beginning of Month	440
New Members	+3
Resigned	-1
Membership at End of Month	442

Auctioneer Joe Sedivy is taking auction lots for the spring 2019 sale through Tuesday, January 15.

The auction consignment sheet is found on the inside of this month's wrapper.

Consignments will only be accepted from members in good standing.

People DO read the classifieds . . . you are!



Beyond the Numbers

Lynnette Wood

Reader Feedback

It is time again to thank the readers who have sent feedback on "Beyond the Numbers" articles. I am thrilled that Vic Collinino's message to me in September, wondering if I knew of any price lists for purple machine cancels, resulted in the value list just published in the November 2018 issue of **Coil Line**. What a wonderful outcome to this casual question!

Alan Thomson responded to information provided in the November 2018 article entitled, "The Lost Perforation." In my opening paragraph, I stated that the Eagle & Shield coil stamp Scott # 2602 was printed by the American Bank Note Company. Alan noted that this statement is not entirely accurate.

Although American Bank Note did hold the contract for producing these stamps, Alan noted that company did not print them. Rather, they were printed by Guilford Gravure, Inc. The reason the plate number prefix is "A" is because American Bank Note held the contract and, as Alan notes, "he who holds the contract assigns the plate number prefix."

Normally I consult the USPS-issued souvenir sheet for each stamp issue to double-check the facts before I finalize an article, but this time I did not do that. Had I done so, I would have not made this error. So, thank you, Alan, for reminding me to continue that practice. I appreciate receiving such feedback as it serves to improve my research and reporting.

In my October 2018 article titled, "One in a Billion," I wrote about the 2006 USPS decision that plate numbers remain as a series of 1s unless a significant change in production occurred, and the subsequent reduction in the number of distinct plate numbers appearing on any particular stamp issue. I asked readers to email me with thoughts about this change and how it may have (or have not) affected your own PNC collecting.

Robert Rabinowitz responded, taking exception to my statement that, "we remain a healthy stamp collecting niche." He wrote from a dealer's perspective, noting that before the change, he had hundreds of subscribers, many of whom purchased PNCs in multiple formats. He gave it up when his subscriber base dwindled to less than a fifth of what it was before the change.

Bob said, "the excitement of PNC collecting was al-

ways finding new plate numbers and occasionally elusive ones" but that now "the fun is gone." He feels most of those who are now buying PNCs are not new collectors, but ones maintaining existing collections that were initially formed years ago. Bob anticipated that PNC collecting will continue to decline, predicting that "by 2030 it will have dropped an additional 30 - 40%."

What do you think? Tom McFarland, in his November 2018 "President's Message," notes a dwindling number of coil stamps themselves, with only three new coils issued in 2018! For me, going beyond the numbers, into die cut and other varieties still provides quite a bit of opportunity for hunting down new and elusive items to add to my collection. At the same time, I often find myself wondering where to draw the line from variety collecting to flyspeck philately. Please email me at PNCsAreCool@gmail.com with your thoughts on this or any other topic.

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.

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. Anything that needs enlarged, for example plate numbers or microprinting, should be scanned at 2400 dpi; covers and items running actual size should be submitted at 300 dpi.

ALL MEMBERS: Please fill out and return this form before January 31, 2019.

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
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Worldwide: Annual Dues with Electronic Full Color <i>Coil Line</i>	___\$12.00	___Included
Worldwide: Annual Dues with Surface Mailing <i>Coil Line</i>	___\$41.00	___\$27.00
Membership Pin with PNC ³ Logo (postpaid)	___ Add \$7 USA, \$9 Worldwide	

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

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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 2125 or lower has the necessary 10 years of membership as of January 1, 2019.

This Life Membership fee pays for membership and includes electronic delivery of *Coil Line*. Life members desiring 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.

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Auction # 60 -- Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Consignment Sheet

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

***** January 15, 2019 is the Auction Consignment Deadline *****

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- 2) LIMIT YOUR CONSIGNMENT TO 25 LOTS, please.
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