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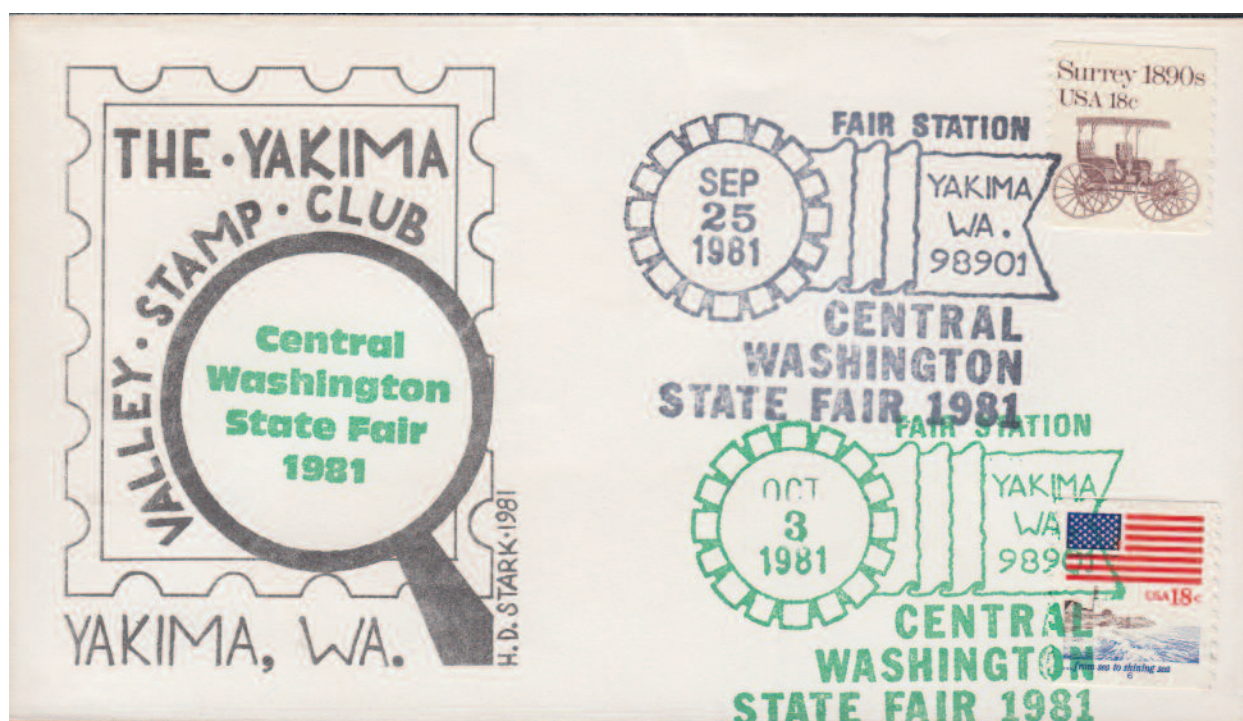
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Slit is Correct

I appreciate that John Himes is an honest and helpful dealer and all he does for the PNC³ club. However, I have an issue with his "Is it a Cobra?" article in the December 2018 **Coil Line**. In the paragraph next to Figure 4, he has it wrong!

The embedded cobra in Figure 4 is NOT caused because "this stamp was slit much too low." Had the slit been a proper slit in the center of the separator, the bottom of the flag pole and the "41 USA" would have been severed and the S1111 plate number would have been at the top of the stamps.

To say the stamp was slit much too low is both wrong and misleading. The die cut is radically off, as you say, but the slit is correct.

Keith O'Dell
PNC3 #802

John Himes' Response

Keith is correct. The stamps were indeed slit correctly horizontally in relation to the printed stamps. The real problem is that the vertical die cutting mat is shifted up (or down, as the case may be) and that's what's causing this "cobra" anomaly. I apologize for misstating this fact in the article. The important thing is to keep in mind that these "cobra" die cuts are fairly rare and the "embedded cobras" are truly an amazing anomaly.



President's Message
Tom McFarland

Last month I wrote about new coils likely to be issued in 2019. The US Flag design has, indeed, been issued in coil form and will be printed by both USPS contractors, Ashton Potter and Banknote Corporation of America. The issue date was January 27. Details appeared in the *USPS Postal Bulletin* of December 24. USPS item numbers for both versions are included in the Recent PNC Issue Information chart in this issue of **Coil Line**.

Also issued January 27 was a previously unannounced coil that will pay the additional ounce rate. The new coil uses the same Uncle Sam Hat design that was is-

sued in a pane of 20 in 2017 for the same rate.

In mid-December, Cory Snippen spotted a previously unknown item on eBay. It's a mint PS5 of the (10¢) Atlas Presorted Standard coil with plate number V13222. This number had only been reported as used singles and on cover. In Gene Trinks' Reporting the Rarities feature, the most recent reported counts were 72 used singles and 2 on cover examples.

Emails were exchanged among some members speculating as to the source of the strip and whether or not there may be more out there. It does seem unlikely that a collector found a roll of this number without buying more than one strip. The eBay listing is a "buy it now" priced at \$1,250. As I write this in early January there have been no takers.

Some time ago, I asked webmaster Allan Clapp to revise access to the **Coil Line** archives. The menu navigation to locate a specific issue has been replaced by a page that lists all the back issues in a grid format. I feel this may save some browsing time, especially if you need to access multiple issues. If you haven't yet noticed the change, please check it out and let me know if you think it's better or worse.

Finally, one last reminder to send in your dues if you haven't already done so. The deadline this year was the end of January. Please save treasurer Mel Borofsky the time and effort of sending out reminders.

Regional Meeting at APS Show

Gene Trinks

A regional PNC³ meeting is being planned in conjunction with the Aripex / AmeristampExpo on Saturday Feb 16, 2019. The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. in AZ Ballroom F. PNC³ has secured a club table on the show floor during all three days of the show, so stop by and visit with other members. Volunteers are invited to help staff the table during show hours.

The 2019 Aripex show is a joint effort with the American Philatelic Society (APS). The 2019 Ameristamp-Expo/APS Winter Show will be the last winter show conducted by the APS. There will be no admission charge this year due to a corporate sponsorship donation to the APS.

The show venue is the same as in previous years; the Mesa Convention Center, 263 North Center Street, Mesa, Arizona. Show dates are Friday, February 15 to Sunday, February 17. Show times are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Further information is available from Gene Trinks, who is hosting the event. Write to Gene at 16415 W. Desert Wren Ct., Surprise, AZ 85374 ,phone 623-322-4619 or email gctrinks@cox.net.

Commercial Covers

with Rob Washburn
Installment #137

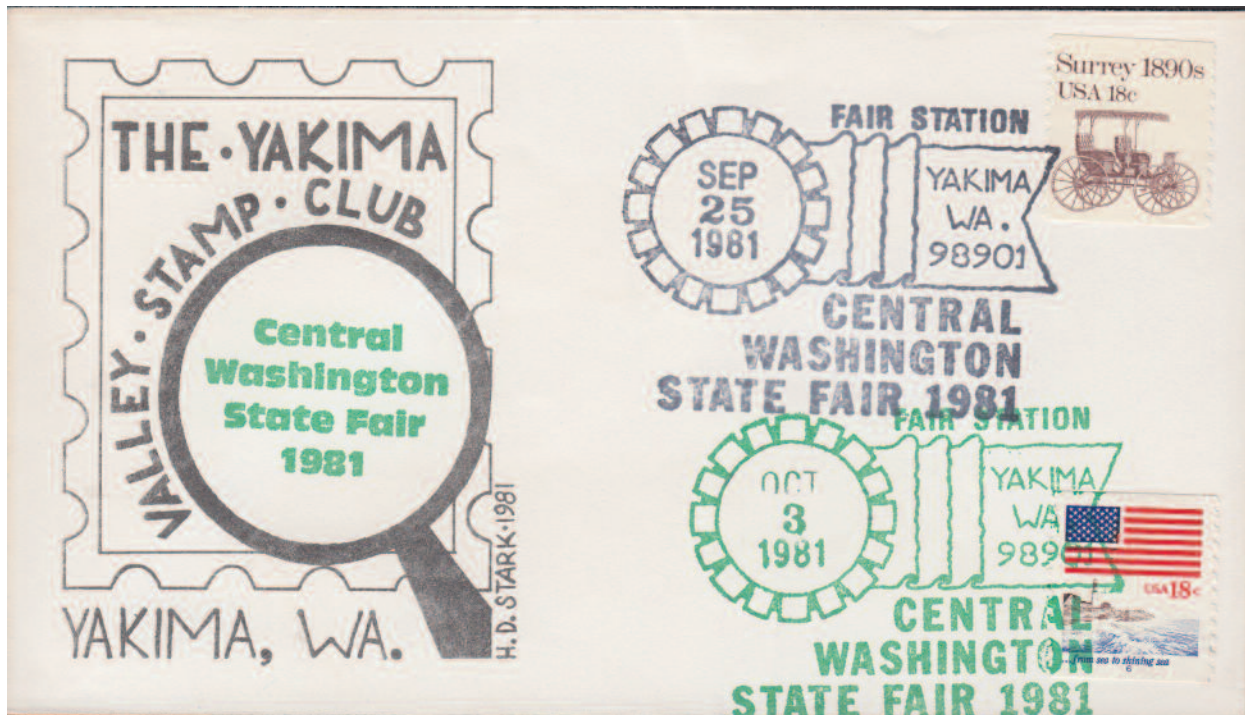


Figure 1

Happy New Year! The year 2018 gave us some interesting new pnc cover finds and reports:

This summer, PNC member Dan Forgues obtained this event cover (Figure 1). It is franked with an 18¢ Flag #6! The event is the Central Washington State Fair in Yakima,

Washington. It is canceled by an October 3, 1981 special cancellation.

I had never seen an event cover usage of the 18¢ Flag #6 before and then just two months later I saw the event cover in Figure 2 offered on the internet. It is also franked

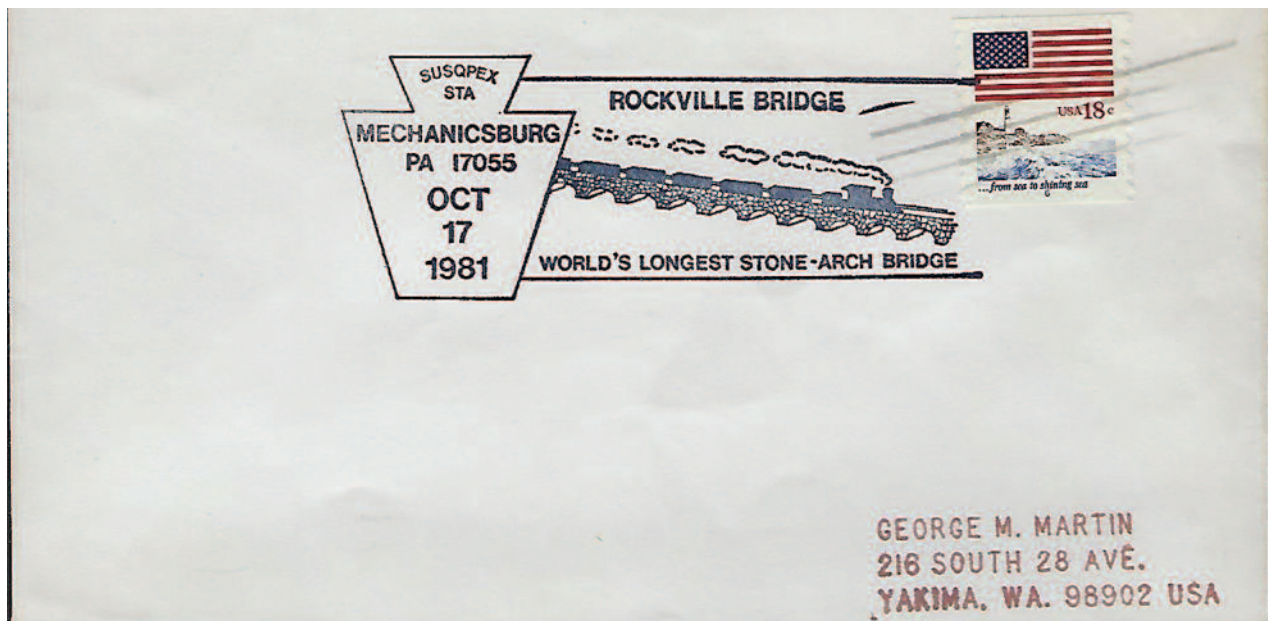


Figure 2

by an 18¢ Flag #6! It has a 1981 SUSQPEX Mechanicsburg, PA special cancellation.



Figure 3

PNC member Robert Thompson reports the first known 20¢ Official #1 PNC tied on a cover (only part of the cover is shown as Figure 3) by a purple machine cancel. It's a flats type A cancel dated December 3, 1984 from Des Moines, IA.

Another nice find is the cover in Figure 4 with an 18¢ Flag #3 tied on a cover to Romania by a November, 1981 purple machine cancel.

I found this (10¢) Atlas #V12222 cover oddity (Figure 5). The black ink is misregistered such that the last "2" of the plate number, and more dramatically, the lower left corner of the stamp and word "PRESORTED" are significantly distorted.

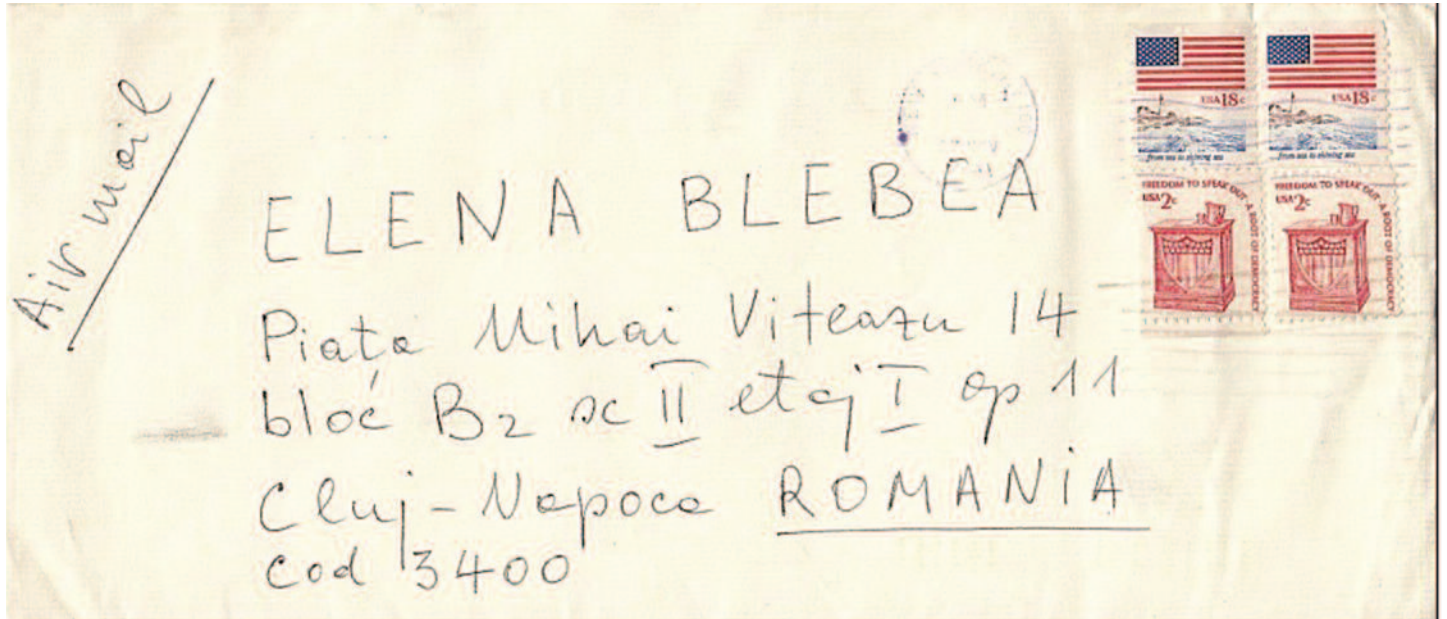


Figure 4



Figure 5 with enlarged stamp inset

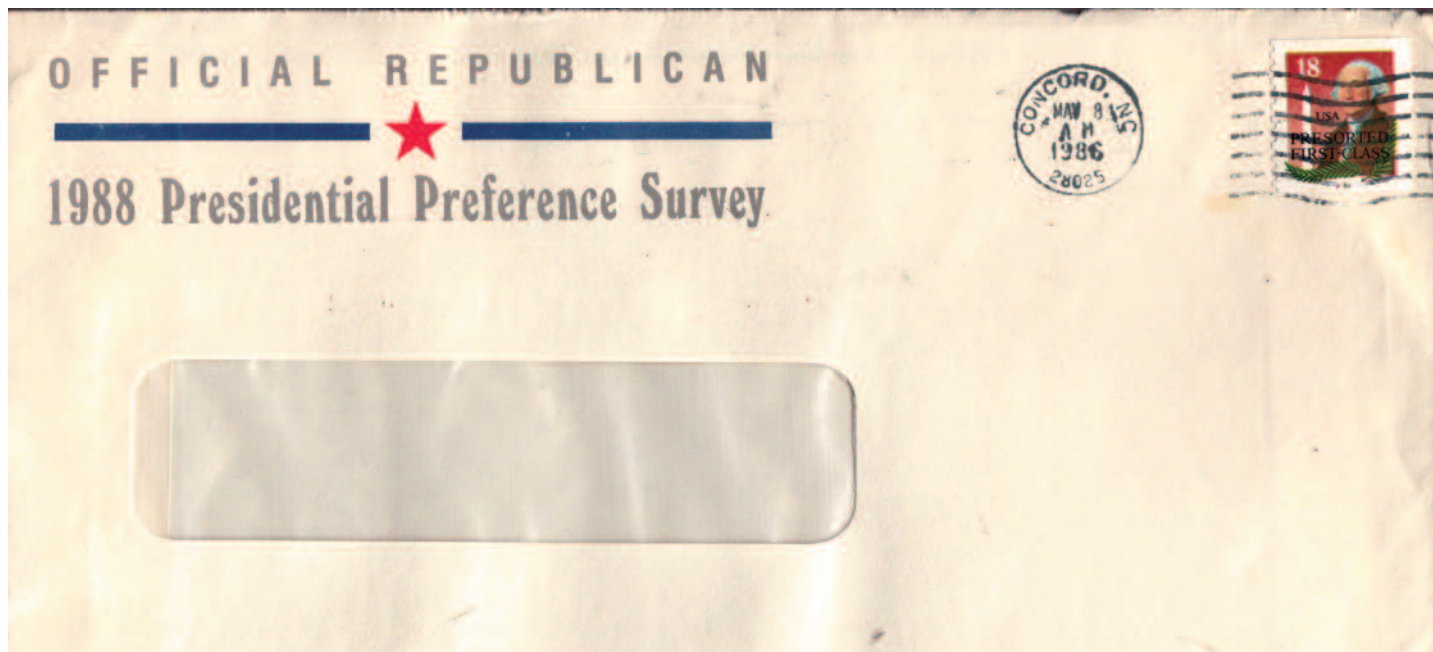


Figure 7

Last, but not least is the cover below with an 18¢ George Washington Precancel #11121. This is a scarce number to find on a commercial cover on its own (only 3 known), but finding one with a dated cancel tying the stamp to the cover is a

real rarity. It is the only commercial cover with that number known tied by a cancel and is the earliest known usage (May 8, 1986).

more powerful than battery-powered models. Ray-Tech model LS-4 or a similar 120v. plug-in model preferred. Larry Genender, Lgenender4@gmail.com, phone 214-363-1425, or write 11212 Shelterwood Lane, Dallas, TX 75229 3/19

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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

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as of January 1, 2019

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A new order form will appear in **Coil Line** and on the PNC³ website in March or April 2019.

Recent PNC Issue Info

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
<.15>	Uncle Sam's Hat FE	2019-3		1/27/19	B1111111	31	100	746900	Overall	SA	None
<.55>	U.S. Flag Horizontal FE	2019-2		1/27/19	B1111	31	100	740102	Overall	SA	None
<.55>	U.S. Flag Horizontal FE	2019-1		1/27/19	P1111	31	100	740104	Overall	SA	None
<.50>	Z Flag - 2018 FE	2018-3	5261	2/9/18	B111	31	100	749702	Overall	SA	None
<.50>	Z Flag - 2018 FE	2018-2	5260	2/9/18	P111	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	Overall	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	P111111	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	P111111	27	3,000	782304	Untagged	SA	T, B
		2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P111111	27	500**	782315	Untagged	SA	T, B
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		2016-8	5037	8/12/16	P111111	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
	FE = Forever										
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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 tbee@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.

Flying Under the Cancellor

Frank Covey sent these pieces that went through the mail with just a single 2-cent Meyer Lemon as postage.

Presumably the automatic facer-canceler machinery is detecting the high bright paper used to print these stamps

and they are passing through that equipment without being rejected as being franked with a non-First Class stamp. Furthermore, in every case, no postage due was charged at the receiving post office

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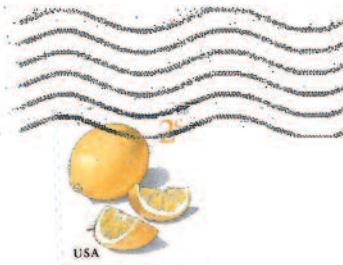


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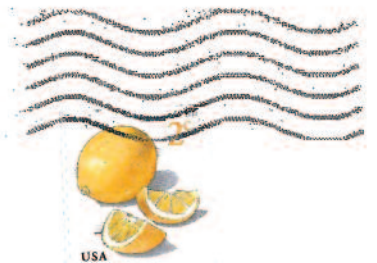
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