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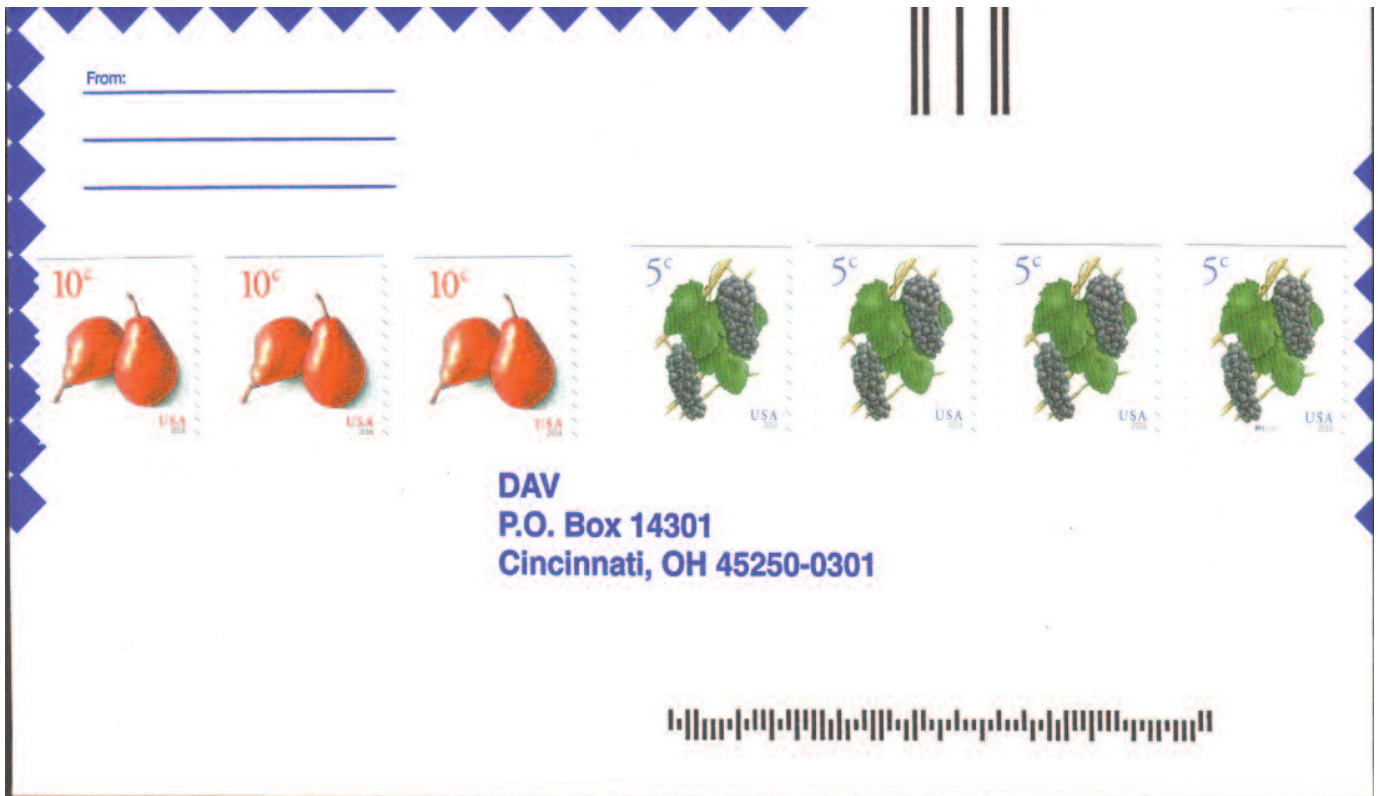
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President's Message

Tom McFarland



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your families and friends.

If you haven't yet sent in your renewal dues, please do so as soon as possible. As I mentioned last month, the deadline has been extended to January 31 but please don't wait until the last minute.

In late November, the United States Postal Service announced several new stamps being issued in 2019, two of which are likely to be coils. The first is a new US flag forever first-class-rate stamp. It pictures the flag waving on a pole against a slightly cloudy sky within a white frame. It's similar in design to the Flag and Clouds stamp issued in 2016 but with a horizontal orientation.



Although no formats were mentioned in the announcement, the new flag stamp will most likely be issued in both coil and booklet form. The publicity photo provided shows a straight edge on the left, suggesting a booklet stamp, but the coils will, of course, have straight edges on both sides.

The second announced new issue likely to be produced in coils is a set of four stamps depicting illustrations of different types of coral reefs. The designs also include colorful fish swimming through the coral. These stamps will be issued at the forever postcard rate.



The publicity photo shows the stamps with straight edges at top and bottom, suggesting a coil. Previous postcard stamps have also been issued in other formats.

I have appointed Gene Trinks chairman of the Bylaws Committee. Gene has volunteered to review the bylaws and recommend changes where warranted.

There are still three vacant committee chair positions: Membership, Finance and Estate Advisory. At this time of year, the Membership Committee is of extra importance as the club seeks to retain members. The club relies on

volunteers for most of its operations, so please volunteer if you can. Most of these positions do not require a lot of time.

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, 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.

If you need additional information, feel free to contact John or Jeff:

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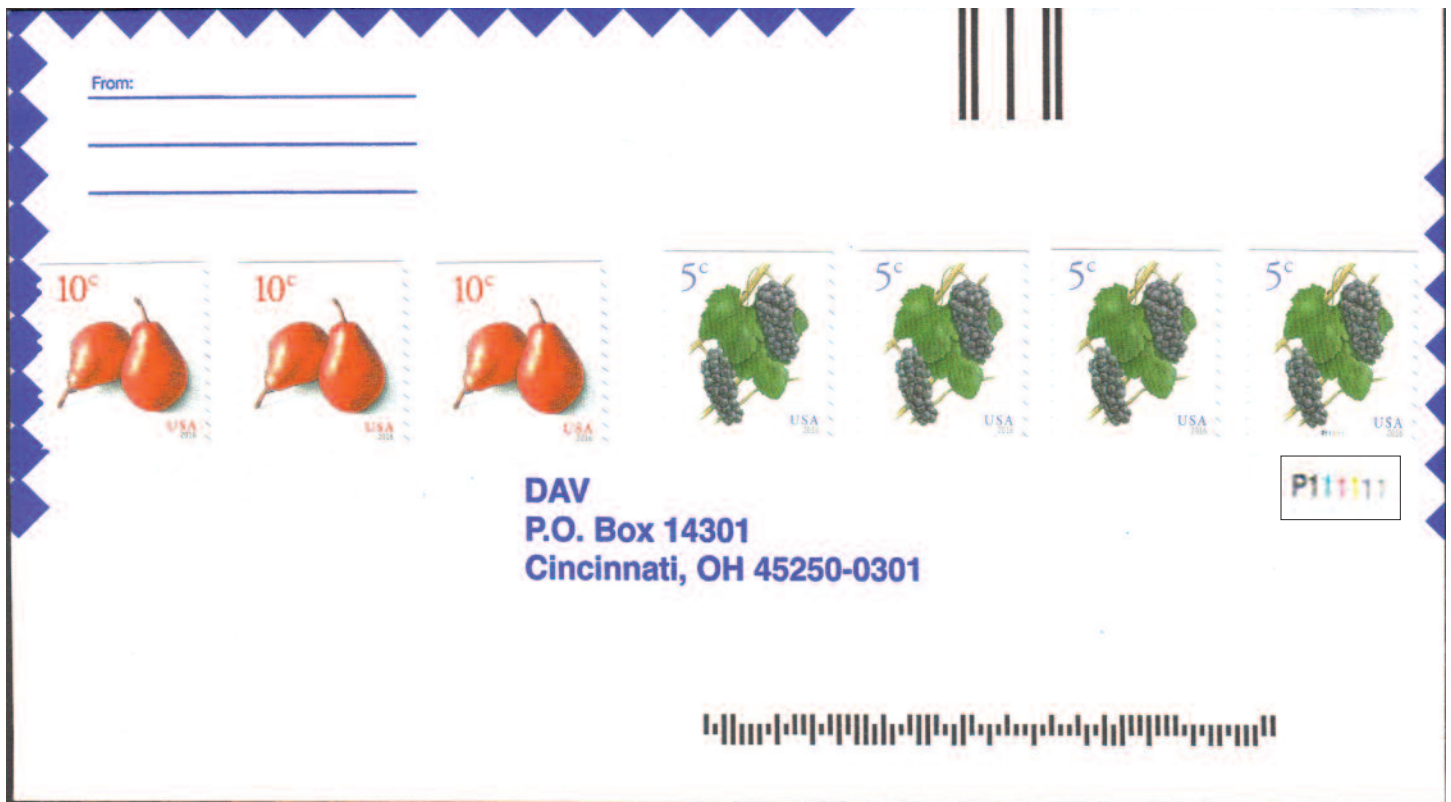


Figure 1

Three 10¢ Pears and four 5¢ Grapes is a common arrangement for one mailer to prepay postage on 50¢-rate courtesy reply envelopes. The last 5¢ coil here has plate number “P11111” (see inset).

New Rates Ease Use of Fruits Coils

Ron Blanks

The latest appeal mailing from the Disabled American Veterans to our household arrived November 27. The DAV’s trend for us in 2018 had been to enclose a courtesy reply envelope without postage.

But this mailing’s reply cover has three 10¢ Pears and four 5¢ Grapes. This occurred within days of the news that the Postal Regulatory Commission approved the U.S. Postal Service’s across-the-board rate filing. New postage rates are set to take effect on January 27, 2019.

If you haven’t heard, the new 55¢ cost of a one-ounce stamped first-class letter comes with a wrinkle. The USPS set the hike of five cents, a 10 percent raise when inflation is still running under 3 percent annually, for two reasons. One, it wants rates to be a multiple of five cents for simplicity. Two, it believes that such rates will not need to be raised annually as in the past. This assumes that at the recent inflation pace, such hikes will suffice for about three years.

This policy has an interesting effect on use of the current Fruits series of coil stamps. As shown by DAV practice, some mailers like to use more than one design when prepaying return postage with stamps. Depending on the

rate and the reply cover’s size, this can be problematic to pull off with affixing machines.

Some resorted to stacking coils in two rows with past rates like 49¢, 47¢ and so on. With 2018’s 50¢ rate, DAV chose to use up the entire width of their reply cover with seven self-adhesive coils, the maximum number that fit.

With the USPS’s “multiple of 5¢” policy, they can simply swap out a 5¢ Grapes with a 10¢ Pears for each later hike through 70¢. This convention would last over a decade with the recent inflation trend.

Of course, by then a new stamp policy and/or design series might exist. (I am still waiting for the USPS to provide an affixer-coil version of the postcard-rate stamp. At 35¢, to remain unchanged in 2019, such a coil would free up space on reply covers for many future rates.)

What about the lower-value Fruits coils, the 1¢, 2¢ and 3¢? Do they fall by the wayside now? Hardly. Away from the “full-price” first-class rate are presort discounted rates for marketing mail, including nonprofit rates.

The USPS provides stock undenominated presort coils at nominal face values if mailers want a stamp look. Mailers simply pay the difference between the coils’ cost and a mailing’s actual postage cost at time of mailing.

But, sometimes mailers want a better look than the



Figure 2

Five 1¢ Apples canceled under a Mailer’s Postmark Permit frank a nonprofit marketing mailpiece from April 2018. This is an alternate method to using the USPS-supplied blue (5¢) USA Star nonprofit presort coil. The look of “stamped mail” is used to encourage opening the appeal.

USPS-offered presort coils. They will apply a mix of low-value Fruits coils and cancel them under a Mailer’s Postmark Permit. The nominal 5¢ franking for nonprofit

marketing mail is a frequent case, as recently illustrated in Coil Line when plate numbers are found on examples.

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 |
|---|---|---------------|--------------|------------|---------|------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------|
| <.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 |
| | | 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 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. | | | | | | | | | | | Top |
| These items cannot be ordered from the USPS Philatelic Fulfillment Center. | | | | | | | | | | | Middle |
| * | NOTE 1: After careful inspection, it is observed that these Ashton Potter coils have overall tagging. | | | | | | | | | | Bottom |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | Compiled by Andy Jakes |
| using adjacent USPS Item Number. | | | | | | | | | | | Up-dated 11/06/2018 |

Where are the Missing Digits?

James Carmack recently sent a note showing a Flag Over City stamp, on cover, with only the digits "77A" visible in the plate number.

James noted that, "try as he might," he could not see any trace of the first two digits of the plate number. A scan of the stamp appears to have all the colors present. An enlargement of the plate number. is also shown.



Per John Himes, this seems to be a case of ink starvation at the bottom of the stamp, causing the plate number to be incomplete. There could be other causes, but that's the most common reason for these types of missing digits in plate numbers.

Dues are Due!

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.

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 3/19

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Notice

Orders for Catalog Chapters

NO orders are being accepted, filled, and mailed in January, February and March 2019.

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

Mailing Bag with a PNC

Dan Forgues



Here is a different type of mailing item: a mailing bag with a 2280a 25¢ Flag #15 as part of the postage.

Dated March 27, 1991, this was in a large lot I got a couple years ago. I set it aside and just recently re-discovered it.

Please share your odd PNC items in **Coil Line**. I'm sure club members will enjoy seeing them.

Regional Meeting at APS Winter 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 con-

ducted 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.



Letters to the Editor

More About Splices

In his December 2018 Error Corner column, John Greenwood noted that for the 20¢ Flag imperf, #'s 1 and 6 are the rarest. It should be pointed out that at the opposite end of the spectrum, #'s 8, 9 and 10 are some of the most common of all the imperfs and strips can easily be had for well under \$100.



Figure 1

He showed an example of a splice with red tape. I have a no # strip with black tape (Figure 1) and another no # strip with olive green tape (Figure 2). Both are over the printing and only on the front (post printing splice). My red tape example is like John's: on both sides and printed on top of the tape (pre-printing splice).

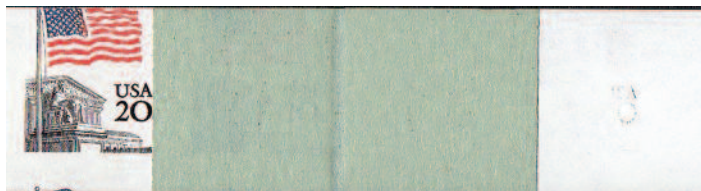


Figure 2

The green one is particularly interesting. While the stamps to the left of the splice are fully printed, the stamps to the right show only a trace of the black USA 20¢ and

Accessing the Members Area of the PNC³ Website (pnc3.org)

New club members receive a welcome message inviting them to access the website. New members should follow the link in the email.

- Choose a UserID and Password and enter both into the resulting webpage.
- Record the UserID and Password for future access.
- When three green check marks and the words "Passwords Match" appear, click on the "Activate Account" button.

Existing members who have not yet followed this process or are having access issues should send email to webmaster@pnc3.org.

Provide a phone number and contact time and the webmaster will make contact to get access set up or resolve other issues.

the tiniest trace of red and none of the blue that I can detect. The stamps farther to the right appear to be completely unprinted. I suspect clear tape splices exist on this issue, too, but can't prove it. The plastic of the red and black tapes is actually clear; it is the adhesive that is colored. The green tape appears to be green itself (it looks similar to masking tape); the others are very smooth.

Relatively recently, Scott expanded/improved their listings for this issue and now include a catalog number for both a narrow block tagging imperf (1895d) and a wide block tagging imperf (1895j). The narrow block tagging imperf is valued much lower, which makes sense since the rolls with the common #'s 8, 9 and 10 have narrow block tagging. The \$1.50 for an imperf pair that he mentioned is a reasonable wholesale price for someone with a quantity of the 1895d they need to unload. They tend to sell for around \$3 a pair on eBay.

Doug Iams

Membership Update

as of December 1, 2018

New Member

Patrick Cunningham 2387
1135 Seal Court
Ventura, CA 93001

Deceased

Frank Marrelli 283
Kenosha, WI

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Membership at Beginning of Month | 442 |
| New Members | +1 |
| Deceased | -1 |
| Membership at End of Month | 442 |

Looking to Recycle Coil Strips?

PNC³ welcomes donations of mint postage, including presort coils. Send donations to:

Brian Snippen
1010 Blue Sage Rd NE, Rio Rancho NM 87144.

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: (____) _____

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|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
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| 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

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.

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

Date of Birth: _____ Signature of Life Member Applicant _____