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President's Message Tom McFarland

We now have confirmed times and locations for our club's annual board and general membership meetings. Both meetings will be held on Saturday, August 3 in Omaha, Nebraska, in conjunction with APS StampShow. The board meeting is scheduled for three hours, beginning at 9 a.m. in room 215. The two-hour general membership meeting is in room 211. It begins at 1 p.m. We will also have a booth at the show and have been assigned #208, which is a corner booth opposite the show auction area. Thanks to Gene Trinks for making these arrangements.

Board meetings are open. Any member who wishes to may attend. The general membership meeting usually consists of introductions of all present, followed by a review of items that were covered in the earlier board meeting. The floor is then open to any questions and discussion of any topics that any member wishes to introduce. Past meetings have sometimes included presentations by members. If any member wishes to make a presentation or talk about a PNC-related topic that is of interest to them, please let me know and we will have you added to the agenda. The meeting generally concludes with a trading session. Members may bring any material that they wish to trade or sell.

Last month Gene Trinks reported on the retirement of the "sawtooth" term to refer to the separations between rolls on the Banknote Corporation of America "sticks" of coils. The Catalog Committee has decided on another change in terminology regarding US Flag coils. See Gene's article in this issue. Also in this issue, Frank Covey reports on a milestone in US coil production.

Revised Flag Naming Conventions

Gene Trinks

In the past, your catalog committee has adopted descriptive names to apply to US flag issues. This practice has become increasingly unwieldy as more and more flags have been released by the USPS. Recent names for flags (Z Flag and Windblown Flag) seem to have caused some confusion in the collector community, so the committee (with input from other members of the club) has decided to adopt a new naming convention for future flag issues.

We have determined that a simpler format makes sense, so will combine some of our own descriptors with the convention used by Scott and the USPS to arrive at the following naming convention: <.xx> US Flag XXXX, where <.xx> is the initial issue price and XXXX is the issue year. The use of carets instead of parentheses indicates that these issues are non-denominated with "forever" franking value instead of a fixed value.

In some cases, particularly in the catalog indexes, we will also use a descriptor in parentheses to identify the names that have been (or will be) used by others (e.g. Flag over Navy Pier). Thus, we can cross reference our naming convention with names used by others to describe the same stamp. The issue we now identify as <.55> US Flag 2019 will be cross referenced to Flag over Navy Pier (USPS), US Flag 2019 (Scott), and Windblown Flag (previous PNC³ name).

For those members who have purchased the 2018 New Issues chapter of the catalog, the name "Z Flag" will be re-designated "<.50> US Flag 2018" because, in some circles, the term "Z Flag" has a different meaning. We will retain the names assigned for flag issues previous to 2018.

Coils Withdrawn from Sale June 30, 2019

Frank Covey

The May 23, 2019 issue of the postal bulletin announced that the following coils will be withdrawn from sale on June 30, 2019.

Item	Issue
778700	(15¢) Woody Wagon (SA) 10K Coil
781700	(10¢) Library Lion Presort (WAG) 3K Coil
781800	(5¢) Sea Coast (WAG) Coil of 500
782000	(5¢) Sea Coast (WAG) 10K Coil
782500	(25¢) American Eagle Presort (WAG) 3K Coil
782600	(5¢) Sea Coast (WAG) 3K Coil
785600	4¢ Chippendale Chair (WAG) 10K Coil
788000	2¢ Navajo Jewelry (WAG) 10K Coil

It looks like this is the end of Water Activated Gum (WAG) coil stamps and the end of an era. The first WAG plate numbered coil stamp came out in 1981 and we have had WAG coils until now.

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Beyond the Numbers

Lynnette Wood

'Ye Olde Tree'

As we have seen, in most cases, the plate number on a PNC is located along the bottom edge, most often in the margin, outside the stamp design. On rare occasions, a plate number will be located inside or almost inside a stamp design.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) released the Love Sunrise stamp (Scott 2813, Figure 1) on January 27, 1994, in time for the mailing of Valentine's Day cards. Designed by Peter Good, the Love Sunrise was the last of about 30 design concepts submitted to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee. The brightly colored design shows a cut-paper depiction of a red heart-shaped sun, rising above a green field against the backdrop of a blue sky. The stamp was issued imperforate in both a coil and a booklet pane format.



Figure 1

The plate number, "B1," can be found embedded within the stamp design: it is printed in green ink and located above the numerals "29." The USPS's souvenir page description of this first-ever self-adhesive "love" stamp included the statement, "Love means never having to lick a stamp."

Another self-adhesive stamp, the 29-cent Pine Cone (Scott 2491, Figure 2) definitive stamp, was issued on November 5, 1993 as a pane of 18. This stamp was the first self-adhesive stamp to be printed solely by the intaglio process (citation: Arago).

The Pine Cone stamp was also offered as a strip of 18. These strips were cut from large rolls of 5,000 stamps, but the large rolls were never offered for purchase. (See Frank Covey's letter to the editor in the February 1994 issue of *Coil Line*.) The plate number on this stamp is almost, but not quite, inside the stamp design: The numeral "1" preceded



Figure 2

by the letter "B" is printed in green and appears just below and to the left of the design on every 18th stamp. Whether you consider that to be embedded in the stamp design or located in the margin, I think you will agree that if you aren't looking for it, it would be easy to miss!

Looking at the pine cone pictured on this stamp reminded me of the stupefying age attained by some of the world's oldest living species, the bristlecone pine. Until 2013, the oldest individual tree in the world was the more than 4,850-year-old Great Basin bristlecone pine (*Pinus longaeva*) named Methuselah, located in the White Mountains of California. Since then, tree researchers have calculated the age of another *P. longaeva*, also located in the White Mountains, as more than 5,000 years. (<https://www.livescience.com/29152-oldest-tree-in-world.html>) The average age of all bristlecone pine trees is close to 1,000 years, which is itself pretty stunning.

Next month we will move from the peaks and valleys of the White Mountains of California to the peaks and valleys of the Flag Over Porch stamp, as I begin a multi-installment series about a stamp with many interesting varieties. In the meantime, please share your thoughts and comments with me at PNCsAreCool@gmail.com.

Auctioneer Joe Sedivy is taking auction lots for the fall 2019 sale through Saturday, August 17.

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

Consignments will only be accepted from members in good standing.

Member Shares Rare Eagle and Shield Covers



Jim Carmack

Several years ago I acquired a pair of Eagle and Shield covers, then promptly misplaced them. I was recently going through my "hoard" and discovered an unmarked box. Lo and behold, there were the covers.

It appears Texaco had one roll of the stamps for sure

since both these covers (the one shown here and the one on the cover of this issue of **Coil Line**) were sent to Lawrence, Kansas. I don't know if other cities have been reported.

Ed Note: I ran these by Rob Washburn, who had this to add: About all I can tell you is that the 10¢ Eagle/Shield A32333 is valuable (\$200 +) and my records show only nine reported usages, including these two.

PNC³ 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 **Coil Line**. Please submit details to the editor three months in advance of the meeting.

Recent PNC Issue Info

Denom	Issue Name	PNC-ID Number	Scott Number	Issue Date	Plate #	Interval	Roll Size	USPS Item Number	Tag	WAG or SA	T, M, B Back Numbers
<.35>	Coral Reefs FE	2019-5		3/29/19	P111111	32	100	745104	Block	SA	None
<.55>	Star Ribbon FE	2019-4		3/22/19	B111	27	10,000	760504	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	Star Ribbon FE	2019-4		3/22/19	B111	27	25**	760503	Overall	SA	
<.55>	Star Ribbon FE	2019-4		3/22/19	B111	27	3,000	759904	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	Star Ribbon FE	2019-4		3/22/19	B111	27	25**	759903	Overall	SA	
To Order These 4 3k & 500 rolls, call "800stamps24", speak with Patti at Philatelic Fulfillment 7:15 AM-3:15 PM CDT											
0.02	Meyer Lemons	2018-1	5256	1/27/19	B11111	28	3,000	750004	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.02	from 3k roll	2018-1	5256	1/27/19	B11111	28	500**	750015	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.03	Strawberries	2017-6	5201	1/27/19	P1111	27	3,000	750104	Untagged	SA	M
0.03	from 3k roll	2017-6	5201	1/27/19	P1111	27	500**	750115	Untagged	SA	M
0.05	Grapes	2016-4	5038	1/27/19	P111111	27	3,000	750204	Untagged	SA	M
0.05	from 3k roll	2016-4	5038	1/27/19	P111111	27	500**	750215	Untagged	SA	M
0.10	Red Pears	2017-5	5039	1/27/19	B111111	27	3,000	750304	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.10	from 3k roll	2017-5	5039	1/27/19	B111111	27	500**	750315	Untagged	SA	T, B
<.15>	Uncle Sam's Hat FE	2019-3	5341	1/27/19	B1111111	31	100	746904	Overall	SA	None
<.55>	Windblown Flag FE	2019-2	5343	1/27/19	B1111	31	100	740102	Overall	SA	None
<.55>	Windblown Flag FE	2019-1	5342	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
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 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 using adjacent USPS Item Number. These are partial rolls from 3K or 10K rolls.									Compiled by Andy Jakes Up-dated 5/01/2019	

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- Choose a UserID and Password and entering 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.

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Membership Update

as of June 1, 2019

New Member

Robert Toland 2394
834 River Rock Drive
Comstock Park, MI 49321
* * *

Reinstated

Scott Janke 1897

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Catalog Corner with Frank Covey



<0.15> Uncle Sam's Hat
(SA) (BCA)
Plate **B1111111**
PNC ID **2019-3**



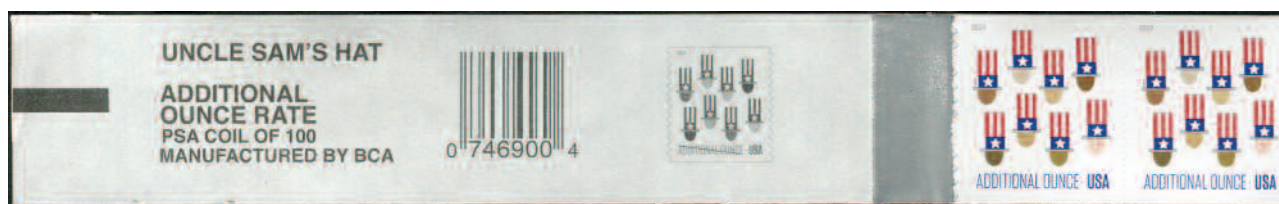
The <.15> Forever Additional Ounce Uncle Sam's Hat coil of 100 was issued January 27, 2019 in Kansas City, MO 64108 and nationwide. No denomination appears on this stamp as it is intended to pay the additional ounce first class rate forever. On the same day, the Additional Ounce rate decreased from 21 cents to 15 cents.

Produced by Banknote Corporation of America (BCA) the coil has a B1111111 plate number every 31st stamp. Most will collect this as a PS5 as there is only one design in the issue. A phosphor tagging break is evident under short-wave ultraviolet light, two stamps left (2L) of the plate numbered stamp as seen in the image below.

The rolls of 100 come in sticks several coils high. The image below shows a bridge that keeps the rolls attached until they are sold. Unlike the BCA <.55> U.S. Flag 2019 (Windblown Flag) (2019-2) that has micro-bridges holding the BCA sticks together, Uncle Sam's Hat uses bridges that are about five stamps apart.

USPS is micro-printed vertically left of the hat in the upper left corner as shown below.

Wrappers like the one shown below seal the coil. The 2019 date is printed horizontally in the upper left hand corner of the design.



Attach lot here

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