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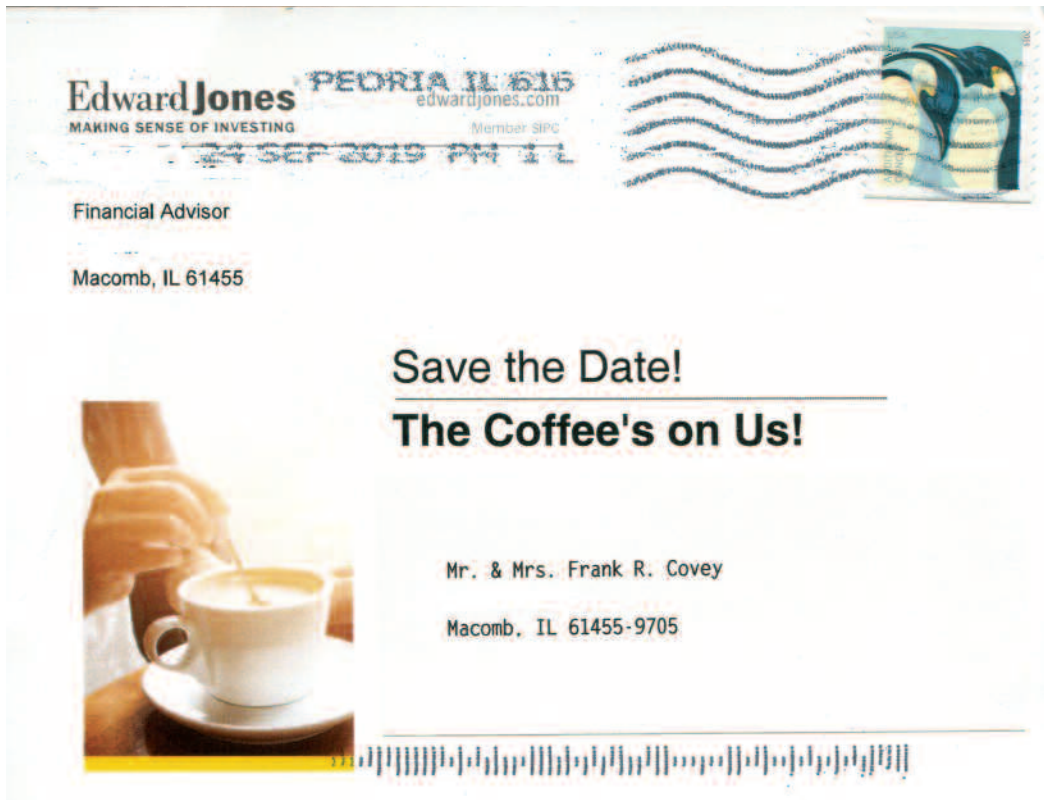
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# Counterfeit 2018 US Flag APU Coil Roll Found with Plate Number

Robert E. Thompson

Last month I reported finding my first tagged counterfeit stamp in a coil. Since then, I have found three different 2018 US Flag BCA booklets that are fake and are tagged. All were found on eBay.

I also noticed something I previously overlooked.

There are at least two different types for the "USA" on the 2018 US Flag counterfeit issues (Figure 1). This applies to both coils for the APU style counterfeits and booklets for the BCA style counterfeits. You can easily see the difference in the

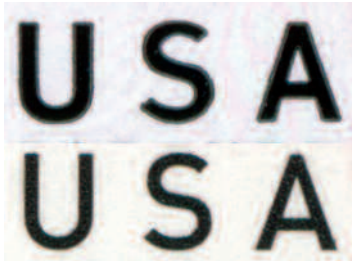


Figure 1

photo. I refer to them as Thick and Thin, with the Thick on top. The thick version measures 0.4 mm across the legs of the "U" of the "USA." On the thin, it measures 0.3 mm across; this is the size on the genuine stamps, as well. On one of the six types I've found on the BCA booklets, you can find thick on the front and thin on the back of the booklet. I've only found thin on the APU style counterfeit booklets.

On September 14, 2019, I found my second counterfeit PNC mint roll. There have been at least three counterfeit PNCs found used in the past, but no other mint rolls except for one I reported on in the April 2019 issue of **Coil Line**. Like the previous roll, this roll was also found on eBay.

The roll is untagged and came wrapped in a BCA style wrapper, but it was unsealed. The coil weighs a little more than the genuine (0.400 ounces vs. 0.355 ounces.), and has a larger coil diameter than the genuine stamp.

On many of the previous counterfeit rolls I've found over the past two years, there has been a crimp on the end of the roll about 7 mm from the end that I believe is used to aid in the coiling of the roll. This roll does not have that crimp. The ends have been torn off. The ends of the wrapper have been cut straight, unlike the wavy ends we are used to.

There is a plate number of "P1111" every 15 stamps, unlike the genuine that is every 31 stamps. The genuine version has a plate number of "P111." An extra number has been added for yellow on the fake. Normally, the color order for the plate number should be BBCM, but on this new fake it is BCMYB. The die cuts are generally even and measure approximately 9.4 vertically. The "USA" is the thin style.

The "USPS" microprinting is slightly larger than the genuine, and it is inverted (Figure 2). The date is gray



Figure 2



Figure 3

(maybe the reason for the yellow plate number), as opposed to black on the genuine version. The shading covers most of the area and there is a slight gradation in the size of the dots.

In Figure 3, the fake is on the left with the yellow plate number.

Overall, the printing was pretty good and very clean (no excess ink) except for those areas I mentioned.

## Correction

An editor's error appeared in Lynnette Woods' Beyond the Numbers column in the September 2019 Coil Line. The images were not placed correctly to conform to the text or the captions.

The first stamp pictured is actually the 11x10; the second stamp pictured is the 11x12; and the third stamp pictured is the 12x12."

The editor apologizes for any confusion.

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Scott #4391 plate S111 (last letter rate gummed coil May 1, 2009)

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## President's Message Tom McFarland

By the time you receive this issue of **Coil Line** you should have received a separate mailing from the club that includes the annual dues renewal form. As I mentioned in last month's column, we are now able to accept dues payments via PayPal and instructions for doing that are included in the dues mailing. The process is fairly simple and can be started from the club website at [www.pnc3.org](http://www.pnc3.org). There is a button to renew your membership under the PNC<sup>3</sup> Membership menu. It's not necessary to log in to pay your dues, but be sure to choose the correct button on the payment page for your dues category.

A membership form is also included on the wrapper of this issue for anyone who may have misplaced the separately mailed form. In any case, please renew as early as possible. If you choose not to renew because the club is not meeting your needs, I would appreciate your letting me know where we may be falling short.

Also included with the dues mailing is a list of proposed changes to the club bylaws as well as a ballot to vote for or against the changes. That ballot needs to be returned to Secretary Dan Farrar by January 15, 2020. Thanks to Gene Trinks for working on this project.

It recently came to light that there are some anomalies in the Scott catalogue valuations of certain Flag Over Porch plate numbers. Please see John Himes' article in this issue for this important information.

If you get this issue of **Coil Line** before the end of October, there's still time to place some last minute bids in the club auction. Please take a look to see if there's anything you may have missed the first time around. Bidding closes October 29.

## Newly Revised Catalog Chapters

There are two newly revised chapters of the *PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog of Plate Number Coils* being released at the end of November. Both are important updates to chapters that members will find useful, especially newer members who may not have previously added them to their catalog holdings.

The first is a revised Illustrated Glossary of terms found in PNC<sup>3</sup> publications. Next is an updated Precancel Gaps Values List, featuring recently discovered precancel gaps and pricing estimates for the rarities among them.

There is a price list and order form on the wrapper in this issue. As always, print quantities are based on orders received; in this case, by the end of November.

The Illustrated Glossary contains approximately 180 terms, found on 29 pages of three-hole punched 8 ½ X 11 white stock. This completely revised edition adds new terms and features for new printing, packaging and collecting terms encountered since the previous edition was published. Illustrations in this new edition are embedded in the text so readers can more easily view the items described. Illustrations are in full color and have arrows and circles pointing to the features described.

The Precancel Gaps Values List offers information on precancel gaps discovered since the previous edition was published. In some cases, these gaps are considered rare and would carry high prices if they were to be listed by specialist dealers. Due to a lack of data, estimates are offered for such gaps.

Also included on the order form are prices for reprints of the early New Issues Chapters beginning with issues of 2002, the first year the catalog was published. New Issues Chapters were printed in limited quantities based on pre-orders and have been reprinted (again in limited quantities) to give newer members an opportunity to own them. Availability is limited to quantities on hand.

# Welcome!

If you are a new *Coil Line* reader, we're glad you're here! Now in our 32nd year, PNC<sup>3</sup> 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.

**Don't Discard that Wrapper . . .**  
until you look it over. This month's wrapper includes the membership renewal form, a bylaws revision ballot and a publication order form.

# PNC<sup>3</sup> Bylaws Ballot Measure

John Himes

Over the past few years, it became apparent that our club bylaws needed to be revised. There were late fees being charged that no longer seemed prudent, those holding the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, who conduct important business for the club, were term limited and this was becoming a major hassle for our banking, insurance, and other business. There was also some wording which no longer made any practical sense. We also saw a need to restructure or add committees.

As a result, Gene Trinks and I spent several months hashing out changes we felt were important to keep the club running efficiently. Following our creation of the revisions, they were reviewed by the PNC<sup>3</sup> board members and we received permission to prepare a ballot for the membership to vote on these changes. The ballot appears on the wrapper of this issue. At this time, we ask that you consider the proposed changes and cast a vote of approval.

If you have any questions, Gene and I will be more than happy to listen and explain what we hope to accomplish by these changes. Gene can be contacted via email at [gctrinks@cox.net](mailto:gctrinks@cox.net) or via telephone at 623-322-4619. I can be reached at [johnwhimes@yahoo.com](mailto:johnwhimes@yahoo.com) or via telephone at 714-826-8552. Gene and I would truly appreciate your support for what we feel are much-needed changes to the bylaws.

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## Summary of Proposed Changes

Shall the following changes to the PNC<sup>3</sup> Bylaws be approved?

**Article II Sec. 4.** Remove the wording which requires a reinstatement fee for those with lapsed membership. (The board feels this is counterproductive in a time of declining membership.)

**Article IV Sec.3.** Allow the Secretary and Treasurer to serve for more than two consecutive terms since they have business-related positions which require setting up bank accounts and addresses for the society. All other officer positions will remain limited to two consecutive terms.

**Article IV Sec. 6.** Strike out wording that requires the Secretary to provide the President with agenda items for Executive Board meetings. Strike out wording that requires the Secretary to bring copies of the bylaws and parliamentary authority to Executive Board meetings. Neither is seen as needed to conduct these meetings.

**Article IV Sec. 6.** Add wording stipulating that the Treasurer provide operating capital to permanent committees as needed. Add wording stipulating that the Treasurer prepare and submit IRS forms annually, or as required.

**Article VI Sec. 2.** Change "Standing Committees" to "Permanent Committees" as this is a better descriptor for these types of committees.

**Article VI Sec. 2. Par. j.** Change the committee name from "Awards and Exhibits Committee" to just "Exhibits Committee" as this committee only oversees awards for philatelic exhibits. Add the words "for exhibits in national or large regional shows" to clarify the appropriate venues for the proffering of such awards.

Add four new Permanent Committees to **Article VI Sec. 2.:**

*l. Auction Committee.* For the purpose of conducting auctions of philatelic items submitted by members for sale to other members of the club who are in good standing at the time of the auction.

*m. Catalog Committee.* For the purpose of publishing for members a PNC<sup>3</sup> catalog (and, at the discretion of the committee, certain portions of the catalog for non-members).

*n. Web Activities Committee.* For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a club presence on the internet. Such presence shall be limited to a website containing information on PNCs and historical club information, and such other club benefits as appropriate for serving membership interests.

*o. Awards Committee.* For the purpose of establishing awards for meritorious service to the club or significant contributions to the PNC hobby. Members of the Committee shall not be eligible to receive such an award.

**Article XI.** Change the time period for discussion of the adoption of revised Bylaws from 90 days to 60 days. (The board feels that with the widespread use of email, our club's internet website, the monthly publication of **Coil Line** and a smaller current membership, 60 days should be a more than sufficient discussion period for adoption of revised bylaws in the future.)

## 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](mailto:tbbee@aol.com).

PNC<sup>3</sup> meeting notices are advertised at no charge in the newsletter. Please submit details to the editor three months in advance of the meeting.

# Caution! Flag Over Porch PNCs Mispriced!

John Himes

In mid-September, Rick Jackson sent me a note stating that a seller on eBay was trying to sell a PS5 of U.S. Scott 2915A with plate #78777 for \$895 with a stated catalog value of \$1,200. It has a peak count of 11 x 10 (11 peaks on the left; 10 peaks on the right). As I'm sure most of you know, this is a common strip. Our PNC<sup>3</sup> Values List has this PS5 for \$4.40. The seller claimed he got his information from the new Scott catalogue, and he could not be dissuaded from listing the strip for that price.

I checked my 2019 *Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue* and it lists a PS5 strip for "---," which I believe means there is insufficient pricing information to give a market price for an item. (Where the seller got \$1,200, I don't know.) It then lists a used PS1 for \$300. Our club Values List has a used PS1 for 75 cents!

I think the Scott editors got confused between the plate #78777 with peaks 10x10, which is fairly rare and the 11x10 which is common. For a 10x10, our club values list has no value listed for a PS5 and a value of \$325 for a used single. So, it's almost certain that someone at Scott missed the fact that the 11x10 stamp is common and the 10x10 stamp is rare and they placed pricing in the catalog for the 10x10 stamp by mistake. Since Scott does not price based on peak counts, they should have listed the value for the common strip and used single, not the rare.

After I circulated this article to some of the club members for proofreading and general awareness, Dan Forgues told me to look more closely at the Scott pricing for 2915A. He pointed out that this same eBay seller had two other erroneous prices out on the selling site.

A PS5 of #89878 11X10 is listed for \$1,295, where our club values it at \$7.25. A PS5 of #99899 10X10 is listed for \$45, where our club values it at \$10.25.

Sure enough, when I looked in the 2019 U.S. specialized catalogue, it lists a #89878 PS5 at \$1,500! It lists a #99899 at \$100. These prices should apply to the rarer strips, with die cuts 10x10 and 11x10, respectively. These same stamps are mispriced as used singles, as well.

2915A Plate #	PNC <sup>3</sup> Club Value PS5 Peaks 11x10	PNC <sup>3</sup> Club Value PS5 Peaks 10x10	2019 Scott Cat Value PS5 Ignoring Peaks	Scott Should Price About
78777	\$4.40	Rare not priced	Rare not priced	\$4.50
89878	\$7.25	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$7.50
99899	\$101.25	\$10.25	\$100	\$10.50

The table summarizes the issues with these prices.

I reported this issue to Jay Bigalke, a PNC<sup>3</sup> club member who oversees *Linn's Stamp News* and Scott catalogue publication. Jay was very responsive and promised to look into this issue. A few days later, Jay responded with an official response from Scott: "We will review the Flag Over the Porch coil listings for the 2021 edition of the Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps and Covers to be published in October 2020." Obviously, it's too late in the publication cycle for Scott to look into this for the 2020 catalogue. Many thanks to Jay for jumping on this issue and listening to our concerns.

Again, until the Scott catalogue clarifies these prices, beware of paying an outrageous price for what is indeed a common strip. Be sure you check the PNC<sup>3</sup> Values List rather than the Scott catalogue when pricing Scott 2915A until further notice. If you don't already have a PNC<sup>3</sup> Values List, you can contact Andy Jakes to request a copy. He can be emailed at [pnc3treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:pnc3treasurer@gmail.com) or via snail mail at 6000 Riverside Dr #R4402, Dublin, OH 43017.

## Accessing the Members Area of the PNC<sup>3</sup> Website ([pnc3.org](http://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 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.

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

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## 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
<.35>	Coral Reefs FE	2019-5	5370a	3/29/19	P111111	32	100	745104	Block	SA	None
<.55>	Star Ribbon FE	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	10,000	760504	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	Star Ribbon FE	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	25**	760503	Overall	SA	
<.55>	Star Ribbon FE	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	3,000	759904	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	Star Ribbon FE	2019-4	5362	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	1/19/18	B11111	28	10,000	760404	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.02	Meyer Lemons	2018-1	5256	1/19/18	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
<b>FE = Forever</b>											
(1) Scott did not assign a catalog number for this new release, though PNC <sup>3</sup> did assign a PNC-ID number. These items cannot be ordered from the USPS Philatelic Fulfillment Center.											Top
* NOTE 1: After careful inspection, it is observed that these coils have overall tagging. These items do NOT have block tagging as suggested by USPS announcements.											Middle
** 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.											Bottom
										Compiled by Andy Jakes	
										Up-dated 6/27/2019	



# Uh-Oh!

## The editor is running out of articles!

The **Coil Line** "Finished Copy" folder is running low and as I put the November issue together, I find I don't have enough to fill another month.

Articles don't have to be long and they don't have to be perfectly written. Just send me a paragraph or two about a favorite or interesting item and I'll take it from there.

Deadlines and procedures information can be found on Page 126 of this issue.

# Another Rare Usage



Ms. Judy R. Carmack

Tennessee 37075

**Jim Carmack**

This 9.3-cent PC #8 was received from a bank in Virginia. The return address is on the back flap. The bottom right curve of the "8" is fainter than the rest of the number.

I adjusted the brightness and contrast on the stamp scan but could not get the connecting dots to show very well.

Ron Washburn had this to add:

"This is very rare with two known, but a third is rumored."

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## Annual Membership Dues are Due!

**Mel Borofsky, PNC<sup>3</sup> Treasurer**

Now is the time to renew your PNC<sup>3</sup> membership for another year. You can opt to use the paper renewal form located on the wrapper of this month's **Coil Line**. Those of you with the electronic version of **Coil Line** will need to print out the paper form.

You can also pay your renewal dues via PayPal for the very first time this year. Go to the club website: [www.pnc3.org](http://www.pnc3.org). On the left side of the screen, click on PNC3 MEMBERSHIP then select RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE, or just go to <https://www.pnc3.org/club/RenewMembership.php>

If you choose to renew via PayPal and your personal information has changed, please notify us via the Change of Address form on the PNC<sup>3</sup> website [www.pnc3.org](http://www.pnc3.org). Again, go to PNC3 MEMBERSHIP then select CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM. You may also provide this information directly to Club Secretary Dan Farrar, whose contact information is located in the Elected Officers area of **Coil Line**, this month on Page 119.

Whatever format you choose, please do this while it's fresh on your mind.

Life members who opt to receive **Coil Line** electronically don't owe any additional fees, but please send in the renewal form to keep us apprised of any changes in your status. This helps ensure we can make contact when needed.

Most members do a good job remembering their membership number and placing it on the paper form. (This speeds the renewal process.) If you don't remember your number, send in the payment anyway and remember to look on your canceled check when it's returned. Your membership number will be written on the check. If you'd like a membership card with your number imprinted, please indicate "send membership card" on the paper form and I will make sure you receive one via return mail. (I'm sorry, but for now, you can't do this via PayPal.)

Thanks in advance for keeping your membership current and helping us keep PNC<sup>3</sup> a strong and viable part of the philatelic community. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

I recently received information from Doug Iams about a previously unknown imperf plate #7 of the 18c Surrey (Scott #1907a). As he noted, it has been 38 years since it was produced. It was found as a pair, which is how most coils were collected at the time.

The 18c Surrey was produced in rolls with two different plate numbers. One such combination was #7 with #8. The imperf plate #8 was found previously and the assumption is a #7 should exist if the imperf piece in the roll was long enough to contain two numbers. The numbers were 24 apart on the Cottrell press.

I have looked for this piece for about 30 years, not knowing if it existed. Sadly, I didn't get this one. If an entire



Surrey. May 18, 1981. Coil. Engraved. BEP.

**18c dark brown**

<b>1907a</b> imperf pair	95.00
imperf strip with plate No. 1	3,000.00
imperf strip with plate No. 2	3,000.00
imperf strip with plate No. 8	500.00
imperf strip with plate No. 9	575.00
imperf strip with plate No. 10	575.00
imperf strip with plate No. 13	1,750.00
spliced pair or strip, imperf	—
Quantity: 400-500 pairs	

Exists miscut. Values are for strips of 5 or 6 with plate number and line, except plate No. 13, which exists only as a unique strip of 4. Also, refer to the second note following No. 1891a.

*#7 pair*

Figure 1

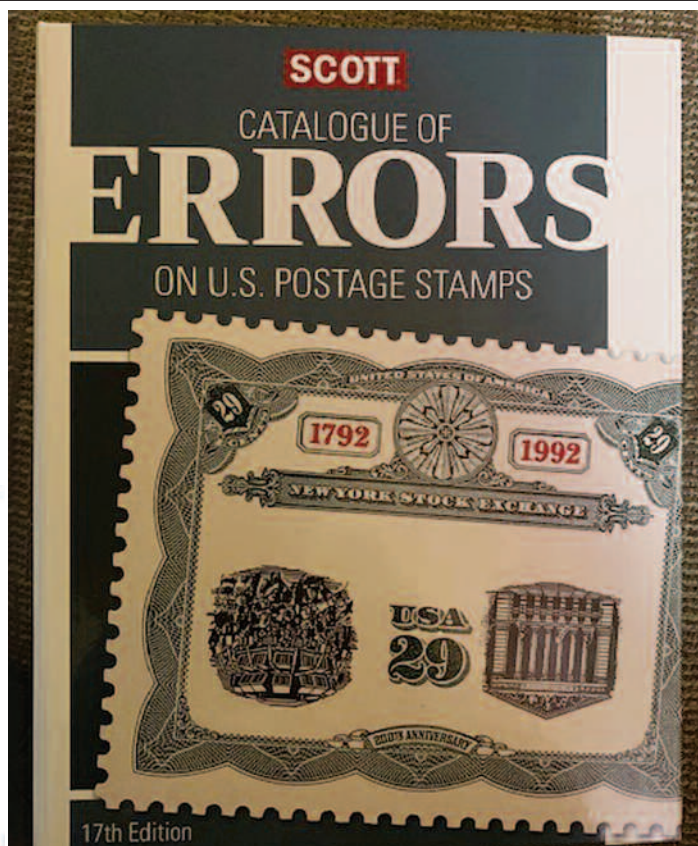


Figure 2

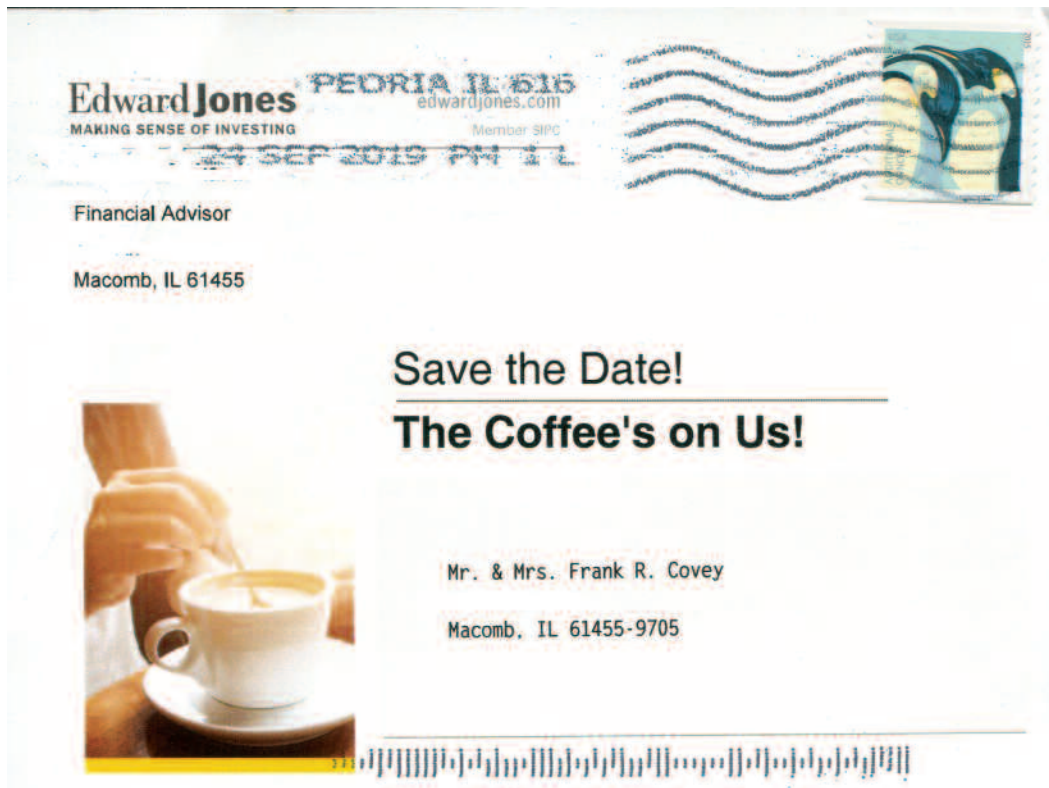
roll of 100 was imperf, there is the possibility that a pair of plate #7 and #8 exist. Keep looking: there are still treasures out there.

I have included a photo of the entry for the 1907a Surrey in the Error catalogue (Figure 1). As you can see, I have already penciled in the newly found #7 pair for the next edition of the Scott catalogue.

There is also a picture (Figure 2) of the *Scott Catalogue of Errors on U.S. Postage Stamps*, formerly called the *Datz Error Book*. I recommend this book highly. There is plenty to read about in this catalogue.

Thanks to Doug for notifying us of this find. Many collectors know Doug with his interest in many areas of stamp collecting. I know he has a currently active interest in MDI booklets. Contact him if you have an interest in them, too.

**Questions about your subscription?  
Contact PNC<sup>3</sup> Secretary  
Daniel Farrar at [farrard2@gmail.com](mailto:farrard2@gmail.com)**



## An Emperor Penguins Story 2015-6

### Frank Covey

The Emperor Penguins coil entered service on June 1, 2015, paying the additional ounce postage for a first-class mailing. There is no denomination on the stamp, but it is purposed with an "additional ounce" label. The value of the stamp when issued was 22 cents.

On April 10, 2016, the cost of additional-ounce postage dropped to 21 cents and you could buy a roll of 100 of the Emperor Penguins coil for \$21 instead of \$22.

On January 27, 2019 the additional ounce postage rate dropped again, this time to 15 cents. The Emperor Pen-

guins stamp was no longer on sale, but a new stamp was issued (Uncle Sam's Hat 2019-3) to take its place. The Emperor Penguins again lost value.

However, on September 24, 2019, this Emperor Penguins stamp, which lost value throughout its lifetime, suddenly gained value when it was used in error to pay the 35-cent postcard rate for an invitation for coffee. (The name of the mailer has been edited from the card to protect the mailer's identity.) I am guessing there are many more postcards like this one. The Emperor Penguins is a tagged stamp so the facer-canceler would not have rejected it.

## 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.

Questions can be directed to editor Vickie Canfield Peters by emailing [vcanfieldp@gmail.com](mailto:vcanfieldp@gmail.com) or by writing to her at 11911 E. Connor Road, Valleyford WA 99036. The telephone number is 509-991-5376.



# Beyond the Numbers

Lynnette Wood

## Flag Over Porch - Part 4

What a surprise it was to recently learn about the value errors of some of the Flag Over Porch (FOP) stamps that appeared in the current 2019 *Scott U.S. Specialized Catalog*, which you can read about in detail in John Himes' article in this issue. Having just written about tooth counts in the September *Coil Line*, it was quite a coincidence!

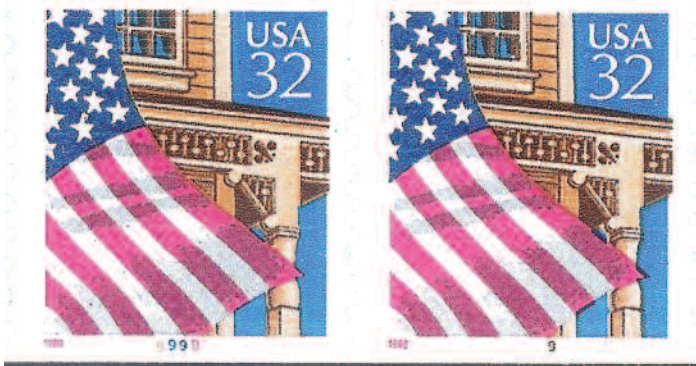


Figure 1

With the publication of that article, I had pretty much exhausted my own knowledge about FOPs and didn't plan to write another article about them, but it seems I am not the only one who enjoys the FOPs. Thanks to some reader feedback, I am able to write a fourth column on the topic.

Reader Jeff Fiszbein shared an image of his split 9s variety, where the five digits of the plate number are separated, with one stamp having four of the 9s and the missing digit showing up on an adjacent stamp. This is shown in Figure 1.

Thanks to Alan Thomson for suggesting some other varieties you can look for if you decide to specialize in FOPs. I noted in my August 2019 article that, on Scott #2913, one can distinguish plate numbers 11111 and 22222 with shiny gum or low-gloss gum. In the case of 11111, the shiny gum variety has thin digits and the low-gloss variety has thick digits. Thomson pointed out that for plate number 22222, the low-gloss gum variety can be found with either thick or thin digits. The shiny gum variety of 22222 has thin digits. Collecting these varieties brings the total number of varieties of Scott #2913 from 14 to 17.

Alan also pointed out that one can search for "hoppers," which occurs when some colors in the plate number

switch places. I refer to Thomson's February 2000 *Coil Line* article for more information on this and other topics, such as die cut shifts. The latter occur when there is a change in the location of the die cutting mat with respect to the paper web, which causes the die cuts to shift. Die cut shifts, in general, will be a topic of a future *Beyond the Numbers* column, so for now I refer readers to Thomson's article for an image of a truly dramatic die cut shift resulting in a long, straight segment along the lower portion of both sides of the stamp. Another example of this sort of shift, called a "table top," can be seen in John Himes' article on page 84 of the August 2019 *Coil Line*.

For another thorough review of the FOPs, I refer you to Rich Nazar's "Die Cut Production Varieties of the 32c Flag over Porch Self-Adhesive Produced by the BEP in Coils of 100" in the *United States Specialist*, pp 510-524, November 2013. Wow! For anyone interested in learning much more about the FOPs, I highly recommend this article (that can be found on-line).

Finally, Thomson offered a correction to my August 2019 FOP article, in which I made the statement that there were 48 different varieties of Scott 2915A. There are actually 53!

Obviously, the FOPs are complex and challenging, rich with printing varieties as well as errors, freaks and oddities. The last FOP, issued in March 1997, was Scott #3133. It had just one plate number: M11111. This stamp, together with the Juke Box stamp (Scott #3132) were the first U.S. stamps to be produced as linerless self-adhesive coils.

Thanks to Alan Thomson for pointing me in the direction of these other, in-depth articles and to Jeff Fiszbein for sharing an image of his split 9s. Please share your own thoughts and comments at [PNCsAreCool@gmail.com](mailto:PNCsAreCool@gmail.com).

You can help increase  
the bottom line.  
Invite a friend to share  
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# Table Top Update

John Himes

Since publishing my two prior articles in **Coil Line** about the table top variety that occurs on BEP and Ashton Potter stamps, I've received updates from three of our members.

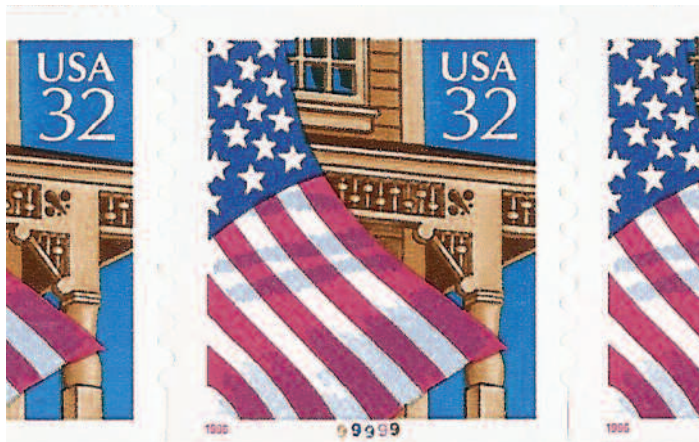


Figure 1

Club President Tom McFarland sent me a scan of a Flag Over Porch 2915A mint strip (Figure 1) with plate number 99999 and peaks 11x10. There's a very nice table top die cut at bottom. Although I'm not specifically tracking mint stamps, I will add this one to my prior census of used singles. This brings the total count of this type to 31, the most of any table top in the census.

Gene Trinks sent me a Flag Over Porch stamp to verify as a table top, and it turned out to be another copy of Scott 2915C plate #66666 with peaks 11x12 and the table top at top. That brings the census to 8 for this variety.

Jason Dinger sent me scans of three table tops in his collection. The first scan he sent, like Tom, was a MNH PS5 strip. It was Scott 3265, the 33-cent "H" stamp with plate #1111, and a table top at the bottom. A close-up of the plate number stamp can be seen in Figure 2. This brings the count to 16 for this one.

Jason also sent scans of two PNCs on commercial covers. One was the 3265 "H" #1111 with table top at the bottom, just like the mint strip, bringing that count up to 17 known. The other was the "H" #2222 with the

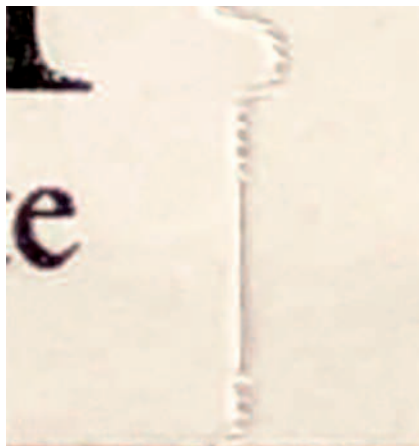


Figure 2

table top at the bottom, bringing that count up to 9 known. See Figure 3 for a scan of the latter stamp.

Table 1 shows the latest updated census. Some of the table tops are turning out to be a bit more common, but still, all of them are very hard to find. I encourage any of you who have new finds to send me scans (at 600



Figure 3

dpi or better) or high resolution color photocopies. I will continue to report on the finds and hopefully, before too many more months, we will have a much more accurate census of what exists in the world of table tops.

SCOTT	PLATE #	DESCRIPTION	TABLETOP AT	
			TOP	BOT
2915A	22222	32¢ FOP Peaks 10x10	1	
2915A	88888	32¢ FOP Peaks 10x10		3
2915A	99999	32¢ FOP Peaks 11x10		31
2915A	99999	32¢ FOP Peaks 10x10		3
2915A	66666A	32¢ FOP PV		1
2915C	66666	32¢ FOP Peaks 11x12	8	
2915C	66666	32¢ FOP Peaks 11x12		1
3265	1111	(33¢) "H" Hat		17
3265	2222	(33¢) "H" Hat		9
3632	1111	37¢ Flag	1	
3970	P2222	(39¢) Lady Lib. & Flag		1
4393	P1111	44¢ Flag		3
4854	P1111	Forever SSB 2014		1

Table 1

## Coil Line Display Advertising Rates

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# PNC<sup>3</sup> Publications Order Form (November 2019)

The Plate Number Coil (PNC<sup>3</sup>) Catalog Committee is accepting orders from PNC<sup>3</sup> members for the two new publications listed below. Orders also may be placed for 2002-2018 annual new issues chapters. Orders can be expected to be filled within 30 days.

	Price	Quantity Ordered	Total Cost
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2008	29	12.75	_____	_____
2009	22	11.00	_____	_____
2010	13	9.00	_____	_____
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**ALL MEMBERS: Please fill out and return this form before December 31, 2019.**

## 2020 PNC<sup>3</sup> Membership Update Form

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In accordance with the PNC<sup>3</sup> 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 2151 or lower has the necessary 10 years of membership as of December 31, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Ballot for Bylaws Revision

Included with this issue you will find a copy of the summary of proposed changes to the club's Bylaws. In order for the revised Bylaws to be approved, a two-thirds majority of those voting must be obtained. So, please, while you're thinking about it, complete and mail this form to our Secretary. You may also vote by emailing your vote to Club Secretary Dan Farrar at farrard2@gmail.com. Be sure to include your full name and membership number with your email.

A full copy of the proposed revised Bylaws may be found on our website. For those not having access to a computer, a hard copy of the proposed revised Bylaws may be obtained from our Secretary, Dan Farrar, either by writing to him at the address below, or calling him at (330) 477-6913.

Your ballot must be received by the Secretary no later than January 15, 2020.

Contact Mel Borofsky if you need your member number at 101 West Sterling Way, Leesburg, FL 34788 or (352) 483-1408.

I hereby approve \_\_\_\_\_ adoption of the proposed Bylaws.

I do NOT approve \_\_\_\_\_ adoption of the proposed Bylaws.

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