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Recent PNC Issue Info

Denom	Issue Name	PNC-ID Number	Scott Number	Issue Date	Plate # Plate #	Plate # Interval	Roll Size	USPS Item Number	Tag	WAG or SA	T, M, B Back Numbers
<.55>	Wild Orchids	2020-2	5444a	2/21/20	B1111	27	3,000	750404	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	from 3k roll	2020-2	5444a	2/21/20	B1111	27	500**	750415	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	from 3k roll	2020-2	5444a	2/21/20	B1111	27	25**	750403	Overall	SA	
<.55>	Wild Orchids	2020-2	5444a	2/21/20	B1111	27	10,000	760704	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	from 10k roll	2020-2	5444a	2/21/20	B1111	27	500**	760715	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	from 10k roll	2020-2	5444a	2/21/20	B1111	27	25**	760703	Overall	SA	
(0.10)	Presorted Star	2020-1	5433	2/3/20	B1111	27	3,000	750504	Untagged	SA	T
(0.10)	from 3k roll	2020-1	5433	2/3/20	B1111	27	25**	750503	Untagged	SA	T
(0.10)	Presorted Star	2020-1	5433	2/3/20	B1111	27	10,000	760604	Untagged	SA	B
(0.10)	from 10k roll	2020-1	5433	2/3/20	B1111	27	25**	760603	Untagged	SA	B
<.35>	Coral Reefs	2019-5	5370a	3/29/19	P111111	32	100	745104	Block	SA	None
<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	10,000	760504	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	25**	760503	Overall	SA	
<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	3,000	759904	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	25**	759903	Overall	SA	
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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	2019-3	5341	1/27/19	B1111111	31	100	746904	Overall	SA	None
<.55>	U.S. Flag 2019	2019-2	5343	1/27/19	B1111	31	100	740102	Overall	SA	None
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<.50>	U.S. Flag 2018	2018-3	5261	2/9/18	B111	31	100	749702	Overall	SA	None
<.50>	U.S. Flag 2018	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
**	NOTE 1: 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.										Top
	Note 2: Discovered 1-15-2020 by Frank Covey in North Carolina.										Middle
											Bottom
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Scott #2452 (issued August 31, 1990) plate # 1

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Letter to the Editor

A Differing Opinion

In the July 2020 **Coil Line**, page 78, I found an interesting statement in the article by Alan Thomson. In speaking about the new Wild Orchids coil stamps, Alan points out that there is a symmetry problem in the way these stamps were printed, making it difficult (actually impossible) to get a traditional, completely balanced strip that we're accustomed to as PNC collectors. So far, so good.

But then he says, "Scott intends to list strips of 10 and 17 in the 2021 *Specialized Catalogue*. Ten does not meet PNC collecting standards and its inclusion is useless information." I feel that this statement is incorrect and fails to consider the options the Scott editors were faced with since they also have to publish an album page to hold this strip. A strip of 10 provides the collector with one of each of the 10 different designs and it also includes the plate number, albeit in position 9 instead of the middle stamp. Yes, we would prefer it to be on the middle stamp. But for this particular issue, a strip of 10 makes perfect sense, even with the unbalanced plate number situation.

For those who are uninitiated in how we normally choose the standard length of a plate number coil strip, it generally follows the equation $LENGTH = 2n + 1$, where "n" is the number of different designs found in the strip, and the plate number is generally collected on the middle stamp of the strip. A strip with four different designs would normally be collected as a PS9. A strip with three different designs as a PS7. But exceptions made all the time.

For instance, a strip with 10 different designs would typically call for a PS21, but very few collectors will want this large strip, so PS11s typically are collected in this instance. In the case of the (10¢) Stars and Stripes stamps of 2015, three different designs dictate a strip of seven, but it was agreed by most everyone that this should be collected as a PS9 since that length preserved the full image of the U.S. flag that was being depicted on the three adjoining stamps. For the (25¢) Spectrum Eagle stamps of 2015, the six different designs indicated a strip of 13, but since that doesn't fit any typical album page, many collectors have opted for a PS7.

Then, for the really crazy one, what about the Flags of Our Nation coils (Scott 4273-4332)? With 10 different designs, those should have been collected as PS21s, but the stamps themselves were double the width of a normal coil stamp, so those strips of 21 would have been impossible to collect by any normal means. Scott opted in this case (and most collectors agreed) to have two strips of five: one strip

with the plate number in position 1 and one with no plate number at all. So the "rule" has been broken before and it seems to make sense to break it again for this Wild Orchids issue.

Of course, anyone can collect this strip any way they please. But I think most collectors are going to opt for the PS10 with the plate number in position 9. To denigrate this choice as "useless information" is misleading. Even a strip of 17 or 21, as Alan suggests, does not really fit with traditional "PNC collecting standards" since those strips will not be completely symmetrical and definitely will not fit on a traditional album page. I intend to collect this issue as the Scott-recommended PS10 and feel that is what most collectors will do as well.

John Himes

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We welcome Letters to the Editor



As noted last month, The Great American Stamp Show has been canceled by The American Philatelic Society. The show was scheduled to be held August 20-23 in Hartford, Connecticut. Normally, our annual board and general membership meetings would be held on the Saturday of the show, this year August 22. Since we can't meet in person, the meetings will be held via conference call.

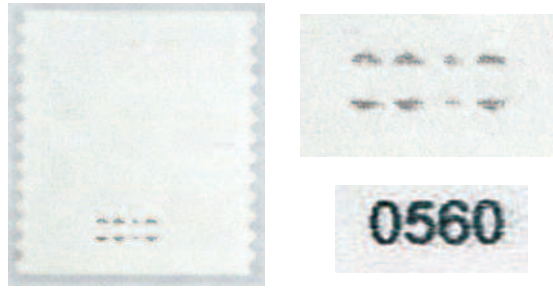
The board discussed other ways to have the meetings, such as video conferencing, and decided that a basic conference call would be the most accessible for the membership. VP John Himes has volunteered a conference call number that he has used for other meetings. The number to call is 978-990-5070. When prompted for an access code, enter 5912837, followed by #, the pound sign. The number is not toll free, but most home and cell phone plans typically include long distance calls at no additional charge.

Both meetings will be held August 22 as originally planned. The board meeting begins at 1 p.m. Eastern time and the general membership meeting follows at 3:30 p.m. Note that board meetings are open, so any member can join.

The results of the election of board members were not available as of this writing but will have been posted on the club web site before you receive this issue of **Coil Line**. The results will also be announced at the annual meetings. Per the club bylaws, the term of office of the new board begins on September 1. Many thanks to Ed Wigger for again volunteering to chair the Ballot Committee.

As far as I know, there have still been no reports of the 2019 US Flag coil printed by Ashton Potter with plate number P2222. *Linn's Stamp News* reported back in April that this number had been printed. My post office had the BCA version with plate number B2222 early on, but their stock of Ashton Potter coils is still P1111. If you should happen to locate P2222 rolls, please report the find to the Catalog Committee (catalog@pnc3.org).

I have received additional reports of members receiving phishing emails, supposedly from treasurer Mel Borofsky. There's no way to know how long this may continue. So, once again, please be aware that any email that requests money in any form on behalf of a club official is fake. Do not respond to any such requests. If you're unsure about any communication you receive from the club, please feel free to reach out to me personally for verification.



Ghost Back Numbers on the (10c) Presorted Star (2020-1)

Frank Covey

Shown is bottom back number 0010 from the inside of a 3K roll of the (10c) Presorted Standard Star (2020-1). I know of at least two rolls that have ghost back numbers like this. On these rolls every other back number was a ghost back number.

Also shown is a normal 3K back number.

Please write to our **Coil Line** editor if you have any idea what caused back numbers to appear like this.

Membership Update

as of July 1, 2020

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Membership at Beginning of Month	407
New Members	1
Membership at End of Month	408

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PNC³ Annual Board Meeting

Date/Time: August 22, 2020, 1 p.m. EDT

Conference call number: 978-990-5070

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General Membership Meeting

Date/Time: August 22, 2020, 3:30 p.m. EDT

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Reporting the Rarities by Gene Trink's

There are a few reports that have come in over the last few months (maybe because members have been spending more time with their collections?).

I'm updating the counts by one each for the following varieties: (5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die; (25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die; and (10¢) Atlas #V21113.

I'm also adding two to the count for the elusive tagged (25¢) Jukebox #22222. You will notice that the count for the on-cover tagged Jukebox has been reduced by 1. One of the previously reported items has been removed from its cover and sold as a used single.

I presume many members are staying close to home these days (and hope all are staying healthy). Please check your Jukebox #22222 holdings for the tagged version. I just don't understand why more of these haven't been located. They've got to be out there.

The counts now stand at:

PNC Issue	PNC ID	Scott No.	Mint Single	Mint P/S 5	Used Single	On Cover
32¢ Flag over Porch ("Famous Five")						
66666 10/11 die	1996-8.221	2915A	--	--	23	2
66666 12/11 die	1996-8.241	2915C	--	--	5	2
78777 10/10 die	1996-8.211	2915A	--	9	76	5
88888 11/12 die	1996-8.252	2915C	--	--	4	--
13231A 10/10 VP die	1996-8.212	2915A	6	9	62	15
(5¢) Avery Mountain V333342 13L/12R die	1996-10.211	2904A	--	--	27	5
V333343 round corner die	1996-10.211	2904A	--	--	6	--
(5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die	1997-1.22	2904B	2	5	18	2
(25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die	1998-7.21	3208A	--	--	107	9
(10¢) Green Bike #444 square shoulder die	1998-4.22	3228	--	--	34	6
(10¢) Eagle&Shield STD #11111 round shoulder die	1998-15.1111	3271	1	6	13	8
(10¢) Atlas V13222	2003-9.11	3770	--	--	72	2
V21113	2003-9.11	3770	--	--	9	--
V21211 tagged	2003-9.12	3770a	--	--	8	1
37¢ Snowy Egret V2121 VP die	2003-8.22	3829	--	--	35	1
V2121 PV die	2003-8.21	3829	--	--	2	--
V3211 VP die	2003-8.22	3829	--	--	52	4
V3211 PV die	2003-8.21	3829	--	--	10	2
37¢ Snowy Egret P2222 multi-tie	2004-2.21	3829A	--	3	16	--
(10¢) Lion #S66666 fully tagged	2000-2.12	3447b	--	--	1	--
(25¢) Jukebox #22222 tagged	1996-13.12	2912Bc	--	--	2	2

Keep up the good work in locating more items to be added to this census ... and stay healthy!



Beyond the Numbers

Lynnette Wood

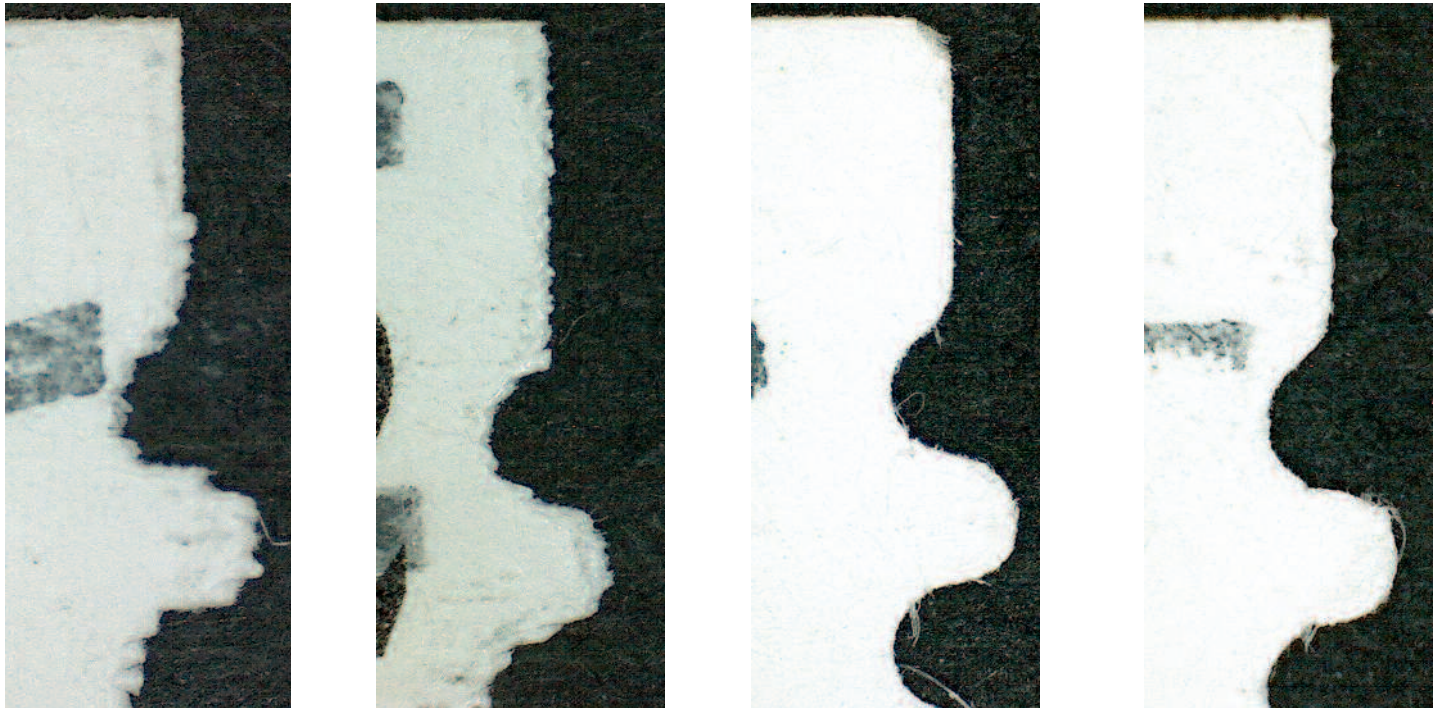


Figure 1: Incision styles for A, B, C, D (left to right) for Yellow Rose (Scott 3054)

Rose Upon Rose

Part 3

In my last article, I introduced the topic of incision types. To be honest, this is a subject I have been avoiding. Why? When the topic of incision types, or “styles,” first came to my attention, it was in the context of the Flag Over Porch (FOP) stamps. With seven peak/valley varieties and 32 plate numbers, adding four incision styles to the mix just seemed overwhelming.

But then Dan Forgues wrote and reminded me that the Yellow Rose Scott 3054 is also one of the issues with multiple incision styles. He noted that, while the Yellow Rose has 20 different plate numbers, it has just 27 different stamps with incision styles. Only 27? I can handle that!

So, what is an incision style? By now, I am in the habit of checking the PNC³ website’s glossary first when looking for definitions. According to the glossary, during the early production of self-adhesive coils by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), a variety of cutting knives were used in the die-cutting mats. The various knives produced incisions in the paper web that are distinctly different in ap-

pearance. Three of the die-cutting knives produced incisions that leave part of the paper between stamps intact. These intact sections are called “ties” and they run across (or “bridge”) the die cut.

It is the presence, absence, or pattern of the ties that determine the incision style. Four distinct incision styles are referred to as Styles A, B, C and D. Style A has ties in the serpentine die cuts, but no ties in the straight top or bottom die cut. Style B has closely-spaced ties throughout the entire die cut. Style C has no ties in either the serpentine or the straight portions of the die cut. Style D has widely-spaced ties throughout the entire die cut. Examples of each are shown, respectively in Figure 1 for the 32¢ Yellow Rose (Scott 3054).

In addition to these basic styles, Style D can be found in a “normal” and an “inverted” form. In the normal variety, a tie appears at the tip of each peak on the left side of the stamp. The result is that there are three ties per peak on the left side of the stamp and two ties per peak on the right side of the stamp. This is called tie tip left, or TTL.

In the inverted form, a tie appears at the tip of each peak on the right side of the stamp. Thus, there are two ties per peak on the left side of the stamp and three ties per peak on the right side. This is called tie tip right, or TTR.

For the Yellow Rose (Scott 3054), Style A is found on plate numbers 1111, 1112, 1122 and 4455 through 8888 (for a total of 14). Style B is found on plate numbers 1112 through 4455 (for a total of 9). Only plate numbers 7777 and 8888 are found with incision styles C and D (two each). The "D" styles are both TTL. Thus, the grand total of plate number/incision style varieties for Scott 3054 is 27. Of these, the plate number 1112 "B" style is the scarcest and both of the

"Dttl" styles are hard to find. Figure 2 shows a complete set (collected by Dan Forgues) of all of the Yellow Rose incision styles.

Dan Forgues has written extensively on the topic of incision styles; look for his articles in recent issues of Coil Line and in the archives. And, as always, please send your comments on this or another PNC topic to PNCsAreCool@gmail.com.

