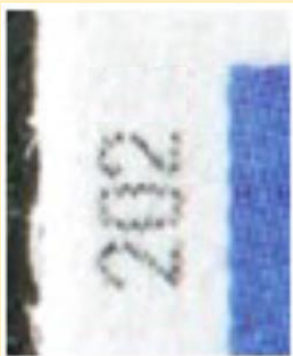




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Year Date Truncated in Barns Variety



A collector notified *Linn's Stamp News* on this past August 13 that some rolls of the <36¢> Barns postcard-rate coil have a shortened year on the Gambrel Roof stamp (Scott 5550).

Linn's posted the story by Charles Snee online, dated Aug. 20. Acting as a constant plate variety, the "202" year date is found only with the Gambrel Roof design that is two stamps
▶ (please see next page)



(Simulated image from USPS media photo.)

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Second Tagged Counterfeit Ashton Potter 2018 Coil

by Ron Blanks

The ink had hardly dried on last month's *Coil Line* for print subscribers when a dealer sent me some mail on Oct. 5. Last month's front page stated, "There have not been any more of the counterfeit stamps with tagging reported since their discovery in 2019." To my surprise, the three 2018 "Z" Flag coils on the dealer cover ended that drought. A normal inspection at first said they were real, but they turned out not so. Yet they're also tagged, in the literal sense. (More on that, later.)



(Comparison, cropped images of two purported 2018 AP coils from mail. Left coil's die cuts are washed out; they appear like those of right coil. Both coils gauge 9.4. Readers following Robert E. Thompson's stories on counterfeits, especially last month's, might be able to spot a fake here; other is genuine. Scan made at 1200dpi, digital edition can be enlarged.)

Ordinarily I wouldn't check such a mundane envelope further, besides looking for a possible plate number. Bearing three non-current coils three years after issue, and likely a convenience use for a rate that took effect August 29th, only one reason led me to inspect further. The die cuts are the distinctive shallow "zig-zag" pattern of Ashton Potter. And I knew one aspect of their coils: They overcoat them with (please see next page)

Finding Counterfeits – What to Divulge?

Jay Bigalke, editor of *Linn's Stamp News*, commented earlier this year in August on the surge in sales of counterfeit stamps of the past year or so.

He wrote, "To continue to report on each new find or variation is impossible, and we were seeing evidence that the responsible parties might have been using our articles to improve their illicit work." Some believe matters have reached a tipping point, where for practical purposes the existing traits of genuine stamps are materially mastered by the counterfeiters.

But out of an abundance of caution, and since we do not know which, if any, future security improvements might mitigate this flood of fakes, I will also refrain from divulging certain details in a public forum. (See page 132 to contact me.) – *the Editor*

Welcome!

If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC³ is in our 33rd year. We are a community of stamp collectors specializing in plate numbered coil issues of the USA. The first PNCs were issued in 1981 and, in February 1988, a network of PNC specialists founded our club. *Coil Line* was launched in May, 1988 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. Thanks for visiting, and we hope you'll join us!

► Barns Variety (from previous page)

below the plate-numbered stamp.

Interestingly, this is the same stamp at which a phosphor tagging break occurs for all rolls.

But according to USPS spokesperson Roy Betts in reply to a *Linn's* inquiry, the "202" variety "occurred in about 2 percent of the Barns coil print run." He stated the cause as "a problem with a blanket on press. A blanket is the rubber cylinder that transfers the image from the metal plate to the paper."

With an initial print order of 400 million, a two percent occurrence yields a potential 250,000 of the "third century"-dated Gambrel Roof Barn variety. (Part of the math shows the quantity of B1111 numbered Forebay Barn PNCs printed to be 12 ½ million.)

Interestingly, as a flaw now caught before any additional printing, the estimated low quantity is established as the maximum possible to reach collectors' hands. – *Ron Blanks*

► Tagged Counterfeit (from previous page)

a varnish containing phosphor tagging. And that means there's always a chance of finding an untagged error among these coils (and many other Ashton Potter [AP] coils similarly treated).

When viewed under shortwave ultraviolet light (SW-UV), all again seemed normal except for a small oddity. This oddity would make a good "this has me stumped" question for readers, I initially thought.

(At this point in the story, one would expect a description of the anomaly. See sidebar at left, "Finding Counterfeits -- What to Divulge?")

Over a few days pondering what might be the explanation for the oddity, it occurred to me that I had not viewed the "patient" under SW-UV along with another AP 2018 Flag coil (Scott 5260). You know (or so we all ought), to "compare and contrast."

So back under SW-UV but this time with a known AP "Z" Flag coil pair. While all stamps glowed, a material difference appeared. The known AP coils displayed the warm yellowish-green glow typical of AP overcoating. The patient showed a cool, very pale greenish glow, apparently absent any tint of yellow.

Also checking with LW-UV, the coil patient was moderate to highly bright. Interestingly, we got a break as they're on a kraft envelope without any glow to interfere with coil paper's or inks' glow.

Conversely, the known AP coil lacked a glow under LW-UV, while its white envelope is highly bright. An image under LW-UV is presented below, because its rendering closely resembles what was actually seen (in contrast to an image with SW-UV.)

(please see next page)



◀ **Single image under LW-UV:**

(top)
Coil patient (3 coils) on kraft envelope.

(bottom)
Known AP coil pair on white envelope.

► **Tagged Counterfeit** (*from previous page*)

With differences under both SW-UV and LW-UV, suspicion arose: Was the patient actually a *counterfeit* of AP's 2018 coil, so convincing that it took the above events to even suspect it?

Close looks with a magnifying glass started showing differences between the patient and genuine coil, revealing that the patient coils were in fact fake.

Since the year dates, microprinting and shading of other 2018 coil counterfeits have been well-covered in the past, they are shown nearby in images made at 2400 dots-per-inch. (Regrettably some do not render as well here, so I have more to master in that task.)

The year dates do appear OK, with one "tell" evident but not another. (I will not comment here on either.) Otherwise, at a glance they look alike, without the color shade differences noted in past cases.

The microprintings are interesting because with three counterfeit coils on one cover, they did not compare well with each other (nor with the smaller genuine). One was garbled so that no letter could be recognized, one was readable with extra dots of black ink, and one was without extra ink and readable.

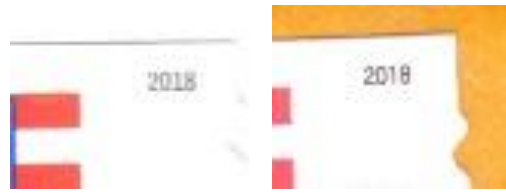
By now you might have noticed the red ink of the genuine is redder, assuming the digital and paper editions of *Coil Line* render at least some difference of stripe colors in small close-ups described so far. If not, the last close-ups pair (*at right*) should clinch it. These stripes are shown larger. And that is to show the "Z" shadings better, which also rendered well.

Robert Thompson reported in October 2019's *Coil Line* what are believed to be the first tagged AP 2018 coil counterfeits. I sent him a scan of mine so that he might compare it with his, and I asked for the same to do likewise. He had not responded by deadline.

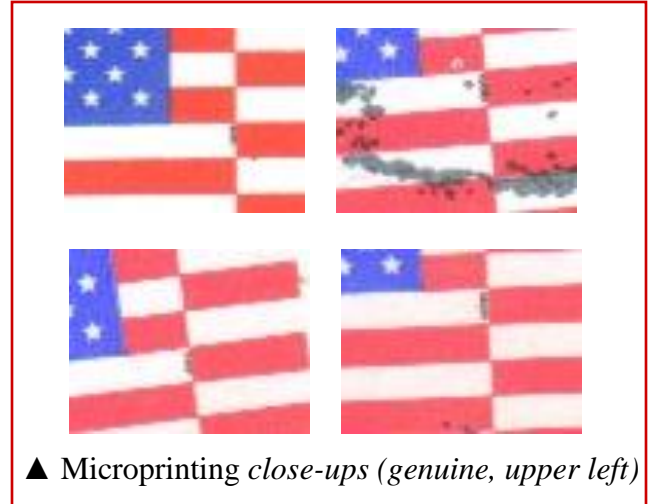
Then how do we know these AP coil fakes are the "second" such discovered to be tagged, and not more of the first find? Pictures in the Oct. 2019 issue did not render well to compare. However, two points Robert made of them depart markedly with those here:

Printing quality was not as good as some recent fakes. And the "Z" shading "covers only the right half of the area" shaded on real coils. As shown at right, the fake's shading is extensive. And the print quality is excellent (save for some microprinting).

If it didn't come through earlier in this article, let me reiterate that there are lessons that now need to be diligently applied going forward. Otherwise we run a greater risk nowadays of having (*please see page 138*)



▲ Year Date close-ups (*genuine, left*)



▲ Microprinting close-ups (*genuine, upper left*)

▼ "Z" shading close-ups (*genuine, top*)



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President's Message

Tom McFarland

Your annual membership renewal form is included in this month's *Coil Line*. In addition to mailing a check, members have the option to pay renewal dues and mailing fees via PayPal. The link to do that can be found under the PNC³ Membership menu at www.pnc3.org.

It's not necessary to log in to pay your dues. Be sure to choose the correct button on the payment page for your dues category, and to advise Treasurer Mel Borofsky who you are if you're using a PayPal account under a different name. Please renew as early as possible.

In my report last month on happenings at the Great American Stamp Show, I failed to mention that Robert Thompson's exhibit "25¢ Honeybee - From Design to Postal Usage" earned a Large Vermeil award. In addition, the exhibit received several society specialty awards:

The American Philatelic Society Post-1980 Medal of Excellence, The Errors, Freaks and Oddities Collectors Club Second Place award, and The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Presidential Award. Congratulations to Robert.

2022 is quickly approaching and will be an election year for PNC³. As has been the case for some time, the club is always in need of members to offer to serve as elected officers.

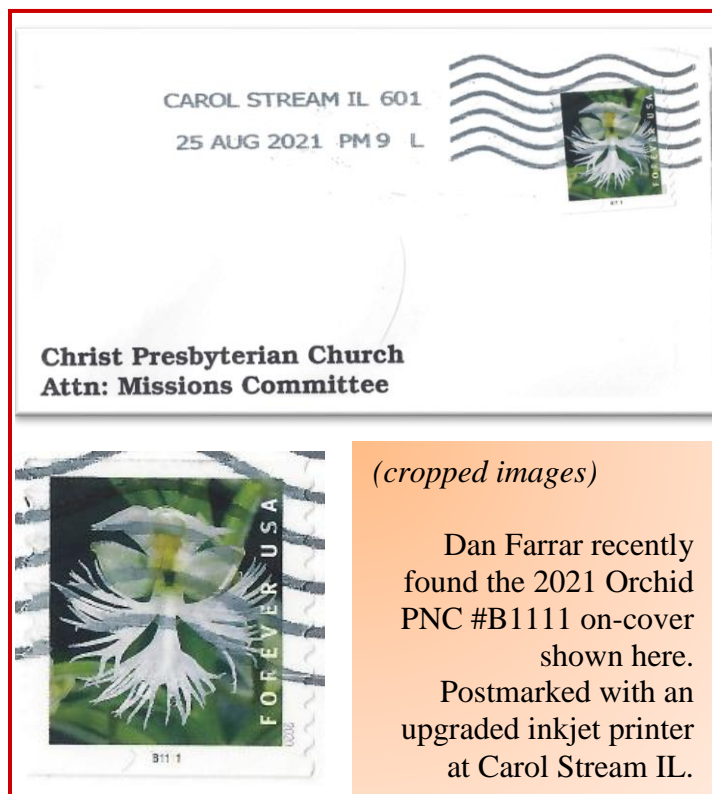
Candidates are especially needed for President and for one At-large position as the current holders of those positions are term limited, but candidates for all offices are welcome.

Please consider throwing your hat in the ring as your club really needs more members to become involved. If you're interested, please reach out to Robert Thompson, chair of the Election Committee. His contact details can be found in the officers listing on the preceding page.

"Please consider throwing your hat in the ring..."

Member Benefit About to Expire...

OK, it's understandable. After two large club auctions this year (the second one just last month, and we're waiting for the bidding results), what's left to advertise? But all members are entitled to two, 50-word ads per year at no cost. Additional words or ads are charged at 10¢ per word. Maybe you have a research project, or a couple of items on your want list you cannot find? Try a classified – The December issue is the last one available for 2021. Please send ad copy via email to the *Coil Line* editor by Nov. 15. (See page 132 for contact info.)



(cropped images)

Dan Farrar recently found the 2021 Orchid PNC #B1111 on-cover shown here. Postmarked with an upgraded inkjet printer at Carol Stream IL.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Reinstated

Ron Blanks 2119

Membership at Beginning of Nov.....	420
New Members.....	+ 0
Deceased.....	- 0
<u>Reinstated.....</u>	<u>+ 1</u>
Membership at End of Sept.....	421

Award Appreciated. I want to thank the Awards Committee and the Board for selecting me as the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award (Sept.-Oct. *Coil Line*). It's very much appreciated.

I've been collecting PNCs since 1984 and joined PNC³ during its first recruitment in 1988. It's been a wonderful experience, and I hope I have helped others to enjoy this collecting specialty. Unfortunately, I'm afraid my service days are over, but not by choice. I spend too much time in hospitals and operating rooms to be much help to anyone. It does not help that I can't travel anymore. However, my phone works and I have email and both are open to all.

— Alan Thomson #180L

Joe Sedivy Recognized. I have been a member since 1993, member number 263, and though I am on the side lines now, I think this is still an amazing organization. I was treasurer for four years way back when, following the wonderful guidance of Gene Ernst, former treasurer (and CPA for Exxon in downtown Houston). Gene was awesome with the books, and taught me so much about how to handle them.

I want all of you to understand how much of an asset to the club Joe Sedivy is. He has been handling all of the club auctions as long as I can remember. Every single auction presentation looks even better, the most recent one just so amazing!!

Now, I want every one of you to realize the time it takes Joe to put this together. This has got to take many, many hours. This is extreme dedication, and a true love for the club. Would any of you take this much time out of your life to do this?

My thanks go to a great club member for his time, dedication and amazing presentations!! We are so lucky to have Joe Sedivy as a club member!!!

— Jim Perry #263

From the APEX certificate search on the American Philatelic Society's website, image of strip of 3 #44444 self-adhesive "1995" 32¢ Flag over Porch (certificate 235131).



Reader Feedback

Test Stamp Purposes – A Refresher. In the July *Coil Line* John Himes suggested that the recently reported self-adhesive 32¢ Flag over Porch 44444 with 1995 year date and 12x12 die cuts are not considered test stamps by most, since it does not have a unique design and it was not issued to post offices.

The majority of the items listed in the test stamp section of Scott were never issued to post offices. Test stamps have been used for far more than just testing of post office equipment. The printers use them to test their printing and processing equipment. Such tests do not involve sending those stamps to post offices.

Also, the manufacturers of the printing and processing equipment and the producers of private vending equipment have also used test stamps (which they do get through USPS) and the USPS has also done its own testing of the stamps themselves.

The owner of the stamps in question has said the company he worked for was doing testing of these stamps for the BEP. Sure sounds like a test stamp to me. The only thing that makes them hard to classify is they used a live postage design.

— Doug Iams #625

[Ed. note – Doug informed us at deadline that the Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers 2022 now lists the discovery, the only 32¢ FOP self-adhesive coil with red "1995", as test stamp TD123A.]

► Reader Feedback (from previous page)

(below) Business reply envelope from a Cal Farley's Boys Ranch mailing received June 1, 2021.



Simulated Stamps. When reviewing earlier *Coil Line* issues for open questions, I came across Frank Covey's letter of February 2021 (page 23). It shows a VFW business reply envelope (BRE) with stickers simulating stamps showing red poppy flowers.

The use of simulated stamps on BREs has skyrocketed in recent years. An article in *Linn's Stamp News* of August 19, 2020 discussed this. (See image below, and related story on page 137).

One comes in the mail almost weekly, and most designs tend to re-appear. But this one (*shown above*) with its "patriotic" themes had an air of familiarity not because of repeated use. Upon some reflection, two designs reminded me of PNCs. What do you think?

— Ron Blanks #2119



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(A) Sold online Aug. 15 2021 for \$129.50

RECENT ONLINE SALES

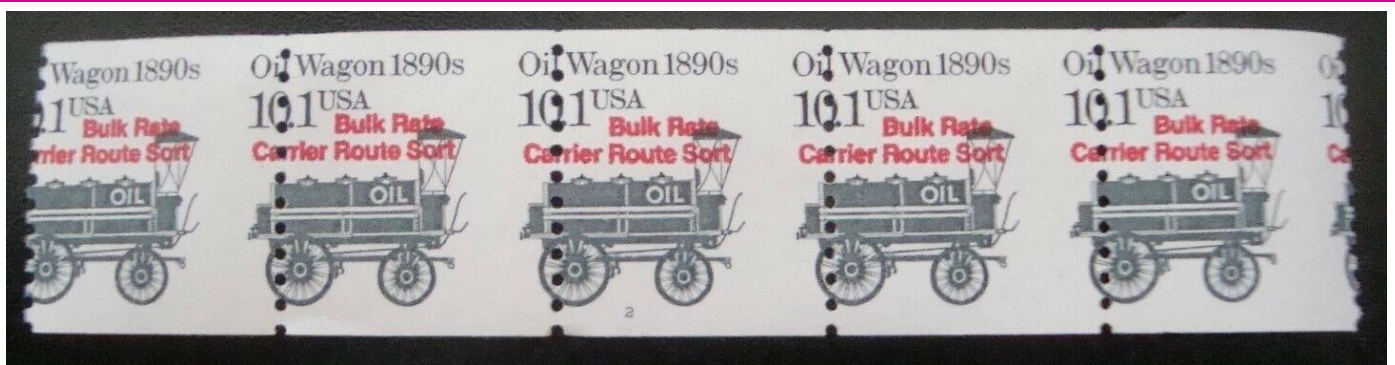
(August – mid-Oct.)

A review of recent online auction sales of note. Selections in this issue happen to have all occurred on Ebay. Images are adapted from online advertising of the items shown.

23¢ LUNCH WAGON MIS-CUT PAIR & IMPERFORATE PAIR (A)

Lot description included: “1991 Lunch Wagon imperf and perforated miscut coil pairs with electric eye bars only! The perforated pair is rare, the imperf pair is extremely rare, with only a few pairs known! Normal imperf and perforated pair are included. All pairs are the solid tagged, dull gum versions. All MNH. Low start price of \$100, which is the value of the NORMAL imperf pair alone!”

A search of recent PNC3 auctions back to 2013 did not turn up any lot offering 23¢ Lunch Wagon EE bars examples. Four bidders participated in this online auction.



(B) Sold online Sept. 10 2021 for \$13.52 (cropped from online image)

10.1¢ OIL WAGON MIS- PERFORATED PLATE STRIP OF 5 #2 (B)

Online auction title used: “PERF ERROR! 2130a 10.1c Oil Wagon Red Pre Cancel PNC 5 # 2 MNH VERY RARE!!”

Description was simply, “Available here is a plate number 2 strip of 5 with a perf error. This is MNH.” Three bidders participated.



(C) Seller accepted less than \$187 asked

18¢ FLAG #6 USED (C)

Online auction title: “RARE-US Scott 1891-Used Lighthouse-PNC 6-Superb-Scott 2020 CV=\$500 -WYSIWYG-\$325?”

Description added, “(It may or may not be desirable for the superfluous remainder of attached torn stamp to be removed.)” The auction platform (Ebay) does not show dates or amounts for offers accepted. But from delivery dates given, the offer was accepted in early October.

1¢ Bobcats *Printed* on Reply Envelopes

Frank Covey's VFW business reply envelope (BRE) with simulated "red poppy stamps" in the February 2021 *Coil Line* reminded me of an August 2020 *Linn's* story that also pictured it. The picture is a montage of BREs, some with simulated stamps and some with actual 1¢ Apples, re-shown in part back on page 135.

The story mentioned that non-collectors would have a hard time telling real stamps apart in the picture. Unbeknownst to me, by that time a BRE was already out there that would fool even most of us PNC'ers if it had been included in the composite image.

(right) A "real" simulation of postage stamps on a business reply envelope. (Spotted in Sept. 2019, originally reported in *Linn's* Stamp News.)



In October 2020 a *Linn's* reader of the Aug. 2020 story sent me a BRE with what looked like five 1¢ Bobcat coils with 2015 date (Scott 4672a). But their design was printed five times on the BRE, including simulated die cuts. (That envelope is shown above, and a cropped close-up of the "stamps" are shown below.) As the 1¢ Apples replaced Bobcats in 2016, this BRE design might have seen use before 2019.

Research turned up an online *Linn's* news item from November 2019 about a reader who in Sept. 2019 sent a BRE with the design. *Linn's* inquiry to USPS spokesperson Roy Betts led to his reply that the BRE design was an "improper use of USPS controlled intellectual property... It also violates Federal guidelines for the reproduction of stamps and currency and could be considered counterfeiting."

Undiscussed as far as we know is the practical impact of these BREs arriving at the destination post office in the business-reply stack. Come to think of it, I don't think any post office handling BREs with actual 1¢ Apples takes the trouble to try to count these cents for the permit holder. (It's enough work to cull BREs with full-price Forever stamps affixed by some donors.) So I expect these "counterfeit" 1¢ coils are ignored likewise. — Ron Blanks



(Too bad the model they used didn't show a Bobcat with plate number "P1111" to mimic, also!)

► Tagged Counterfeit (from page 131)

or trading a used or on-cover artifact we think is genuine, only to find out later it is counterfeit. (The same applies to mint strips like PS5s that are not long enough to show a more-frequent plate number interval than should be found. Recall, some fakes now have plate numbers.)

These lessons probably apply to coils with year dates of 2016 or later. Earlier coil counterfeits are crude enough to be recognized by PNC collectors. (If this cut-off date is wrong, we should get replies...)

Lesson one – Do not assume *any* coil that comes your way (outside of post-office purchased rolls) is genuine until it is compared with a known genuine example. Especially under magnification.

Lesson two – Do not make any assumptions on covers (or mixture envelope-corner clippings, for that matter) based on whether or not it is machine-canceled. Just because some outcome is true for a certain high percentage of the time, does not mean your example falls into the “usually occurs” camp.

While writing this story, a collector friend sent me a year’s worth of his #10 covers bearing coils, minus those with the (5¢) Blue USA nonprofit coil.

Only 30 covers made the cut, about 25 with Forever first-class coils from 2018 (three) and 2019. Those three 2018s? One was normally inkjet-printer canceled. One was a “skip”, uncanceled – used for the genuine stamp that was shown earlier. And the

third one was also inkjet-canceled, but found to be untagged. *And, to be another AP 2018 coil fake.*

Lesson three – always check a suspect for tagging with a genuine coil alongside to compare.

Your Coil Line: Glitches Gallery

Some small glitches got into last month’s issue of course. But first a general comment. Having a different editor start weeks into the *Coil Line* team’s monthly work cycle was challenging. But the team pulled together and hopefully all readers received their copy in time to bid in the auction.

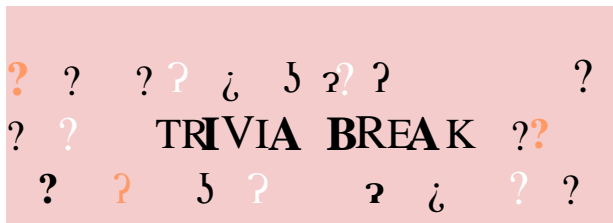
No problem reports came in by this issue’s deadline. I hope that means none needed to be! Keep in mind this is your journal, so any useful suggestions or feedback is always appreciated.

Now to the glitches! (How many did you notice?)

On the front cover’s banner, within Volume 34 the issue number should be #8 (not 7 as printed).

On page 111, the person heading mail design should be the marketing director (not “directory”).

On most pages, except for the auction lots pages, a page-size lined frame survived into print. I don’t know if it was on a certain page on purpose and then got copied unnoticed, or just snuck in early. But I was surprised to see it on so many pages... of course only noticed after printing began. – *the Editor*



What makes 2015’s (10¢) Stars & Stripes issue unique among all multi-design PNCs, regardless of number of designs?

(A couple of traits set this design apart *because* it is divided into three images while no other issue “has three.” But that is a separate puzzle. Also, it matters not how it is collected, mint, used, on-cover, FDC, etc.) Send your answer to the editor at rblanks_stamps@yahoo.com, or send text or leave voice message at 757.478.8719 by November 20th. We’ll share responses (and answer) in the next issue.

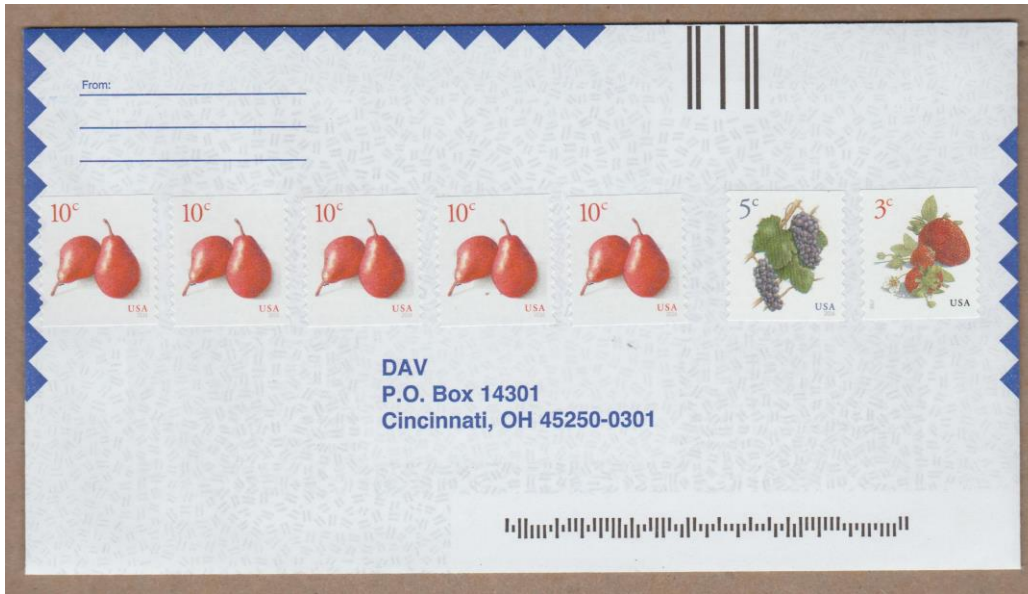
How well do you know your PNCs? This puzzle spot will feature details that do not require special tools to notice, just the “attention to detail” our hobby is known for. Your suggestions are welcome for your own Trivia Break entry for fellow readers.

PNC Numbers Trifecta Watch!

by Ron Blanks

In the October 2018 *Coil Line* (page 105), John Himes showed a mixture clipping where three different Fruits coils each had a plate number. The 1¢ Apples, 3¢ Strawberries and 10¢ Pears were represented. As far as I could tell, no report in *Coil Line* since has indicated a similar “trifecta” find, never mind an actual intact cover with stamps of the same series. (Though very scarce, other “three numbered PNCs on a cover” are known. The Sept. 2017 *Coil Line* shows a 47¢ courtesy reply envelope from Shriners Hospitals with a numbered 10¢ Pears and two numbered older coils.)

Now comes the Disabled American Veterans using a new Fruits combination for the new 58¢ letter rate.



(left) First 58¢ courtesy reply envelope from Disabled American Veterans, mailing received Oct. 16, 2021.

(While this cover lacks a plate number on any of the seven coils, somewhere out there is an example with not one, not two, but three different numbered PNCs. See text for some twists on the odds.)

Shown above is the latest courtesy reply envelope that the DAV inserts in selected mailings that make an appeal for donations. A 3¢ Strawberries, 5¢ Grapes and five 10¢ Pears add up to the first-class 58¢ letter rate that took effect August 29th.

All of these PNCs come from rolls with a plate number every 27th stamp. The odds of a cover having just one plate number are $1/27^{\text{th}} + 1/27^{\text{th}} + 5/27^{\text{th}}$, or total 7 out of 27, which is a scant one-hundredth of a percentage point above 1 in 4.

The odds of having each of the Fruits issues bear a plate number are $1/27^{\text{th}}$ times $1/27^{\text{th}}$ times $5/27^{\text{th}}$, or 1 in 3936.6 chances. Percentage-wise this is 0.025%.

But there is one more possibility of a find among what is expected to be many of these envelopes to be found in the coming months. (Interestingly, the USPS recently announced it expects to set new rates *twice a year*, starting in 2023. In the meantime, the current rates are expected to remain until then.)

When it comes to seeing “five” coils in a row, we usually think of the elegance of the mint strip of five collecting format, with the number on the center stamp. What are the odds of the middle 10¢ Pears being numbered while both the 3¢ and 5¢ are, too?

That calculation is $1/27^{\text{th}}$ times $1/27^{\text{th}}$ times $1/27^{\text{th}}$, or 1 in 19,683 chances. Percentage-wise this is approximately 0.005%.

While these odds seem astronomically small, one factor to note is that they represent the chance that *one* of us who receives such a DAV mailing will find that trifecta version. The odds that *any* of us will find that cover are increased by the number of readers getting the appeal mailing. (For the math-inclined, those odds go up by 0.005% per reader.)

With the DAV being one of the most prolific mailers of donation appeals among nonprofit organizations, it will be interesting to see how long it takes for either of these “trifecta” cases to appear. Readers are invited to report any findings pronto.

BALLOT INITIATIVE

TO REVISE THE BYLAWS OF THE PLATE NUMBER COIL COLLECTORS CLUB

The Bylaws Committee has recommended the following changes to the Club's Bylaws:

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 2. Permanent Committees *Bylaws currently reads:*

“c. Finance Committee. For the purpose of assuring a continuous sound condition of the treasury, to develop a budget for the operation of the Club and to make recommendations to the Board regarding club finances. The Treasurer shall be a member of this committee.”

It is proposed to change it to read:

“c. Finance Committee. For the purpose of assuring a continuous sound condition of the treasury, this committee will assure that an internal audit is performed annually following the end of the fiscal year on December 31st. All accounts held in the name of PNC3, including the General Fund, the Auction Fund, the Catalog Committee Fund, and any other club funds must be audited. The results of the internal audit, along with any needed recommendations, must be presented to the Board by March 31st of each year. The Treasurer shall be a member of this committee.”

► **Mark ballot on Wrapper##** ◀ (for your records) I ____ approve / ____ do not approve this change.

ARTICLE VII FUNDS

Section 3. Budgets *Bylaws currently reads:*

“The Finance Committee shall recommend to the Executive Board a budget for the operation of the club at the beginning of the fiscal year. The budget shall be subject to change upon election of new officers and the appointment of a new Finance Committee.”

It is recommended that this section be deleted, since budgeting is not needed given the relatively constant nature of the club's funds.

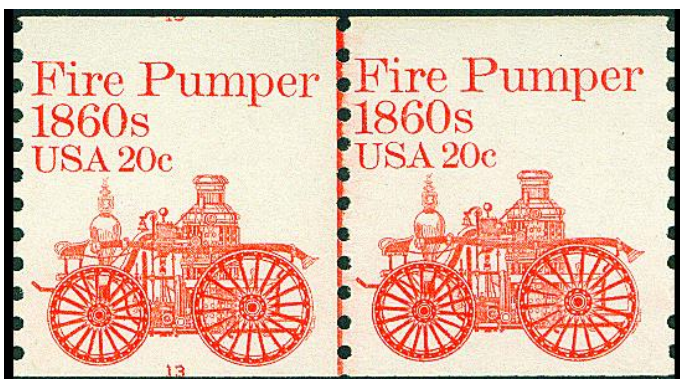
► **Mark ballot on Wrapper##** ◀ (for your records) I ____ approve / ____ do not approve this change.

Please mail ballot to: Ed Wigger, 1123 Baldwin St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Ballots must be returned by November 30, 2021

In order for your vote to be valid, you must include your membership number on the outside of the envelope in the upper left corner, along with your return address. If you do not know your membership number, contact Mel Borofsky or Dan Farrar (info on masthead, page 132).

– Digital subscribers may print Wrapper page for paper ballot.



Fire Pumpers and Coil Line Have Something in Common...

Somewhere along the way, fire pumpers relied on a pipeline to convey water needed to fill the tanks. Likewise, *Coil Line* relies on readers and contributors to keep its content “pipeline” filled... *and the pipeline is running near-empty for the next issue or two.*

Please contact the editor for suggestions if you have an article idea that needs a nudge. Or if you have an interesting picture or collecting tip to share, let us know. (See page 132 for contact information.)

ALL MEMBERS: Please fill out & return this form (After removing ballot) before **December 31, 2021**

2022 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: (____) _____

	<u>Regular Member</u>	<u>Life Member</u>
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>	___ \$38.00	___ \$26.00
Worldwide: Annual Dues with Electronic Full Color <i>Coil Line</i>	___ \$12.00	___ Included
Worldwide: Annual Dues with Surface Mailing <i>Coil Line</i>	___ \$46.00	___ \$34.00

Membership Pin with PNC³ 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
(Detach Ballot at bottom, 101 West Sterling Way
does NOT go to treasurer.) Leesburg FL 34788

Please do NOT send payment for more than one year as the dues structure may change next year.

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

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 2197 or lower has the necessary 10 years of membership as of December 31, 2021.

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 address 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 _____

◀▶ ===== (CUT HERE) ===== ▶▶ ▶▶ ===== (CUT HERE) ===== ▶▶

(see page 140)

BYLAWS BALLOT

(see page 140)

Change in Finance Committee bylaws: I ___ approve / ___ do not approve this change.

Change in Budgets bylaws: I ___ approve / ___ do not approve this change.

Please mail ballot to: Ed Wigger, 1123 Baldwin St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Ballots must be returned by November 30, 2021

For vote to be valid, you must include your membership # on outside of envelope in upper-left corner, with your return address. If you do not know your membership #, contact Mel Borofsky or Dan Farrar (see page 132).

Annual PNC³ Membership Dues are Due!

From Mel Borofsky, PNC³ Treasurer:

Now is the time to renew your PNC³ membership for another year. You can opt to use the proper renewal form located on the other side of this 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. NOTE: The form has an Attached Bylaws Ballot – PLEASE detach Ballot before sending in renewal form. (Ballot goes to different address, shown on ballot form.)

You can also pay your dues via PayPal. Go to the club's website: www.pnc3.org. On the left side of the screen, click on "PNC³ MEMBERSHIP" then select "RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE," or go to <https://pnc3.org/club/RenewMembership.php>

Go to: www.pnc3.org

Step 1 - Click on PNC³ Membership

Step 2 - Select "Renew Your Membership Online"

Step 3 - Click on "Pay Now" for your renewal type

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Pay Dues

Regular Members

One year membership with Electronic delivery of Coil Line (\$12.00). **Pay Now**

One year membership with U.S. First Class Mail delivery of Coil Line \$38.00. **Pay Now**

One year membership with International Surface Mail delivery of Coil Line \$46.00. **Pay Now**

Life Members

If you choose to renew via PayPal and your personal information has changed, please notify us via the Change of Address form on the PNC³ website www.pnc3.org. Again, go to "PNC³ MEMBERSHIP" and then select "CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM." Or, you may provide this information directly to the Club Secretary, Dan Farrar, whose contact information is located in the Elected Officers area of **Coil Line** (page 132).

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

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

Most members do a good job of remembering their membership number and placing it on the paper form. (This speeds the renewal process.) If you choose to use PayPal you can add your membership number in the comment section. If you don't remember your number, send in the payment anyway and remember to look on your check when it is returned, I will add your number to your check. If you would 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. You can also request a membership card on the comment section of your PayPal payment.

Thanks in advance for keeping your membership current and helping us keep PNC³ a strong and viable part of the philatelic community. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.