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# COIL LINE

## Coil Line: The Early Years

The 16th issue of our *Coil Line* journal is the October 1989 14-page issue, featuring the PNC<sup>3</sup>'s second club auction (pages 11-13). 249 lots were listed, including two donations to the club. Two minimum bids stand out: \$525 for lot 194, single entry in category "F. FDC by Artcraft." (Yes, the FDCs then were filed under no less than eight headings by cachet maker.) "2126/2162a 6 Trike, PS4, #1 with 6c Trike PC PS3, #1 on one cover, a rare and (please see next page)

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## First Look at Large-Roll 2022 U.S. Flags

PNC<sup>3</sup> member Rob Washburn recently received eight strips of 25 he ordered from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services of the large-roll 2022 U.S. Flags issue. Of the eight strips, three did not have any plate number.

Of the five strips with a plate number, three have their numbers placed far enough left of the right end so that Rob spotted a constant variety on the sixth stamp to the right of the plate-numbered coil. This errant tiny blob of magenta ink appears in the bottom margin, a bit right of center.

Rob prepared an arrangement of these three strips to align their numbered coils in a vertical column, as shown in Figure 1 below. This places the respective coils with this constant ink speck at the third position from the right in this image. (Close-up images Figure 2 and Figure 3 are shown on the next page.)

Folds that Stamp Fulfillment Services made in the strips can be seen in the top row between fifth and sixth stamps (which ends a plate strip of 5), between seventh and eighth stamps in center row, and between third and fourth stamps in last row (at right of the plate #).

Rob notes, "By the way, the USPS has been selling strips of 25 for years. They carefully folded them, usually so the plate number strip wasn't affected, but NOW you are not guaranteed a plate number at all. And you are certainly going to get folds wherever they like. I ordered eight strips, and three had no plate numbers!" (please see next page)

Figure 1.



► **Large-Roll 2022 U.S. Flags** (from front page)

Rob ordered strips from both 3,000-count (3K) rolls and 10,000-count rolls, and believes the strips with the constant variety came from the 3K rolls.

Club president Tom McFarland describes in his column this month (page 7, before he heard of Rob's find) the items he received from ordering 25-count strips. Tom elaborates here in light of Rob's items:

**Welcome!** If you are a new reader to *Coil Line*, PNC<sup>3</sup> is in our 34th year. We are a community of stamp collectors focusing on plate numbered coil issues of the USA. The first PNCs were issued in 1981 and, in Feb. 1988, a group 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!

► **Coil Line – Early Years** (from front page)

controversial cover, XF.”

Lot 225 in the “Used” category is described as “18 Flag, #6, light purple cancel covers only rt half of stamp, sound perfs, clean and crisp, solid FVF example,” minimum bid of \$425. Interestingly, in the auction lots the main stamp's denomination is shown alone, without “c” or “¢” or “cents”.

Taking a peek into the Auction Results (page 5, Dec. 1989), neither Lot 194 nor 225 sold. We'll have to continue looking into later auctions to see if either were sold under different circumstances. – *Ron Blanks*

“I have a strip of 25 from a 3K roll that shows the red blob. The plate number is on the 24th stamp in the strip and the blob is 21 stamps to the left. That's the same position as 6 stamps to the right (“6R”). The other 3K strip of 25 that I have is cut off after the fifth stamp to the right of the plate number, so no luck there.

“For the 10K roll case, I have two strips of 25 that include the 6R stamp and neither shows the blob. I also have a strip of 300 from the 10K that doesn't have the blob.

“I am not surprised that Rob received strips without a plate number. [My math indicates,] if the strips of 25 are being cut continuously without regard to the plate number position, then two out of every 27 strips will be numberless. As well, only 13 of every 27 strips will produce a strip of five without a fold.”



Figure 4. Close-up of PNC #B1111



Figure 2.



Figure 3.

# CATALOG CORNER

with Frank Covey

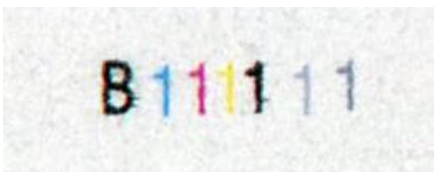


The 4¢ Blueberries was issued January 9, 2022, in Blue Hill, Maine 04614 in 3K and 10K rolls.

The coils have a repeating plate number of B111111 every 27th stamp along the roll. A 2022 date is printed in the lower left corner. USPS is microprinted in the middle of the leaf cluster on the right side of the design.

The stamps are untagged, but the white areas of the design glow bright blue under shortwave UV light.

The 3K rolls have 4-digit back number. The 10K rolls have 5-digit back numbers. Back numbers are 10 stamps apart on the back of the liner. Many of the 3K and 10K rolls located so far have the back numbers printed upside down as shown below.



4¢ Blueberries (SA) BCA  
Plate **B11111**  
PNC ID **2022-1**

The 4¢ Blueberries (2022-1) is the last entry of the low denomination Fruit series. Others in the series are the 1¢ Apples (2016-8), the 2¢ Meyer Lemons (2018-1), the 3¢ Strawberries (2017-6), the 5¢ Grapes (2016-4) and the 10¢ Red Pears (2016-1, 2017-5).

The lower denominations in the Fruit series are often used in combination to pay the 5 cents minimum required if using stamps on non-profit mailings. (Actual postage rates are higher, and mailers under permit pay postage due on-account with the USPS.)



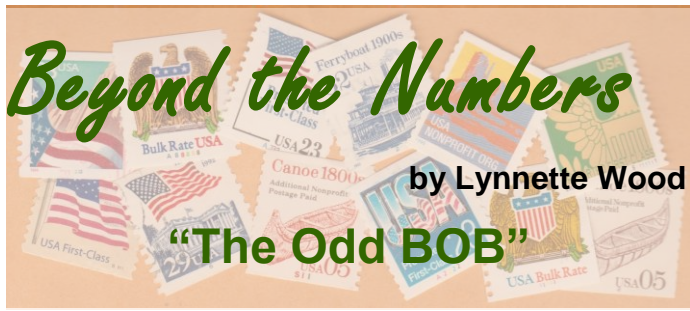
USPS  
Microprinting

Bottom 5-digit  
Upside down  
Back Number,  
10K Roll



Top 4-digit  
Upside down  
Back Number,  
3K Roll





Back of the Book (BOB) stamps are those stamp issues that are listed in the “back” of the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue's country sections, after the regular issue stamps. Regular issue stamps are assigned sequential, numeric Scott numbers, while BOBs are designated with a prefix, such as C for airmail, J for postage due, and O for Official.

Why don't we read much about BOB coils with plate numbers? There are some Official Mail (also known as Penalty Mail) stamps that were issued in coil format. But there are only five that can be found with plate numbers. They are:

- O135 – 20¢, with plate #1, issued in 1983
- O139 – “D” (22¢), with plate #1, issued in 1985
- O159 – 37¢, with plate #S111, issued in 2002
- O160 – 39¢, with plate #S111, issued in 2006
- O162 – 41¢, with plate #S111, issued in 2007.

These stamps share a common design featuring a white eagle on a rectangular blue background. The eagle's left claw holds 13 arrows; its right holds an olive branch with 13 leaves. The eagle's shield has 13 stripes and there are 13 stars above its head.

“Official Mail USA” appears in red above the blue

rectangle, while the denomination and a “penalty for private use” warning appear below it. The latter explains why Official (Use) Mail is also known as Penalty Mail.

The last Official Mail stamp issued in the United States was Scott #O163, issued in 2009. Use of Official Mail stamps was discontinued altogether in 2013, although official use meter mail and pre-printed envelopes continue to this day.

Use of official mail is strictly limited to government use, and for conducting government business. Details are described in

<https://pe.usps.com/archive/html/dmmarchive20030810/E060.htm>

These stamps were never available for purchase in post offices, so how do they come to be in collectors' hands? Mint examples were offered for sale by order through the Philatelic Sales Division of the USPS.

With few exceptions, Official Mail stamps are inexpensive and easy to find from dealers or online platforms such as eBay. It is much harder to find them on cover (on envelopes) than off. A few years ago on eBay, I did run across a First Day Cover (FDC) with a plate numbered pair of Scott #O135 (see Figure 1).

But finding a PNC on a cover that was actually used in the conduct of government business would add a significant challenge to the hunt.

As always, please share your thoughts and comments by sending a message to me at [PNCsAreCool@gmail.com](mailto:PNCsAreCool@gmail.com), and if you have a topic that you would be interested in reading about, please let me know that as well. Meanwhile, happy hunting!

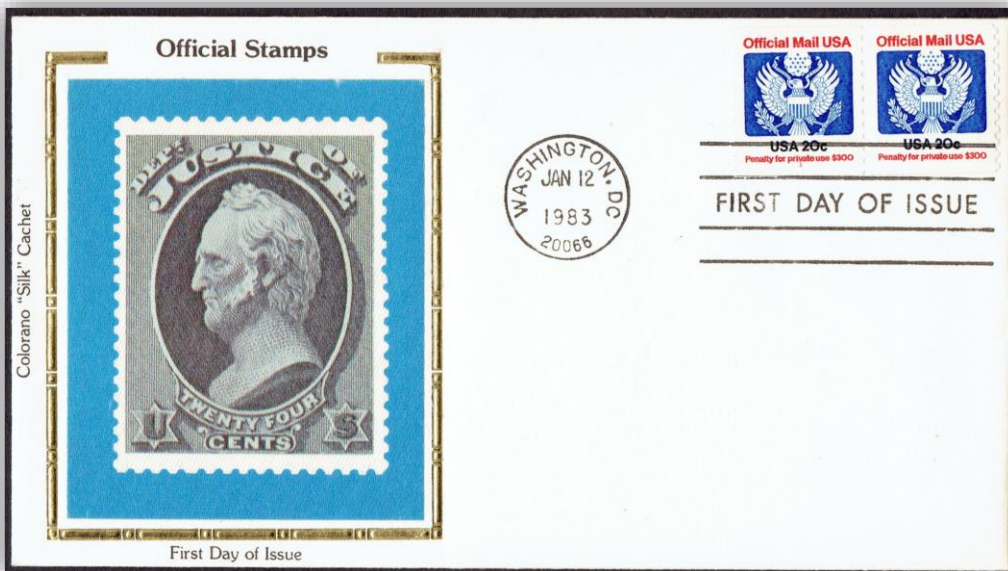


Figure 1.  
Scott O135 FDC.



## Wanted: Webmaster

PNC<sup>3</sup> is looking for a new Webmaster. We're hoping that among our membership there will be a person (or persons) with extensive web development and maintenance expertise who can step up to this role. The responsibility will include keeping the website maintained by posting relevant information for club members, adding new code to improve functionality, and hunting down and correcting existing issues with the website such as dead links and other user-reported problems.

The person applying should have appropriate web development credentials and the flexibility to make changes quickly when needed. Basic remuneration is included on a monthly basis, but due to the club's budget, it is not what a professional web developer would normally be paid. Thus, we're hoping to find someone within our membership who would be willing to help with this job and is willing to accept a small stipend monthly to help cover their expenses.

If we are unable to recruit a club member to handle this important task, we will have to look elsewhere, so if you have a friend or family member who has the appropriate credentials and would consider taking on this role, we would appreciate having their information. We realize we might have to pay more for an outside developer but would consider this course if none other is available.

Please contact President Tom McFarland if you are interested in this position or can recommend someone outside the membership who could assume this responsibility. (Tom's contact information is on page 6.)

### Coils Now Off-Sale (Dec 31, 2021)

Announced in the Nov 18, 2021 *Postal Bulletin*: The following coils were removed from sale at the end of 2021 and are no longer available from the USPS:

- Item 749900 (Postcard) Seashells Coil/100
- Item 755000 (Forever) Flowers / Garden Coil/3k
- Item 760100 (Forever) Flowers / Garden Coil/10k



## Coil Line Chatter

We catch up on some odds and ends and regret some goofs that slipped through recently. For instance, it was quite a surprise to see "December" opposite alternate page numbers in the January issue.

Speaking of pages, based on past literature judging comments, as of the February issue we're now numbering each issue beginning with page 1.

Final item for now: It might not always be apparent but we do care about readability each month. Lynnette Wood has blessed us with three "Beyond the Numbers" articles in a row. In reviewing January's published version, I was disappointed to see that the main text was in font size 11, when it should be 12. That was my fault, not Lynnette's. – *Editor*  
**P.S. The Catalog Committee has new offerings and order form on this issue's wrapper – Take a look!**



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(PS7, PS5, Precancel gaps, EFOs, Back Numbers and Die Cuts interests)

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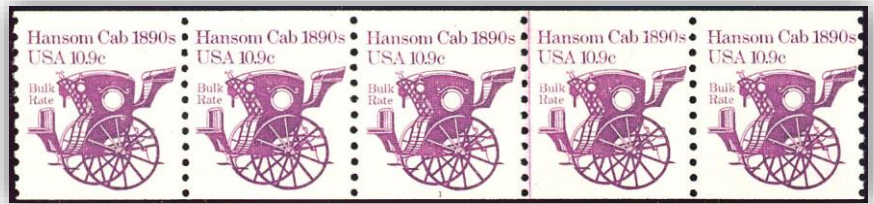
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# PNC<sup>3</sup> Elections Coming in June

by Robert E. Thompson,  
Elections Committee Chair

Election of officers for our club will be held in June 2022. I currently have Mel Borofsky running for Treasurer and John Himes for one of the At-Large positions.

That leaves President, Vice President, Secretary, and one other At-Large position for which we have yet to have candidates volunteer.

(Tom McFarland is term limited, so he cannot run for president again. He will fill the past president office on the newly composed board.)

If anyone on the board, past officers or new faces has any interest in serving on the PNC<sup>3</sup> board, please contact me. My contact information can be found listed with the other officers in this *Coil Line* (page 6).

This would be a great time for someone to step forward to help our club. Terms are for two years, with most of the club's business conducted via emails.

## ► Readers Forum *(continued from page 12)*

*Under magnification, the "white line" effect turns out to be the result of a second (5¢) coil being affixed in perfect horizontal alignment on top of a first coil affixed. But it's vertically displaced lower just enough to show a sliver of the white field of the design.*

*In hindsight, one can notice the shadowy tops of the letters "US" apparent through the paper of the second stamp. The enlargement shown below was slightly altered to better display this. Note the coincidence of the perfectly placed die cut shapes at the upper corners, contributing to the illusion of "one" coil even if it were inexplicably 2mm higher than normal. A practiced hand could make more.)*

(Readers Forum continues on page 9)



## President's Message

**Tom McFarland**

On Saturday, February 5, the club held our third general membership meeting via Zoom. 42 members were present at the peak of attendance. Unfortunately, some members, myself included, had difficulty connecting to the meeting. Although I was eventually able to join, others were not, so total attendance might well have been higher.

The agenda was modified slightly due to my inability to join at the start. Thanks to John Himes for taking the lead to begin the meeting. As with previous meetings, there were a few members scheduled to speak or present. John Himes gave a presentation on Precancel Gap Strip Collecting.

Treasurer Mel Borofsky updated us on the club's financial condition (excellent) and the status of membership renewals. Frank Covey shared information on this year's new coil stamps, the Blueberries and the various coil versions of the new Forever US Flag.

Catalog Committee member Frank O'Brien gave an update on progress of the next edition of the PNC<sup>3</sup> Values List. Auctioneer Joe Sedivy spoke about the upcoming auction, which will be in the April *Coil Line*, and Robert Thompson gave an update on the continuing flood of counterfeit stamps being offered online.

For those unable to attend, a video of the meeting has been posted on the front page of the club website. Feedback on the Zoom meetings has been positive and we'll plan to do more going forward.

The U. S. Postal Service is selling strips of 25 of the new Forever US Flag stamp from both coils of 3,000 and 10,000. Shortly after they were issued, I ordered two each of the strips. As with previous such strips, they come folded after the 10th and 20th stamps.

On the strips I received from the coil of 3,000, one has the plate number on the second stamp from the end of the strip and the other has the plate numbered stamp next to a fold. From the coil of 10,000, one strip has the plate number on the second stamp from a fold while the other is on the fourth stamp from a fold.

So out of four strips, only one PS5 was possible without a fold. The USPS used to have a policy of cutting and folding these strips so that at least a PS5 could be obtained. Apparently that's no longer the case. If you order these strips of 25, I hope your luck is better.

## “Where’s a Numbered PNC Version?” – Ron Blanks



One of my favorite covers is one trait shy of being a “showstopper”, although it comes close as-is. Featuring a 10.1¢ Oil Wagon precanceled with the original “Bulk Rate” service inscription, alas it is not a numbered example of this PNC issue.

What makes the cover remarkable is the addition of an Americana series 3¢ Ballot Box sheet stamp, precanceled with a pair of lines. Though without postmarks, one content item survived, a business reply envelope to the Wall Street Journal, Sub-

scriber Service Division (not shown).

Assuming the cover is genuine, it is highly unusual to have a mass mailing of its time overfranked beyond a single coil that can be machine-affixed. (Exceptions are known; I have one of a common example of an American Express mailing that used a pair of the 13¢ Patrol Wagon coils. The envelope is square-shaped, which meant a nonstandard surcharge to the bulk rate.)

The 10.1¢ was issued April 18, 1985 for the 5-digit presort third-class rate of Feb. 17, 1985. This is the same time of the 12.5¢ basic bulk rate for which the 12.5¢ Pushcart was issued.

On April 3, 1988 the 5-digit rate rose to 13.2¢ but no specific stamp was issued for that. Instead, either of the two above could be used, with the difference paid by stamps or meter on mailing statement.



Note the 3¢ + 10.1¢ was a creative alternative for 13.2¢. But a 3¢ Transportation coil was more cost-effective to machine-affix (though needing to be user-canceled). This 3¢ sheet stamp does not appear affixed by a labeling machine. Thus my suspicion of a hobby prank. Or is another one out there?

## Oil Wagons and Coil Line Have Something in Common...



Somewhere along the way, oil wagons relied on a pipeline to convey oil 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 after the April auction listings issue.*

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 6 for contact help, including mailing in items for pictures if needed.)

## Picture Guidelines

Pictures need to be image files (JPG or PNG format) sent by email as attachments. They should not be embedded in email text. (That would require extra steps to try to extract images, with no certainty of same quality.) If you want only the coil design to be recognized, 300dpi is fine. But to see a smaller part better, 600dpi is minimum. (Numbers and dots and so forth are even better at 1200dpi.)

► **Readers Forum** (continued from page 7)

**Counterfeit Z Flag Miscut.** I obtained this 2018 “Z” Flag coil pair on Ebay (cheap, too). I’m not sure if it matches any others that have been found so far. The dealer probably has more. – *Jeff Fiszbein #1148* ▼



**Surprising Counterfeit Z Flag.** It was only a matter of time. I thought the direct mail fundraising example (shown below) was worth keeping, as it was the first use I’d seen of the (20¢) Brush Rabbit additional ounce coil. But a surprise awaited under the shortwave UV lamp – the 2018 “Z” Flag coil is untagged.

Under closer inspection (close-up shown at right), the shadow shading to the right of “USA” looks very close to the genuine coil, as does the “USPS” micro-printing. [In contrast, note the shadow shading in Jeff’s pair above extends all the way through the three diagonal stripes. Even at a glance, this looks different from the genuine shading on the lower two stripes only.] The “2018” is also close to genuine, except



with a little study the “8” appears narrower than it should.

But the easy giveaway here is the die cutting. Especially with the genuine Brush Rabbit die cutting next to it (produced by Ashton Potter). The peaks and valleys are shallower and the gauge is off. – *Ron Blanks #2119*

## coil Line Classifieds

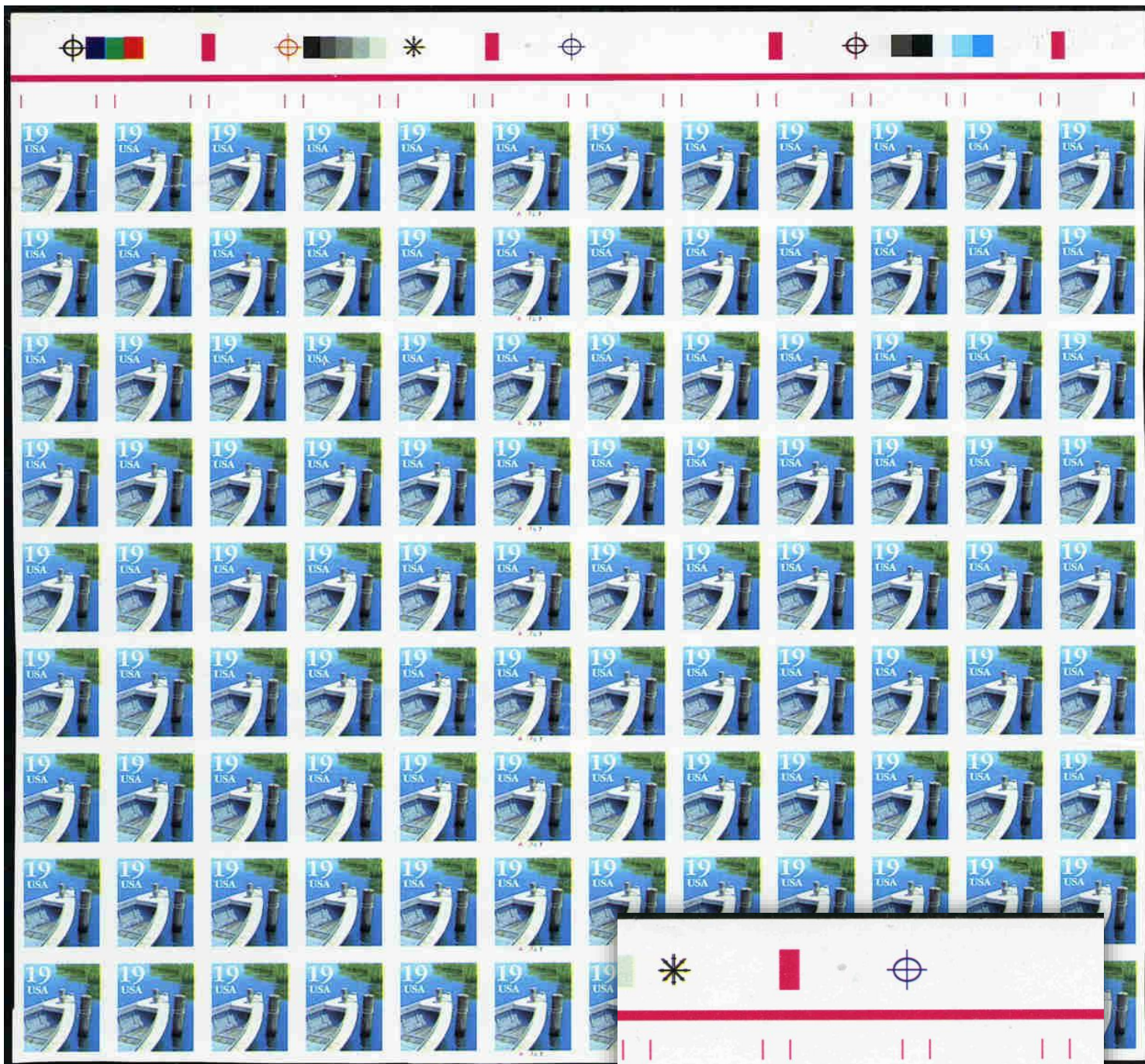
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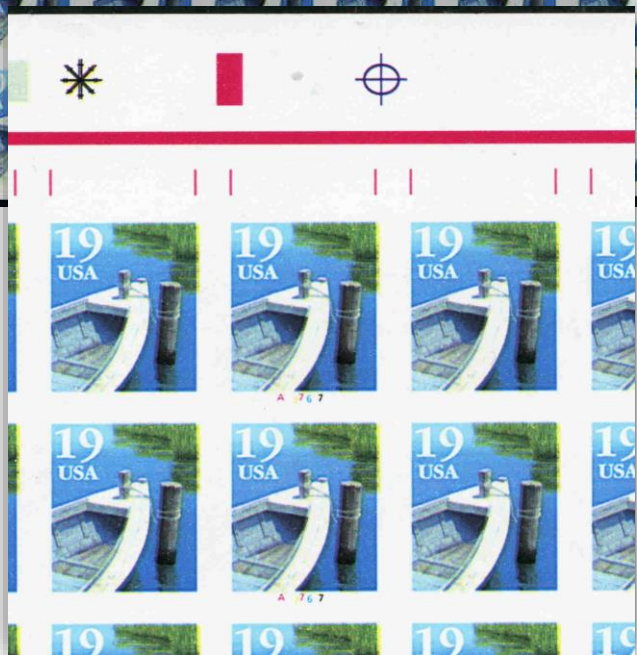


Fundraising mailing unpostmarked, contents dated January 3, 2022



**Something to See.** “Web,” “color mark,” “cross hairs,” “registration mark,” “printer’s waste.” We rarely get a look behind the scenes to put in context these terms, often used to explain coil production or odd margin marks.

This large, imperforate print web fragment of nine rows and twelve columns of a 19¢ Fishing Boat issue (type II, Scott 2529a) has been offered online for at least several months. Its marketing description notes that fingerprints and creasing are present. Each stamp in the sixth column bears plate #A7767. The Scott catalog has a footnote, “Imperforates are from printer’s waste. ... #A7767 is known only from printer’s waste.”



## Recent PNC New Issue Information by Andy Jakes

Denom	Issue Name	PNC-ID Number	Scott Nbr	Issue Date	Plate# Plate #	Roll Interval	USPS Item #	Tag	WAG or SA	T, B Back #s	
(0.10)	Flags on Barns	2022-7		4/14/2022			3K,10K		SA		
<.58>	Mountain Flora	2022-6		3/14/2022	P1111	27	3,000	750904	Overall	SA	
<.58>	Mountain Flora	2022-6		3/14/2022	P1111	27	10,000	761104	Overall	SA	
(0.05)	Butterfly Flowers	2022-5		2/1/2022	B1111	24	3,000	750804	Untagged	SA	
	from 3k roll	2022-5			B1111	24	500**	750815			
	from 3k roll	2022-5			B1111	24	25**	750803		T(I),B(I)	
(0.05)	Butterfly Flowers	2022-5		2/1/2022	B1111	24	10,000	761004	Untagged	SA	
	from 10k roll	2022-5			B1111	24	500**	761015			
	from 10k roll	2022-5			B1111	24	25**	761003		B(I)	
<.58>	U.S. Flags 2022	2022-4	5657	1/9/2022	P1111	31	100	740404	Block	SA	None
<.58>	U.S. Flags 2022	2022-3	5656	1/9/2022	B1111	31	100	740402	Block	SA	None
<.58>	U.S. Flags 2022	2022-2	5655	1/9/2022	B1111	27	3,000	750704	Overall	SA	
	from 3k roll	2022-2	5655		B1111	27	500**	750715			
	from 3k roll	2022-2	5655		B1111		25**	750703			T, B
<.58>	U.S. Flags 2022	2022-2	5655	1/9/2022	B1111	27	10,000	760904	Overall	SA	
	from 10k roll	2022-2	5655		B1111	27	500**	760915			B(I)
	from 10k roll	2022-2	5655		B1111		25**	760903			T(I)
0.04	Blueberries	2022-1	5653	1/9/2022	B111111	27	3,000	750604	Untagged	SA	
	from 3k roll	2022-1	5653		B111111	27	500**	750615			B(I)
0.04	Blueberries	2022-1	5653	1/9/2022	B111111	27	10,000	760804	Untagged	SA	
	from 10k roll	2022-1	5653		B111111	27	500**	760815			T
(0.25)	Star Quilts REPRINT	2021-3	(none)	Late 2021	B11111	28	10,000	(dealers)	Overall	SA	T, B(I)
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<0.36>	Barns (4)	2021-1	5553a	1/24/2021	B1111	32	100	740204	Block	SA	None
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	from 3k roll	2020-2	5444a		B1111	27	500**	750415			T, B
	from 3k roll	2020-2	5444a		B1111		25**	750403			
<.55>	Wild Orchids	2020-2	5444a	2/21/2020	B1111	27	10,000	760704	Overall	SA	T, B
	from 10k roll	2020-2	5444a		B1111	27	500**	760715			T, B
	from 10k roll	2020-2	5444a		B1111		25**	760703			
(0.10)	Presorted Star	2020-1	5433	2/3/2020	B1111	27	3,000	750504	Untagged	SA	T
	from 3k roll	2020-1	5433		B1111		25**	750503			T
(0.10)	Presorted Star	2020-1	5433	2/3/2020	B1111	27	10,000	760604	Untagged	SA	B
	from 10k roll	2020-1	5433		B1111		25**	760603			B
<.35>	Coral Reefs	2019-5	5370a	3/29/2019	P111111	32	100	745104	Block	SA	None
<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/2019	B111	27	10,000	760504	Overall	SA	T, B
	from 10k roll	2019-4	5362		B111		25**	760503			
<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/2019	B111	27	3,000	759904	Overall	SA	T, B
	from 3k roll	2019-4	5362		B111		25**	759903			

\*\*NOTE 1: Roll sizes in Italics are quantities available from Stamp Fulfillment Services

using adjacent USPS Item #. These are partial rolls from 3K or 10K rolls.

*Compiled by Andy Jakes,  
Updated 2/14/2022.*

T=Top,  
B=Bottom,  
(I)=inverted

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**Unpacking the “Santa Ana Pink.”** I was listing stamps on eBay one morning and I listed a copy of the Scott 2603 (10¢) Eagle & Shield #11111 “Santa Ana Pink” color variety.

I then looked to see if I had any more copies in my extras. I had 173 extras and I found 10 of the “Santa Ana Pink.” While sorting the extras I found what the differences were between the normal stamp and the “Santa Ana Pink” variety.

Here is a side by side picture showing the normal on the left and the “Santa Ana Pink” on the right (Figure 1). Hard to tell the difference without the following information.



Figure 1.

The next three pictures show the normal color at the top and “Santa Ana Pink” on the bottom. The “Santa Ana Pink” has the pink plate number, all the plate numbers are wider and all the letters in “Bulk Rate” are fatter.



Figure 2.



Figure 5.  
Scott 5172.



**A (5¢) USA Puzzle.** I recently received this cover with an interesting miscut of the nonprofit (5¢) USA with blue border. This increases the height of the stamp by two millimeters. At first it appeared that the white line at the top in the blue might be a guide line.

On closer examination, the white line is definitely incused into the surface of the stamp with the blue removed. After printing, of course. Just something different. If you have any explanation, let me know.

– (PNC<sup>3</sup> member, anonymously)

(Editor’s reply: *Interestingly, I just completed sorting through a recent clippings mixture of all pre-sort coils. Of the five pounds, 95% seemed to be the blue-frame (5¢) USA coil. (A later tally based on PNCs found will give a truer percentage to report.)*

*When seeing the cover for the first time, I couldn’t help thinking, I never saw anything even hinting of this. (Figure 5 above shows cropped images of the coil from corner of cover.)* (please see page 7)

Figure 3 shows the plate numbers better. Figure 4 shows that the pink shield lines are wider than the red lines of the normal stamp. And all red areas are a little pinkish.



Figure 3.



Figure 4.

Members might want to search their holding for this interesting color variety. – Dan Forgues #1037-L

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