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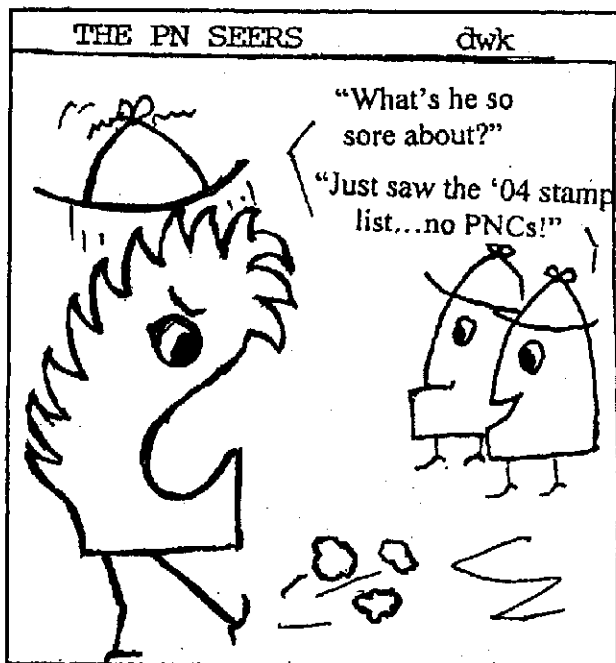
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About 20 percent of club members have taken advantage of 'Handbook'

Arthur Westneat estimates about 20 percent of the membership has taken advantage of the PNC Handbook service he has offered the past couple of years.

Westneat copies data files from the PNC3 Web site into double-sided pages. The result is a loose leaf set of more than 200 sheets, weighing almost three pounds. The pages are photocopied, punched, packaged and mailed for a total price of \$19. He reports the price is as low as it is because he found a print shop that requires a 75-mile roundtrip.

He has also provided supplements as pages are updated and added to the database. At age 83, Westneat said the effort serves as a diversion for him and he is willing to continue as long as he is able and there is an interest.

The \$19 handbook is available from Westneat at 15 Davis Ave., Durham, NH 03824. Check ahead for updates at (603) 868-6480 or a.westneat@verizon.net

Message from the President:

The Catalog . . . Your part

In early December 2003, your catalog committee finished preparing the catalog offerings listed on the order form in this issue of *Coil Line*. The Committee printed sample copies for themselves and selected reviewers. During the past month and a half a review process has taken place to make corrections and improvements to the pages offered.

A feedback form will come with the pages ordered. This is your chance to suggest improvement or make comment on the catalog offerings. A feedback form returned from a PNC3 member after reviewing the 2003 Catalog Sampler, suggested we allow space for additional plate numbers for issues still active.

This year on the reprint of the 37c Flag Waving (BEP), space was left to add six new plate numbers and on the 23c Washington pages two extra spaces are available.

The catalog pages show both PNC ID and Scott Number, but if you use some other identification scheme, a blank field titled "Other Identifier" has been provided. This field could also be used to identify the page or album where the issue can be found in your collection.

On the "2002 Updates only" pages, the page number has been left intentionally blank. Some members will replace Sampler pages purchased last year with these pages. The number of pages for the 37c Flag Waving and the 23c Washington have increased. Some will want to keep last year's pages and add the new pages behind them. Pages published at different times can be distinguished from one another by the month/year date stamp at the bottom of each page.

Our intent is to make the pages of your catalog as complete as possible. If you know of images left out or other information you would like included, please let us know. For example, we have had several reports of an imperf plate 4444 of the 37c Flag Waving (BEP), but the owner (s) are not known. The image would be a nice addition to our catalog pages.

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Catalog

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You can always e-mail the Catalog Committee at catalog@pnc3.org with your ideas.

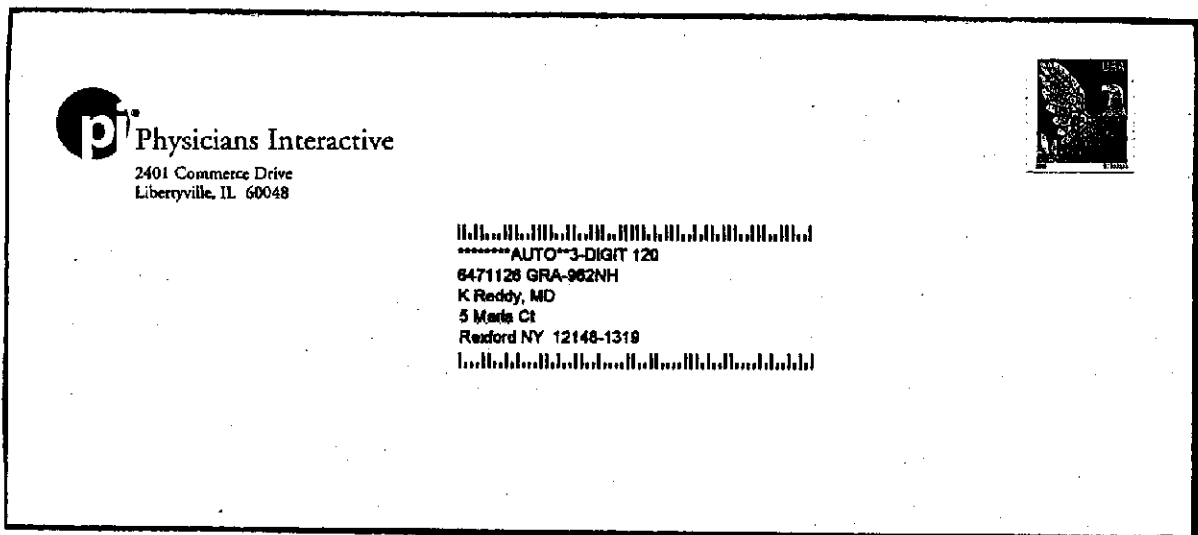
Orders for the current catalog offerings must be received by February 20, 2004. Orders coming in after that date will be returned.

-Frank Covey

On the Exhibit Trail

Pages 24-26 are three pages from Bill McMurray's Tomorrow's Classics Part II (U.S. Transportation Coil Issues if 1982 and 1983). Additional pages from this exhibit will be published in upcoming months to show what is being done to successfully exhibit Plate Number Coils.

The following portion of Rob Washburn's Commercial Cover report was omitted from the January *Coil Line*.



Scott Adams sent me a cover proving the existence of the 25¢ Eagle #S3333333. See above.

A 9.3¢ Mail Wagon #3 PNC tied on cover by a June 4, 1983 postmark has been found. The previous EKU for that number (on a cover carried through the mail stream) was January ?, 1986. A 32¢ Flag/Porch SA #S11111 PNC has been found on a cover cancelled August 26, 1996, three months earlier than the previously recorded EKU on cover.

My thanks go out to George Ritter, Ken Cherry, Richard Beecher, Joann Lenz, Don Brown, Thomas Babb, Dan Kauffman, Ken Moreau, George Cook, and Scott Adams for their correspondence and reports.

SNIPPETS

By Alan Thomson

FOP 66666 12/11 Sold - Big Money

One of the five known numbered copies of the rare Flag Over Porch #66666 12/11 has been sold and is the first one to ever change hands. Dealer Jim Nelson bought the used copy outright and resold it through a closed auction for a record price of \$3,500. There were only four bidders who met the reserve initially and only two were in the game when the winning bid was placed. The buyer wishes to remain anonymous. As far as I know this purchase price is the most ever paid for a used PNC single. The four other owners now have a market price to place on their holdings. Two of those four hold covers which could possibly have even a higher value.

Washington Numbers Change Size

A lot has been said about the die cutting on the 23¢ George Washington coil and while we were all absorbed in that aspect, something else was changed by Avery. The plate numbers have changed size. The first appearance of a larger digit occurred in the green 6 of number V36. Thus that number has two digits that differ in size. The gray digit 4 then went to the larger size in plate number V46. That gave V46 both digits in the larger size. Digits below gray 4 and green 6 all appear to be the smaller type. Check your copies to see if any of the lower numbers, V11 through V35, have anything but the small digits. Some of those lower numbers in my possession have tiny variations in digit size but it's probably simply due to ink density.

Huge Response to Toys B11111

I am amazed by the response to last month's item about used examples of Antique Toys number B11111. I have been swamped with e-mails, letters and one phone call replying to what was more or less a rhetorical question - Are they scarce? In over ten years of writing this column I cannot remember a greater reaction to anything that appeared here. One member even sent me a cover with B11111 on it. The consensus seems to be that that number used, is indeed scarce, representing about 2% of all Antique Toys used. One person dissented, stating his experience showed them to be about 10%. I can't mention everyone's name but some points made by Ken Cherry in his letter deserve note. Of 655 numbered Toys coils he has found, only 13 are B11111 and all of them came either from four far western states, CA, NV, WA and AZ, or three upper midwest states, WI, NE and IL. This suggests limited distribution. He also points out that it may be too early to be certain that B11111 used is truly scarce. He's right in both cases, but for now it is.

New Policy for CL Foreign Mailing

Recently I have been trying to use some older PNC's as postage on copies of Coil Line mailed to our foreign members, particularly those who are overseas. These members are at a disadvantage in acquiring used PNC's and can use a helping hand. The 9X12 manila envelopes always get a roller cancel, destroying the stamps. From now on CL mailed out-of-country will be sent folded in a #10, regardless of weight. Since these pieces (currently 15) are labeled and mailed separately, I can fold the paper and lend a hand to our foreign friends.

USA Flag Imperf and Miscut

Dealer Jim Nelson reports that a 37¢ Flag #7777 roll piece of 60 stamps that is imperforate and miscut has been found. The partial roll apparently contains two plate numbers along with quite a bit of valuable "scrap". Perhaps the word scrap is not appropriate in this case but used here for lack of a better description.

El Dorado Colors Confused

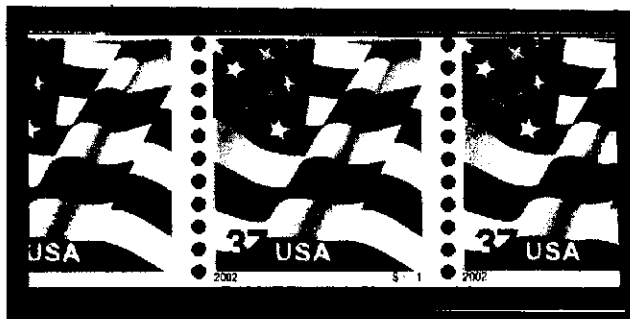
In last month's item about the Flag Over City gold color variety I stated that PMS 156C could possibly be the ink used for the gold colored buildings. Actually PMS 156 is the normal color listed by the printer for the FOC coils. I also misquoted Doug Iams when I stated he is convinced a different ink color was used. He tells me he remains undecided whether it's really different. Rich Nazar believes the yellow color is something other than PMS 156. One thing the three of us agree on is that the true color cannot be easily determined from the plate number digit. It's just too small. And a word of caution is in order. Simply because the reported examples of the gold color have come from #1111A does not mean all stamps with that plate number are the El Dorado type. Most examples of 1111A are normal.

More Honeybee Buzz

After I stated last month that the "flying bee" varieties of the 25¢ Honeybee coil all came from the combination Optiforma/C press printing, one of our members wanted to know if that meant that the "bee missing" error also came only from the dual press output. No, it does not. These two mistakes are quite different. The missing bee is an error where the black intaglio ink simply was not printed on the paper. It's a missing color and that could happen on either the C or the D press versions due to any number of reasons. The flying bee is from a lack of synchronization during the pass through the C press. Such a lack of synchronization was possible on the D press during start-up, but not likely. A "bee missing" can be checked to verify the press. Small block tagging is from the C press. Large block tagging is from the D press.

Jumbo Holes in Sennett Flag Coil

These are really big perf holes. Finder Rob Loeffler sent a PS5 of the 37¢ Flag, plate number S1111, with what he said are the biggest holes he's ever seen in a coil, or any other stamp for that matter. I agree. This is another case of what Sennett's skiving perforation process can do. Rob said it appears to be an example of extreme wear of the cones on the skiving cylinder.



CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

01/10/04

AHT

KEY: A-100, B-500, C-3000, D-10000

EP - EMBEDDED PHOS UT - UNTAGGED
 SP - SURFACE PHOS [xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL
 BK - BLOCK TAG (NL) - LINERLESS
 OA - OVERALL TAG ***NEW NUMBER**

Plate number intervals are shown in brackets following the stamp name. If more than one is indicated, the order is that in which the different printer's plate numbers are listed.

Example: G. Washington: [12] for BCA, [11] for Avery.

PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTERS:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| A - American Bank Note | P - Ashton-Pottar |
| B - Banknote Corp. of Am. | S - Sennett Security Prod. |
| G - Guilford Gravure | V - Avery-Dennison |
| M - 3M | None - BEP |

(37c) FLAG (SA) [24]

#1111 A
 #2222 A

37c FLAG (SA) [20]

#B1111 C, D

37c FLAG [14]

#S1111 A, C, D

37c F (SA) [24] [12] [14]

#1111 A
 #2222 A
 #3333 A
 #4444 A
 #5555 A
 #6666 A
 #7777 A
 #8888 A
 #9999 A
 #1111A* A
 #B1111 A
 #S1111 A
 #S3333 A
 #S3333 A

37c TOYS (SA) [12]

#B11111 A
 #B12222 A

37c SNOWMEN (SA) [12]

#G1111 A (NL)
 #G1112 A (NL)

37c EGRET (SA) [11]

#V1111 A
 #V2111 A

37c OFFICIAL [14]

#S111 A

1c KESTREL [24]

#1111 B, C (TYPE I)
 #1111 B (TYPE II)
 #1111 C (TYPE III)
 #2222 C
 #3333 C
 #4444 C

1c LAMP [14]

#S1111 C

2c WOODPECKER [24]

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D

3c STAR [14]

#S111 D

5c CIRCUS [48][24][14]

#1 B, C (OA) [32]
 #1 B, C (UT) [32]
 #2 C
 #A1 D
 #A2 D
 #A3 D
 #S1 D
 #S2 D (GLOSS)
 #S2 D (SHINY)
 #S3 D

5c TOLEWARE [14]

#S111111 D

23c G. W. (SA) [12] [11]

#B11 A
 #V11 A
 #V13 A
 #V21 A
 #V22 A
 #V24 A
 #V35 A
 #V36 A
 #V46 A

(5c) SEA (SA) [20][22]

#B111 D
 #P1111 D

(5c) SEACOAST [10]

#B111 B, D

(5c) WETLANDS [14]

S1111 C, D

(5c) WETLND (SA) [21]

#1111 C (light color)
 #1111 D (dark color)
 #2222 C, D
 #3333 C, D
 #4444 D
 #5555 D
 #6666 D

(10c) GREEN BIKE [14]

#S111 B, C, D

(10c) G. BIKE (SA) [21]

#111 D
 #221 D
 #222 D
 #333 C, D
 #344 C
 #444 C, D
 #555 C, D
 #666 C, D
 #777 C, D
 #888 D
 #999 D

(10c) ATLAS (SA) [20] [10]

#B1111 D
 #V11111* D

(10c) LION (SA) [21]

#S11111 D
 #S22222 D
 #S33333 D

(10c) LION [14]

#S11111 B, C

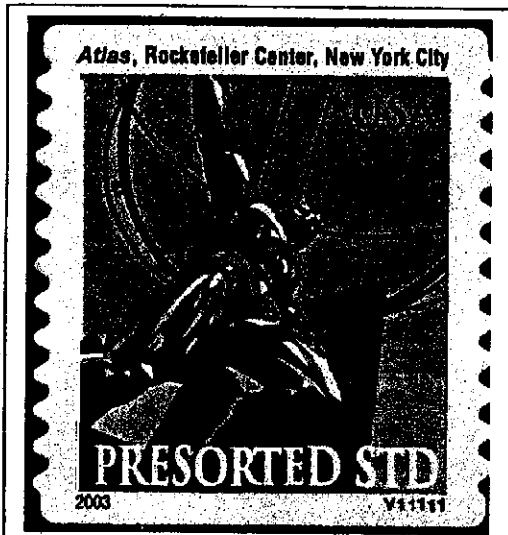
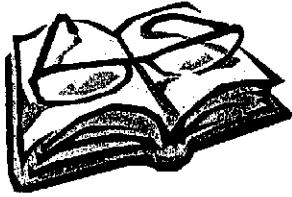
(10c) E&S STD [24]

#11111 D
 #22222 D

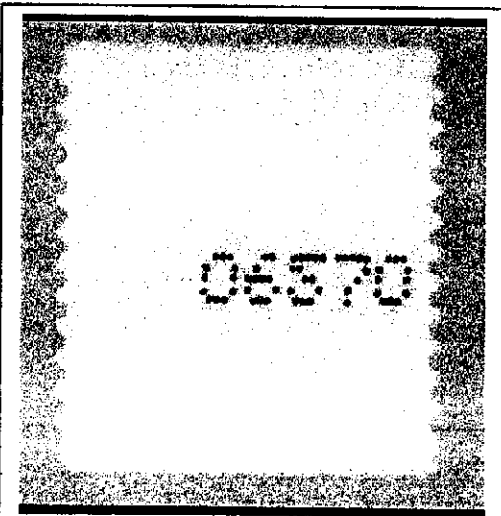
■ The Wetlands color differences on 1111 are in the stamp background.

■ The Kestrels differ in the order of color laydown. Colors are black, yellow, cyan and magenta. Type I sequence is BYCM. Type II is BCYM. Type III is YMCB. The color order shows in the plate number.

Catalog Corner



(10c) Atlas (AVR) (SA)
PNC ID 2003-9



Backnumber on
Atlas (AVR)

This coil is considered a reprint by USPS so it had no announced date of release. It was first available in late October 2003.

This issue by Avery Dennison (AVR) uses an Atlas design similar to the earlier Atlas (PNC ID 2001-6) printed by Banknote Corporation of America (BCA).

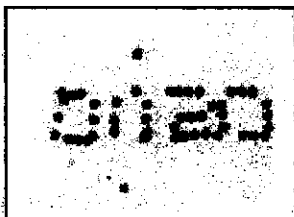
It is available only in a roll of 10,000 and has blue backnumbers that are near the middle of the stamp. Backnumbers are 5-digits long and occur every ten stamps. Referenced from the front, the backnumber is always three stamps left of the plate number so collectors would need to collect at least a PS7 to have the plate number centered on the strip with a backnumber showing.

There are many differences between this version (AVR) and the previous BCA version. These are shown in the table below.

| Atlas Differences | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| PNC ID | BCA 2001-6 | AVR 2003-9 |
| Date | 2001 | 2003 |
| Plate No | Bxxxx Centered | Vxxxxx Right |
| Die cut | 10/10 PP or VV | 12/12 VP |
| Lettering At top | Near design | Space Between Lettering & design |

Backnumber Misfires

By Frank Covey

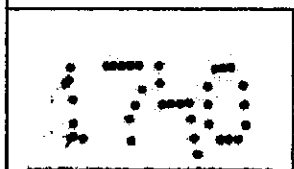


"De Croquet Wicket"
0020 from
Tiffany Lamp
Looks like a Croquet Wicket with balls on either side.

Coil rolls larger than 100 usually have backnumbers on them. Many backnumbers are created with a dot matrix printer. Most come out as they should but occasionally something goes amiss creating the backnumber misfires shown on this page.

Collecting backnumbers without plate numbers doesn't strain the pocket book. Most backnumber-only strips can be had for double face value or less.

So as you look at the images on this page let your imagination run away as you think of interesting names for these anomalies.

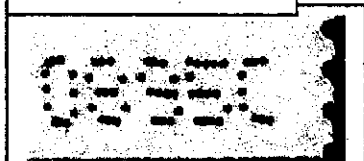


"Lightin' Bolt"
1740 from
Tiffany Lamp

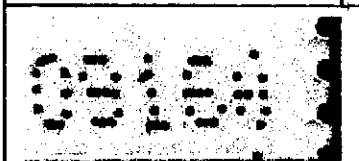
In the example below from matching 10K rolls of the 3c Star, note how similar the misfires are on the top and bottom backnumbers.

The last digit in a backnumber is always zero, but if you did not know this some of the numbers below would be a challenge to discern.

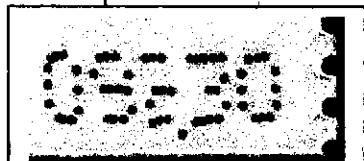
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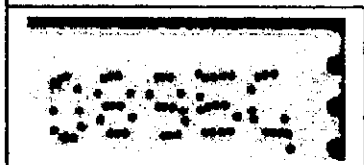
"Ship's Anchor"



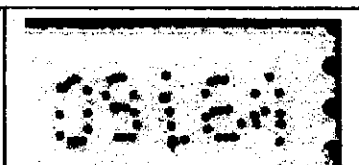
"Balding 2"



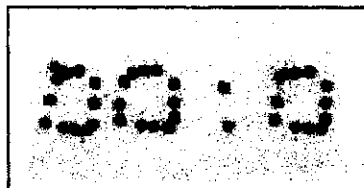
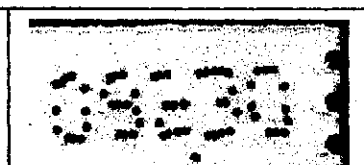
Backnumbers from matching top and bottom rolls of the 3c Star (PNC ID 2002-7)



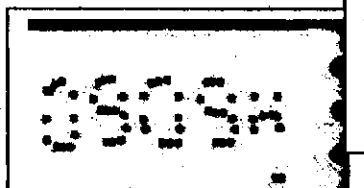
"The Clamp"



"Bird House on Pole"



"Three-eyed Owl"
From
Tiffany Lamp



"Raisin' a little H"
from
3c Star

Commercial Covers

Installment #111

Rob Washburn

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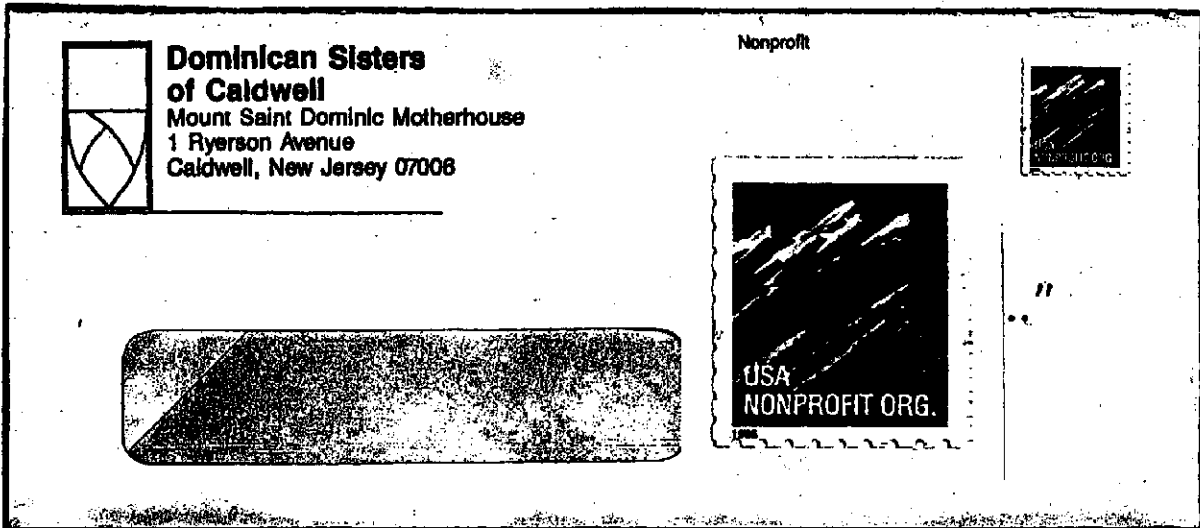
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Oddball Stuff

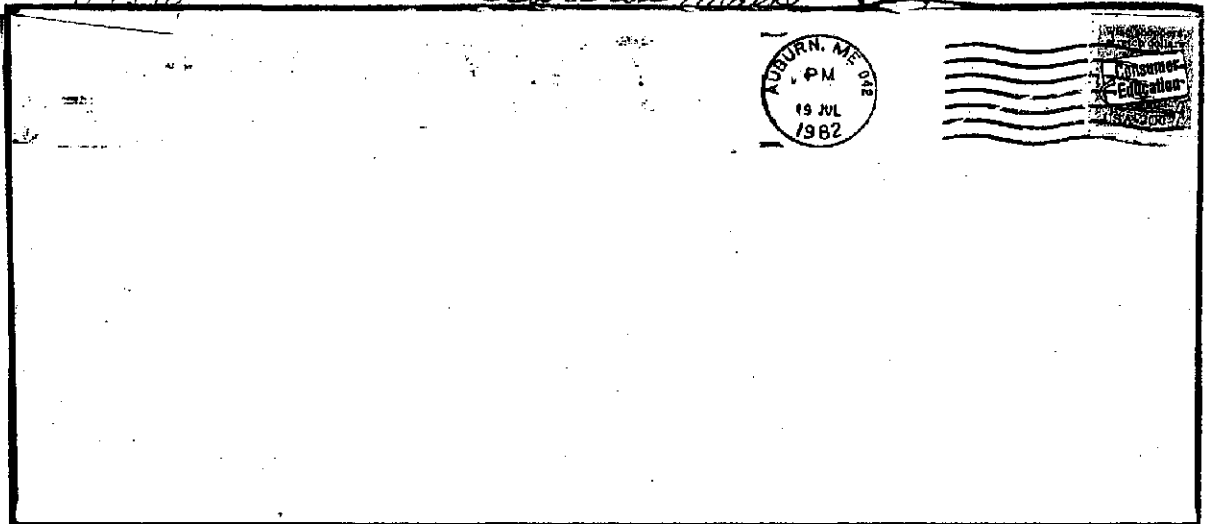
This month's installment features some interesting and oddball covers. Most of the owners of these covers sent them to me several months ago, and I apologize for the delay in sharing them with our readers.



I acquired the above cover (after months of negotiating) from fellow PNC member Rick Lancaster. The 5¢ Mountain coil on the cover has an extra set of "perfs" at the bottom which do not normally exist. See a blow up of the stamp. It is theorized that the "perfs" were intentionally made by the manufacturer in order to stabilize the web of stamps during the perforating process. These extra bottom "perfs" are usually trimmed off, but not in this case. The 5¢ Butte, 5¢ Wetlands and 25¢ Jukebox have also been reported with similar "perfs".

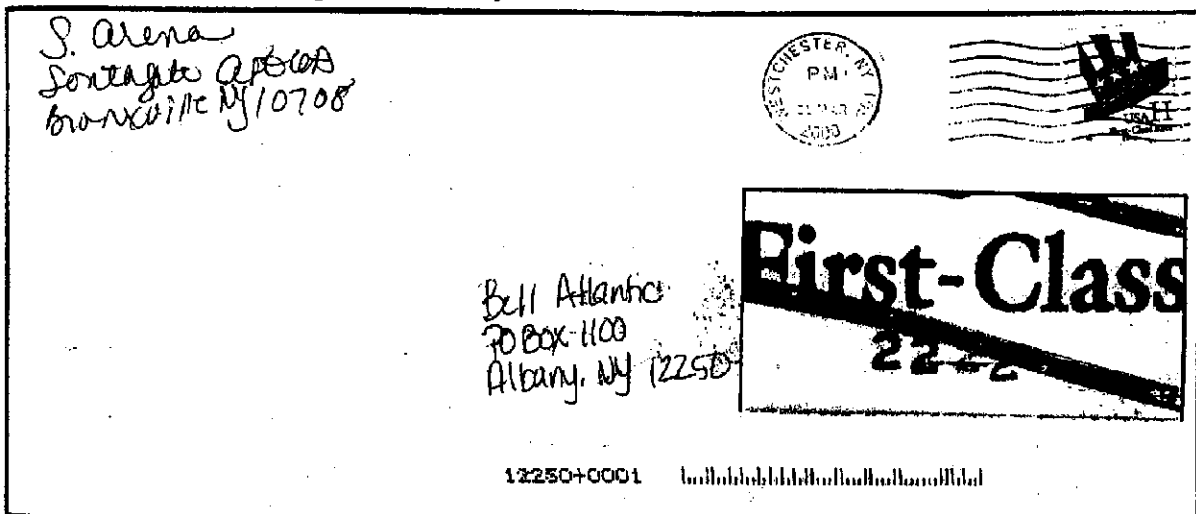
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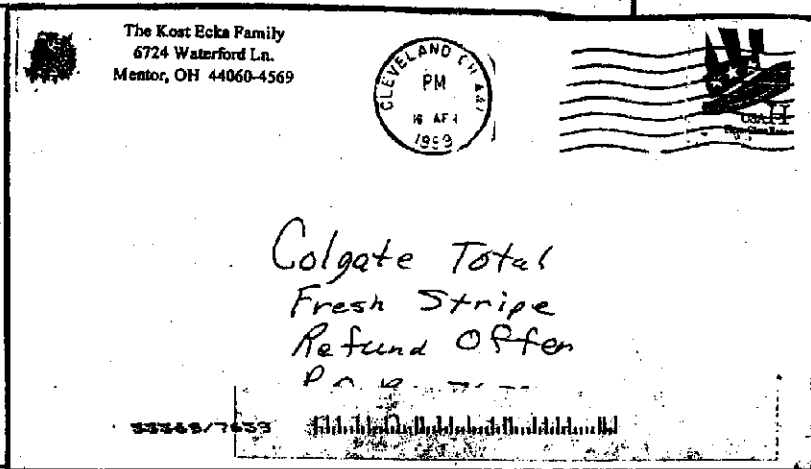
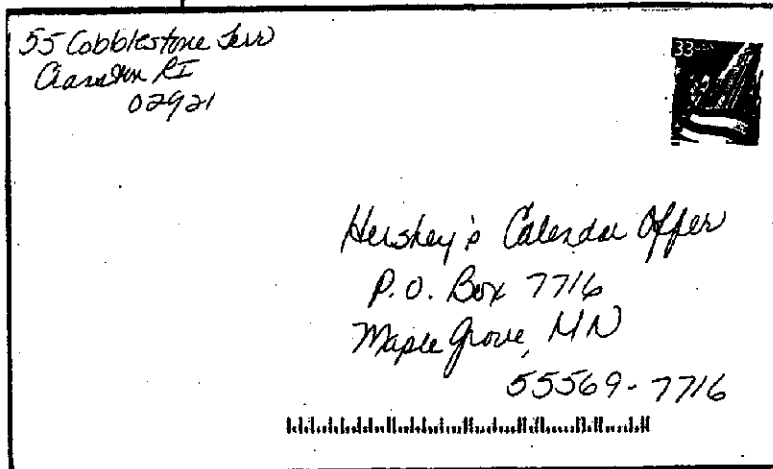
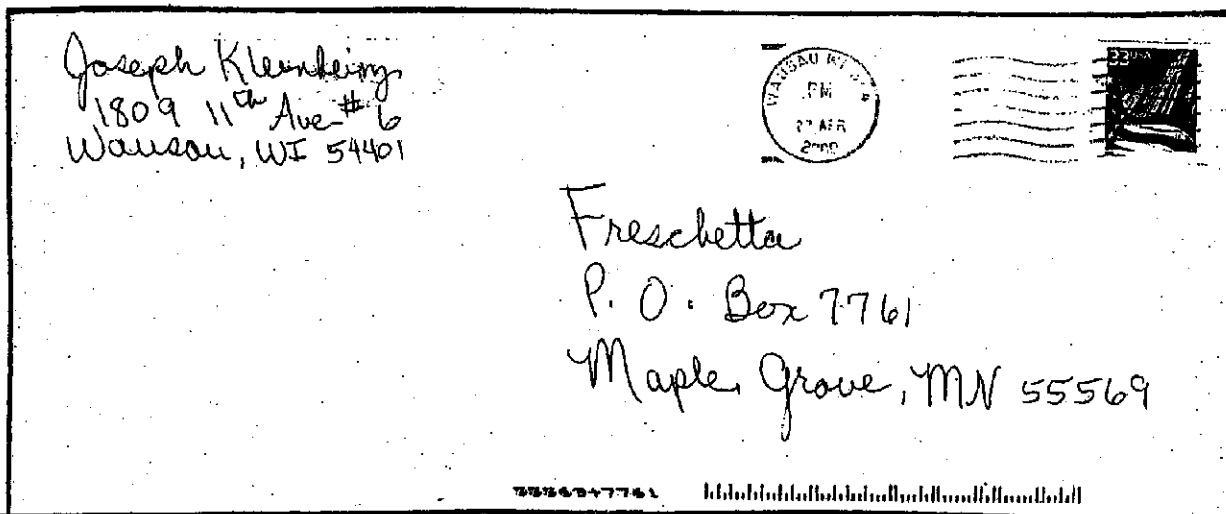


The above cover (front and back shown), featuring a 20¢ Consumer Education #1 PNC, made its way to its destination (and the stamp was successfully cancelled) even though the address was on front and the stamp was placed on back.

Bruce Menia sent in a copy of the cover pictured below. It features a variety of the 33¢ Hat #2222 PNC - a black horizontal line going through the third "2" of the plate number. See a blow up of the variety.



Last, but not least, David Andrews provided copies of the three covers below. The top cover features an imperf 33¢ Flag/City coil. The lower left cover features a 33¢ Flag/City coil with a dramatic shift to the left of the green ink. The lower right cover features a 33¢ Hat #1111 with a dramatic shift to the left of the blue ink.



My thanks go out to Dave Andrews, Bruce Menia and Rick Lancaster.

Membership

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospective member should contact the chairperson of the Membership Committee, James Markley, 100 Sparrow Drive #14, Royal Palm Beach, Fla. 33411 with the objection. The committee will recommend for or against membership.

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Regional Meetings are to be arranged through RMC Chairperson Tony Willson will coordinate PNC³ meetings and also supervise the PNC³ slide programs. Anyone who wishes to host a regional meeting or check out one of the slide programs can write to Willson at: 1041 Bradcliff Dr, Santa Ana CA 92705-2334. He can be reached by e-mail at: **ANTHONY.**

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He will make sure the editor is notified so that ample notice can be included in *Coil Line*. The local organizer can also submit additional information. Please work as far in advance as possible.

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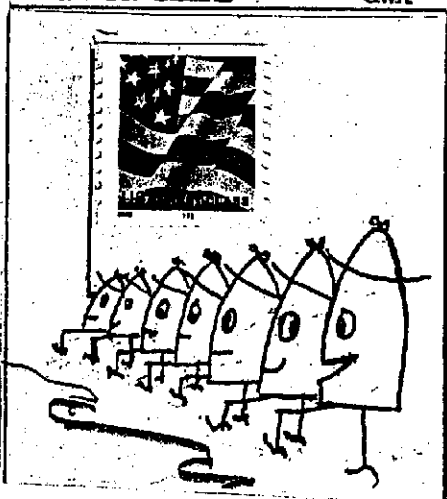
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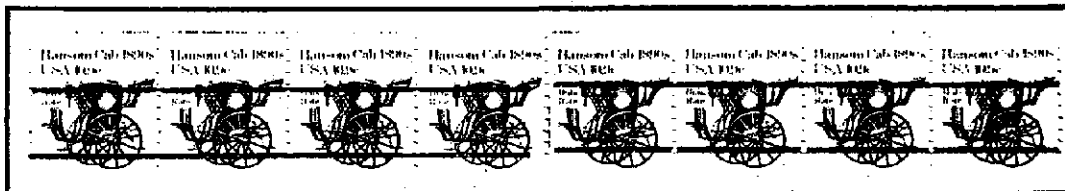
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| Previous membership | 847 |
| New members | 9 |
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| Deceased | 1 |
| Dropped, can't locate | 2 |
| New Total | 852 |

10.9c HANSOM CAB

The design is based on the cab shown which was built by the Brewster and Company of New York City and had a blue body with black moldings bearing light blue stripes. The hansom cab was a two-wheeled, one-horse public transport vehicle designed in 1834 by Joseph Alaysius Hansom and was in wide use during the latter half of the century.



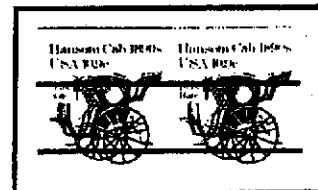
On March 26, 1982, the violet 10.9c Hansom cab coil stamp was issued at a ceremony in Chattanooga, Tennessee, held at the Chattanooga Stamp club's 50th Anniversary show. The "Bulk Rate" legend in the stamps design indicated the intended use for the basic third-class presort rate that had gone in effect on November 1, 1981. Precanceled 10.9c Hansom Cab stamps overprinted with plain lines were produced for bulk mailers in coils of 500 and 3,000. Philatelic editions in coils of 500, without the precancel lines and were phosphor tagged.



ERROR'S, FREAKS & ODDITIES

PERFORATION ERROR

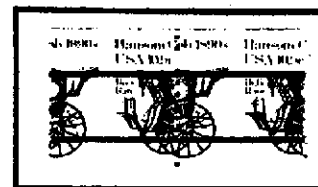
Imperf Pair



These stamps passed through the perforator when it was disengaged.

FREAK PERFORATIONS

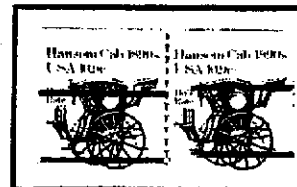
Bisect



The printed web being fed into the coil perforator with the Electric Eye Bars on the top edge of the web being misaligned resulted in the perforations being punched into the stamp design.

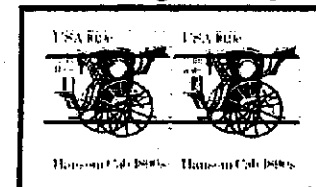
MISCUT ODDITIES

No Plate Number



Miscut 2 mm High

Re-Designed Stamp



Miscut 4 mm Low

Misalignment of the horizontal Electric Eye Bars on the bottom edge of the web during the coiling equipment startup results in cutting varieties.

ERROR'S, FREAKS & ODDITIES

LOW TRANSFER

A low transfer occurs when a stamp subject is entered below its normal position on a printing plate or sleeve because of an improperly positioned transfer roller, yielding a low print in relation to other stamps on the same roll. The transfer roller is a steel cylinder bearing a raised image taken from the engraved master die, used to transfer a single original intaglio design to the multiple-subject positions of a printing plate by a rocking motion under pressure. Below are examples from three different press runs of a low transfer from Plate Number 2. This low transfer appears one stamp to the left of the number stamp and is positioned 1/2 millimeter lower than the stamps on either side.

Low Transfer



Plate Number 2

Low Transfer

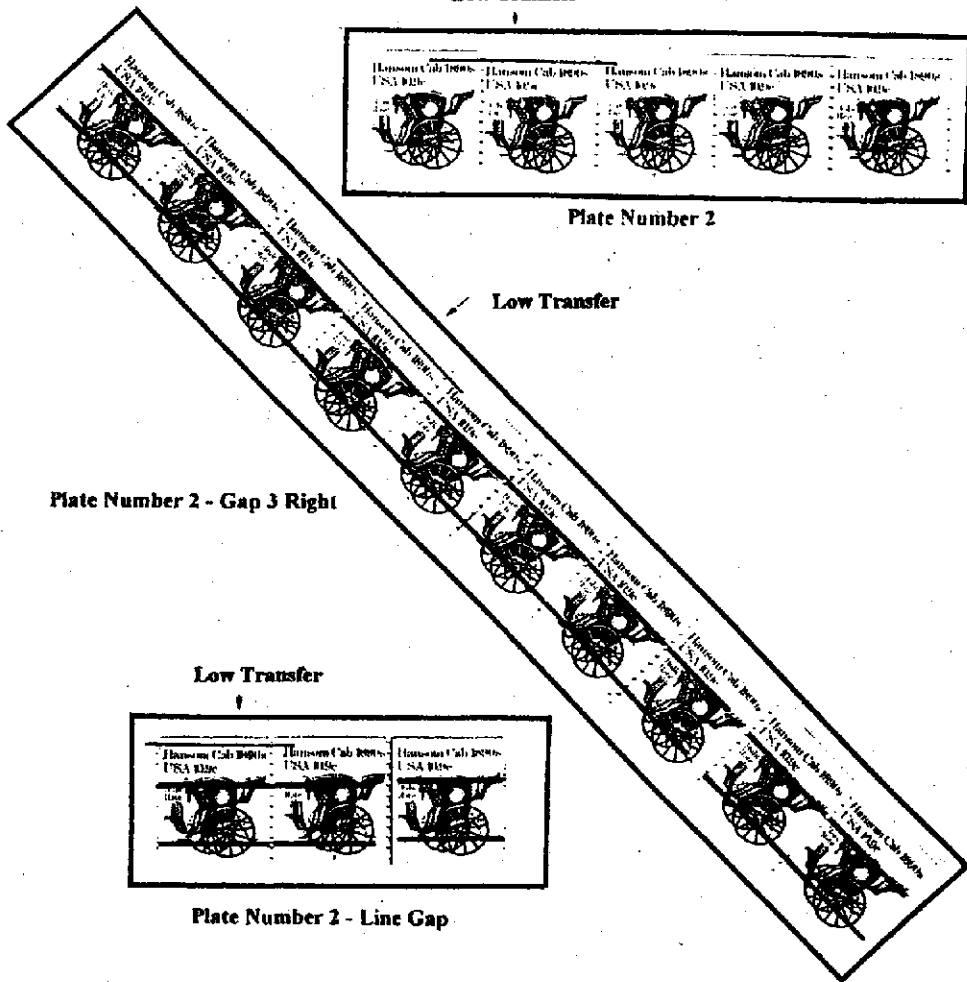


Plate Number 2 - Gap 3 Right

Low Transfer

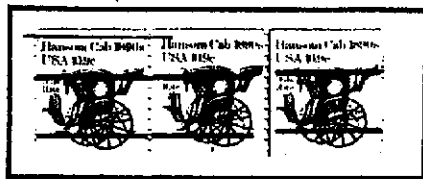
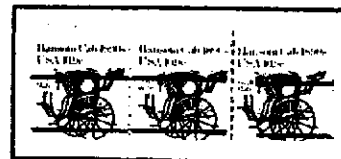


Plate Number 2 - Line Gap

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Mis-slit rolls resulted in plate numbers being on top of the stamp instead of the bottom for seventeen of the eighteen rows from the plate. The top row having no plate number.

TOP ROW



No Plate No.

PLATE NUMBER ON TOP

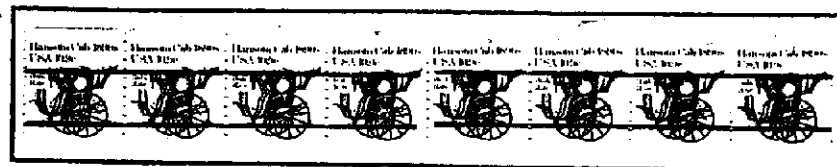
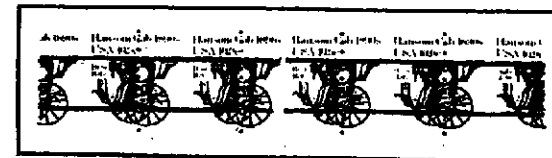
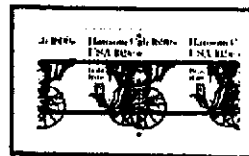


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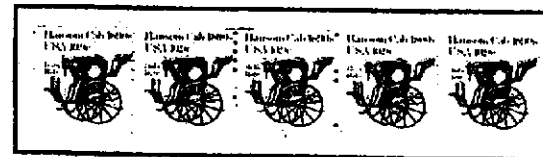
MISPERFS

Misalignment of the Huck Rotary Perforator with the Electric Eye Bars printed on the top edge of the web result in misperf stamps as illustrated below. This is usually a result of equipment startup.



BLIND PERFS AND MISSING PERFS

This phenomena is a result of worn or broken pins on the Huck Rotary Perforator.



**10.9c HANSOM CAB
Plate Statistics**



Plate No. 40062-1

To Press: 02/22/82 Impressions: 108,000 Canceled: 04/04/85

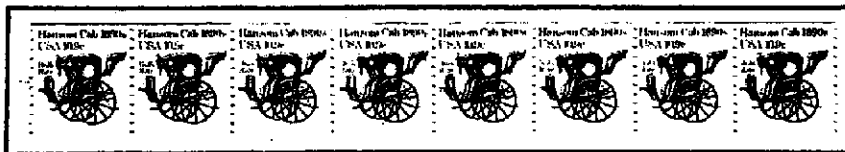


Plate No. 40063-2

To Press: 02/22/82 Impressions: 108,000 Canceled: 04/04/85

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY OF ISSUE CANCEL

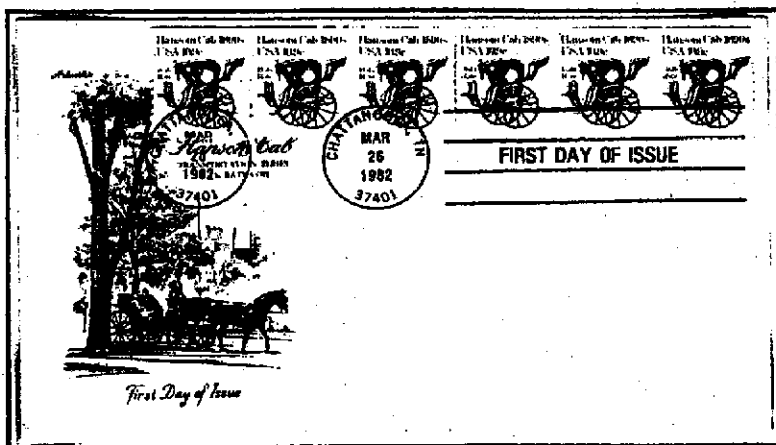


Plate Number 1 Strip of Six

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NAMIBIA, SOUTH WEST AFRICA

50c International Air Mail Letter, First 1/2 Ounce Rate
Effective: 02/03/91 to 07/08/95

Black Machine Cancel - 3 AUG 1992, Providence, RI 029

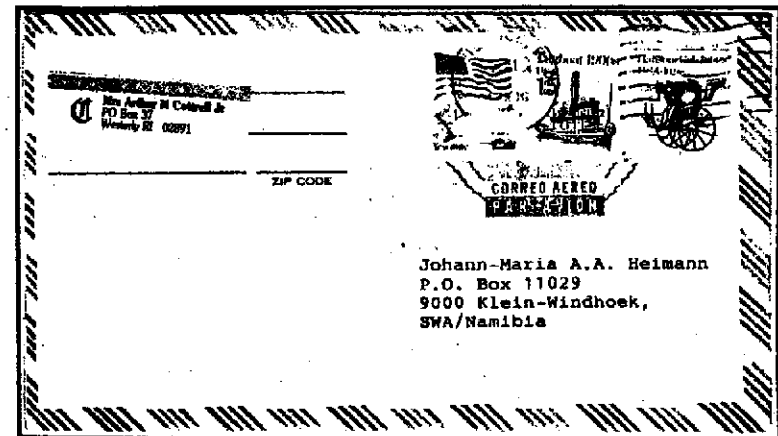


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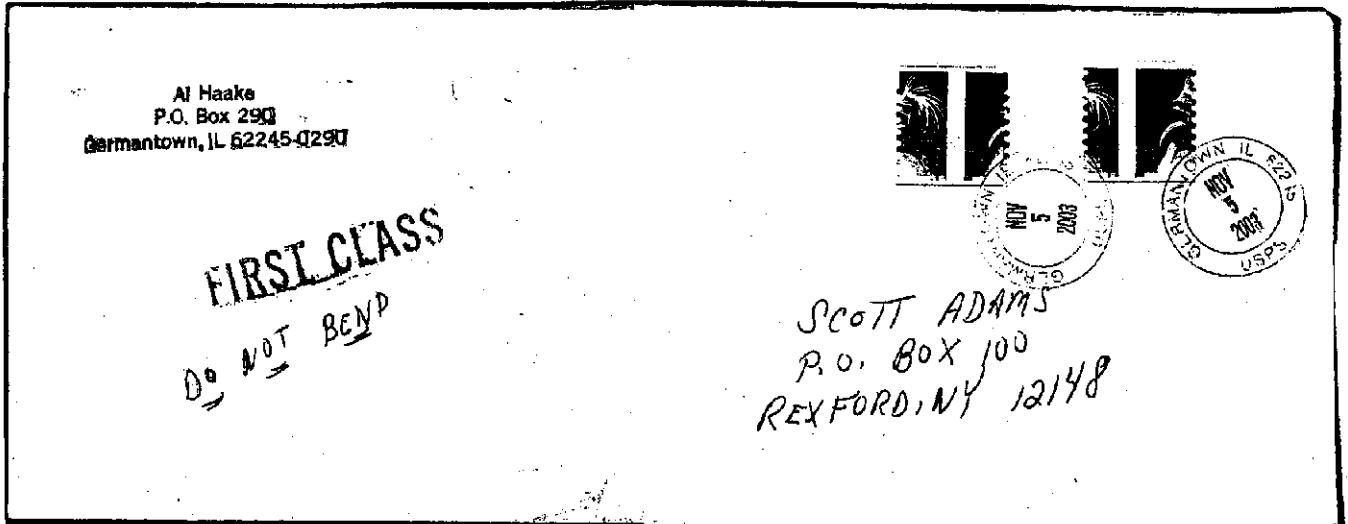
Plate Number single in combination with 25c Flag
Coll and 15c Tugboat overpay by .9c the 50c rate.

The 10.9c Hansom Cab tagged version was only sold to collectors through
Philatelic Centers and served no postal rate in the tagged format.



BACK-STAMP KLEIN WINDHOEK, 15VIII92

COVER OF THE MONTH



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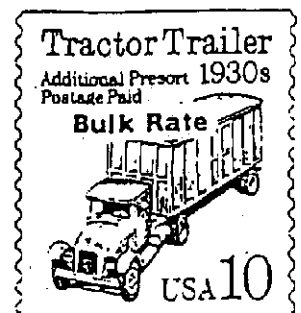
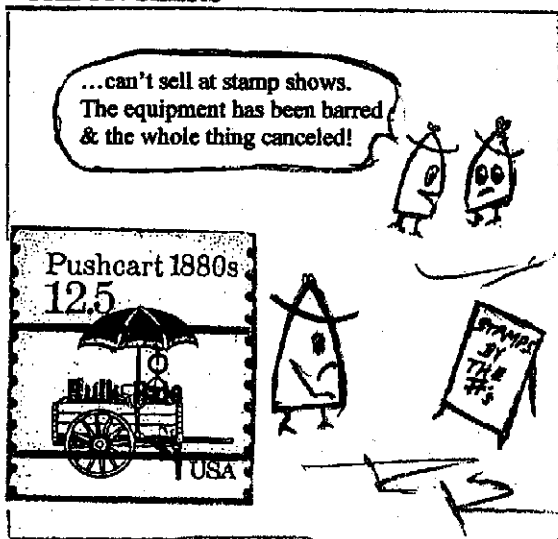
Contrary to the USPS rule of disallowing marked, mutilated or covered stamps to be accepted for mailing, they designed such a program for usages themselves.

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