

**2004 PNC3 ELECTIONS
BALLOT**

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TREASURER: ANDREW JAKES _____

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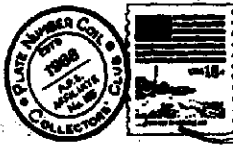
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Further Report by Nominating Committee on 2004 Elections

Elsewhere in this issue, member Richard Nazar has posed questions about the return to office of the current Executive Board of the club. Whereas one may disagree with the tone of his letter, the questions are valid, and deserve an answer.

Q. "How can the PNC³ Board decide to have an election of new Officers without the participation of the PNC³ members?"

A. Members were solicited by the Nominating Committee and by notices in *Coil Line* (Dec. 2003 - page 170 and Mar. 2004 - page 29). No volunteers were forthcoming (including Mr. Nazar). Therefore the only persons seeking the various offices are the current officeholders, who have all agreed to serve a second term. However, since it has been pointed out that the Club Bylaws require a ballot, the original proposal to have the Secretary cast one vote for an unopposed group of candidates is not viable. Hence, a ballot is enclosed with this issue, and members are encouraged to complete it and forward it to the Chair of the Ballot Committee for tabulation.

Q. "How did it come to be that no members are running for any of the six positions?"

A. This is a question that members need to ask of themselves. It would seem that the lack of interest in running for any of the positions must mean that members are satisfied with the current status. The first announcement (12/03) specifically noted that multiple candidates were needed for each position. The second announcement was titled "Final Call for Nominations", and was run on the front page of that issue. In the election report cited by Mr. Nazar (May issue), members are again encouraged to consider running, in the next election.

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Message from the Vice President: Stampshow Just Around the Corner; Elections are Happening Now!

Actually this is a message from your Vice President. Since Frank Covey is out of the country as I am writing this message, he bestowed on me the awesome responsibility of writing the column for this issue of *Coil Line*.

To reiterate what Frank said in the June issue of *Coil Line*, the annual meeting for the PNC³ will take place at Stampshow on Saturday, Aug. 14. The PNC³ Board meeting will take place in room 317 on August 14 from 9 a.m. until noon. Anyone who is interested in becoming a club officer is welcome to attend this meeting.

The annual meeting for the general membership will take place from 2 until 4 p.m. in room 313. This will be immediately followed by a PNC³ catalog meeting in the same room. On Sunday, Aug. 15, Frank Covey will conduct a Plate Number Coil Collecting class. This will take place in room 310. In addition, the PNC³ will have a society booth at the show, which will be staffed by some of the club's officers and members. If you are at the show, come by the booth and say hi.

Stampshow is the annual get together for the American Philatelic Society (APS) and will take place in Sacramento CA from August 12-15 at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street. In addition to the PNC³, several other philatelic organizations will hold meetings during Stampshow, and the United States Postal Service will hold a first day ceremony on Aug. 12 in honor of artist Martin Johnson Heade with a commemorative stamp picturing his *Giant Magnolias on a Blue Velvet Cloth*. In addition, Stampshow will host a variety of exhibits and stamp dealers. The schedule for Stampshow can be found online at www.stampshow.org/StampShow/Schedule.htm.

In this issue of *Coil Line* you will find a ballot for the election of PNC³ officers. You will note that the current slate of officers is running unopposed, with a space for a write-in candidate underneath each name. Why vote, if everyone is running unopposed? Because the club needs

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Annual meeting, cast your ballot

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your assurance that each member is satisfied with the way the club is being run. Your vote is an endorsement for the current Board and the way they are handling things.

If you know of someone you think would be better suited for one of the Board positions, please write his or her name in the appropriate write-in space. It is my sincere wish that more PNC³ members will decide to run for a club office in the election that will be held in 2006. New faces mean new ideas, and we need those if the PNC³ is to thrive in the coming years.

I wish for all of you to have a good summer and I hope to see all of you at Stampshow this August.

- John E Peterson

Letters

PNC3 "Election" Alert

To the Editor:

The front page of the May 2004 issue of *Coil Line* (Vol. 17, no. 5) included a brief article by Gene Trinks, Nominating Committee Chair. (Gene also serves on the PNC3 Board as Past President.) His piece is titled, "Report on elections for 2004." For reference, the full article is as follows:

"As previously announced, 2004 is a year in which we select club Officers and Members-at-Large to serve two-year terms.

This year all Officers and Members-at-Large have agreed to serve another term in their current positions, and will be running unopposed.

Therefore, there will be no need for balloting, as the Secretary will cast one vote for each position and record the election of the unopposed candidate to another term. New terms begin September 1, 2004.

It should be noted that each Officer is term-limited to two terms, and that it will be necessary in the next election (2006) to have a complete slate of new candidates for each office. The ideal situation will be to have at least two candidates for each position.

Members having interest in the various positions at that time are encouraged to contact me to learn more about the positions and responsibilities, and to become familiar with club operations. Call (248) 528-1857 or e-mail to gctrinks@sprynet.com."

As a life member of PNC3 (389L), I'm concerned. I found Gene's "Report on elections for 2004" very troubling.

- How can the PNC3 Board decide to have an election of new Officers without the participation of the PNC3 members?
- How did it come to be that no members are running for any of the six positions?
- Wasn't the Nominating Committee tasked with the responsibility to find interested candidates?

The fact that these questions are being asked indicates bad news for the club at several levels:

- Foremost, by not sending out ballots to the members, the Board is violating the club bylaws—specifically Article VII, Section 3, Elections. The bylaws allow the Board to create supplemental Standing Rules, but these "Standing Rules shall never conflict with these Bylaws." Any changes to the Bylaws must follow the rules stated in Article XI, Amendments, which requires "...a favorable vote by two-thirds of the members voting shall be necessary for the adoption of the changes."
- Some Executive Board members have formed a dictatorial clique. The club is about sharing information, research, and communication, and yet the current Executive Board (headed by Frank Covey, President PNC3) is non-responsive to members' contrasting views. This is a direct product of Covey's arrogance and self-guided disdain for points of view other than his own. Tragically, this has become evident in the opinions published in *Coil Line*. Have you noticed that all of the feedback/comments in *Coil Line* about the PNC3 catalog and Covey's unusable PNC numbering system have been positive comments? I have heard complaints from other members who have sent in negative comments, but their comments are never published. Are Covey and the members of the Catalog Committee afraid to show you what your fellow members are saying about their pet project? Sure, the catalog is one of the most important things the club can produce, but it should be done wisely to best serve the PNC specialty and club members.
- The Board has failed to publish a financial statement of the club's finances under Covey's leadership. Do you know how they are spending your dues? I want to know. What expenses are being paid? Who is being paid for what services? According to the bylaws (Article IV, Section 6), the treasurer is required to "...submit an annual report of the finances of PNC3 and ... prepare and present for audit the financial records of the club three months after the end of the fiscal year."
- Is each of the current Board members worthy of serving another term? What have they done over the previous term? What are they planning to do during the next term? We should know these answers before they are "elected" to lead our club through the next two years. We count on these people to manage our club. We need to trust that they are working for the common good of the club—but we cannot afford blind trust.
- What effort did Gene Trinks and the Nominating Committee put into finding candidates? Who was on the Nominating Committee with Gene? The bylaws (Article VI, Section 2a.) require two other

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Committee

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Q. "Wasn't the Nominating Committee tasked with the responsibility to find interested candidates?"

A. Since repeated calls for candidates in Coil Line produced no volunteers to run for office at this time, and private conversations with potential candidates did not produce sufficient interest in competing for Board positions, the Nominating Committee recommended to the President that the current officers run unopposed. This recommendation was accepted. The Committee Chair was directed by the President to undertake a more diligent recruiting effort for the next election, to field a full slate of multiple candidates for all positions. The latest report (May issue) stresses this need to all readers.

Mr. Nazar states that he is concerned for the welfare of the club, and that the cited report is "troubling". As the Chair of the Nominating Committee, I must say that the need to write such a report was quite troubling. We really need members to step up and take an active role in club affairs. There has been fewer each year willing to do that. Those that have served for many years on committees and on the Executive Board need fresh ideas and new faces to assist. There is no better way than to get active on a committee and learn how the club functions for the next couple of years and then decide what elective position you'd like to run for in 2006.

The Committee thanks Mr. Nazar for his effort in calling the attention of the membership to the need for additional volunteers, and respectfully requests each member to consider offering time and energy to continue club activities in a positive way.

Members are encouraged to respond by contacting the Editor or any Board Member.

-Gene Trinks,
Chair, Nominating Committee

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- people to assist the chair. Who were these members? Did anyone contact you? I didn't get a call even though I ran for a Member-at-Large position in the previous election. Did Gene really try to find candidates, or were personal interests better served by the continued status quo?
- **We all need to participate to ensure the future vitality of the club and an enhancement of its benefits.** There is still time to conduct a real election with multiple candidates for each board position. Can you help manage our club by filling one of the board positions? It only takes five member

- signatures to get you on the ballot (Article VII, Section 2). Many of our club members are experienced business people. You can help to ensure the health of our collecting specialty by lending your special skills to the club. Can you serve in one of the board positions—President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary, Member-at-Large? The duties of each position are listed on the club's Web site at <http://www.pnc3.org/club/bylaws.htm>.

If you think I'm out of line, let me know—but I don't think we will know for sure until the Board provides answers to the questions I posed above. What are your comments about these issues? Can you help the club by running for a position of the Executive Board?

With sincerest regards for the vitality of our club and PNC collecting,

Richard Nazar (PNC3 #389L)
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Another 'Cobra' report

To the Editor:

My weekend to work on packages of used PNC's received last week. I just found a "Bottom Cobra" on S1111. I now have "Bottom Cobras" on S1111, S2222, and S3333.

Jim Nelson
(forwarded by Frank Covey)

Paper price increase suspends 'Handbook'

To the Editor:

My printer increased the price of paper from \$3 a ream to \$12.50 a ream, raising the price of the PNC HANDBOOK beyond anything reasonable.

I am ceasing publication until I can find sensible pricing. I will continue to supply updating Supplements on request at the lowest possible price. I am pleased to have served some 160 Club members to date.

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Mixture report

To the Editor:

Here are my totals for the current first class rate plus 23c Washington's, pulled from mixtures over the last year or so.

37c FLAG - 1111(ND) 237; 2222(ND) 147
37c FLAG 1111 226; 2222 203 ; 3333 167; 4444 143;
5555 59; 6666 59; 7777 68; 8888 23; 9999 12; 1111A 2.
37c FLAG - B1111(2002) 56 B1111(2003) 148
37c TOYS - B11111 21; B12222 354
37c FLAG L/S - S1111 L/S 60; S1111 S/A 17; S2222 S/
A 3 S3333 S/A 2
37c SNOWMAN - G1111 67; G1112 4
23c WASHINGTON - B11 78; VP PV - V11 23 19;
V13 5 2; V21 5 1; V22 11 9; V24 5 2; V35 9 5; V36 8 0
V45 0 0; V46 5 0.

Jeff Fiszbein

CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

05/10/04

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-Potter
 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] [20]

#B1111 C, D
 #S1111 C, D

37c FLAG [14]

#S1111 A, C, D
 #S1111 C (lum red ink)

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
 #62222 A
 #S33333 A

37c TOYS (SA) [12]

#B11111 A
 #B12222 A

37c SNOWMEN (SA) [12]

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

37c EGRET (SA) [11] [31]

#V1111 A
 #V2111 A
 #V3222 A
 #P11111 A
 #P22222* 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]

#S11111 C

2c WOODPECKER [24]

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D

3c STAR [14]

#S111 D

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

#1 B, C (OA) [52]
 #1 B, C (UT) [52]
 #2 C
 #A1 D
 #A2 D
 #A3 D
 #S1 D
 #S2 D (GLOSS)
 #S2 D (SHINY)
 #S3 D

5c TOLEWARE [14]

#S1111111 D

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

#B11 A
 #V11 A
 #V13 A
 #V21 A
 #V22 A
 #V24 A
 #V35 A
 #V36 A
 #V45 A
 #V46 A

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

#B111 D
 #P1111 D
 #P2222 C [27]

(5c) SEACOAST [10]

#B111 B, D
 #S1111* C

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

#B1111 D
 #V11111 D
 #V21111 D
 #V22222 D

(10c) LION (SA) [21]

#S11111 D
 #S22222 D
 #S33333 D
 #S44444 D

(10c) LION [14]

#S11111 B, C

(10c) E&S STD [24]

#11111 D
 #22222 D

(10c) E&S STD (SA) [21]

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D
 #33333 D

(15c) WOODY (SA) [21]

#S11111 D

(25c) DINER [14]

#S11111 D

(25c) DINER (SA) [21]

#11111 D
 #22211 C, D
 #22222 C, D
 #33333 D
 #44444 D
 #55555 D

(25c) EAGLE (SA) [20]

#S1111111 D
 #S2222222 D
 #S3333333 D

(25c) EAGLE [10]

#S1111111 C

● In printing the SA Seacoast for rolls of 3K, Ashton Potter changed the cylinder size from that used to make 10K rolls. Consequently the plate number interval changed from 22 to 27.

■ 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.

This and That by Doug Iams

Corrections

Last month's report that the last of the Unisys variable denomination coil vending machines were to be removed from service by May 1 turned out to be wrong. The Postal Service changed its mind and the last one was not removed until May 28.

Based on tentative technical details, it was reported in the May issue that the self-adhesive Seacoast coil stamps from rolls of 3000 were going to be 0.5 mm wider and taller than those from previously issued rolls of 10000. This has turned out to be false. The only obvious difference is in the size of the plate number, but since the first one was P1111 and new one is P2222, those of us who collect plate numbers automatically consider them different. Scott will not be assigning a different catalog number and no one can figure out why the Postal Service gave the rolls of 3000 a First Day.

37c Flag Tagging Update

Mike Lipson has reported having mottled tagging on the 2004 version of the self-adhesive 37c Flag coil from rolls of 10000, so now both the smooth and mottled tagging has been reported on both rolls of 3000 and 10000.

Gregg Greenwald brought the tagging difference to the attention of Jim Kloetzel, editor of the Scott catalog, and he has indicated that he plans on listing both types. Jim noted "I have examined the coils under high magnification... the coils with mottled tagging are on a paper that is much rougher in texture than the coils with uniform (solid, smooth) tagging. We have always called the paper that has this kind of mottled tagging "uncoated," and the paper with solid tagging "coated."... What I cannot absolutely prove from my observation is that the paper with mottled tagging is totally uncoated paper."

Alan Thomson and I both agree that both the mottled and smooth tagging on these stamps is a surface tagging and not embedded in the paper. Alan further says that gravure printing requires coated paper whether it is tagged or not and if it is pre-tagged it will invariably have surface tagging.

Luminescent Mountain Ink

Several months ago it was discovered that the water activated gum 5c Mountain coil exists with both normal yellow ink and with luminescent yellow ink. If you don't own a longwave UV light, you might still be able to see the effect with a shortwave UV light (the kind used for looking at tagging) as some of the cheap shortwave lights leak longwave light.

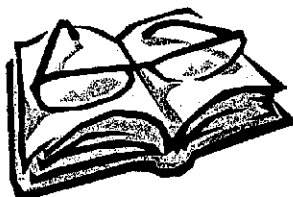
Blind and Imperf G. Washington

Two imperf plate strips of the 23c GW V35 have been found. Most of the roll had blind die cutting (faint impressions of the die cutting), but at one end the die cuts disappeared. These are the first imperfs from Avery. I have seen a strip of the V35 with blind die cuts running past the right side of the A in USA, but I do not know if it came from the same roll as the roll with the imperfs.

Ashton Egret Mini

The die cutting on the Egret P11111 roll that I purchased exhibited an abrupt horizontal shift in centering within the plate strips. To the right of the shift the stamps were XF and to the left of the shift they were FVF. As a result of the shift, one of the stamps was narrower than the others. We have seen the opposite effect on BEP coils where one of the stamps is wider than the others. Why is it so hard to make them all the same width?

Catalog Corner

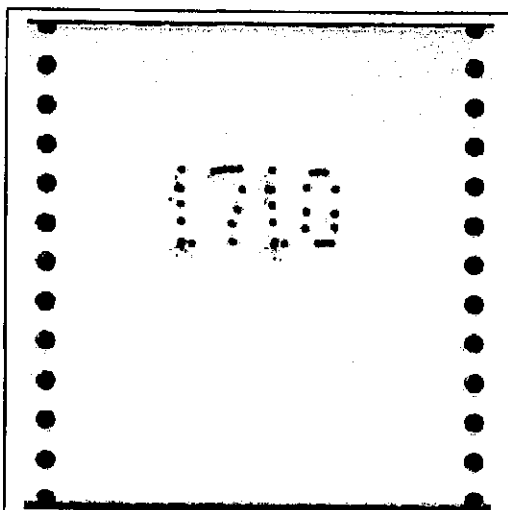


On May 12, 2004 in Washington DC, the USPS released the Water Activated Gum (WAG) version of the 25c Nondenominated American Eagle. The self-adhesive (SA) version (PNC ID 2003-6) was released earlier on June 26, 2003.

This coil will probably be saved by most collectors as a PS11 though Scott will list prices for both PS10 and PS11. In either format all possible color combinations are present. If saved as PS11, a gold-on-grey stamp will be on each end of the strip with the grey-on-gold (plate numbered stamp) in the middle of the strip. There is no grey-on-gold stamp without a plate number. So far only plate number S1111111 is known.



(25c) NDN American Eagle
(WAG)
PNC ID 2004-3



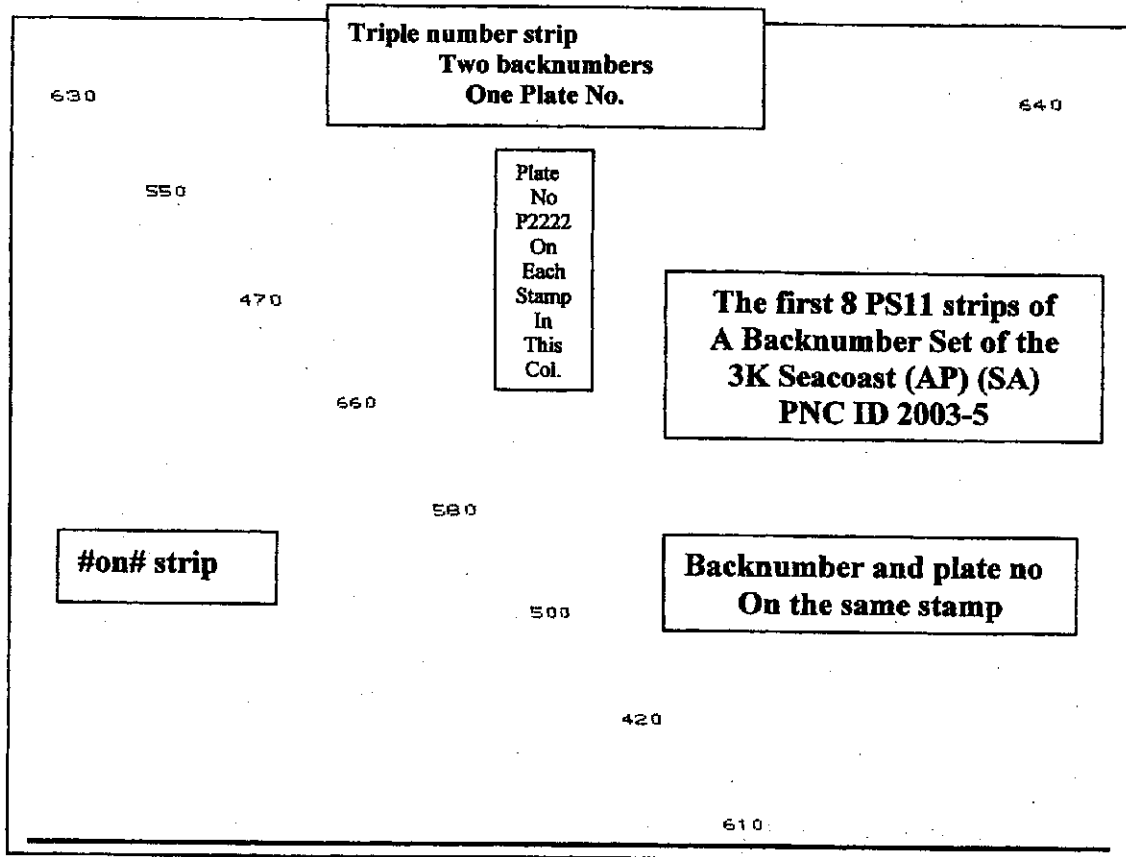
Middle Backnumber 1710
American Eagle (WAG)

American Eagle differences		
PNC ID	SA 2003-6	WAG 2004-3
Date	2003	2004
Plate No	Every 20	Every 10
	Gold on Green Stamp	Grey on Gold Stamp
Perf	Die Cut	Perfed

Pink Backnumbers are found top, middle or bottom on a roll. A middle backnumber is shown to the left. Backnumbers and plate numbers occur every ten stamps. So far, the backnumber is only known to be on position 2 or one position left of the plate number, as viewed from the front.

Backnumber Set Collecting

By Frank Covey



Some collectors of backnumbers go beyond collecting a backnumber in any position relative to the plate numbered stamp on a strip. These collectors instead seek a logical grouping of backnumber strips called a set. The illustration above shows the first 8 PS11 strips of a backnumber set defined as "Seacoast (AP) (SA) all bottom 3-digit backnumber positions on PS11 of plate P2222". Ten PS11 strips are needed to complete this set.

In the illustration above the backs of the PS11 strips are shown. If you looked at the front of these strips, plate number P2222 would be on the center stamp in each strip.

The definition of what constitutes a set is up to the collector. I chose PS11 because one the backnumbers on this issue are ten apart and the top strip in this set has two backnumbers on the same strip demonstrating the backnumber interval of 10. I save these PS11 in SAFE Garant 528 pages that I purchase from Subway Stamp Shop. These pages are clear from both sides allowing one to view the plate number on the front and the backnumbers on the reverse side of the strip.

The 3K Seacoast has many set possibilities. Strip lengths can be any size. PS5 sets of top and bottom backnumbers may be the most common. The 3K Seacoast comes with 4-digit, 3-digit and 2-digit backnumbers both top and bottom. Sets could be defined to show any of these or a mixture of these.

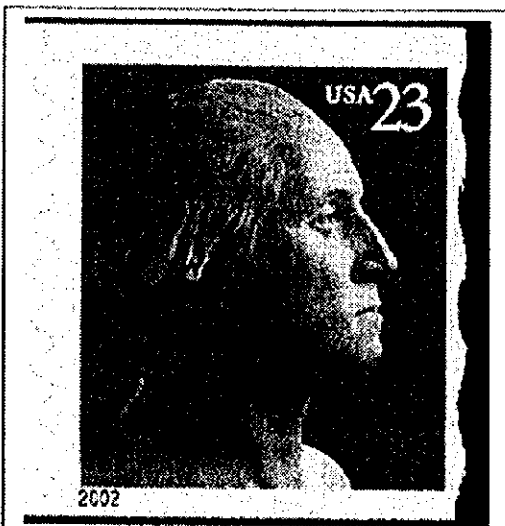
Avery Roll Separator Cuts

By Frank Covey

Linn's and the more recent April 26th Stamp Collector have had inquiries from their readers wondering why there was a wavy cut on one side of an Egret stamp. Readers of the PNC³ Catalog of Plate Number Coils will have no trouble identifying these. Roll separator cut images are shown on the 23c Washington (2002-6) and the 37c Egret (2003-8) pages. The images below demonstrate that these wavy cuts can appear either at the beginning or the end of the roll. Often the wavy cut is not as obvious as it is on the images below because if cut correctly, the wavy cut goes down the middle of the die cut giving a ragged messy appearance to the cut.



A Wavy Cut on the left indicates the stamp is the first one on the roll.



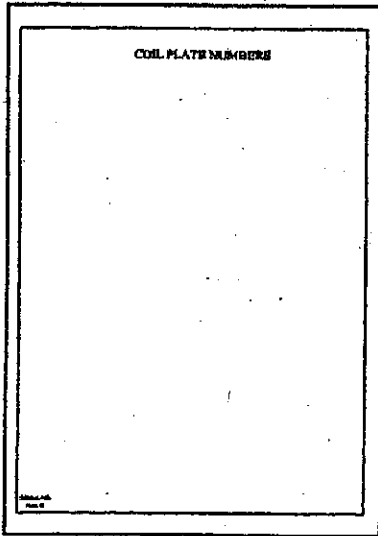
A Wavy Cut on the right indicates the stamp was the last stamp on the roll.

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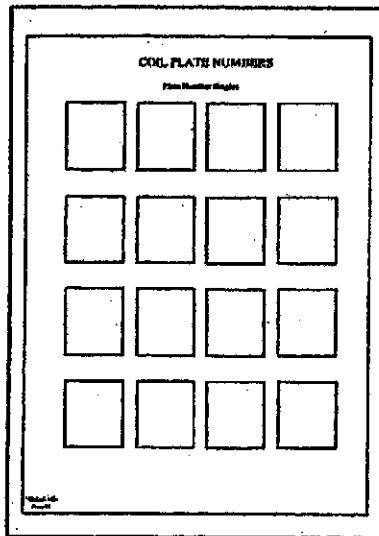


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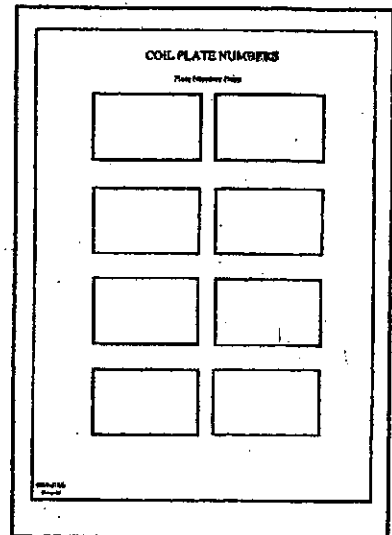


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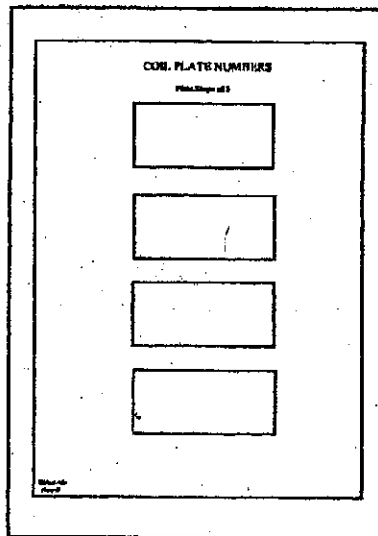


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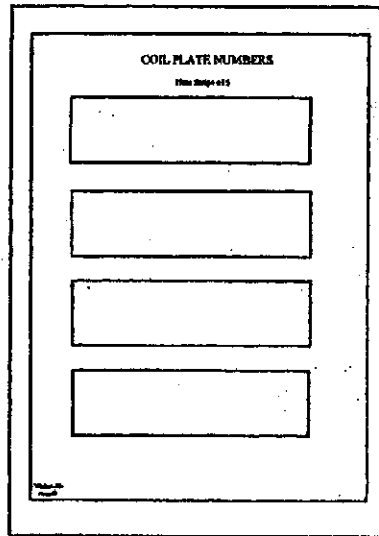


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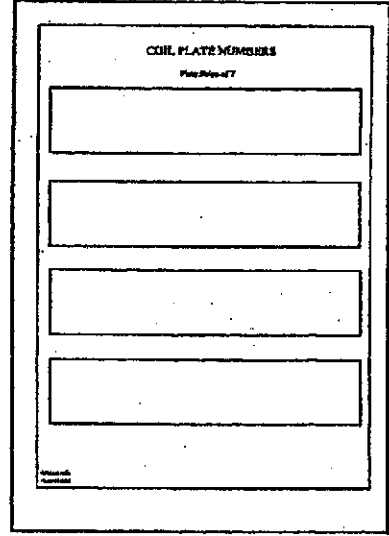


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Double or nothin'

by Richard Nazar

The pair of 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon coil stamps (Scott 2261) shown in Figure 1 was purchased in May 2002 on ebay (www.ebay.com), the Internet auction site that has specialized categories for stamp collectors. The seller described the item as "NEW DISCOVERY! 16.7 POPCORN WAGON WITH BULK RATE DOUBLE OVERPRINTED."

Regardless of the seller's description, stamp production records show that the black "Bulk Rate" service inscription, which runs vertically up the left side of the design, could not have been printed twice without the red vignette also being doubled.

All 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon coil stamps were printed by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing (BEP) on the B press (701) using an intaglio printing cylinder that had 936 subjects (18 rows of 52 stamps around)—with each subject comprised of the engraved (red) vignette and the engraved (black) service inscription. Separate inking-in rollers applied the red and black inks to the appropriate locations on the cylinder, which then transferred the complete, bi-colored stamp images to the paper web in a single impression. (Initial production runs of this issue were printed using cylinder 180276-1. Subsequent press runs used cylinder 183876-2.)

With an understanding of the method used to print the 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon coil stamps, what could be the reason for the second black service inscription on the pair of stamps in Figure 1? I asked Leonard Piszkiwicz and Alan Thomson to join me in formulating an explanation.

After thoroughly examining the actual stamps, we collectively agree that the second service inscription was

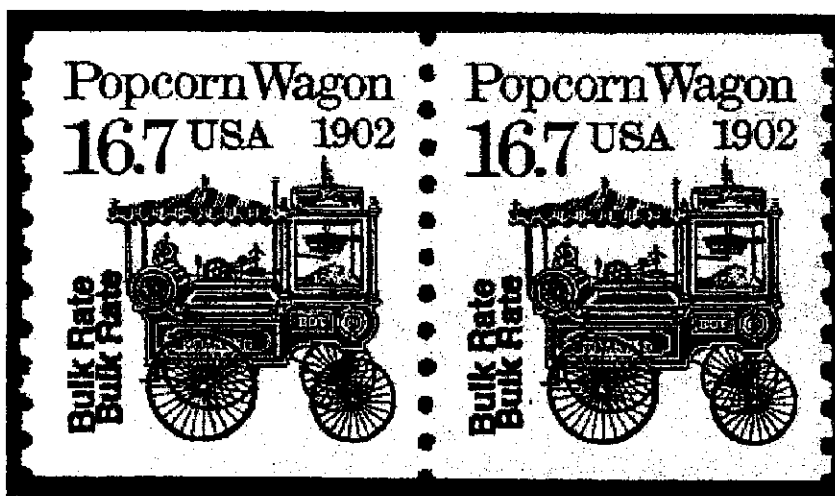


Figure 1, An unused pair of the 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon coil stamp with a second (overprinted) service inscription. It's not an error—but why are we seeing double?

applied as an overprint using black ink from a rubber-surfaced stamp or mat—in contrast to the original, engraved, intaglio-printed service inscription on the far left of the design. We also agree that the pair of stamps is not used and has full original gum. Beyond those points, it becomes difficult to provide a single, conclusive opinion about the item.

Leonard, who has extensively studied privately-applied, service indicator overprints (or *service endorsements*) used by mailers in the early 1990s, recognizes a similarity between the second "Bulk Rate" overprint on the 16.7¢ pair and the overprint on a 10¢ Tractor Trailer coil stamp (Scott 2457) on a cover in his collection (Figure 2). He cites that the "Bulk Rate" overprints are almost identical, but the overprint on the Tractor Trailer example is about 5 percent larger and the letters are a little taller. Leonard theorizes that the 16.7¢ pair went through a similar machine that was used to overprint the Tractor Trailer stamps back in 1991.

Although the USPS authorized mailers to print service endorsements directly on stamps starting in August 1991 to ensure proper handling, nothing is known about the actual process

of how these overprints were applied or who produced them. The 16.7¢ pair shown above may be the first reported example of unused stamps overprinted with a *mailer-applied* service endorsement—and a new clue to a decade-old philatelic mystery.

In contrast to Leonard's opinion, Alan believes that the overprinted "Bulk Rate" on the pair of Popcorn Wagon stamps is a philatelic forgery

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Figure 2, 10¢ Tractor Trailer coil stamp (graphically cropped from a cover) with an overprinted "Bulk Rate" service inscription similar to the overprint on the 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon stamps in Figure 1. The 10¢ Tractor Trailer stamp is known with 15 different types of service endorsement overprints—but all are only known in used condition.

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that was created to defraud collectors. Alan bases his opinion on the following points:

1. "Although the slant of the two words appears to be the same on the two Popcorn Wagon stamps, indicating a repeating stamping device, I tend to believe the words were added by a hand stamp. The indentation difference of the "B" from one stamp to the next bothers me. Would a repeating device have the Bulk Rate that far out of line? I could understand such a variance far down the line of a coil, but

not on adjacent stamps. The stamps could move horizontally during printing but not that fast or that much."

2. "The availability dates and period of use for the 16.7¢ Popcorn Wagon coil stamps do not match the known period for mailer-applied service endorsements (i.e., Tractor Trailer overprints). The Popcorn Wagon coil stamps went off sale in August 1991 while the Tractor Trailer coil stamp was issued in May 1991. I do not think it logical that a mailing house would use perfectly good 16.7¢ stamps as test vehicles for an overprint mechanism when false franking with the Popcorn Wagon

stamps had been going on for some time."

Both opinions from Leonard and Alan are supportable, but which one describes the actual reason for the double service endorsement on this pair of stamps? Clearly, additional information or more examples are needed to decide.

Do you have additional information about the second "Bulk Rate" overprint on this stamp or other examples? If you do, share your information with the rest of the club. Send a letter to the editor of *Coil Line*, Harold Brown (hallen@wcnet.org). □

Data on Sea Coast Definitive Coil Stamps

(From the Postal Bulletin's of April 15 and May 13, 2004)

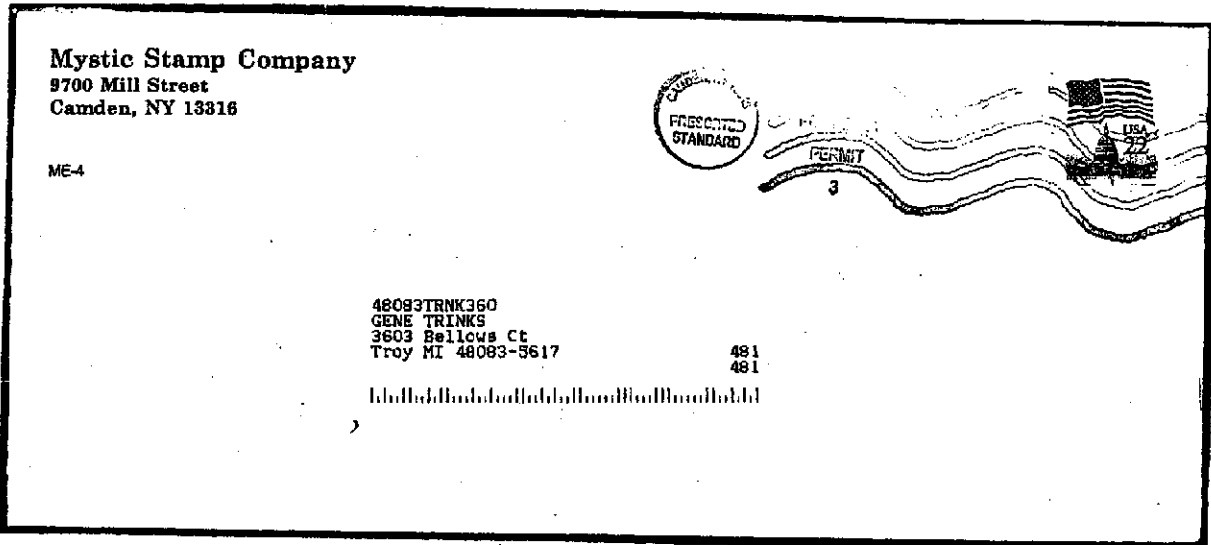
PSA coil issued April 6, 2004

Issue:	Sea Coast
Item Number:	782700
Denomination & Type of Issue:	5-cent value, nondenominated definitive nonprofit
Format:	Coil of 3,000 (1 design)
Series:	N/A
Issue Date & City:	April 6, 2004, Washington, DC 20066
Designer:	Tom Engeman, Brunswick, MD
Cylinders:	Southern Graphics
Art Director:	Phil Jordan, Falls Church, VA
Typographer:	Phil Jordan, Falls Church, VA
Modeler:	Joseph Sheeran
Manufacturing Process:	Gravure
Printer:	JW Fergusson & Sons
Printed at:	Richmond, VA
Press Type:	Goebel
Stamps per Coil:	3,000
Print Quantity:	105 million stamps (35,000 coils)
Paper Type:	Nonphosphored, type III
Adhesive Type:	Pressure sensitive
Processed at:	Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU)
Colors:	Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow
Stamp Orientation:	Vertical
Image Area (w x h):	0.73 x 0.84 in./18.542 x 21.336 mm
Overall Size (w x h):	0.87 x 0.980 in./22.098 x 24.892 mm
Full Pane Size (w x h):	N/A
Plate Size:	567 stamps per revolution
Plate Numbers:	"P" followed by 2222 every 27 stamps
Marginal Markings	N/A
Catalog Item Number(s):	782740 Full Coil of 3000 — \$150.00 782730 Strip of 25 — \$1.25 782762 First Day Cover — \$0.80

Water-activated gum coil issued June 11, 2004

Issue:	Sea Coast
Item Number:	782600
Denomination and Type of Issue:	Nondenominated definitive nonprofit (5-cent value)
Format:	Coil of 3,000 (1 design)
Series:	N/A
Issue Date and City:	June 11, 2004, Washington, DC 20066
Designer:	Tom Engeman, Brunswick, MD
Art Director:	Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, MD
Typographer:	Tom Engeman, Brunswick, MD
Modeler:	Donald H. Woo
Manufacturing Process:	Gravure
Engraver:	Southern Graphics
Printer:	Sennett Security Products (SSP)
Printed at:	American Packaging Corporation, Columbus, WI
Press Type:	Rotomec, 3000
Stamps per coil:	3,000
Print Quantity:	60 million stamps
Paper Type:	Nonphosphored, type III
Adhesive Type:	Water-activated
Processed at:	American Packaging, Columbus, WI
Colors:	Magenta, Cyan, Blue, Black
Stamp Orientation:	Vertical
Image Area (w x h):	0.72 x 0.810 in./18.28 x 20.57 mm
Overall Size (w x h):	0.87 x 0.960 in./22.09 x 24.38 mm
Full Pane Size (w x h):	N/A
Plate Size:	616 stamps per revolution
Plate Numbers:	"S" followed by four (4) single digits (every 14th stamp)
Coil Back Number	N/A
Frequency:	
Marginal Markings:	N/A
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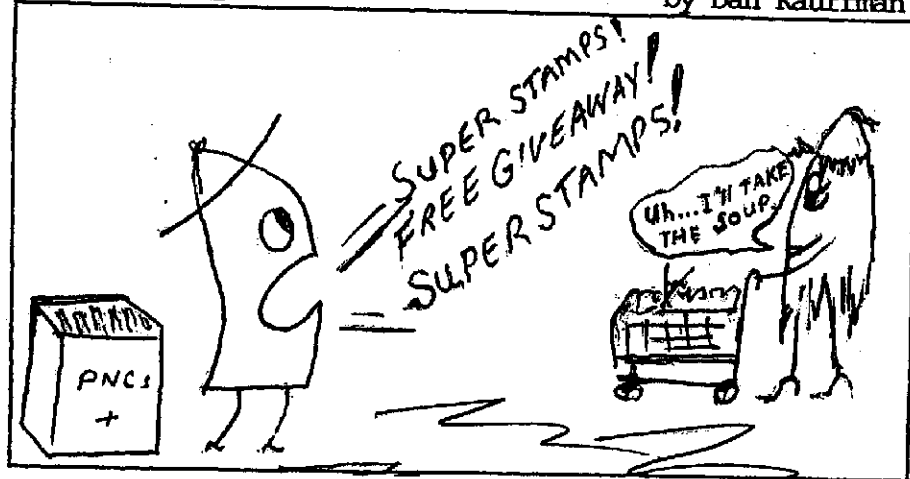
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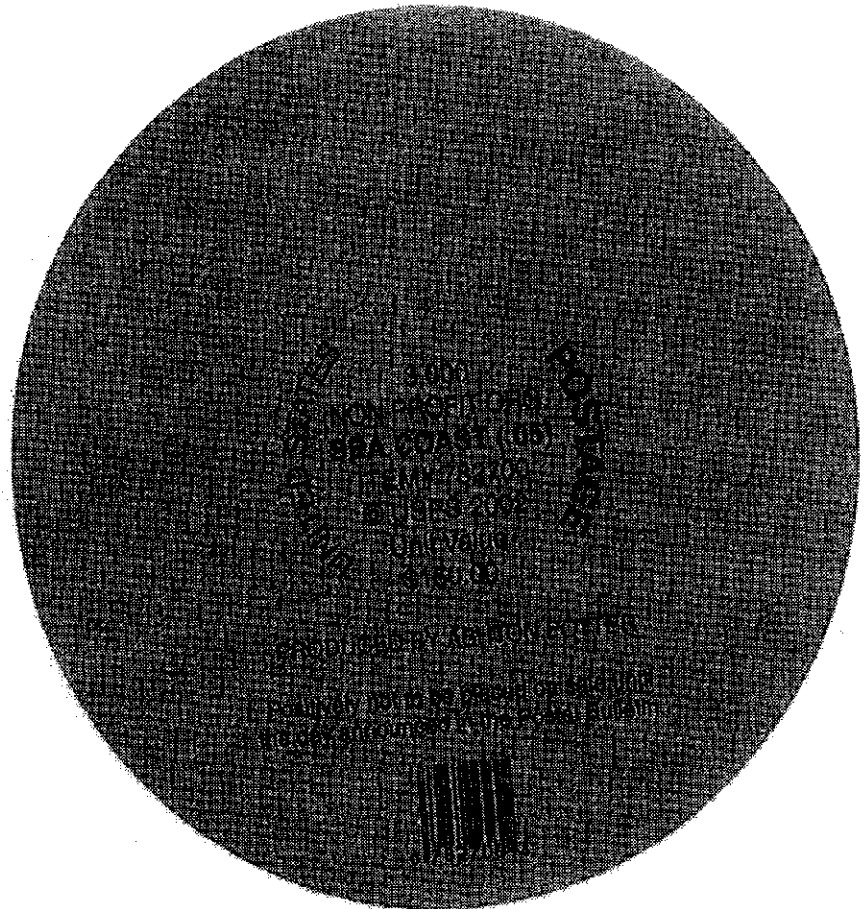
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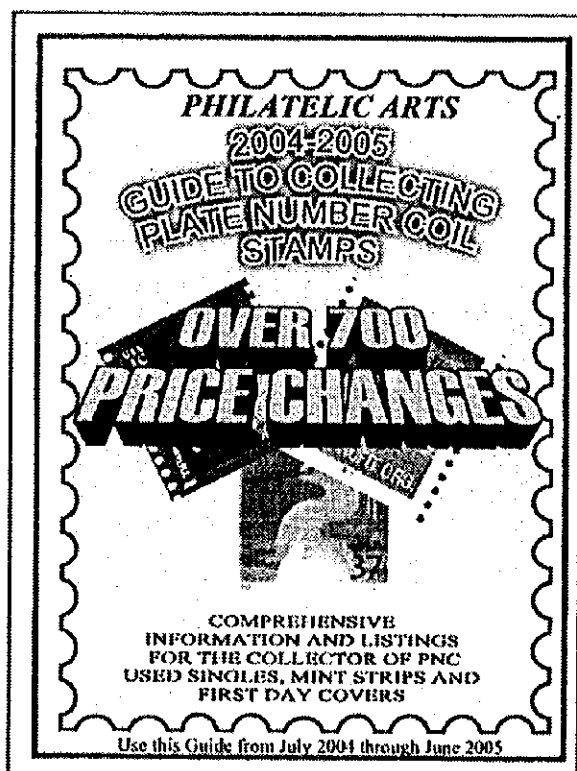
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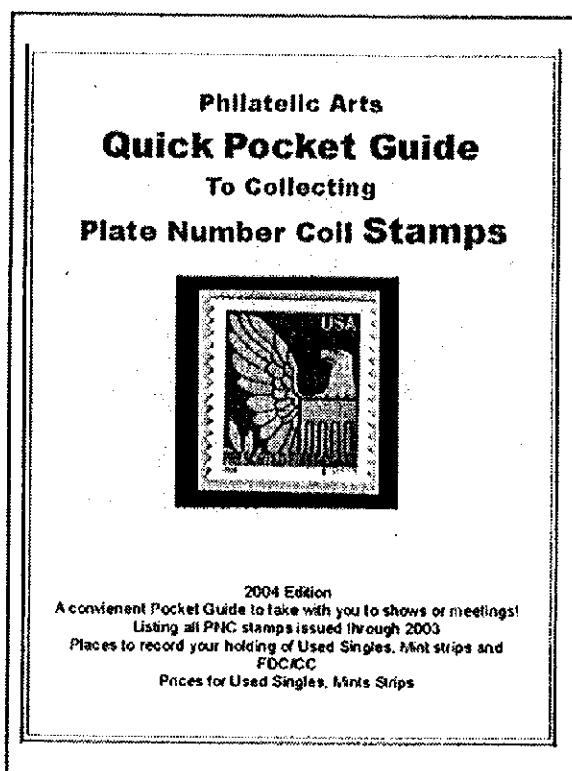


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