

## **Coil Line**

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## John Larimer prepared Coil Line charts detailing backnumbers

Member John Larimer, who prepared and supplied many charts updating backnumbers associated with Plate Number Coils died May 5.

Marion Larimer reported that John "passed away very peacefully at home" that day.

"I know he really enjoyed all his correspondence with his 'Stamp Buddies.' Unfortunately I will not be able to continue collecting as he did not have time to explain all the ins and outs to me. If anyone needs copies of his charts please let me know and I will see what I can put together.," she wrote. Larimerpncbns@aol.com

### Regional Meeting at Plymouth, Mich.

A traditional, albeit somewhat hastily organized, PNC<sup>3</sup> Regional Meeting was held in conjunction with the Michigan Plymouth Show April 24. While attendance was somewhat down from preceding years, the enthusiasm was high.

Our meeting, which lasted about two hours, did not lack for interesting topics. PNC<sup>3</sup> Webmaster, Ron Maifeld was in attendance and provided us with up-dates on the current PNC<sup>3</sup> catalog efforts and items of interest on the web site. Jeff Fiszbein, also in attendance, brought examples of his tagged 3c Star finds for us to examine. Also for our perusal, Joann Lenz brought a draft copy, provided by editor, Steve Unkrich, of the new and comprehensive PNC spreadsheet that will featured in the 2004 Minkus Catalog.

We also had the opportunity to examine and discuss examples of the much talked about, "37c Flag forgery", as well as, the Ashton Potter 10K and 3K Sea Coast coils. Differences were noted on the Sea Coast coils in the fonts used for the year dates and plate numbers and the shade of the red sky background color. Whether these differences will merit separate catalog listings for these two versions, remains to be seen.

Our meeting was topped off with a drawing for several "door prizes". Frank Covey, although unable to attend the show, donated two interesting sets of die cut samplers (Continued on page 76)

Message from the President:

# **Annual meeting follows Stampshow to Sacremento**

It has been customary for PNC<sup>3</sup> to hold its annual meeting in conjunction with STAMPSHOW, the largest show of the year sponsored by the American Philatelic Society. The location of STAMPSHOW moves within the United States every year giving everyone the opportunity to experience this big event sometime.

This year STAMPSHOW will be held in Sacramento California, August 12-15. The location of the show will be the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J. Street. PNC<sup>3</sup> will be there. The PNC<sup>3</sup> annual meeting will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, August 14<sup>1</sup> in room 313. Admission to STAMPSHOW is free.

Saturday morning from 9 until noon, your PNC<sup>3</sup> Board will meet. If you have considered becoming a club officer, you are welcome to join us to see how we conduct business. We will meet in room 317.

PNC<sup>3</sup> will have a club booth open all four days of the show. Show hours are 10 a.m. through 6 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. At the booth we talk PNCs and give out application forms and information about the club. Please stop by and chat with us. We also could use two hours of your time to staff the booth. If you would be willing to help, contact Andy Jakes, treasurer@pnc3.org with the hours you could work.

Also at our booth, we will have a laptop computer and scanner. If you have interesting material that you would like to see in the PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog, bring it by the booth and we will scan it. The Catalog Committee has some interesting varieties already, but we are eager to add to our collection of images. The PNC<sup>3</sup> Catalog will be available for viewing. You can also purchase a PNC<sup>3</sup> lapel pin to show your PNC<sup>3</sup> pride.

Following our regular annual meeting, the Catalog Committee will meet with members willing to help with (Continued on page 68)

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#### Meeting

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the production of our club catalog of PNCs. This meeting will last no more than two hours in room 313.

I will be at STAMPSHOW all four days of the show. I look forward to meeting and talking with other PNC<sup>3</sup> members. We allow time during the annual meeting for you to talk to others about PNCs, to trade and to show and tell about new items. It's always an enjoyable time.

Next month, our Vice President, John Peterson, will be writing this column while my wife and I are on vacation.

- Frank Covey

### Letters

'Snippets' good stuff, will be missed

Letter to the Editor:

The words of finality struck deep into the hearts of PNCers as Alan Thomson announced his termination of the production of "SNIPPETS" in COIL LINE.

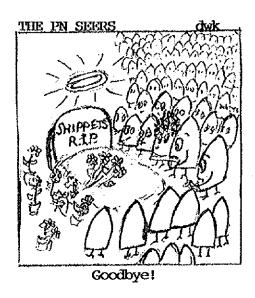
The column has been ongoing for many years and has provided us all with wit, wisdom, currency of issues and plain good sense. I'm sure I can speak for the many when

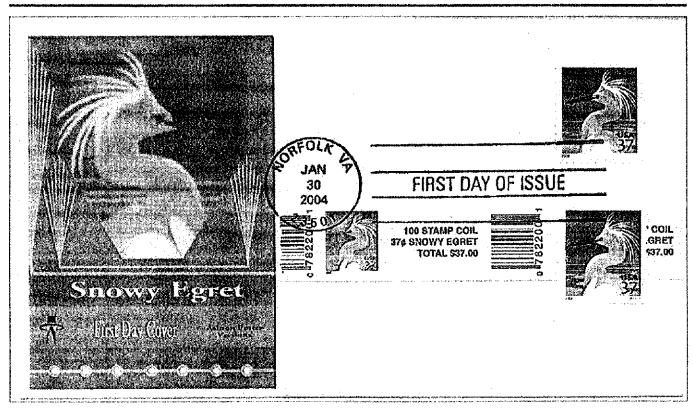
I say it will be sorely missed.

We all owe Alan a debt of gratitude for his efforts over the many years and the essence of being a good friend to all.

THANK YOU, Alan!

Dan Kaufiman dwkman@inreach.com Clearlake Park, CA





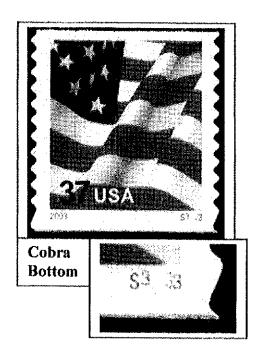
Conrad's continuing fun with coil roll labels

Above is a scan of an "unofficial" official First Day cancellation on the Ashton Potter Snowy Egret coil. While the Ashton Potter coil version had no official First Day, the booklet version did. Conrad Keydel was able to piggy back the coil version on the FDC for the booklet version. The labels are a continuation of Conrad's efforts to create FDCs with labels tied.

### The "Cobra" Die Cut Variety 37c Flag Waving (SSP) (SA) PNC ID 2003-7

By Frank Covey

Past issues of Coil Line have had articles about the die cut varieties on the 23c Washington (AVR) (SA) [2002-6] and the 37c Snowy Egret (AVR) (SA) [2003-8]. "Bell Top" and "Bell Bottom" have become familiar terms as have "Exposed Knoll" and "Imbedded Knoll". These die cut varieties are formed when the die cutting mat shifts in relation to the printed image. Below are images from the 37c Flag Waving (SA) from Sennett Security Products (SSP) caused by a similar die cutting shift, forming the shape of a cobra. While I have only found this variety on plate number \$3333, they could potentially be on plates \$1111, \$2222 and future stamp stick plate numbers. When a collector finds this variety on an attached coil stick, it's likely that the whole stick will exhibit the same die cutting shift.





With bridges showing top and bottom Plate Number unknown

The Catalog Committee would welcome reports of the Cobra die cut variety on other plate numbers. E-mail catalog@pnc3\_org and arrangements will be made to get a scan of your item. Or write the Catalog Committee, c/o Frank Covey, 16 Grandview Drive, Macomb, IL 61455.

The Kestrels differ in the order of color laydown.

Colors are black, yellow, cyan and magenta. Type I

The color order shows in the plate number.

sequence is BYCM. Type II is BCYM. Type III is YMCB.

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#V38

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37c OFFICIAL [14]

#S111

### This 'n That

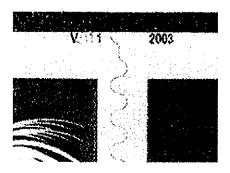
#### Scott and Peak Counts

Ever wonder why the self-adhesive Flag over Porch and Mountain die cut peak count varieties are not listed in the Scott Specialized catalog?

When I asked the catalog's editor "Why are these die cut varieties any less worthy of a catalog listing than the large and small hole varieties of the Liberty series coils?" he replied "In our experience, only a very tiny number of people care about these varieties."

If there is so little interest in these varieties, why do most PNC dealers list the varieties and why are collectors willing to pay significantly different prices for different varieties of the same plate number?

#### Egret Number on Top



A miscut on the Avery version of the Egret coil has produced a plate number on top. The number involved is V2111. This is the first report of a number on top since the 21c Bison V1111.

The miscut also reveals the die cut separator that is normally split between two rows of stamps. In this case, the separator plus the bottom peak from the row above and the top peak from this row combine to form the shape that has been named the bell.

#### Say Goodbye

The end of the variable denomination coil experiment is finally upon us. The last of the Unisys Postage and Mailing Center machines were scheduled to be removed from service in the VA suburbs of Washington, D. C. by May 1. The experiment began back in 1992 with ECA GARD machines and the Unisys machines were put into service in 1994.

#### 37c Flag Tagging

The 2004 version of the self-adhesive 37c Flag in rolls of 3000 exists with both a smooth (uniform) tagging and a mottled (spotty) tagging, with the difference being obvious. Stamps from the rolls of 10000 so far have only been reported as having the smooth tagging.

#### 37c Flag Imperfs

A total of four plate number combinations are now know imperf (die cut omitted) on the BEP version of the self-adhesive Flag coil. The new number is 6666. According to imperf specialist John Greenwood, numbers 3333, 4444 and 7777 had previously been reported imperf. The 7777 was also miscut while the other three are normally cut.

In addition to these, one miscut BEP roll has been found with partial Electric Eye registration bars at the top and no plate numbers (from the top row of the web). Only 52 of the stamps on the roll were imperf. It was originally reported by Kim Cuniberti in the April 14, 2003 issue of Linn's.

John also reports that the Sennett version of the self-adhesive Flag coil of 100 has just been found imperf. The plate number involved is \$2222.

- Doug Iams

# (5c) Nondenominated Seacoast (AP) (SA) Plate Number Comparisons PNC ID 2003-5

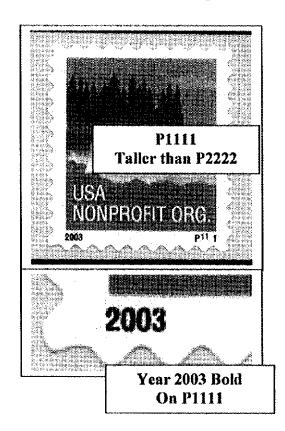
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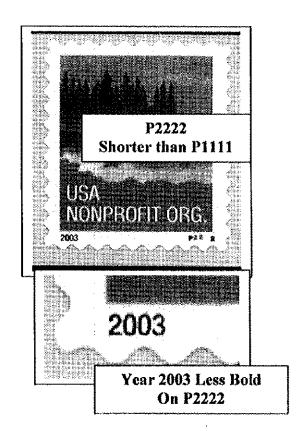
The new Plate No. P2222 on the 3K roll of the Ashton-Potter Self-Adhesive has notable differences from Plate No. P1111. The typeface used for plate number P2222 in the lower right corner is shorter than the typeface used for plate number P1111. The year shown in the lower left corner of both stamps is 2003, but the Plate No. P1111 stamp has the year in bolder type.

Backnumbers on P1111 were twenty stamps apart and could be upside down or right side up. On P2222 backnumbers are ten apart and have only been found right side up so far. Backnumbers can be 4-digits, 3-digits or 2-digits in length as on P1111. However, if you have a backnumber strip that has an odd number as the second digit from the right, this must come from a P2222 roll because P2222 rolls have backnumbers every ten stamps while P1111 rolls do not. For example, a strip with backnumber 1430 must, at the present time, come from a P2222 3K roll because the second digit from the right is odd.

The stamps of both plate numbers have die cutting on all four sides. This is unusual for self-adhesive coil stamps as most have a straight edge at the top and the bottom and die cutting on the sides. When die cutting on all four sides appeared on the first SA Seacoast stamp, it was deemed an experiment.

The Catalog Committee assigns PNC ID 2003-5 to both plates P1111 and P2222 as P2222 is considered another plate number of the same issue.



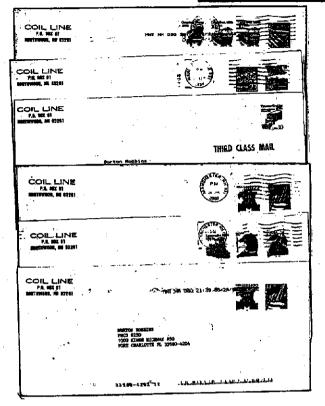


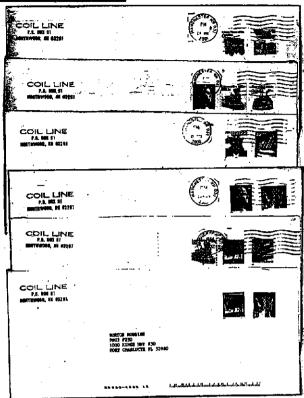
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### Membership

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# PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings and slide shows

A monthly listing of scheduled Regional and Annual Meetings will be published in *Coil Line*.

Regional Meetings are to be arranged through RMC Chairperson Tony Willson will coordinate PNC<sup>3</sup> meetings and also supervise the PNC<sup>3</sup> 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*.

WILLSON@WORLDNET.ATT.
NET or by phone at (714) 544-6799.

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.

Event: GLENCOPEX Place: Glendale Civic Audit. 1401 N. Verdugo Road (at Mountain intersection) Glendale, CA Date: June 19, Time: Pending Duration: Two hours

Event: Annual Meeting, STAMPSHOW, Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J. Street. 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 in room 313.

Event: MILCOPEX Place: Four Points Sheraton Airport Hotel 4747 S. Howell Ave. Milwaukee, WI Date: Sept. 4, Time: Pending Duration: Two hours

Event: Cuy-LorPex2004 (Cleveland area) Place: Lutheran High School West 3850 Linden Road Rocky River, OH Date: Oct. 16, Time: Pending Duration:

Pending Event: Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition Place: Municipal Auditorium 801 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL Date: Feb. 5, 2005 Time: 10:00 AM Duration: Pending

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### Membership

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Deceased:

John D. Larimer (1205)

Recap:

Previous membership count
New members
3
Deceased
1
New Total
860
860

### Plymouth

(Continued from page 67) that featured examples of top and bottom "bell" die cuts. Yours truly donated a couple of Cover Kraft FDCs that featured an "unofficial" 3/19/03 official First Day of Issue cancellation on the Ashton Potter 10K version of the Sea Coast coil.

All in all, an interesting and enjoyable meeting.

- Conrad Keydel

### Letter

Commercial cover report To the Editor:

- 1. The sort for Mar & Apr 2004 of a local disposal company's billings produced the following PNCs: Antique Toys B12222-7; Egret V1111-10, V2111-6, V3222-11; UWS 2222-1; 37c Flag 3s-12, 4s-1, 5s-7, 7s-2, 8s-3, 9s-4,1sA-2; B1111-4; S1111(WA)-3, (SA)-8, S2222(SA)-1. Total-81.
  - 2. Still no 6s located here.
- 3. My earliest Egret V3222 is 3 Apr 2004. There must be earlier! Rolly? Chris? Jeff?
- 4. Please note changed e-mail address as of 1 May 2004.
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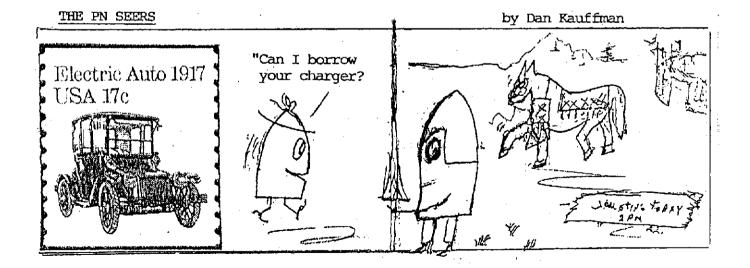
### A reflective element!

When I was a kid growing up in Michigan, winter brought out the warm caps and ear muffs, or other protection. One of the better remembered was the red and black hunting caps with the ear flaps which tied up at the top when not being used.

PN SEERS reflect that memory by those little loops at their tops.

Just thought you'd like to know - in case you ever wondered.

Dan Kauffman



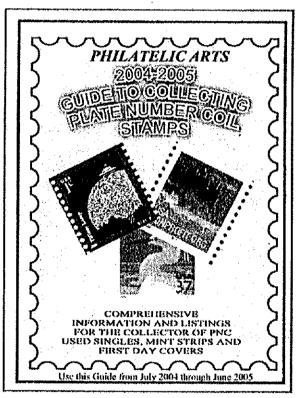
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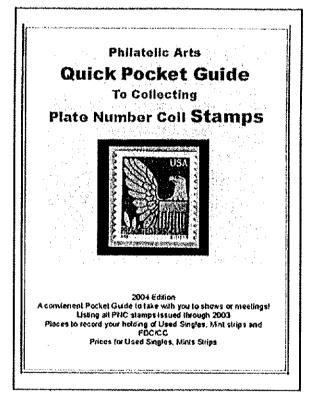


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