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Election results

Richard Beecher, chairman of the Ballot Committee, has filed the results of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club 2004 election:

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Frank Covey, 187; Richard Nazar, 3; John Peterson, 2; Ken Lawrence 1.

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PNC³ to have role in 2006 D.C. show

Plate number coils as we now know them were first issued in 1981. The year 2006 will mark the 25th anniversary of PNCs. The Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, founded in 1988, is a Patron Member of Washington 2006, the international philatelic exhibition to be held May 27-June 3, 2006 in Washington, D.C.

An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to plan and present a PNC program at the 8 day event.

Bob Hubsmith, Rob Loeffler, and Bob Moskowitz have been appointed to the committee. The three live close-by in New Jersey, and are able to meet with ease as frequently as necessary.

Our initial endeavors will be to outline a program of events, to solicit additional members to serve on the committee and to contribute suggestions.

Your assistance is needed now. Please respond to Bob Hubsmith at lobohub@earthlink.net or 11 Orchard Road, Kinnelon, New Jersey 07404-2730.

Message from the President:

No dues increase for 2005

I am writing you on the final day of STAMPSHOW in Sacramento, CA. Yesterday (Aug. 14) your PNC³ Board voted no increase in dues or fees for calendar year 2005. Holding the line on dues makes it possible for more to participate. Know that your dues are an incredible bargain and that they are only kept low because of the volunteer efforts of key members of your club. Be sure to thank them every opportunity you get.

I receive a copy of the election results from Richard Beecher. Your current officers and members-at-large have been re-elected to their respective posts for another two years. We thank you for your confidence in us. (Complete election results are listed elsewhere on this page).

PNC³ now has a special committee for the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition. The year 2006 is the 25th anniversary of Plate Number Coils. Bob Hubsmith, Rob Loeffler and Bob Moskowitz are committee members. All live close by each other in New Jersey. Please give them your ideas on how we should celebrate 25 years of PNC collecting. (See related story on this page).

Andy Jakes, our Treasurer, reported at the annual meeting that the club is financially healthy with fund balances higher than at the same time last year. Life memberships now total more than 100 members. Our catalog effort, a major expense for the last two years, is close to breaking even. The Catalog Committee has spent \$123.70 more than it has received. The goal is to keep the cost as low as possible, to produce a high quality color catalog, and to make the catalog pay its own way.

As you read in last month's *Coil Line*, the Board is exploring electronic delivery of *Coil Line* for those who want it. The Board has some concerns but is going ahead with a pilot project to test the feasibility of the idea. Members will hear more about this in the coming months.

Our Treasurer is exploring paying for dues and a few other club services via Paypal. Paypal may be preferred by some as a remittance method and would make dues pay-

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Annual meeting report

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ment easier for members outside the United States.

Finally, the board is looking into estate auctions. This would be a completely different auction from our current auctions, which would continue unchanged. The proposal will be written up for a future *Coil Line* and members will be allowed several months to comment before the Board decides what to do next.

-Frank Covey
Sacramento, CA

Letters

'Bloody Egret' found on commercial cover

To the Editor:

In the August *Coil Line*, on page 100, Frank Covey reports on Scott Adams' "Bloody Egret," with its red dot in white plumage.

It may be of interest that I have found this variety used on a utility commercial cover, postmarked Hartford, CT 06101 on 25 July 2004. It was in a large lot of payment envelopes picked up on July 30, only 1/3 scanned to date. I hope I'll find additional copies before I finish looking!

Also, I'd be willing to obtain my *Coil Line* via e-mail or download from the internet, in the interest of saving distribution cost and lightening the load on you and Alan Thomson.

Rolly Grandahl
via e-mail

Coil Line via the Web OK

To the Editor:

I would not mind saving a little paper. I would like to receive the newsletter via the web if you decide to go that way.

Steve McGourty
PNC3 #1596

Supports Coil Line download with Acrobat

I fully support the proposal to implement an electronic version of *Coil Line*. I believe it would be cost effective to do so.

My personal preference would be for the electronic file to be in Adobe Acrobat format. This format is pretty much universal across computer operating systems. For those who don't want to pay for a complete Adobe Acrobat program, it is available FREE as Acrobat Reader. Another advantage to Acrobat would be the use of color. Wouldn't it be nice to see all those stamps in their glorious color?

Since I hate to burn trees and collect reams of paper, I archive my hard copy after I digest it for several days to an Adobe pdf file and the hard copy goes to the recycle box.

Dave St. Maurice
PNC3 #1634

Philatelic Arts plans new PNC album

To the Editor:

It is with a great deal of excitement and pleasure I would like to announce the beginning of a large project that I hope will bring benefit to all collectors of plate number coils in mint strips of 5.

Philatelic Arts Publishing Co. is beginning the process of developing a brand new PNC Mint Strips of 5 album for collectors of PNC stamps. The album will consist of three or more volumes when complete. The target date for completion of the first album covering the transportation coil series is by mid winter 2005. I will be working then on the Flag and Rate change stamps and then the Definitives, Officials, and Computer Vended stamps. The album will be housed in heavy duty White Presentation Binders and all pages will be produced on acid free, archival quality heavy weight paper.

Each page will have a border with a unique design evoking stretched out roll of coil stamps with corner emblems design to look like full rolls of coil stamps. A border frame will surround each strip on the page to properly frame each strip. At the top of the page is a main title and then a written description of the stamps on that page listing the stamps name, the printer and date of issue.

Under each strip of 5 frame, will be listed the plate number, tagging and gum types and any other important information for that stamp in 12 point type that is easy to see and read. Each number and variety will have its own space on the page. The Title page will have each collectors name imprinted on it.

When finished, this will be the first new and complete album design especially for Plate Number Coil Collectors in quite some time. It will be the only album that will thoroughly provides for the needs of our specialty area. Annual updates will be available. While it is not possible to give a firm price on the first volume at this point, I would estimate that it will be around \$75.

If you are interested in subscribing to this album, receiving each volume as it is published, please write to Philatelic Arts Publishing Co. 370 Saw Mill Rd. Guilford, CT. 06437. There is no obligation at this point. As the first volume is nearing completion I will mail all who have expressed interest, information and final pricing for the first volume. You can then make your decision. I am looking for three PNC3 members who may be interested to act as proof readers and editors for this project.

Please write to express your interest and qualifications. If selected you will received a free copy of the completed album when published.

Julian Jakubson
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(More letters on page 115)

Linerless Coils

Writing in the final issue of *Stamp Collector*, Jay Bigalke reported that there are no plans for any more linerless coils because their added costs are not justified by the lukewarm reception they received from the public.

New Atlas Coil?

Writing on the Virtual Stamp Club web site, John Cropper reported that a new version of the self-adhesive Atlas coil in rolls of 3000 from Avery is due to be issued on September 13. Since Avery already produces a SA Atlas coil in rolls of 10000, it remains to be seen whether there will be any differences beyond the roll sizes.

In the meantime, new numbers have been popping up on the SA Atlas. The newest number reported (by Carl Wicklund) is V12222.

Seacoast Matrix

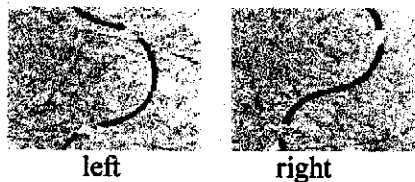
In the July 26th Linn's, Dr. Rabinowitz reported on two freak self-adhesive Seacoast P2222 rolls. The rolls have clear tape splices and on one side of the splice there is a run of stamps that still have the stamp paper matrix surrounding the stamps that is normally removed. A total of about 150 stamps with the matrix were found.

I have strips of the 29c brown Eagle & Shield (Sc. 2595) and 29c green Eagle & Shield (Sc. 2596) coils with the matrix between two of the stamps, but not completely surrounding the stamps and these coils did not carry plate numbers.

The Seacoast is the first self-adhesive coil produced in large rolls by Ashton Potter, so we may see more of this in the future.

George Washington Ties

Rob Loeffler and Gene Trinks have noticed on some 23c George Washington strips that the ties (the tiny paper bridges that interrupt the die cuts between stamps) were not located in the same places on different die cuts within the same strip. Below is an example from a V21 strip showing the left and right sides of a single stamp.



left

right

At the right the ties are located at the tips of the peaks and bottoms of the valleys while at the left they are clearly on the slopes.

37c Flag Tagging Correction

The report of mottled tagging on the 2004 self-adhesive 37c Flag coil existing on rolls of 10000 has been withdrawn. Mottled tagging is known on rolls of 3000.

Seacoast Backnumbers

Ashton Potter is the only printer that omits the leading zeroes on its backnumbers. As a result, strips from rolls of 3000 can have 4 digit, 3 digit or 2 digit backnumbers.

Since the plate number spacing is 27 stamps and the backnumber spacing is 10 stamps on the AP Seacoast rolls of 3000, the # on # spacing is every 270 stamps and there are 27 different rolls. Only 9 of the 27 different rolls will have a single 2 digit # on # strip. Two of those 9 rolls will have an additional PS5 with a 2 digit backnumber elsewhere within the PS5. Of the other 18 rolls, 3 will have three PS5's with a 2 digit backnumber, 11 will have two PS5's with a 2 digit backnumber, and 4 will have a single PS5 with a 2 digit backnumber.

CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

08/10/04

AHT

KEY: A-100, B-300, C-3000, D-10000

EP - EMBEDDED PHOS UT - UNTAGGED
 SP - SURFACE PHOS [xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL
 BK - BLOCK TAG (NL) - LINELESS
 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
 #2222A* A
 #B1111 A
 #S1111 A
 #S2222 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] [31]

#V1111 A
 #V2111 A
 #V3212* A
 #V3222 A
 #P11111 A
 #P22222 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) [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]

#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, D [27]

(5c) SEACOAST [10]

#B111 B, D
 #S1111 C, D

(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

37c OFFICIAL [14]

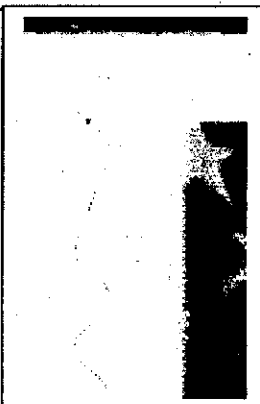
#S111 A

● In printing the SA Seacoast with cylinders P2222, Ashton Potter changed the cylinder size from that used to print P1111. 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.

PNC Gold from California

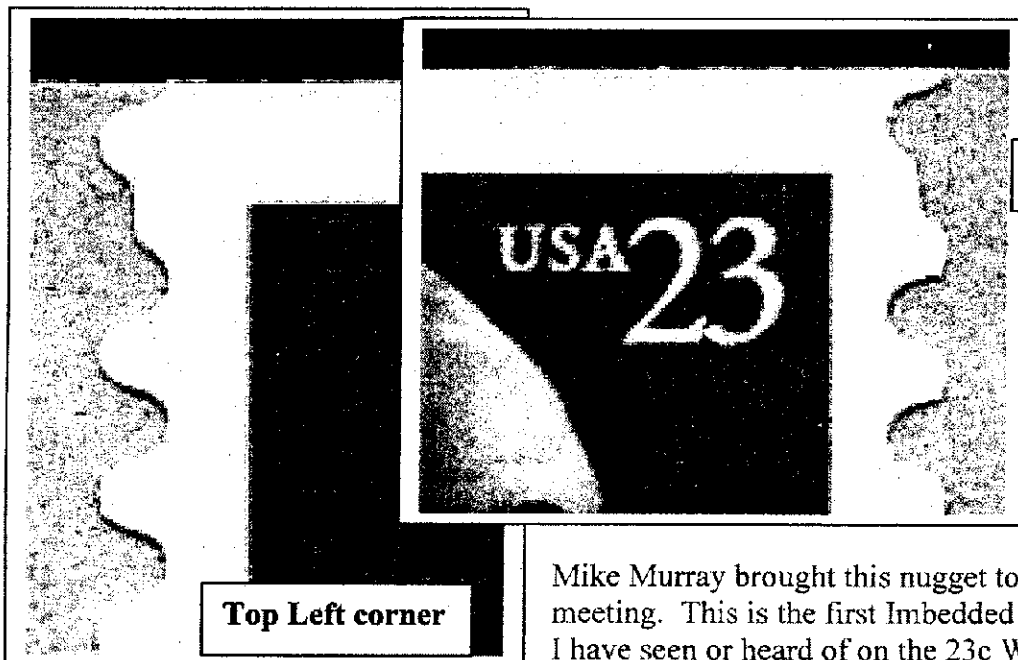
By Frank Covey



Doug Rotz brought this gem to the PNC³ booth at STAMPSHOW. It's the 37c Flag from Sennett Security Products (PNC ID 2003-7) plate S1111 showing the Cobra die cut at top with the die cut ending before it reaches the top of the strip.

The Headless Cobra

23c Washington Imbedded Bell Die Cut



Mike Murray brought this nugget to the annual meeting. This is the first Imbedded Bell Die Cut I have seen or heard of on the 23c Washington

(2002-6). Mike purchased this from Renate Fearonce in Tucson in January 2004. It bears plate V11. The Imbedded Bell is known on the Snowy Egret (2003-8) which like the 23c Washington is an Avery-Dennison product.

Clearinghouse for PNC 'toughies'

by Gene Trinks

Since the suspension of the Snippets column, there has been no regular posting of census data on the various hard-to-find PNC items that Alan Thomson tracked on our behalf. We still come across the occasional new find of a PNC variety that is known only in small quantities. I propose to compile and publish monthly updates of the quantities known for these rare items.

For now, the list will include only those PNCs thought to exist in quantities less than (a quite arbitrary) 75, though this limit may be subject to change in the future. All items on the list below were reported by Alan in the Snippets column. The reports for most of the Flag Over Porch varieties (formerly known as the 'escapees') have been tracked for years. The find of the FoP # 88888 11/12 is comparatively recent, as is the find of the Mountain #1111 9/10. I also include the Avery Mountain #V333342 13/12 die cut, since there were no additional reports after the first couple.

I believe there are multiple benefits to maintaining such a list. They include helping exhibitors and judges place proper weight on the scarcity of PNC materials, as well as helping establish relative values for pricing when buying, selling, or trading. It also gives us all the impetus to search through our collections in the hope of locating some of these elusive varieties. Knowing what's uncommon is an important first step in finding and preserving difficult items for PNCers of tomorrow. Finally, it will help gain recognition by the mainstream hobby that the die varieties found on modern stamps are every bit as worthy of catalog recognition as the classical perforation varieties so highly touted in the catalogs and philatelic press.

The list will be segmented into three categories: Mint strips or singles, used strips or singles, and on cover.

I invite anyone who wishes to suggest additional PNCs to be included to contact me with recommendations and any known census information. I am particularly interested in developing more data on the corner and shoulder varieties reported earlier by Alan for which there were no known mint examples. For reference purposes, these were: Green Bike #444 square shoulder, E&S (STD) #11111 square shoulder, and Diner #22211 round shoulder. Suggestions for improving this census are always welcome.

Census of Hard-to-Find PNC Items

(latest available information)

PNC	PNC ID	Scott No.	Mint	Used	On cover/piece
32¢ Flag over Porch ('Famous Five')					
66666 10/11 die	1996-8.221	2915A	0	14	2
66666 12/11 die	1996-15.251	2915C	0	3	2
78777 10/10 die	1996-8.211	2915A	4	45	5
88888 11/12 die	1996-15.252	2915C	0	2	0
13231A 10/10 VP die	1996-8.212	2915A	8 + 6	49	10
(5¢) Avery Mountain V3333342 13/12 die	1996-10.211	2904A	0	8	2
(5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die	1997-1.22	2904B	2 + 2	7	2

* In MINT column, first number is known ps/5s and second number is known mint singles

Please send your updates to me at Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Ct., Troy, MI 48083. Or by e-mail at gctrinks@sprynet.com. If convenient, send a photocopy (200% enlargement preferred) for verification.

If you have already reported your holdings to Alan Thomson, please DO NOT send to me again.
All the above are derived from his reports.

The Longer Strip

By Dan Kauffman

As a refresher for some, and an explanation to curious newer members, the merits and reasons for longer strips of coil stamps are herein discussed.

Prior to 1981 - and the first PNCs - coil stamps were generally collected as singles or in pairs. With pairs, the joint line, a feature of the Cottrell press, was the favored characteristic and attraction. These lines were formed by the accumulation of ink in the small open space where two plates were abutted and held on the press cylinder. And the line transferred to the printed web due to an inability to mechanically control or remove them with moisture or wiper blades. The lines differentiated those stamps from others of the same issue and made them more collectible by that difference.

Space on coil selvage was a factor in the placement of plate numbers, therefore a small representative number on the margins of the lead stamps of a plate was used. The printed web was and is used in its entirety by the rows of stamps. The numbers represent the full plate number used for tracking, accounting and other purposes. PNCs were born. These numbers were collected along with the joint lines. Collectors continued to save pairs but as increased numbers appeared, emphasis shifted more to the numbers as the dominant feature. For balance and symmetry, pairs died and strips of three became the preferred format. But we still find pairs of early PNC stamps in dealers stocks.

Early PNC dealer, Dennis Chamberlain, instituted a Luxury Format strip of four, focusing on the joint line as the divisional point as earlier. The format didn't catch on with all collectors, but strips of four can still occasionally be found as testimony of their significance.

The Bigger equals Better crowd surged forward and strips of five became the desired format to make the strips more impressive and aesthetically pleasing. Driven by pre-canceled GAP positions and prompted by the desire for two stamps additionally past a given featured point, strips of seven are not uncommon.

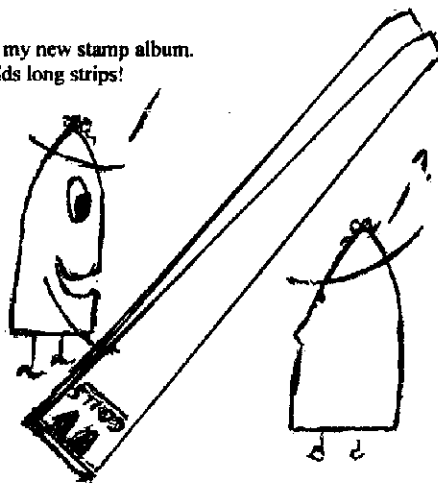
With the early Contemporary Xmas stamps of 1993 and subsequent issues with multiple images forming the strips, but only one carrying a PN, longer strips were dictated. The early announcement prompted a running debate between Ken Lawrence and me regarding strip length. He opted for a strip of 8 while I thought a strip of 9 more satisfying. The idea being a stamp with a plate number is decidedly different from one without it. And as such should be represented in a strip showing both. I agreed with the premise, but held to keeping the PN centered, requiring 9 stamps! Ken said, "Eight is enough!"

Now, the back number (Bn) craze has some of our

members collecting longer and longer strips. Some issues and usages require strips extending from page edge to page edge!

The latest issue of Eagles with ten different designs has bested all of our efforts to keep things within bounds and traditions. To subscribe to the tenants of previous collectable displays, the norm requires a strip of 21. No page can hack it! My resolve is gone! "Ten is enough!"

It's my new stamp album.
Holds long strips!



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PNC³ 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 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.

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: 2 p. m. Two hours reserved.

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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Recap:

Previous membership count	871
New members	5
New Total	876

Letters

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Online edition

poses questions

To the Editor:

In last month's *Coil Line* (Aug '04), Scott Walker made an inquiry regarding putting the current *CL* online.

Several thoughts ran through my mind and they deserve airing for this consideration.

Our mailings require a permit from the USPS for bulk mailings. These permits cost an annual fee and require a minimum of 200 pieces per mailing. Additional copies over the minimum are inconsequential; the fee is fixed. However, each piece costs the Club postage fees. Alan Thomson, our distribution guru, places service inscribed stamps on each piece, currently 9 X 12 covers, and pays additional fees to cover the current rate according to weight and number of pieces. All items must be alike (the envelopes have eliminated the folding operation but the cost of the envelopes would not be entirely offset by this). And then there's collating and stapling-based on number usually, above cost of printing. All of which is detailed, time consuming, expensive, and labor intensive. Personal considerations of our people, I'm sure, have been interfered with on many occasions due to these efforts on the rest of the members behalf. The reduction of time and funding might come as a welcome relief

If current issues were indeed placed on our Club website, or could be alternatively accessed, they could be downloaded by

those interested in having a hard copy. This would reduce costs of printing and associated fees. Although the cost of copying would transfer to the individual, the price of paper isn't that high. And an issue would be available regardless of location if you're a traveler.

Not all members will be favorable, of course. Some have neither computer skills nor equipment for such a transition. Therefore members should be able to opt to receive a mailed copy as before. With our membership numbers, the 200 requirement should not be too hard to achieve.

I like the idea as a saving, both to the Club's bankroll and to the laborious efforts of some of our people,

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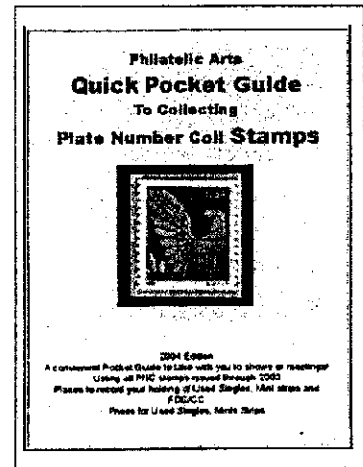
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