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## APS plans special appeal for PNCs

The Sales Division of the American Philatelic Society will apparently make a special appeal in the August issue of "The American Philatelist" for sales books dedicated to plate number coil material.

Following is an excerpt from a letter to PNC3 member Randy A. Fisher of Northlake, IL, from Gordon P. Wrenn, director of sales for the APS.

"I am very happy to learn of your plan to submit Plate Number Coils to us, particularly in view of the fact that the August 1991 Sales Talk column will include a request to members to send that material to us so that we can begin to offer circuits of it. Unfortunately we will need so many sales books before we can contemplate offering these circuits to our members, that we will have to be reassured of a steady supply before starting the circuits."

For those PNC3 members not affiliated with the APS, the Sales Talk column is a regular monthly feature of "The American Philatelist." The column explains various aspects of APS circuits.

In light of the PNC3 survey conducted earlier this year regarding the APS offering circuits of PNC material, it appears the time is at hand for PNC members follow through on the answers provided in the survey.

Of the nearly 150 PNC3 members who answered the survey, over 80 percent indicated an interest in receiving such circuits and a slightly lesser number indicated they could prepare from 1 to several score sales books. To all of you who were interested and are APS members, now's the time to fill up the sales books and submit the material.

APS members needing information about preparing sales books should contact the APS directly at P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803. The circuits are open only to APS members.

Some PNC material occasionally shows up in the U.S. Used circuit received by the Coil Line editor. The most recent example contained some excellent 18c Surreys with a variety of plate numbers and several purple machine cancels. The material was fairly priced. One caution to those preparing books: Be realistic about your grading and pricing. Ask yourself if you would pay the price you are asking for the stamp.

## PNC3 schedules its annual meeting for Philadelphia

The annual meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club will be Sat., Aug. 24 during Stampshow in Philadelphia.

Stampshow is the annual show and 105th convention of the American Philatelic Society. Last year the show and PNC3 meeting were held in Cincinnati.

PNC3 will meet from noon to 2 p.m. in room 123 of the Philadelphia Civic Center, according to Dan Asmus of the APS office. The meeting room is on the lobby level of the concenction center, one floor above the main floor where Stampshow will be held. The lobby level is accessible via elevator and escalator.

The PNC3 business meeting will be highlighted by announcement of the election results according to Dan Asmus of the APS office. The meeting room is on the lobby level of the concenction center, one floor above the main floor where Stampshow will be held. The lobby level is accessible via elevator and escalator.

Ballots were mailed to all members in good standing in late June. Ballots were to have been returned no later than Aug. 1. Club officers will also bring other necessary items before those attending. Ample time will also be set aside for questions and answers, comments and for getting to know fellow PNC3 members.

Those attending are encouraged to bring along items of interest to share with the group. These meetings also provide a good opportunity to establish trading contacts and to swap material and stories.

Of special interest to PNC3 members will be the award-winning "Tomorrow's Classic's" exhibit by Bill McMurray of Rhode Island.

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# Time for 'G' stamp?

Ramblings from the Coil Line editor:

Will it be "G" for garden or maybe "G" for golf or more likely "G" for gouge. If the U.S. Postal Service has its way, the 29c rate for first class mail may soon be a thing of the past. The 1c stamp may be about to become the hottest item at the post office if the USPS decides it will have the 30c rate it wanted all along but didn't get from the Postal Rate Commission. As of the "Coil Line" deadline July 15, the USPS had not announced when the higher rate would go into effect. Reports in recent days have indicated it is no longer a matter of "if" the rate goes into effect but "when" the rate goes into effect. Some think the rate will be effective this fall. Word is the 1991 Christmas stamps will be non-denominated. This presents all sorts of questions:

- Will there be a nondenominated "G" stamp issued to represent the new first class rate? Reportedly one has been ordered but not yet printed.
- Will the Mount Rushmore stamps be redesigned with a 30c denomination?
- What will happen to the long-awaited 29c denominated version of the "F" stamp?
- Will the second ounce rate be affected and how?

Meanwhile, all of those 1c Omnibus coils lying around in our "scrap" boxes may finally come in handy. Stayed tuned to your favorite news source and think about filling out the "F" and Mount Rushmore numbers in your collection. Some of this stuff may be scarce, especially some of the Rushmore numbers. I wouldn't suggest hoarding is required but a prudent filling of the spaces wouldn't be a bad idea. The 30c Cardinal sheet stamp should have told us the USPS wasn't going to settle for 29c rate any longer than required.

## PNC3 schedules -----

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 Those still in Philadelphia Sunday afternoon may want to sit in on a lecture on PNCs by Ken Lawrence. This is scheduled for 1 p.m. The location will be available at the show. The annual meeting of the APS will be held Saturday morning at 9 and is open to all members. The Philadelphia Civic Center is located off the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) in University City. Take exit 41 to University Avenue and turn right onto Civic Center Blvd. Philadelphia also provides a good chance to take a break from stamps or for members of the family not interested in stamps to have something to do. There are numerous historical sites ranging from Independence National Historical Park to the Betsy Ross Home and the U.S. Mint.

# Letters

## From the PNC3 President

I have a few announcements to make: First, the PNC3 annual meeting will take place Saturday, Aug. 24 at Stampshow '91 in Philadelphia (at the Philadelphia Civic Center) I hope to meet many of you attending the meeting. I also want to announce that Bill McMurray has replaced Frank Shively as Chairman of the Exhibitions and Awards Committee. Frank has been ill, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Lastly, I wish to announce that a Standing Rules Committee has been formed with Gene Trinks as chairman. Karen Weigt and myself are also on the committee. If you have any suggestions for for standing rules for the running of our organization, would you please send them to Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Court, Troy, MI 48083.

Best wishes,  
 Rob Washburn, PNC3 President  
 P.O. Box 840  
 Skowhegan, ME 04976

(Editor's note: Details of the annual meeting time and location are on page one of this issue of Coil Line.)

## Suggestion for meeting discussion

To the Editor:  
 In May I attended the ROMPEX stamp show in Denver for the second time. The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition is a wonderful show each spring, and among the locals are some legendary PNC collectors. Stan Luft, who is in charge of long-range planning for ROMPEX, asked me about the possibility of PNC3 holding an annual meeting at a future ROMPEX. I told him I'd pass along the suggestion, with my own hearty endorsement. As Stan and BIA President Bill Dunn say, those who attend ROMPEX once, usually return. I imagine most of us will expect our 1992 annual meeting to be held in Chicago, along with nearly every other stamp society, but by then we will have held a string of meetings in the East and Midwest. It's time for us to follow Horace Greeley's advice and Go West. I recommend that our newly installed officers contact Stan Luft about holding the 1993 PNC3 annual meeting in Denver. He will be more than happy to respond to our needs with meeting rooms, seminar rooms and equipment, a specified number of exhibit frames for PNC entries and so forth. (The free liquor and snacks in the hospitality suite will easily make up for any extra costs in getting to Denver, and the hotel is as reasonable as any.) Let's consider this at our August meeting in Philadelphia.

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# 19c Fishing Boat stamp due Aug. 8

The long-awaited 19c Fishing Boat coil stamp is due to be issued Aug. 8 in Washington, D.C. However, it won't as many had speculated, be a part of the Transportation Coil series. The stamp is being printed by the photogravure process by Multi-Color Corp. for the American Bank Note Co. It will have one group of four plate numbers preceded by the letter A. The interval of the plate numbers had not been revealed at the July 15 deadline for this issue of Coil Line.

The four-color stamp shows a boat tied up to a piling. The stamp pays the 19c domestic postcard rate and will be issued in rolls of 500 and 3,000.

The stamp is the second coil this year to be printed by the gravure process and is the second coil printed by a private firm. The first was the gravure version of the 29c Mount Rushmore stamp released July 4 in rolls of 10,000. The earlier Mount Rushmore coils were printed by the intaglio process.

The U.S. Postal Service originally announced the stamp would be issued in April. No First Day ceremony is planned.

The stamp was designed by Pierre Mion of Lovettsville, Va.

First Day Cover requests should be handled in the usual way, making sure that if you use envelopes instead of postcards, the postage totals at least 29c. Customer-prepared envelopes should be sent to Fishing Boat Stamp, Postmaster, 900 Brentwood Road NE, Washington, D.C. 20066-9992.

## Bulk mail coil stamps planned

The U.S. Postal Service has announced plans to release two service-inscribed coil stamps sometime this year for the needs of bulk mailers.

Included will be a non-denominated coil with a selling price of 5c. The design will be text only.

The second coil stamp will have a 23c value. It will be precanceled and will be untagged and service-inscribed. USPS has not said if this will be a Transportation Coil.

The existing 23c Lunch Wagon coil is not suited for bulk mailing, thus the need for the second 23c value, the USPS said.

## PNC findings reported by members

Richard Beecher says the 25c Yosemite No. 1 block tagged has been available at the Long Beach, CA philatelic center "but they're going fast."

Steven Crown, 306 Lazy Hollow Dr. League City, TX 77573 has found rolls of 500 of the 2c Locomotive reengraved and untagged at the downtown Houston post office. The 5c motorcycle, 1c Americana coils and 3c Parkman coils are also being sold from vending machines there.

He has also seen "alot" of 29c "F" coils with a distinctive blue paper. He will let others examine an example.

# Trading project has limited success, ends

George Kuhn reports the plate number project he had offered to operate has now ended.

"I'd like to thank all 27 members who submitted strips for possible swapping.

"It was a limited success and some of the members had to be disappointed, as they failed to receive any of the strips they desired in exchange for strips they sent in for trade. It's too bad it worked out that way, but the variety I'd hoped for just failed to be realized.

"The table below will show the results of the project, and may be of more than passing interest to many members."

### Strips submitted:

"F" Flower No.	1111	12
	1211	2
	1222	19
	2211	4
	2222	48

Mt. Rushmore	1	2
	2	5
	3	3
	4	14
	6	5
	7	16

### Strips requested:

"F" Flower No.	1111	7
	1211	24
	1222	5
	2211	20
	2222	4

Mt. Rushmore	1	24
	2	15
	3	14
	4	8
	6	15
	7	14

Thanks again to all who responded and who were so patient with me.

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## Commercial cover report-Northwest

Howard Foster, S. 2503 Tekoa, Spokane, WA 99203 reports the following PNCs in commercial covers from Central Washington for the "F" stamp: 2222 - 635; 1222 - 320; 1111 - 47. The figures from a mixture from the Baltimore, MD area are: 2222 - 64; 1222 - 16; 1111 - 23. Mount Rushmore commercial covers are: 1-4; 2-3; 3-43; 4-1; 6-5; 7-18. All from Central Washington.

## The deadline for material for the September Coil Line is Aug. 15

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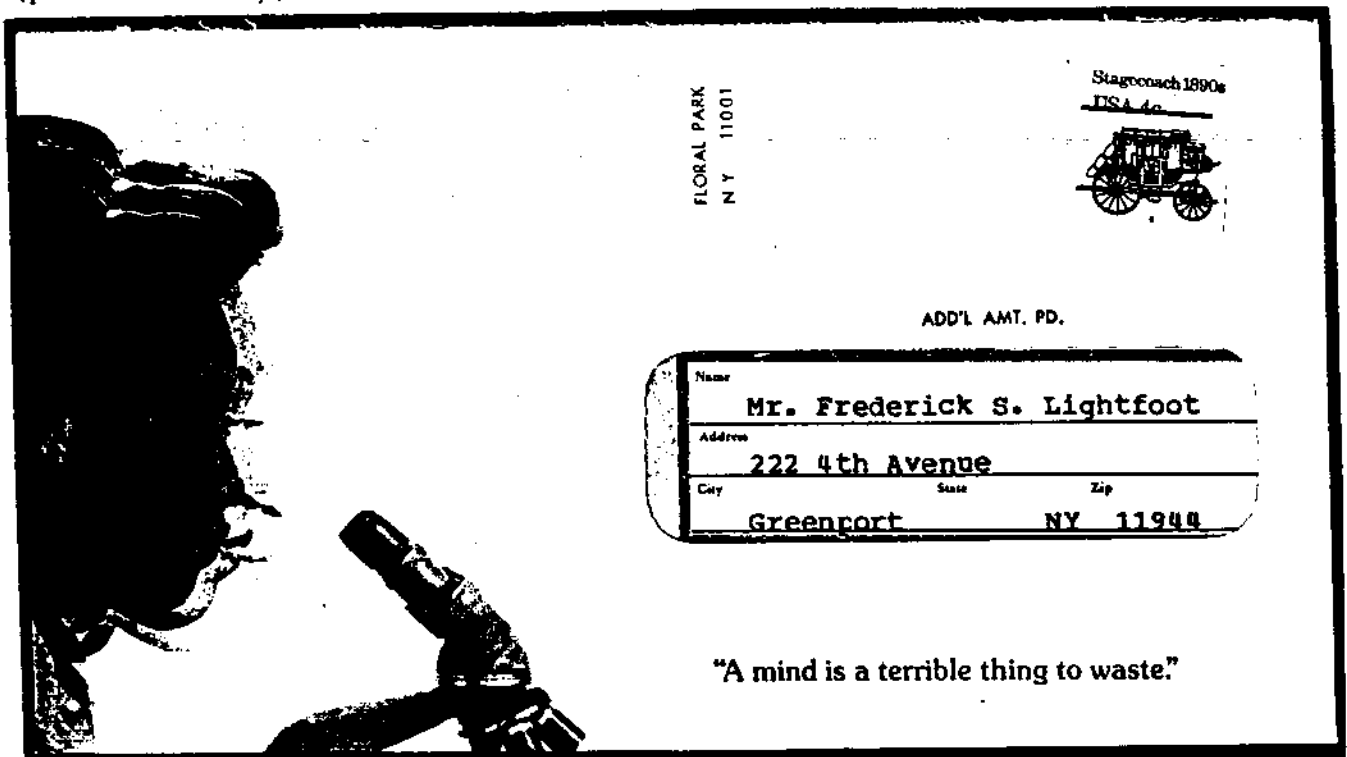
Now that we're seeing 4c Stagecoach coils used as makeup postage with 25c stamps, I thought this might be a good time to do an article on the 4c Stagecoach coil.

The Cottrell version of the 4c Stagecoach was released on August 19, 1982 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Plate number 1 through 6 exist tagged, and numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 exist precancelled. The plate numbers appear every 24 stamps on a roll. A B-press version of the Stagecoach appeared on August 15, 1986 in Washington, D.C. Only plate number 1 is known to date. Recently, the B-press version has been found with two types of tagging...block and overall. The plate number appears every 52 stamps in a roll.

The earliest known usages of the 4c Stagecoach on covers carried in the mailstream are as follows:

	<u>Plate Number</u>	<u>Earliest Known Usage Date On Cover</u>
Cottrell:	1	2/1/86
	2	6/16/84
	3	2/6/87
	4	3/15/87
	5	5/19/86
	6	4/28/85?
	3 Prec.	12/4/87
	4 Prec.	10/29/86
	5 Prec.	10/20/87
	6 Prec.	10/20/87
B-press:	1 block tagged	8/15/86
	1 overall tagged	4/8/91

All of the above earliest usage covers were philatelically contrived. There is, however, a known #6 precancelled cover with contents dated March 16, 1983 (pictured below).

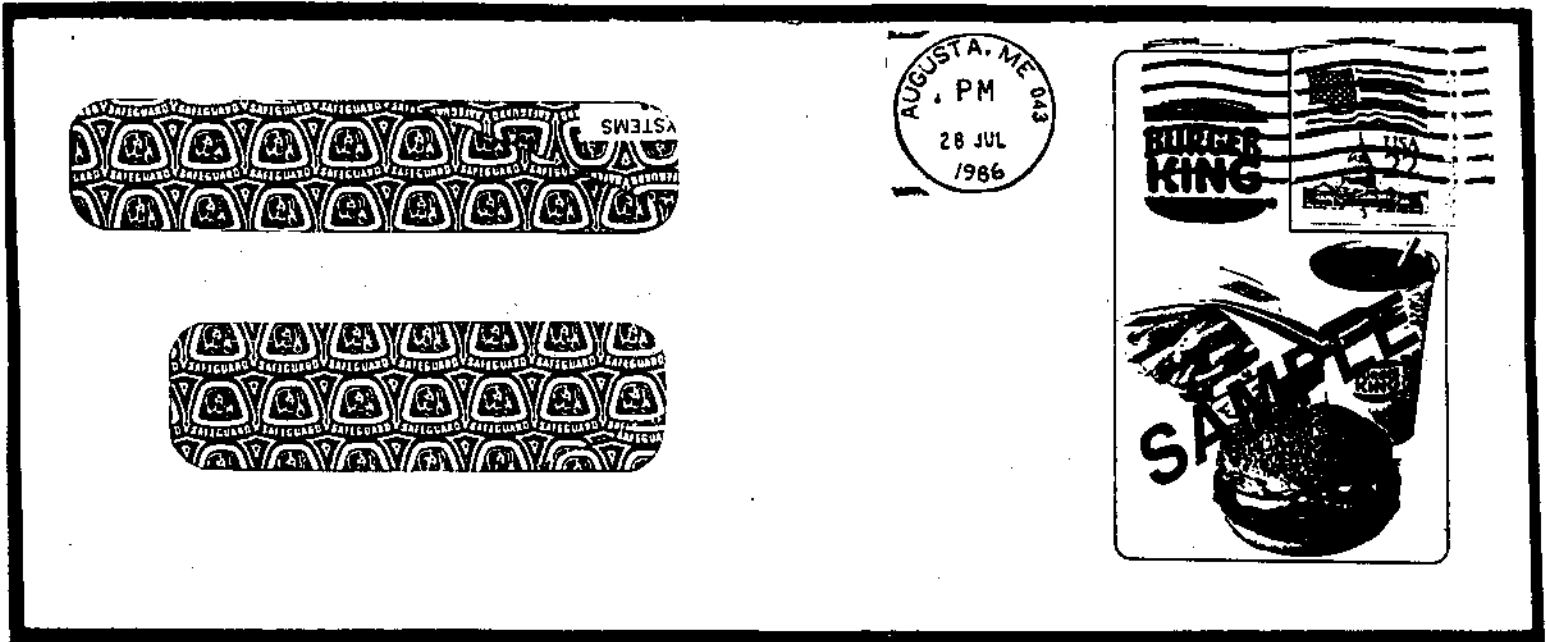


Until recently, virtually all known 4c Stagecoach tagged PNC covers were philatelic. Now that we've had a rate change, many more stagecoach coils have been seen used commercially.

The precancelled 4c Stagecoach coils paid the third-class nonprofit bulk mailing (sorted to 5 zip code digits) 4c rate in effect from July 28, 1982 until January 8, 1983. The precancelled Stagecoaches continued to be used as authorized false franking after the rate increased to 4.3c and then to 4.9c, finally ceasing service on August 18, 1985. All of the precancelled Stagecoach PNC commercial covers are rare. In fact, less than 20 of each number have ever been reported. Because of their scarcity, I would value 4c precancelled PNC commercial covers for a minimum of \$20 each.

A Surrey #15 cover with purple machine cancel has been found, now making the total known 2! Stamps. 'n' Stuff has also come up with more new EKU covers, some beating the dates of ones recently sold in its March 28, 1991 auction...Surrey #6 (6/6/81), #8 (6/27/81), #10 (7/5/81), #12 (8/16/81) and #15 (9/5/81), 20c Flag #9 (1/17/83), 20c Pumper #14 (7/6/82). Also a 17c Electric Auto PNC has finally been found used during the 18c rate period. The cover features a 17c Electric Auto #1 and is dated 10/10/81. Check out Ken Lawrence's July 15 Linn's column for a photo of this new find.

Keep those reports coming. Have a great summer.



The above cover features a 22c Flag #3 coil and an Ad-Mail sample stamp. Ad-Mail was an innovative advertising idea which never got off the ground because the U.S. Justice Department ruled it to be in violation of a law prohibiting the attachment of a "security" (stamps were considered to be securities) to an advertisement. (If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send it to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.)

# A look at history of purple machine cancels

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The first high-speed facer-cancelers to use purple ink were placed into service on a trial basis in 1972, in Prince Georges, Maryland, and Northern Virginia sectional centers.

Testing of the Mark 36 machines that used the purple ink later included Atlanta, Boston, and Church Street Station, New York, during the 1970's.

The Mark 36 machines, called that because they were designed to process 36,000 letters per hour (actual peak operating speed was 27,000 per hour), were built for the Postal Service by National Cash Register Co. By the end of the decade, they had proven themselves, and 200 Mark 36 machines were placed into general use in 1980 and 1981, in 34 large post offices.

The purple ink was developed by MCR because the black ink used in older Pitney-Bowes /Werkspoor Mark 2 facer-cancelers caused the new machines to jam. It had also caused problems on some of the older machines, so a few dozen post offices equipped with Mark 2 machines also switched to purple ink in the early 1980s.

Thus, purple cancels on 1970s covers are experimental, but purple cancels on 1980s covers, including those on PNCs, are not. Collectors who bothered to notice them during the 1970s regarded them as curiosities. But once they went into general use in the early 1980s, they became a curse.

Just one purple-canceled stamp soaked together with others could stain the whole batch, and when the ruined stamps included prized 20c State Birds and Flowers commemoratives, collectors were furious. Letters to "Linn's" frequently recorded their displeasure. But the Postal Service stood firm. In late March of 1982, an official predicted that "purple ink will become prevalent as more of the M-36 machines are put on the line."

Two months later, that decision was reversed. Though they hadn't admitted it publicly, Postal Service officials too had found the purple ink to be a nightmare, because it could easily be removed from stamps with "a common household chemical." Buy ads for purple-canceled stamps proliferated, and the same advertisers often sold "ungummed, uncanceled stamps" as discount postage.

In a 1985 speech, Assistant Postmaster General Gordon C. Morison told of a retired millionaire in Cincinnati, Alvin Gould, who was selling such washed stamps, and had made \$47,000 at it in a short time. At the time of his arrest, Gould possessed 50 million canceled stamps, and 104,000 washed stamps worth \$15,000. He was convicted and sentenced

to one year in prison, later reduced to a year of community services.

Under pressure from postal inspectors, "Linn's" stopped accepting buy ads for purple cancels, even from legitimate collectors. Meanwhile, the Postal Service pressed forward to develop a truly indelible ink. The new carbonless black dye had actually been developed in 1979, but it took two years for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to certify it as non-toxic. The ink was designed for use in Mark 2 facer-cancelers, and patented by the Postal Service. Ink rollers in the Mark 36 machines had to be redesigned to accommodate the new formula.

In May 1982, the Postal Service announced that the purple ink would be phased out. As sectional centers exhausted their supplies of purple ink, they would switch to the new black ink. Reflecting the frustration of collectors, Belmont Faïres wrote in the May 31, 1982 "Stamp Collector," "There is good news on the postmark front-the days of the purple cancels are numbered."

It took more than a year for the existing supplies of purple ink to be depleted. Purple cancels waned during the early months of 1983, are rare on 1984 covers, and I've heard of only one 1985 example. Later reports are almost certain to be freakish uses of long-forgotten leftovers.

As happens so often in our hobby, philatelic material that is shunned during its own day is highly sought by a later generation of collectors. That is true of purple machine cancels, especially among PNC collectors. But what seemed them to be ubiquitous seems now to be much less common. Many of us have wondered: What was the real proportion of purple to black machine cancels?

Three years ago, Jerry Koepp began to acquire one of the largest hoards of modern commercial covers ever assembled, mailed from all over the U.S., and from ships and overseas APOs, to several product promotion lotteries in Minnesota from 1980 to 1983. These provide one of the best samples for study, because they are not limited to one region, as utility covers are, or to other anomalies of demographic concentration, as insurance covers or charity mixtures are.

At Jerry's request, I have examined literally thousands of the PNC covers among the tons he purchased, in order to prepare them as lots for two Stamps 'N' Stuff mail auctions. As I did so, I kept track of the totals for each PNC, and the numbers of each with purple machine cancels.

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# A look at PMCs -----

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These are my tallies:

Stamp	Plate No.	Total	Pur.	Can.
18 c Flag	1	156	10	
	2	408	35	
	3	122	16	
	4	337	48	
	5	212	28	
	6	1	1	
	7	0	0	
18c Surrey	1	97	4	
	2	208	21	
	3	46	6	
	4	39	4	
	5	157	32	
	6	266	30	
	7	58	8	
	8	173	19	
	9	115	9	
	10	147	22	
	11	59	8	
	12	74	15	
	13	35	6	
	14	23	4	
15	9	0		
16	9	1		
17	0	0		
18	0	0		
20 Pumper	1	45	10	
	2	21	1	
	3	43	12	
	4	36	12	
	5	62	7	
	6	27	6	
	7	71	15	
	8	68	11	
	9	60	13	
	10	49	11	
	11	48	13	
	12	1	1	
	13	40	12	
14	1	0		
15	23	6		
16	16	6		
20c Cons. Educ.	1	36	11	
	2	29	8	
	3	13	4	
	4	21	9	
20c Flag	1	54	17	
	2	269	55	
	3	214	44	
	4	187	33	
	5	153	21	
	6	73	11	
	8	539	22	
	9	396	12	

The only PNC covers included in this survey are those found in Koepf's lottery hoard. The Stamps 'N' Stuff mail auction included PNC covers from elsewhere, and from other consignors, that are not counted. The lottery covers in this sample do not continue past early 1983; that's the reason there are no PNC covers with 20c Flag numbers higher than 9.

Numbers 10 and higher were not manufactured until late 1983 and early 1984.

Naturally, many of the covers counted in this survey are faulty and not collectible. The total column includes every example with a PNC, whether handstamped, roller canceled, machine canceled, or skipped, but the purple cancels are all Pitney-Bowes or NCR steel die hub imprints.

Using these figures, we can see that the 1981 covers (18c Flags and Surreys) were 10 to 15 percent purple cancel, but the rate reached 20 to 33 percent in 1982 (20c Pumpers, Consumer Educations, and Flags 1 through 5), with the highest rate on the Consumers. By 1983 (20c Flag 8 and 9) they had slowed to a 3 percent trickle.

As one who purchased several hundred pounds of pre-PNC lottery covers from Jerry, I know that a similar rate prevailed in 1980, so the distribution is roughly bell-shaped, peaking at about 33 percent in mid-1982. Earlier (experimental) purple cancels are few and far between.

Purple machine cancels are an interesting feature of modern U.S. postal history. Because their brief heyday overlapped the golden years of PNCs, we are their most logical guardians, at least until other specialists, such as collectors of Great Americans definitives, finally awake and realize their significance.

## 'F' stamp commercial cover report

Carl R. Ditsch, Leavenworth, KS, has provided the following tally of "F" stamps on commercial covers from local businesses.

1111	17
1211	1
1222	7
2211	4
2222	3
Total	32

"These are all postmarked locally so indications are that all numbers were available in this area."

The following covers were obtained from a local credit union.

1111	8
1211	1
1222	9
2211	2
2222	9
Total	29

"Also the article on Purple Machine Cancels. I also found a recent cover with the Purple Cancel 'NOVA, MPC, 220' date May 22, 1991. Since I collect PMCs, it was more than welcome.

Carl also found a Yosemite 25c No. 15 in a local mixture just before the rate change and has three No. 15 covers, Casper, WY, Dec. 7, 1990; Tri-Cities, WA, Dec. 17, 1990; and Salt Lake City, UT, Dec. 5, 1990.

# Q&A replies

## Regarding stamp placement on PNC First Day Covers

Regarding Ron Maifeld's question in the July Coil Line about stamp placement on FDC's to avoid the cancel hitting the plate number, Ken Cherry writes:

I went through a number of PNC commercial covers with a ruler in hand. First, a typical coil stamp is 1 inch high. The usual wavy line cancel is usually 3/4-inch from top to bottom and normally begins about 1/8-inch to 1/4-inch down from the top of the envelope. (This can vary if the covers go through the canceller crooked.) I found where cancels touch the plate number the stamp was affixed at the top or about 1/8-inch down from the top of the envelope. Given these measurements it would seem prudent to put a stamp between 3/8-inch to 1/2-inch down from the top edge of the envelope. I also try to place the stamp an equal distance from the right edge of the envelope. I have gotten good results with the 1/2-inch distance. Ron might wish to get out a ruler and do some measuring of his own covers.

Former Coil Line Editor Tom Maeder offers the following about Maifeld's question: "It has been my observation that FDC machine cancels are the offender, but not the handstamp. The clerk doing the handstamping seems to know how to miss the number. PSSs always receive the handstamp; that may be one solution to the problem. "I haven't really studied the matter, but an examination might be done on older FDCs to see if the cancel is always the exact same distance from the top of the envelope, and place the strip accordingly."

## Regarding retail & buy prices

Maeder writes that Greg Manning, who does the Trends feature for "Linn's" utilizes PNC dealer Dale Hendricks to compile the list. Hendricks prices the PS5 and PS3 listings and subcontracts the used singles pricing to Ken Lawrence.

Tom says Ken writes to dealers who offer used singles to obtain their price lists. "Ken has told me that Ed Denson is usually the only one who responds. Ken told me (I assume seriously) that he thinks that since Denson seems to be the price leader, other dealers are happy to let his prices stand, rather than submit theirs and let the average drop. So Trends seems to rather closely parallel the retail price list of Dale Enterprises for mint strips and Ed Denson's retail for used strips.

"Trends are not a joke if informed and willing buyers and sellers are operating at those levels. The listing should reflect the supply-demand function of the market place and I think it generally does. But it

has been my observation that quality strips at less than the Trends listings can be found with a little comparison shopping.

"Regarding dealers' 'buy' prices: It is an axiom in retailing that if you can't buy at 50 percent or less of retail, you will soon be out of business. Buying at less than 50 percent of retail maximizes profit, but I can't help but think that if the same dealer who retails used 10.9c No. 3/4 at \$70 also offers to buy at \$15, the ill will generated may soon drive him out of business too."

In answer to Jay Maisel's question about the difference between retail and dealer buy prices, Ken Cherry suggests Ed Denson's "A PNC Market Analysis" published in the May 1990 issue (page 16) of Coil Line.

## Ads

PNCs ON COVER postmarked during period of use. One Fire Pumper and two different 20c Flags. My choice of numbers, \$5 cash or 19, 29c MNH stamps. Phelps, 7504 Canterbury Road, No. 86, Urbandale, IA 50322.

250 POUNDS MIXTURE of searched U.S. Used material for sale. \$50.00. You pick up only!! Tom Leeder, P.O. Box 389, Carthage, NY 13619.

BUYING U.S. MNH F-VF plate number coils. I accept at 1.25 X face. Non-Cottrell press minimum strip of 3. Cottrell Press PS-2-PS5. Also any other U.S. MNH F-VF LP's wanted at 1.2 X face. Limit of 5 (max.) of any one number. Tom Leeder, P.O. Box 389, Carthage, NY 13619.

LOOK INTO A GREAT NEW QUALITY PNC ALBUM. 160 pages for Cottrell, regulars, officials. In color or B/W typeset. Custom and special pages available. Send. \$1.00 postage for sample pages. Steve Crown, 306 Lazyhollow, League City, TX 77573.

SPECIAL: YOSEMITE No. 14 strip of 5 F-VF inking variety, only top half of the number printed (14) for face plus postage (\$1.54 total). PNCs unlimited, N1043 CoG, Sheldon, WI 54766. Limit of 1 per person.

FOR SALE PNC commercial covers (no Flags). Send SASE for list. Tony Curtis, P.O. Box 58492, Renton, WA 98058

A 52c No. 10 SASE gets you the finest illustrated net pricelist of PNC covers and used material ever offered, including an 18c Flag No. 6 cover, several multiple ounce rate PNC covers, and many hard to find precancelled PNC covers. Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.



# Membership

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospect should contact the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Court, Troy, MI 48083, with the objection. The committee will investigate and recommend for or against membership.

## New Applicants:

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