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At least 11 plates on Eagle & Shield

The nondenominated Eagle & Shield stamp has added greatly to the list of plate numbers for collectors to add to their collection.

Alan Thomson has compiled the following list with eleven numbers. Reports of additional numbers and where these numbers can be found in post offices would be appreciated.

Roll sizes should be reported to Thomson at P.O. Box 91, Northwood, NH 02361.

Post offices and Philatelic Windows where these numbers can be found should be reported to Coil Line, 909 Parker St., Bowling Green, OH 43402.

Eagle & Shield plate numbers reported as of Jan. 12:

Number	Roll Size
A11111	500, 3,000
A11112	500
A21112	500
A22112	500
A22113	500, 3,000, 10,000
A21113	500
A33333	3,000
A32333	3,000
A43334	10,000
A43335	3,000
A53335	3,000

Also reported printed and shipped but not confirmed as of Jan. 12 were A112 and A122 of the 23c Flag First Class Presort stamp. The roll sizes were not known.

Ron Maifeld of Amelia, OH, reported the Eagle and Shield plate A21112 at the Lexington, KY Philatelic window as of Dec. 23. Also available was the 19c Fishing Boat 2424, the 23c Presorted First Class A222 and 29c Mt. Rushmore No. 1. All fractional coils had been removed from sale at that location.

On Dec. 29 at the Cincinnati Philatelic window Ron found 29c F No. 1111, the 19c Fishing Boat 1212, 23c Flag Presort A212 and Eagle & Shield A11111.

Dean Hawk of Massillon, OH, found Eagle & Shield A21112 and A22113 at the Philatelic Window in Canton, OH.

Renewal reminder

If you have not paid your 1992 Plate Number Coil Collectors Club dues, this will be your last issue of Coil Line.

The basic membership for U.S. residents is \$10 and includes bulk mailing of Coil Line. The cost is \$14 if you wish to have Coil Line mailed first class.

Residents of Canada and Mexico can renew at \$14 and residents of all other countries should send \$20. The higher fee is to cover postage costs of mailing Coil Line.

All dues should be sent to Gene Ernst, PNC3 Treasurer, 15522 Windy Cove Drive, Houston, Texas 77095-1908. A renewal form was included with the December issue. The most important thing is to get your check to Gene today.

Your membership is important!

Regional Meeting set for May 30 at WCSE

A Regional Meeting of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC3) will be held May 30 in conjunction with the World Columbian Stamp Expo in Chicago.

The meeting will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Expo site in a location to be announced later. Additional details will also be announced later but members in the Midwest and those planning to attend WCSE may want to make their arrangements to be able to attend the PNC3 meeting.

These meetings are a good chance to meet other members, share information and establish communications and trading partners.

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Letter from the PNC3 President

Auction director named, member list use

I hope the holiday season went well for all of you. There are a few things to report this month. First of all, we have filled our position of auction director. Joseph Sedivy of Chicago, Ill., has agreed to take over the job. I'm sure you'll be hearing from him soon with news of our next auction.

On another topic, in the past month or so I have received a few complaints from members regarding an unsolicited, nonphilatelic promotion that they received from a fellow PNC3 member. On behalf of the Board, I want to advise all members that our mailing list and member's addresses are not to be used for such purposes in the future. PNC3 members

joined the club for philatelic reasons. Let's not burden them with unwanted, nonphilatelic solicitations. Thank you.

Lastly, we need to fill one of our committee positions, the Publicity Committee Chairman. If there's someone out there who is willing to tackle the job of enthusiastically promoting PNCs in general and the PNC3 in particular, please contact me at P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

Happy New Year!
Rob Washburn
President, PNC3

F1211 viewpoint appreciated

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see that Ed Denson (yes, he was dealer B) replied in the January Coil Line to my letter in the December issue concerning the F1211 coil. The story of the initial find and subsequent search for additional copies was informative as were the explanations of the motives for his buy ad and the possible motives of the other dealer's actions.

When I originally wrote, there were two things that seemed odd. The first was why anyone would make a buy offer that was above wholesale. The explanation was perfectly understandable.

I never suggested that there was anything mysterious about the suggestion that the strip could go to \$100 if the supply is only 2,00 strips. What I didn't understand is why anyone would be wholesaling quantities at relatively low prices if it were so scarce.

If short term cash flow is the answer, so be it.

Although I figured my letter might be a little controversial, I never intended to suggest that there was any conspiracy. Perhaps "fishy" was a bad choice of words.

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Mt. Rushmore color variety

Gary Davis, 6005 Crown Lane, Des Moines, IA 50311 has submitted a Mount Rushmore PS5 No. 7 strip with a brown color making up the monument part of the stamp. He speculates the red coloring in the ink is missing or diluted.

Gary said Dave Phelps and he noticed the coloring on used stamps in the Des Moines area. Gary later located some rolls of the stamp at the main post office there.

The Coil Line editor has also noticed this on several commercial covers but has not yet found mint copies.

Coil Line would like to know how common this color/shade is, where it is being found and what plate numbers are involved.

PLATE NUMBER COIL COLLECTORS CLUB PNC3 Treasurer's Report For the period Jan. 1 1991 to Dec. 31, 1991

Cash forward: January 1, 1991	\$4,946.72
1991 Income	
Memberships, New	897.00
Membership Renewal 1991	974.50
Membership Renewal 1992	2,910.00
Payment for First Clas Postage	196.00
Coil Line Advertising	584.40
Coil Line Back Issues	10.59
Donations	52.00
Interest	13.31
Auction Proceeds (Net)	525.94

	6,163.64
1991 Expenses	
Coil Line - Printing/Mailing	\$4,469.56
Coil Line - Editor	80.86
APS Insurance	41.00
President	222.22
Vice President	30.48
Secretary	411.17
Awards Committee	186.63
Election Committee	334.10
Ethics Committee	18.24
Regional Meeting Committee	20.00
Don Eastman (Past President)	16.62

	5,830.88

CASH BALANCE AS OF DEC. 31, 1991 \$5,279.58

Submitted by Gene Ernst, PNC3 Treasurer

29-Cent Denominated Flower Stamp Coil of 3,000

The 29-cent Denominated Flower stamp coil goes on sale March 3 in Rochester, New York. The stamp's design is identical to the denominated sheet and booklet issued April 5 (described in *Postal Bulletin* 21785, 3-21-91, page 5).

Revision is needed in bylaws of club

A revision is needed to the PNC3 Bylaws overwhelmingly approved last year.

At the time the last bylaws revision was drafted, it was anticipated that the new bylaws would be approved prior to the elections held last summer. Unfortunately, the vote was delayed and ended up being concurrent with the elections. Therefore, the elections held last summer were conducted under the old bylaws. This is important for two reasons; First, the term of office of the current officers is one year, as provided for in the old bylaws; Second, the new bylaws provide for elections to two-year terms only in odd numbered years.

To put it simply, our current officer's terms conclude Aug. 31, 1992, but the new bylaws do not permit an election until 1993.

In order to solve this dilemma, the current bylaws need to have a wording change to hold elections in even numbered years. Then, every two years, we will elect officers to two-year terms of office.

The wording of the proposed bylaws change follows. If any member has objections or comments concerning this proposed revision, the member is encouraged to communicate those thoughts through the letters column of Coil Line. A ballot will be included in a future Coil Line.

PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAWS REVISION

Under Article VII, Section I.; Current wording:

"Officers and Members-at-Large shall be elected in odd-numbered years"

Wording should be changed to read:

"Officers and Members-at-Large shall be elected in even-numbered years"

29c Flag over White House in March

USPS has announced it will issue a 29c Flag over the White House coil stamp in March.

Although the Dec. 26, 1991 Postal Bulletin shows the stamp perforated on four sides, information adjacent to the illustration indicated it will be issued only in coils of 100, 500 and 3,000.

It is the only new coil design listed to date on the rather extensive list of USPS new issues planned for 1992.

The stamp will commemorate the bicentennial of the White House. No indication has been given on the fate of the 29c Mt. Rushmore stamp but chances are it will disappear later this year, with the possible exception of the gravure version, available now only in coils of 10,000.

Souvenir pages are PNC challenge

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There is more interest in USPS Souvenir Pages with plate numbers than one might think. In the American Society for Philatelic Pages and Panels (ASPPP) auction of May 1991 there were 90 lots of plate number pages. The bidding was very close with many of the lots going to tie bids. It does pay to bid early.

I started saving used line pairs several years ago. So when PNCs started in 1981 I continued to save used line pairs with different numbers. Not until the bug hit did I save them in strips of five. I started with used strips of three and then used singles. The mint strip of five came later. My favorites are used singles and gap singles.

Then the fatal disease hit. I receive a plate number on one of my souvenir pages in a shipment. I not only wanted one of each number on a page but one plate number for each position. This may be an impossible goal.

There are a total of 310 possible positions. As of this date, only 267 are reported in collections, which leaves 43 yet to be found.

Not to be bragging but I have 247 of these in my collection. If any PNC3 member is interested, the ASPPP is having another auction in May and I will forward a list to those interested.

The following three pages contain a list of USPS Souvenir Page Plate Positions as reported by ASPPP members.

Special of the month

9.3c Mail Wagon,
tagged Plate No. 3 or 4, PS-3

F-VF	\$10.00
VF	12.00
XF	14.00

Send for my latest price list.
Bonuses/rebates for all orders
mentioning PNC3.

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U.S.P.S. SOUVENIR PAGE PLATE POSITIONS
AS REPORTED BY A.S.P.P. MEMBERS

ASPPP	SCOTT'S	DATE	SOUVENIR PAGE	NTWK	PLATE#	POS.1	POS.2	POS.3	POS.4	POS.5
81-7	1891	4-24-1981	.18 FLAG	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
81-13	1907	5-18-1981	.18 SURREY	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
	1907	5-18-1981	.18 SURREY	0	2	X	X	-	-	-
81-18	1906	6-25-1981	.17 ELECTRIC AUTO	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
	1906	6-25-1981	.17 ELECTRIC AUTO	0	2	X	X	-	-	-
81-34	1908	12-10-1981	.20 FIRE PUMPER	WB1	5	X	X	-	-	-
	1908	12-10-1981	.20 FIRE PUMPER	WB1	6	X	X	-	-	-
81-36	1903	12-15-1981	9.3 MAIL WAGON	WB1	3	X	X	-	-	-
	1903	12-15-1981	9.3 MAIL WAGON	WB1	4	X	X	X	-	-
81-36A	1903	12-15-1982	9.3 MAIL WAGON	WB2	3	X	X	X	-	-
	1903	12-15-1982	9.3 MAIL WAGON	WB2	4	X	X	X	-	-
81-37	1895	12-17-1981	.20 FLAG	WB1	1	X	X	-	-	-
81-37A	1895	12-17-1982	.20 FLAG	WB2	1	X	X	-	-	-
82-7	1901	2-17-1981	5.9 BICYCLE	WB0	3			X	X	-
	1901	2-17-1981	5.9 BICYCLE	WB0	4			X	X	-
82-7A	1901	2-17-1981	5.9 BICYCLE	WB1	3	X	X	X	X	-
	1901	2-17-1981	5.9 BICYCLE	WB1	4	X	X	X	X	-
82-7B	1901	2-17-1981	5.9 BICYCLE	WB2	3	X		X		-
	1901	2-17-1981	5.9 BICYCLE	WB2	4	X		X		-
82-9	1904	3-26-1982	10.9 HANSON CAR	WB2	1	X	X	-	-	-
	1904	3-26-1982	10.9 HANSON CAR	WB2	2	X	X	-	-	-
82-17	2005	4-27-1982	.20 CONSUMER EDUCATION	WB2	3	X	X	-	-	-
	2005	4-27-1982	.20 CONSUMER EDUCATION	WB2	4	X	X	-	-	-
82-20	1897A	5-20-1982	.02 LOCOMOTIVE	WB2	3	X	-	-	-	-
	1897A	5-20-1982	.02 LOCOMOTIVE	WB2	4	X	-	-	-	-
	1907 & 1897A	5-20-1982	.02 LOCOMOTIVE	WB2	3 ON SURREY	X	-	-	-	-
	1907 & 1897A	5-20-1982	.02 LOCOMOTIVE	WB2	4 ON SURREY	X	-	-	-	-
82-27	1898A	8-19-1982	.04 STAGECOACH	PC	1	X	X	-	-	-
	1898A	8-19-1982	.04 STAGECOACH	PC	2	X	X	-	-	-
	1898A	8-19-1982	.04 STAGECOACH	PC	3		X	-	-	-
83-3	0135	1-12-1983	.20 OFFICIAL	WB2	1			-	-	-
83-3B	0135	1-12-1983	.20 OFFICIAL	WB3	1	X	X	-	-	-
83-7	1900	3-21-1983	5.2 SLEIGH	PC	1	X	X	X	X	-
	1900	3-21-1983	5.2 SLEIGH	PC	2	X	X	X	X	-
83-9	1898	3-25-1983	.03 HANDCAR	PC	3	X	X	-	-	-
	1898	3-25-1983	.03 HANDCAR	PC	4	X	X	-	-	-
83-31	1897	8-19-1983	.01 OMNIBUS	WB3	1	X	X	-	-	-
	1897	8-19-1983	.01 OMNIBUS	WB3	2	X	X	-	-	-
	1897 & 1907	8-19-1983	.01 OMNIBUS	WB3	10 ON SURREY	X	-	-	-	-
	1897 & 1907	8-19-1983	.01 OMNIBUS	WB3	3 ON SURREY	X	-	-	-	-
	1897 & 1907	8-19-1983	.01 OMNIBUS	WB3	4 ON SURREY	X	-	-	-	-
83-36	1907	9-23-1983	.01 DOROTHEA DIX	WB3	3 ON SURREY	X	-	-	-	-
	1907	9-23-1983	.01 DOROTHEA DIX	WB3	4 ON SURREY	X	-	-	-	-

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ASPPP	SCOTT'S	DATE	SOUVENIR PAGE	WTNK	PLATE#	POS.1	POS.2	POS.3	POS.4	POS.5
83-38	1899	10-10-1983	.05 MOTORCYCLE	WB3	1	X			X	-
	1899	10-10-1983	.05 MOTORCYCLE	WB3	2	X	X		X	-
	1899	10-10-1983	.05 MOTORCYCLE	WB3	3	X	X	X	X	-
	1899	10-10-1983	.05 MOTORCYCLE	WB3	4	X	X	X	X	-
84-7	1905	2-3-1984	.11 CAROUSE	WB3	1	X	X	-	-	-
84-13	1902	4-7-1984	7.4 BABY BUGGY	WB3	2	X	X	X	-	-
85-3	2112	2-1-1985	.22 "D" EAGLE	WB4 LG. DATE	1	X		-	-	-
	2112	2-1-1985	.22 "D" EAGLE	WB4-LG. DATE	2	X	X	-	-	-
85-34	2112	2-1-1985	.22 "D" EAGLE	WB4 SM. DATE	1			-	-	-
	2112	2-1-1985	.22 "D" EAGLE	WB4-SM. DATE	2	X		-	-	-
85-5	0139	2-4-1985	.22 "D" OFFICIAL	WB4	1	X	X	-	-	-
85-15	2134	3-23-1985	.14 ICEBOAT	WB4	1	X	X	-	-	-
	2134	3-23-1985	.14 ICEBOAT	WB4	2	X	X	-	-	-
85-17	2115	3-29-1985	.22 FLAG	WB4	2	X	X	-	-	-
85-18	2132	4-2-1985	.12 STANLEY STEAMER	WB4	1	X	X	-	-	-
	2132	4-2-1985	.12 STANLEY STEAMER	WB4	2	X	X	-	-	-
85-22	2130	4-18-1985	10.1 OIL WAGON	WB4	1	X	X	X	-	-
85-23	2133	4-18-1985	12.5 PUSHCART	WB4	1	X	X	-	-	-
85-27	2126	5-6-1985	.06 TRICYCLE	WB4	1	X	X	X	X	-
85-32	2123	5-6-1985	3.4 SCHOOL BUS	WB4	1-BOTTOM	X	X	X	-	-
	2123	5-6-1985	3.4 SCHOOL BUS	WB4	1-TOP	X	X	X	X	-
	2123	5-6-1985	3.4 SCHOOL BUS	WB4	2-BOTTOM	X	X	X	-	-
	2123	5-6-1985	3.4 SCHOOL BUS	WB4	2-TOP	X	X	X	X	-
85-33	2131	6-11-1985	.11 STUTZ BEARCAT	WB4	3	X	X	-	-	-
	2131	6-11-1985	.11 STUTZ BEARCAT	WB4	4	X	X	-	-	-
85-35	2124	6-21-1985	4.9 BUCKBOARD	WB4	3-BOTTOM	X	X	-	-	-
	2124	6-21-1985	4.9 BUCKBOARD	WB4	3-TOP	X	X	X	-	-
	2124	6-21-1985	4.9 BUCKBOARD	WB4	4-BOTTOM	X	X	-	-	-
	2124	6-21-1985	4.9 BUCKBOARD	WB4	4-TOP	X	X	X	-	-
85-36	2128	6-21-1985	8.3 AMBULANCE	WB4	1	X	X	X	-	-
	2128	6-21-1985	8.3 AMBULANCE	WB4	2	X	X	X	-	-
85-48	2150	10-22-1985	21.1 LETTERS	WB4	11111	X	X	-	-	-
85-51	2149	11-6-1985	.18 WASHINGTON	WB4	3333	X	X	-	-	-
86-18	1908	6-30-1986	.01 MARGARET MITCHELL	WB6	6 ON FIRE PUMPER	X	-	-	-	-
	1908	6-30-1986	.01 MARGARET MITCHELL	WB6	5 ON FIRE PUMPER	X	-	-	-	-
86-20	2134	7-14-1986	.04 FATHER FLANAGAN	WB6	1 ON ICEBOAT	X	-	-	-	-
	2134	7-14-1986	.04 FATHER FLANAGAN	WB6	2 ON ICEBOAT	X	-	-	-	-
86-21	2135	8-20-1986	.17 DOG SLED	WB6	2	X	X	-	-	-
86-30	2125	11-1-1986	5.5 STAR ROUTE TRUCK	WB6	1	X	X	X	X	-
86-31	2136	11-22-1986	.25 BREAD WAGON	WB6	1	X	X	-	-	-
87-1	2129	1-24-1987	8.5 TOM TRUCK	WB6	1	X	X	X	X	X
87-1A	2129	1-24-1987	8.5 TOM TRUCK	WB6	1	X	X	X	X	X
87-5	2127	2-6-1987	7.1 TRACTOR	WB4	1			X		

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87-5A	2127	2-6-1987	7.1 TRACTOR	W86	1	X	X	X	X	X
87-9	1906	2-28-1987	.02 MARY LYON	W86	10 ON FIRE PUMPER	X	-	-	-	-
	1908	2-28-1987	.02 MARY LYON	W86	13 ON FIRE PUMPER	X	-	-	-	-
	1908	2-28-1987	.02 MARY LYON	W86	16 ON FIRE PUMPER	X	-	-	-	-
	1908	22-28-1987	.02 MARY LYON	W86	9 ON FIRE PUMPER	X	-	-	-	-
87-10	1897B	3-6-1987	.02 REENGRAVED LOCOMOTIVE	0	1	X	X	X	X	X
	1897B & 2132	3-6-1987	.02 REENGRAVED LOCOMOTIVE	0	1 ON STANLEY STEAMER	X	-	-	-	-
	1897B & 2132	3-6-1987	.02 REENGRAVED LOCOMOTIVE	0	2 ON STANLEY STEAMER	X	-	-	-	-
87-12	2259	4-11-1987	.10 CANAL BOAT	0	1	X	X	X	X	X
87-16	2115B	5-23-1987	.22 FLAG TEST COIL	0	T1	X	X	-	-	-
87-33	2264A & 2255	9-25-1987	17.5 R/C & .05 M/W	0	1-RACING CAR-1 MILK WAGON	X-M/W	X-M/W	-	-	-
	2264A & 2255	9-25-1987	17.5 R/C & .05 M/W	0	1-RACING CAR-1-MILK WAGON	X-R/C	X-R/C	-	-	-
88-9	2253	2-29-1988	.03 CONESTOGA WAGON	0	1-BOTTOM	X	X	X	-	-
	2253	2-29-1988	.03 CONESTOGA WAGON	0	1-TOP	X	X	X	X	X
88-11	2279	3-22-1988	"E" SHEET & COIL	0	1211		X	-	-	-
	2279	3-22-1988	"E" SHEET & COIL	0	1222	X	X	-	-	-
88-20	2280	5-20-1988	.25 FLAG OVER YOSEMITE	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-30	2130B	6-27-1988	10.1 OIL WAGON	0	1	X	X	X	-	-
88-33	2263	7-7-1988	16.7 POPCORN WAGON	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-34	2262	7-12-1988	.15 TUGBOAT	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-35	2261	7-19-1988	13.2 COAL CAR	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-38	2256	8-12-1988	8.4 WHEEL CHAIR	0	1	X	X	X	-	-
88-39	2265	8-16-1988	.21 RAILROAD MAIL CAR	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-42	2255	8-30-1988	7.6 CARRIETA	0	1	X	X	X	X	-
88-43	2281	9-2-1988	.25 HONEYBEE	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-45	2256	9-16-1988	5.3 ELEVATOR	0	1	X	X	X	X	X
88-46	2266	9-28-1988	20.5 FIRE ENGINE	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-54	2266	10-26-1988	24.1 TANDEM BICYCLE	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-55	2263	10-28-1988	.20 CABLE CAR	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
88-56	2258	10-29-1988	.13 PATROL WAGON	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
89-3	2280	2-14-1989	.25 YOSEMITE PRE-PHOSPHORED	0	8	X	X	-	-	-
89-13	2127A	5-26-1989	7.1 TRACTOR P/C	0	1		X	X	-	-
90-10	2468	4-20-1990	\$1.00 SEAPLANE	0	1	X	X	-	-	-
90-17	2452	8-31-1990	.05 CIRCUS WAGON	0	1	X	X	X	-	-
91-1	2518	1-22-1991	"F" FLOWER	0	1111	X		-	-	-
91-6	2451	1-25-1991	.04 STEAM CARRIAGE	0	1 - BOTTOM					-
	2451	1-25-1991	.04 STEAM CARRIAGE	0	1 - TOP		X			-
91-10	2523	3-29-1991	.29 FLAG OVER MT. RUSHMORE	0				-	-	-
91-15	2464	4-12-1991	.23 LUNCH WAGON	0	2		X	-	-	-

COMMERCIAL COVERS
Installment #37

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This month I thought I would provide you with a checklist of all PNC numbers known on covers tied by purple machine cancels. Purple machine cancels originated in 1972. They were phased out by the Postal Service starting in 1982 because the purple cancellations could be washed off the stamps, and the stamps, in turn, could be reused. Still, purple machine cancels continued to be used until as late as April, 1984.

The following is a list of known PNC covers which are tied by purple machine cancels:

<u>18c Flag</u>		<u>18c Surrey</u>		<u>20c Flag</u>		<u>20c Pumper</u>		<u>20c Cons. Ed.</u>	
#1	X	#1	X	#1	X	#1	X	#1	X
#2	X	#2	X	#2	X	#2	X	#2	X
#3	X	#3	X	#3	X	#3	X	#3	X
#4	X	#4	X	#4	X	#4	X	#4	X
#5	X	#5	X	#5	X	#5	X		
#6	X	#6	X	#6	X	#6	X		
#7	X	#7	X	#8	X	#7	X		
		#8	X	#9	X	#8	X		
		#9	X	#10		#9	X		
		#10	X	#11		#10	X		
		#11	X	#12		#11	X		
		#12	X	#13		#12	X		
		#13	X	#14		#13	X		
		#14	X			#14	X		
		#15	X						
		#16	X						
		#17							
		#18							

It should come as no surprise that PNC covers tied by purple machine cancels exist in much less quantities than those with black machine cancels. A study done by Ken Lawrence of the Stamps 'n' Stuff huge PNC cover hoard revealed that, in general, black machine cancelled PNC covers outnumbered purple machine cancelled PNC covers by a 10 to 1 ratio.

I don't know of any collector who has all the PNC covers tied by purple machine cancels as shown on my checklist above. Of course, with only four known covers of Surrey #15 and four covers of Surrey #16 and only one known cover of the 18c Flag #7 tied by a purple machine cancel, there are not too many to spread around.

In addition to the numbers I have listed, there are other PNCs which could exist on covers tied by purple machine cancels. The earliest known usage of the 20c Flag #10 is 2/7/84 and #11 is 3/20/84. Since purple machine cancels are known to be used as late as April, 1984, it's certainly possible for covers to be found with those numbers tied by purple machine cancels. There are other possibilities which

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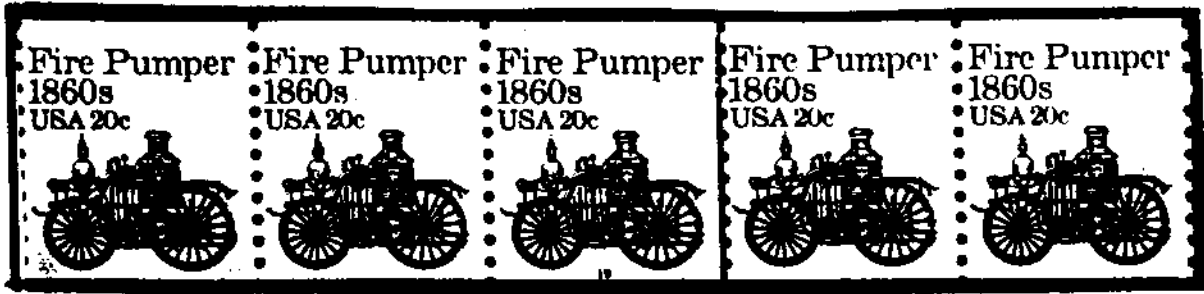


The above cover featuring a 29c Flag Over Mt. Rushmore with plate #5 is a new find. This is the first reported usage of that particular plate number. (Cover courtesy of Tony Bruno.) (If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.)



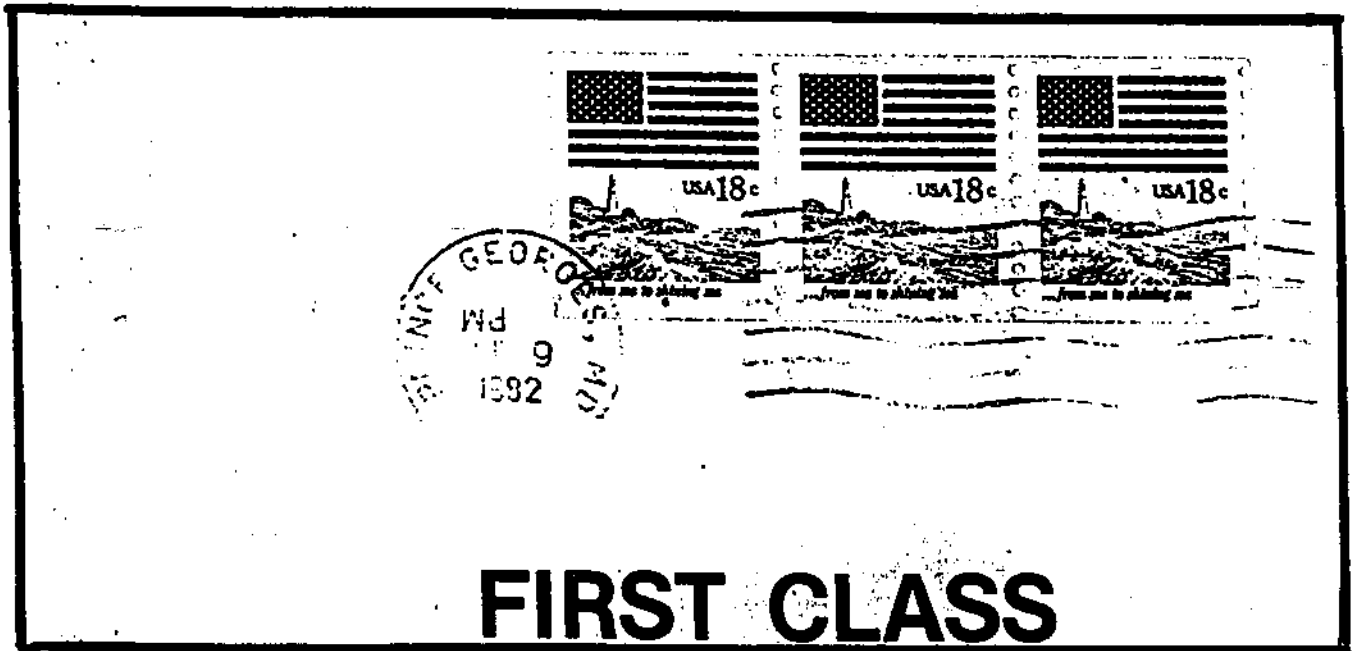
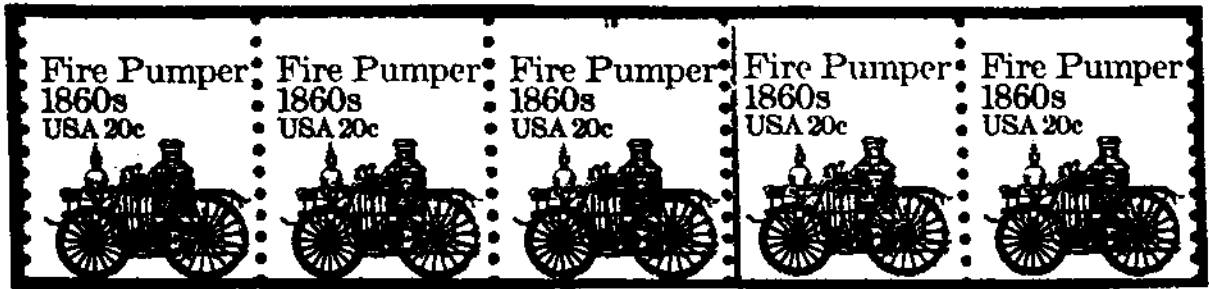
Imperf BEP splice strip with hidden plate number acquired

John Tison of P.O. Box 8755, Newport Beach, CA 92658, recently acquired this strip from an Ivy Auction. It was sent to John Greenwood first, who put it under a bright light and discovered Plate Number 3 under the tape splice on the last 17c Electric Car stamp. The number is at the top. John also provided a copy of a letter from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The BEP examined the stamps and found them to be genuine. The mismatch of stamps occurred because BEP tries to save time by not clearing out material when splicing. The spliced coils are supposed to be destroyed but this one obviously missed the trip to the shredder.



For a minute it looked like Fire Pumper No. 19

George Leduc of Woodstock, CT frequently likes to try his luck at the post office stamp machines and every once in while comes up with a reward for his efforts. This time he was at the main post office in Providence, R.I. Above is an enlargement of a 20c Fire Pumper strip of five that George originally thought was No. 19. George said he forgot to wear his glasses into the post office and asked a clerk what number was on the strip. The clerk said "It looks like a 19 to me." George thought he had a find until he went to his car, put on his glasses and found it was really number 15 with the top right side connected by what might be a plate crack. He continued stuffing quarters into the machine but didn't get a repeat. He went back a couple of days later and fed the machine again, this time coming up with the strip below with the number 15 on top. "I'm still waiting for a No. 1 or 2 to show up in the wall machines," George says. He also found a roll of 4c Steam Carriage tagged on perfs 16/15 left and 9/10 right, a new find according to Gene Ernst.



18c Flag No. 6 found in 'remnant box'

William, A Lowell of 45 Sixth Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330, reports finding this "partial cover" in a remnant box. The 18c Flag No. 6 strip of three was postmarked in 1982 in Prince Georges, MD. Lowell said the partial cover is for sale.

Adventure with the untagged Circus Wagon

By Frank Covey
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It was learned in December that Philatelic Sales in Kansas City was selling the untagged Circus Wagon, but it could only be purchased in rolls of 3,000... a cost of \$150.

The stamp collecting community learned in the spring of 1991 that as of the beginning of 1991 all low value stamps of eight cents or less would in the future be printed without tagging. So far the only coils to appear under this new policy have been the 1c Omnibus, 4c Steam Carriage and the 5c Circus Wagon. Coil collectors are eagerly looking for the 2c Locomotive and the 3c Consetoga Wagon.

Tagging on the stamp triggers the automatic face cancelling equipment that there is a stamp on the envelope and where it is. The stamp is then cancelled. The face cancelling equipment can not yet read the denomination on the stamp. Thus, a tagged one cent stamp is as valid as a tagged 29c stamp as far as the automatic face canceller is concerned.

Some in the U.S. were taking advantage of this technological glitch and were deliberately under franking their mail. To slow the revenue loss from this deceptive practice, USPS decided not to tag low value stamps.

Plate numbers now occur at numerous intervals and collectors who order from Philatelic Sales and want a plate strip, quickly learn the number needed to accomplish this goal. That was the policy until the Circus Wagon stamp showed up in the Philatelic Sales inventory in December 1991.

Though the following is pure speculation by the author (Philatelic Sales has not been consulted), the policy makes good sense from the Philatelic Sales point of view when you understand how Philatelic Sales goes about filling your order.

Your order is keyed onto a video screen in Kansas City attached to a computer in New York. Your order is batched with others to make a batch of 100. A batch of 100 (or 1,200 items, whichever is less) is the approximate amount of work an order filler can handle in one day.

The computer prints a batch at a time. Also, for each batch a pull list is printed for the Accountable Paper Specialist. The pull list is ordered in the same order as stock appears on the carrousel and contains all of the items ordered in the batch. Each of the ten Accountable Paper Specialists carries from \$4 to \$10 million worth of inventory. They restock their carrousel once a week from the main stock. The Accountable Paper Specialist pulls all of the stock for the batch of 100 orders and places it in a basket to be given to the order filler. The order filler separates what belongs to you from the other 99 orders. Nothing is sent to mailing until all order in the batch are filled. There should be no stock left over and all orders must be completely filled. Then the batch is complete and can be mailed.

If tagged as well as untagged Circus Wagon stamps were both in a batch of 100 orders, all the order fillers would have to have an ultraviolet light so that

they could tell the two apart. Moreover, all of the order fillers would also have to know what coils came tagged and untagged so that they would know what coils to check. There can be as many as 35 order fillers, if demand warrants. Many of these are temporary help, called in as needed. You can see the problems Philatelic Sales would create for itself if both tagged and untagged strips were allowed in partial rolls.

My order on December 12 for a roll of 3,000 of the untagged Circus Wagon stamps arrived December 26...excellent turnaround for Philatelic Sales. However, instead of a Coil of 3,000, I received a singletagged Circus Wagon Stamp at a cost of \$150. The packing slip read as follows:

Item	Description	Qty	Amount
N7755	5c Coil Non Phos 3K	1	150.00

I hope others who ordered a coil had better initial experience than I did. I expect it will be another three weeks (hopefully by the time this issue reaches most members) before I finally have a roll of 3,000 of the untagged Circus Wagon.

(Editor's Note: Frank toured the Philatelic Caves in Kansas City where Philatelic Sales operates and prepared two articles on the visit that were published in the January and February 1991 issues of Coil Line.)

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Five-pound mixture report

By Gene Richards II
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The following PNCs were found in a recent five-pound mixture received from William Gerlach, Lake Worth, FL. The PNCs found cataloged at \$102.95 based on the Denson list.

1 - 8.4c Wheelchair No. 3	\$15.00
1 - 16.7c Popcorn Wagon No. 1	1.00
1 - 7.6c Caretta No. 1	1.50
1 - 1c Omnibus No. 5 (pair)	.25
1 - 25c Breadwagon No. 4	.40
1 - 25c Breadwagon No. 5	4.00
1 - 23c Lunchwagon No. 2	3.00
1 - 25c Yosemite block tag No. 5	.70
1 - 25c Yosemite block tag No. 8	.60
2 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 6	15.00
1 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 7	.75
2 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 8	2.50
2 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 9	1.00
3 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 11	1.80
2 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 13	1.50
6 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 14	4.50
1 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 15	3.50
1 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 5 strip of 4	8.50
1 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 8 strip of 4	3.50
1 - 25c Yosemite phos tag No. 13 strip of 4	1.75
1 - 22c Flag No. 1	.50
1 - 22c Flag No. 7	.60
1 - 22c Flag No. 11 pair	3.50
2 - 25c Honeybee No. 1	2.00
2 - 25c Honeybee No. 2	2.00
4 - F Flower No. 1111	4.00
4 - F Flower No. 1222	4.00
9 - F Flower No. 2222	9.00
1 - 29c Mt. Rushmore No. 1	.30
3 - 29c Mt. Rushmore No. 2	.90
7 - 29c Mt. Rushmore No. 3	2.10
1 - 29c Mt. Rushmore No. 4 pair	.60
4 - 29c Mt. Rushmore No. 7 (also strip of 3)	4.70

Total \$102.95

Two PNC mixture reports

I took a couple of days off from sorting covers and went through a couple of mixtures I had recently received.

Here are the findings:

Three pounds of 'F' stamp mixture:

1111	28
1211	0
1222	23
2211	2
2222	75

Three pounds of Mount Rushmore mixture:

1	21
2	8
3	54
4	12
6	10
7	39

Carl R. Ditsch
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100,000 December covers

Attempting to draw conclusions or establish trends during December is at best inconclusive and at the worst, fruitless, when analyzing PNC counts.

Christmas stamps, as appropriate and seasonal as they are, measurably decrease the use of regular issues and in many cases, take the place of commemoratives.

The following report is a summary of plate numbers, by name and quantity, winnowed from an estimated 100,000 envelopes from one firm during December. The envelopes are obtained on an irregular daily basis and, for this month, represent nine separate business days. Three of those days are individually reported. Coverage includes all of Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and a portion of Southwestern Oregon with Medford, OR, at its center.

Of interest, perhaps, is the observation that no Mount Rushmore, gravure printed stamps, are showing up. One exception, to this collector's advantage, one stamp, one number, from someone in Spokane. Only five other numbers, 25c Flag, were found.

Stamp	Dec. Dates				Totals Dec. 2-30
	2-23	26	27	30	
Mt. Rushmore					
1	33	2	3	8	46
2	16	1	3	3	23
3	74	3	10	11	98
4	10	0	0	3	13
6	3	0	0	1	4
7	63	0	8	4	75
Mt. Rushmore Gravure					
A1111	1	0	0	0	1
'F' Tulip					
1111	4	0	0	0	4
1222	5	0	1	0	6
2222	8	3	1	4	16
29c Tulip					
S11111	39	4	6	10	59
S22222	21	2	3	13	39

TOTALS	277	15	35	57	384

Submitted by Howard Foster, S 2503 Tekoa,
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Consecutive page numbering

Pages in Coil Line now feature consecutive numbering. Rather than starting each issue from page one, each issue will pick up with the number following that used on the last page of the previous issue. Thus, the first page of the February issue is 19. This method of numbering makes it easier to compile an annual index. It is also the method used by many other philatelic journals and publications.

USPS Slogan Cancellations on PNCs

Michael B. Lipson • Box 2543 – Reston, VA 22091

Slogans can add variety to your PNC collecting (Lipson, Coil Line, December 1991). Mr Sweeney of NY City submits the list below of slogans with a stamp collecting theme:

- Begin an Adventure of Giant Proportions – Collect Stamps!
- CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH OCTOBER 1-31
- COLLECT USA STAMPS
- *Fall in love* WITH STAMP COLLECTING
- FOR THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME - COLLECT STAMPS
- Journey to a new frontier, Collect Stamps
- OCTOBER IS STAMP COLLECTING MONTH
- PHILATILY, THE FAMILY HOBBY
- Splash into an Ocean of Fun! Collect Stamps!
- STAMP COLLECTING IS A HOBBY FOR A LIFETIME
- STEAM ALONG WITH STAMP COLLECTING... ALL ABOARD!
- WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 WASHINGTON DC NOV 17 - DEC 8 1989

Other slogans with a USPS theme are as follows:

- A CARD OR LETTER SHOWS YOU CARE. WRITE TODAY!
- ALWAYS USE ZIP CODE
- "ABCD" MAIL FOR BETTER BUSINESS SERVICE
- CHANGE OF ADDRESS KITS - MAKE YOUR MOVE COMPLETE
- DELIVERED WITH PRIDE
- EXPRESS MAIL. WE DELIVER EXCELLENCE.. FOR LESS.
- Get your mail early in the morning with a Post Office Box
- HELP STOP DOG BITES
- INCLUDE YOUR APT # FOR BETTER SERVICE
- LOOSE DOGS WILL BITE
- MAIL EARLY – ALWAYS USE ZIP CODE
- MAIL EARLY IN THE DAY
- MAIL EARLY - NOON ISN'T TOO SOON
- MAIL HANDLING ANNEX SERVICE WITH PRIDE
- NEXT DAY DELIVERY. EXPRESS MAIL. CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE
- NORTH HOUSTON MAIL PROCESSING CENTERS
- PLEASE MAIL EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS
- QUALITY IS OUR POSTMARK. ZIP WILL GIVE YOU MORE
- SERVING AMERICA - UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
- THANK YOU FOR USING THE POSTAL SERVICE
- U. S. POSTAL SERVICE OFFICIAL SPONSOR 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES
- WE ARE THE NEW POSTAL SERVICE. WE CARE
- WE MEET THE CHALLENGE

Coil Line readers are invited to submit photo copies of additional stamp collecting and USPS related slogans on PNCs as well as original slogans for use in future articles.

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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.

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