

Plate Number Coil Collectors Club

Candidate Information

The following information has been provided by the candidates for the respective offices.
Ballots will be included with the June issue of Coil Line.

For President:

Frank Covey – Frank grew up in Peoria, IL, and lived there until going to college. In 1963 he graduated from the university of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa, with a BA degree. First employment was with the Sheaffer Pen Company in the International Sales Division. Drafted by the U.S. Army, he spent two years at Fort Sill, OK. After his service career ended in 1966, he returned to Sheaffer Pen to begin apprenticeship as a computer operator and programmer. In 1969 he moved to the St. Louis, MO, area to begin computer programming for MasterCard. In 1973 was employed as a computer programmer for Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL. In 1977 he married Carol Graham. They have one son who starts college in the fall of 2002. Frank retired from Western Illinois University in 1997 after 24 years in computer programming. He now has part time employment as an Internet installer.

Frank's interest in stamps began as a child. He was bored one summer and his mother gave him an old stamp album that his father had started. Collecting waned during the college and army years, but after starting work, he again set aside stamps from new issues. A 1986 trip to Ameripex, the big international show in Chicago, got his stamp blood boiling again. From a *Linn's* subscription, he learned about PNCs and was hooked. The debate about collecting length was raging at the time. Collect PS3 or PS5? Frank chose PS9, the longest length that would fit in a number 10 envelope. He still collects PS9 today, but has added backnumbered coils in lengths of 11 (PSA) and 13 (WAG). He has a precancel permit which helps him burn the scrap. He sponsors a stamp club at St. Paul's School for 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

For Vice President:

John Peterson: I am John Peterson from San Diego, CA, and I am running for the office of Vice President for the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC3). I am a life member of the PNC3 and am currently a Member at Large of the PNC3. In addition, I am also the club's Regional Meeting Committee Chairman. In my capacity as RMA Chair, I have personally set up and run several regional meetings, as well as being custodian of the club's slide program.

In addition to my duties for the PNC3, I am the Secretary/Treasurer for the American Ceremony program Society (ACPS) and the First Vice president for the United States Presidential Inaugural Philatelic Society (USPIPS). I have written several articles for *Linn's Stamp News* and *The Ceremonial* (the ACPS journal) on behalf of the ACPS. I hope I can count on the support of the membership as I attempt to reach my goal of becoming PNC3 Vice President.

Charlie Still: My name is Charlie Still. I'm 67-years-old and married with five kids. I'm also retired.

I started collecting stamps about 40 years ago. I stuck with general U.S. and German until the advent of PNCs. I still spend a little time on the German collection, but the majority of time, effort and resources are devoted to PNCs, mostly used singles. In addition to PNC3, I'm a member of APS and the Mailer's Postmark Permit Club.

For Treasurer:

Andrew Jakes: I have collected PNC mint strips since 1985 and began organizing a used PNC single collection in 2001. In addition, I collect mint and used USA, and work with used worldwide stamps as I accumulate the material. I earned both the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and the CFA (Charter Financial Analyst) Certificates. My business career was primarily as a securities analyst for investments, where I applied my accounting background.

I retired from full-time employment in 1999, but currently maintain a limited part-time independent consulting practice.

For Secretary:

Tom McFarland: I have been collecting stamps for most of my life, having started a collection as Cub Scout project. In addition to PNCs, my collecting interests include U.S. self-adhesive convertible and vending booklets. I have also collected general U.S., Canada, U.N., Machin definitives, and Ireland. Other than stamps my outside interests include old cars, woodworking, music and computers. I have been employed in the data processing industry for the past 29 years, and have contributed in various positions to development and maintenance of a variety of business system applications.

I've decided to run for club secretary because I feel it's important to have some continuity on the board. Having served as club treasurer for the past four years has enabled me to become familiar both with club operations, as well as many PNC issues that have been the subject of board discussion and deliberation.

It has been a pleasure to serve the club, and to meet, and to work with many of the members. I look forward to being able to continue.

(Over for At-Large Candidates)

Members At-Large:

Scott Adams: I started collecting PNCs early in 1984. It has been the major focus of my collecting efforts since Ameripex 1986. I joined PNC3 in 1993 at the Houston APS Show. I've assembled my collection with the help of dealers, contacts/trading partners across the country and my own innumerable stamp hunting trips. My basic format is PS5s. I also collect EFO material, back numbers on plate numbers, and the different classes of commercial covers.

I treasure the many friendships I've developed with fellow collectors. Indeed it is the greatest benefit this pursuit has provided me. I hope to be able to pass on a sense of the fun, comraderie and positive experiences I've enjoyed. Thereby, passing on the legacy for the next generation of PNC collectors.

Ken Cherry: A PNC3 member since 1989, I have been an active collector of U.S. stamps since 1978. I began collecting PNC strips of three in 1981. Then in 1988 I became an avid collector of PNC commercial covers. I also collect Purple Machine Cancels on cover, PS5 and used singles. For fun I enjoy creating my own First Day Covers on my computer. Just this past year I began a collection of early Air Mail covers. I am also a member of the White Rose Philatelic Society in York, PA, and have exhibited PNC commercial covers at the annual York County Stamp Show. Recent exhibits include *Decimal Denominated Coils of the Transportation Series* and *Purple Machine Cancels on Commercial Cover*.

In 1991-2 I served the club as an At-Large Member of the Board, was a member of the Publicity Committee in 1992 and chaired the Nominating Committee in 1994. Most recently I designed and printed the new PNC3 membership card. Over the years I have contributed correspondence and articles to *Coil Line*.

Richard Nazar: (PNC3 #389) wants to assist the PNC3 board in elevating our membership's enjoyment and understanding of plate number coils. Richard is a life member of our organization, and he has been involved in our specialty since 1985. For almost two decades he has contributed to our knowledge of PNCs through extensive research, analysis, and collaborative efforts with some of the leading PNC researchers and writers, which have been shared in *Coil Line*, *Linn's Stamp news*, *Stamp Collector* and *The Plate Number (TPN)*. Richard also edited and published the award-winning 1995 plate Number Coil catalog that sold nearly 1,000 copies. His ability to establish ties with USPS officials, Bureau of Engraving & Printing (BEP) management, stamp-producing vendors, stamp dealers, and collectors continues to yield a wealth of stamp information that enriches our hobby.

Richard's enthusiasm for PNCs has carried him from his home in New Jersey to many stamp shows and events across the country where he has enjoyed the comraderie of fellow club members. As a PNC3 Member At-Large, Richard will serve the organization by promoting our specialty, stimulating participation from our members, and enhancing our members' enjoyment of PNCs through education and increased communications.

Burt Robbins: I am running for a Member-At-Large seat in the next election. I have been collecting PNCs since about 1984 and have been a member since about that time. Also have been a stamp collector for many years and collect USPS labels and memorabilia. I've attended regional meetings in Sarasota for several years and in Providence, RI.

My home is on Cape Cod and I am also a Florida "snowbird." I retired from the USPS in October, 1992. Married to my wife Genny for 50 years. We have three children and nine grandchildren, and have lived in the same house for 46 years. I look forward to serving the PNC3 membership.

PNC Values List (2nd Ed.) Order Form

The Plate Number Coil Catalog Committee compiled the second edition of the PNC Values List, a three-section compilation of the median price asked by dealers for PNCs. Nearly 100 pages with introduction, they are: (Sec. I) mint PS5 Strips, mint PS3 Strips, Used PNC Singles, PNCs on Cover; (Sec. II) mint strips with Back Numbers; and (Sec. III) Precancel Gaps. The lists each are in denomination order and are identified by Scott and PNC-ID numbers.

The PNC Values List (2nd Ed.) is available for purchase by Plate Number Coil Collectors Club members only. Orders and remittances received by the Treasurer by February 24, 2005, will be filled in late March, 2005; thereafter, orders and remittances received by the Treasurer by March 31, 2005, will be filled in late April 2005. Orders in the USA will be sent as Bound Printed Matter. Orders from outside the USA will be sent air mail.

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>
	<u>Ordered</u>	<u>_____</u>
PNC Values List @ \$7.25 (86 pages + 10 page intro, with section separators and shrink wrap)	_____	_____
USA Postage & Handling @ \$2.25* first copy *add \$0.25 per copy for 2 or 3 copies	_____	_____
Canada + Mexico Postage & Handling @ \$4.00* (each)	_____	_____
Rest of World Postage & Handling @ \$9.00* (each)	_____	_____
Total Remittance (in US funds ONLY)		\$ _____

Check or money order should be payable to PNC3.

Mail Order Form and Remittance to: Andrew Jakes, PNC³ Treasurer
2303 Horseshoe Ct.
Grayslake, IL 60030-9327
USA

Your PNC³ Member Number _____

Your Name (PRINT) _____

Your Mailing Address (PRINT) _____

Please provide your e-mail or evening telephone number in case we need to communicate with you regarding your order. Thank you.

Order Form for PNC³ 25th Anniversary Shirts

Name _____ PNC# _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (or country)

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Colors for Polo Shirts @ \$32 each			
Without Pockets Logo Left			
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___	Bimini Blue	___	Cool Grey
___	Corporate Blue	___	Sport Grey
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___	Charcoal	___	Navy
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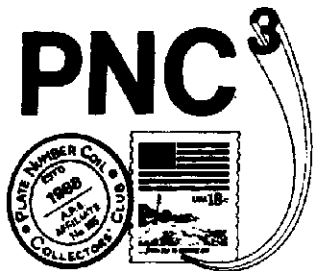
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___	Red	___	Royal
Qty ___ x \$33 = Pocket Polo Total \$ _____			

T-shirts @ \$25 each			
Logo Left			
Qty	Color	Qty	Color
___	White	___	Navy
___	Black	___	Grey
___	Red	___	Royal
Qty ___ x \$25 = T-shirt Total \$ _____			

Order Summary	
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Shirts come with plate #1	
For plate # 6 add \$20 per shirt \$ _____	
Extra funds used for Washington 2006	
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Per pair of shirts	
Global Express Mail	\$ _____
Email PNC3 Treasurer for rate.	
Total \$ _____	

<p>Circle Shirt Size Small Medium Large XL XXL</p> <p>Use a separate order form if sizes vary</p>

<p>Mail Remittance to:</p> <p>Andrew Jakes, PNC³ Treasurer 2303 Horseshoe Ct Grayslake IL 60030-9327</p> <p>Make Check Payable to PNC³ U. S. Funds only</p>



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Die cuts to be in Durland

At long last modern coil die cut varieties are going to appear in a widely used catalog. The Durland Standard Catalog of Plate Numbers, which does not focus solely on plate number coil stamps and is published by the United States Stamp Society (USSS), will list the die cut varieties of five modern coil stamps.

Included in the five are the 32c Flag over Porch (BEP), the (5c) Mountain (BEP), the 21c Bison, the 23c George Washington (Avery) and the 37c Snowy Egret (Avery).

While we were working on this catalog, the acting editor, Wallace Cleland, asked me if I thought coil die varieties should be included, and without hesitation, I said yes. This is the opportunity for which many of us have been waiting, and will expose all U.S. stamp collectors to the existence of these special varieties.

Because some of the Porch Flag die varieties are known only in used condition, some rules had to be established regarding value listing. Durland normally lists PNC values for PN5 only. If a scarce variety is known in mint condition but is also valuable as a used single, only the mint stamps will be valued. The three Porch Flag die varieties which are unknown in mint strips, will refer to a footnote indicating "used only known" and carry a value.

The exact date of publication is not known at this time but the catalog will carry a 2005 date and will be available through the USSS and from many stamp dealers. PNC collectors owe Wallace a great debt of gratitude.

-Alan Thomson

Deadline for April CL is March 12

I have moved the deadline for the April 2005 issue of *Coil Line* ahead to March 12. The change is for one month only and will allow me time to complete work on the issue before other commitments.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to those who supply material for *Coil Line*.

-Harold Brown

Message from the President:

Web site, shirts and Values

Our PNC³ Web site has been moved to a new web host. The move was needed because our Web site has grown in size and we needed room for expansion. The new site immediately gives us three times the space available in the past with additional room to grow should we need the space. Our web address remains www.pnc3.org.

The move was guided by John Cropper, our publications and publicity chairman and took many hours of work. Our thanks go to John for his efforts on our behalf.

As a result of the move some of the links on the Web site may not be working as they should. By the time you read this, Ron Maifeld will have repaired most of these bad links. If you should run across a broken link, please report it to Ron at webmaster@pnc3.org or use the Webmaster link at the bottom of the homepage.

The first orders of the 25th Anniversary Shirts have been mailed. I plan to wear mine for the first time at the Plymouth MI Regional Meeting on April 23. I have taken pictures of each new color ordered. I want to prepare a page showing color pictures of the shirts commissioned so far.

There is an order form in this *Coil Line* for the Values List. So far over 150 members have requested a copy. In the package is a back number list which lists all known back numbers. Since John Larimer's passing, back number collectors have missed his regular back number updates.

The Catalog Committee has not forgotten about pages for the 2004 New Issues and updates to already published pages. Look for more about these in the coming months.

In response for my call for dealer input on PNC purchases by dealers, Bob Murrin writes "This dealer is interested in only a few facts: For used PNC collections items over \$20 retail undamaged. For unused collections: total face value . . . and (list of) items over \$20 retail." Bob continues "most unused pnc's are available close to face". Bob Murrin regularly advertises his used price list in *Coil Line*.

CURRENT ISSUE NUMBERS & ROLL SIZES

02/10/05 AHT

KEY: A-100, B-500, C-3000, D-10000
 EP - EMBEDDED PHOS UT - UNTAGGED
 SP - SURFACE PHOS [xx] - NUMBER INTERVAL
 BK - BLOCK TAG (NL) - LINERLESS
 OA - OVERALL TAG *NEW NUMBER

Plate number intervals are shown in brackets following the stamp name. If more than one is indicated, the order is that in which the different printer's plate numbers are listed.
 Example: G. Washington: [12] for BCA, [11] for Avery.

PRINTER PLATE NUMBER PREFIX LETTERS:

A - American Bank Note	P - Ashton-Potter
B - Banknote Corp. of Am.	S - Sennett Security Prod.
G - Guilford Gravure	V - Avery-Dennison
M - 3M	None - BEP

37c FLAG [14]

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

37c FLAG (SA) [20] [20]

#B1111 C, D
 #S1111 C, D

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
 #3333A A
 #B1111 A
 #S1111 A
 #S2222 A
 #S3333 A
 #S3333 A (lum red ink)
 #S4444 A

37c TOYS (SA) [12]

#B11111 A
 #B12222 A

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

#V1111 A
 #V2111 A
 #V3212 A
 #V3222 A
 #P11111 A
 #P22222 A
 #P33333 A

1c KESTREL [24]

#1111 B, C (TYPE I)
 #1111 B (TYPE II)
 #1111 C (TYPE III)
 #2222 C
 #3333 C
 #4444 C

1c LAMP [14]

#S11111 C

2c WOODPECKER [24]

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D

3c STAR [14]

#S111 D

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

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

5c TOLEWARE [14]

#S1111111 D

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

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

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

#B111 D
 #P1111 D
 #P2222 C, D [27]
 #S1111 D

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

#11111 C, D
 #22222 D
 #33333 D

(15c) WOODY (SA) [21]

#611111 D

(5c) SEACOAST [10] [14]

#B111 B, D
 #S1111 C, D

(25c) DINER [14]

#S11111 D

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

#B1111 D
 #V11111 D
 #V11222* ?
 #V12111 ?
 #V12222 C, D
 #V21111 D
 #V22111 ?
 #V22222 D

(25c) DINER (SA) [21]

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

(10c) LION (SA) [21]

#S11111 D
 #S22222 D
 #S33333 D
 #S44444 D
 #S55555 D [20]
 #S77777* D

(25c) EAGLE (SA) [20]

#S1111111 D
 #S2222222 D
 #S3333333 D

(25c) EAGLE [10]

#S1111111 C

(10c) LION [14]

#S11111 B, C

(10c) E&S STD [24]

#11111 D
 #22222 D

37c OFFICIAL [14]

#S111 A

Sennett's SA Lion S55555 was printed with a different size cylinder than the other plate numbers. Consequently the plate number interval changed from 21 to 20.

Ashton Potter's SA Seacoast P2222 was die cut with two different mats. One is serpentine cut on all four sides while the other has serpentine cuts on the sides and straight cuts on top and bottom.

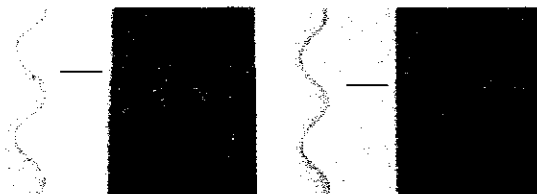
● In printing the SA Seacoast with cylinders P2222, Ashton Potter changed the cylinder size from that used to print P1111. Consequently the plate number interval changed from 22 to 27.

■ 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.

4 Sided Seacoast Update

It turns out that there are ways to tell unnumbered singles of the 4 sided self-adhesive Seacoast stamps from the original P1111 printing and the P2222 reprint apart. Stamps from the P1111 rolls gauge 9.45 x 10 while those from P2222 rolls gauge 9.35 x 10. Even though they are only 0.10 different, since 9.35 rounds down in quarters to 9 1/4 and 9.45 rounds up to 9 1/2, the reprint will be given a minor letter listing in Scott as 3785a.

Another difference is in the amount of the left-most partial tree. A little more of the sliver of the tree shows on the P1111 stamps than on the P2222 stamps (the P1111 is on the left - the difference is fairly subtle and may not show in the image).

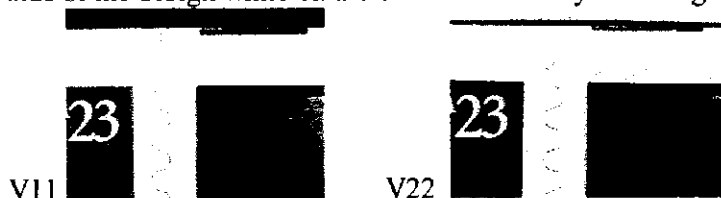


Scott Adams and Ron Blanks have both reported finding a cover with the tagged 4 sided self-adhesive Seacoast with plate number P2222. Prior to this the plate number was unknown and there was some erroneous speculation floating around that it was P1111. Mint examples have not yet been found. They will be listed as Scott 3785b.

23c G. Washington Update

Miscut strips of the 23c GW from plates V11 and V22 have recently come to light and they have an interesting story to tell. Both strips are from the top row of the web and reveal parts of the marginal markings that are normally trimmed away. They also shed some new light onto the die cut mats that were used on these stamps.

The marginal markings are similar to those reported in the December 2001 Coil Line on the bottom of a section of a bottom row 21c Bison roll (also produced by Avery). In both cases the markings are solid rectangles a little over 6 mm wide (with an unknown height since only parts of the markings show). There is one difference - these markings on the GW are aligned with the left side of the design while on the earlier Bison they were aligned with the right side of the design.



Because of the miscut, part of the long straight extension of the die cutting that is normally trimmed away can be seen at the top of both the V11 and V22 strips.

What is more interesting is the die cut types on these two top row strips. The V11 strip is a VP, but the V22 strip is a PV. This puts another nail in the coffin of the assumption that the entire production of both of these numbers was processed with the same mat design with alternating PV and VP rows (if the same design was used the top rows would be the same). The first nail was the report in the September 2004 Coil Line of a V11 strip with the "bell" die cut. Such a shape

can only occur when a VP row is on top of another VP row, which can not occur on an alternating mat design.

While we could take the two previously proposed mat designs (type 1 alternating, type 2 with a PV top row and VP for all the other rows) and dream up modifications to them that would explain the new facts, a more likely explanation is both types were used on the V11 and V22 with most of the production of these two numbers being processed with the type 1 (Avery is famous for producing multiple varieties with the same plate number on its “convertible” booklets).

Since we are unlikely to ever learn from the USPS or Avery the exact mat designs or which mats were used on which numbers, all we can do is make educated guesses based on what we find. Unfortunately the only used census data we have on the GW is a single report (from Jeff Fiszbein in the July 2004 Coil Line). Can some of you other mixture sorters please share some information?

Atlas Numbers

Jim Nelson and Justin Dreiseszun have recently reported new numbers on the Atlas. They are V22111 and V11222 and were based on used copies, but mint copies have since been reportedly found. Seems Avery is busy switching plates in and out.

Since it was first reported in July 2004, there have been a few additional reports of used copies of the V12111, but so far no mint strips have been found. Because we are no longer getting plate activity reports from the private printers, we don't know if this number is scarce or if there might be a big pile of them sitting in a USPS vault waiting to flood the market.

Lion Update

Dr. Rabinowitz has reported finding plate number S77777 on the self-adhesive Lion. Like the S55555, the plate number interval is every 20 stamps, but the year date has reverted to 2000. Alan Thomson reports that an official from Sennett has admitted that the 2003 date on the S55555 was a mistake.

While S66666 has not yet been found, Dr. Rabinowitz has learned that it was printed after the S77777.

Bloody Egret Revisited

If you have had trouble finding the Bloody Egret constant plate variety (see pg. 100 of the July 2004 Coil Line), there may be a good reason. In the April 2, 2001 Linn's it was reported that Ashton Potter makes multiple working offset plates from a master negative. Each working plate made from the master bears the same plate number. If the red plate flaw was not on the master and was only on one of the working red plates, then only the portion of the P11111 printing that used that particular working red plate would exhibit the variety (and only on rolls from the row that has the flaw).



Flag over Porch Classics - For the Record

by Alan Thomsom

By 1999 I had been publicizing the rare die cut varieties of the Flag Over Porch coil in *Coil Line* for quite some time. At that point the four rare types, 66666 10/11, 66666 12/11, 78777 10/10, and 13231A 10VP/10PV, had not been found in mint condition and I was keeping count of the used examples that were reported.

In early 1999 eight mint strips and four mint singles of 13231A were found by Randy Fisher in his own stock book. Still, the VP die cut on that number was so scarce, I decided to keep counting them with the others that were known only in used condition. I continued to hang onto the name "Escapees".

In late August of 1999 Jim Fowler sent me an email questioning the count and wondering just how accurate it could be. His main concerns were how many more are there out there that haven't been reported, and are collectors aware enough of the rare ones to even report them.

Of course I couldn't answer those questions and during the discussion that followed Jim decided to put together a pamphlet that would include photocopies of every example we knew about. Even though some pictures were still missing, Jim elected to go to press and in November produced a wonderful little book with a stunning cover. The booklet contains a preface and 16 pages of photos. A reduced copy of the cover is shown on this page.

Jim distributed what copies a limited budget would allow to be printed and mailed, sending a copy to each collector who had submitted a picture. A copy was also sent to the APRL.

Not long after publication more reports came in with more pictures, which begged for a supplement. Jim decided he had time for only a couple of pages and printed them, but there was no distribution.

I kept collecting photos and keeping score but things lagged. Finally Jim decided to turn the whole publication over to me and that brings us to the real reason for all these words. I wanted to put it all on record with a formal supplement.

Things change and in December of 2001 four mint strips of 78777 10/10 turned up. It was time for a name

change and I settled on the "Famous Four". That lasted for 15 months when in February 2003 Jim Tod discovered a used copy of 88888 with an 11/12 die cut. That cut was unknown and when reported sent collectors searching. After two years only one other copy has been found, ironically by none other than Jim Fowler in his stock of used PNC duplicates. The rarities became the "Famous Five".

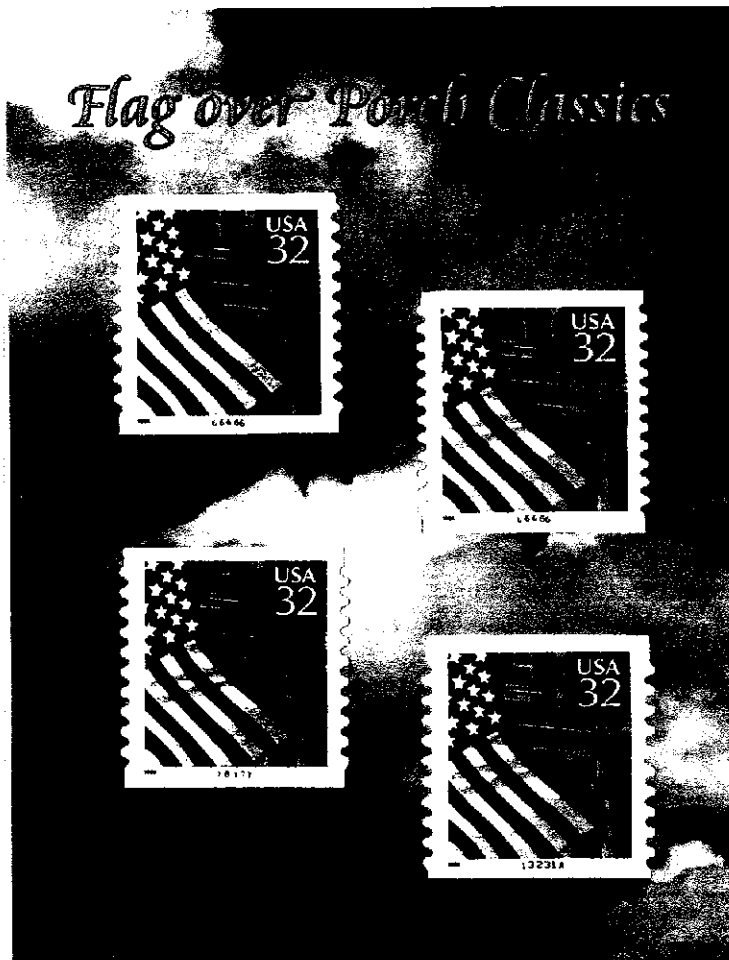
The onset of winter this year has given me a little extra time so I started looking at all those pictures and checking my list of reported stamps for which there were no pictures. There were too many of the latter, but letters and messages went out begging for a photocopy at 200% on a black background.

Some came in but I'm still waiting for two. Until now their absence has not halted work. The masters for the

supplement presently consist of an introduction, 18 pages of new photos and a cover similar to the original. The cover has everything that was on the original, but with a picture of a "mint" 88888 11/12 superimposed on the original four stamps. The word "Supplement", in red on a white background, has been inserted below the gold lettered title.

A word about that "mint" stamp; it is of course manufactured, whereas Jim's cover has "mint" stamps that were probably computer generated from used copies. A mint 11/12 (from #66666 scrap), a sharp blade to remove the 88888 from a damaged used example, a little glue, and we have a "mint" copy - at least for artistic purposes. A picture of the new cover is on the next page.

The black and white renditions of the covers don't do justice to the blue sky and clouds background nor the



the full color of the stamps. I'm indebted to Jim for his good ideas about constructing the new cover.

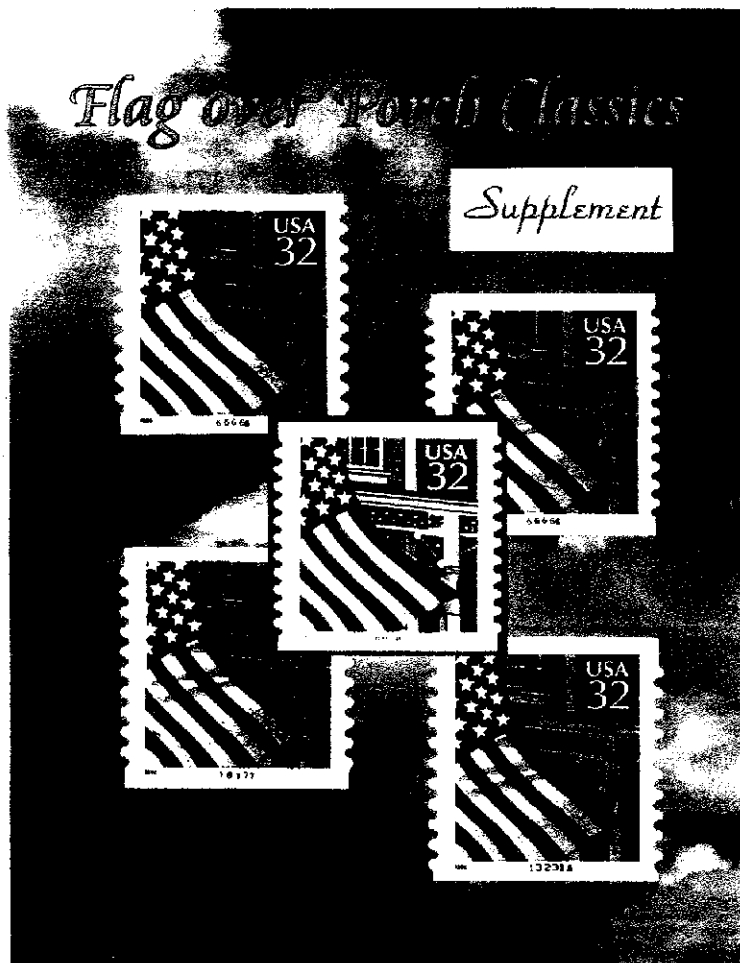
The body of the new booklet will be in the same format as the original.

The idea behind collecting all these photocopies of rare stamps is to ensure there is no duplication in the count. The fact that most of them are used gives us a fingerprint for positive identification. No two cancels are exactly alike and that's how we have weeded out one or two that were reported twice.

There will be a limited printing, both of a reprint of the original and of the supplement. The distribution will be the same as it was for the basic pamphlet, with a copy of the original going to new reporters and a copy of the supplement to all who reported from the start. One set will be donated to a club auction and a supplement will go to APRL.

I have avoided listing stamp totals in this article because they are current and available in the bimonthly chart that Gene Triinks provides in *Coil Line*.

If any collector has an unreported copy of any of the Famous Five, please contact Gene or me. It's not too late and we'd like to keep this census alive. Few new examples have appeared in the last year, but who knows? There are mixture sorters among us.



LAST SALE

Member #316 must sell camera equipment to help with medical expenses.

Camera/accessories for sale. Prices based on major NYC retailer, B&H Photo, 420 Ninth Ave., NYC 10011 1-800-221-5743 or 212 239-7765. None of my equipment is gray market material. All my merchandise is unconditionally guaranteed with a 90-day warranty. Please send a check or a money order. Include \$10 for shipping and handling.

Listed below are Canon/Accessories. Their toll free number is 1-800-OK-Canon (22666)

All items are in excellent++ condition. I will absorb sales tax.

	B&H Price	My Price
1) Canon Elan 7 body eye-controlled focusing with date imprinting and remote control. Manual enclosed.	\$399.00	\$329.95
2) Canon Keibel G 11 manual enclosed	\$114.95	\$95.00
3) Canon Keibel K 2	\$149.95	\$124.95
4) Canon Lens 24-85/ 3.5-4.5 USM 67mm/sunpak polarizer	\$370.00	\$299.95
5) Canon 28-80/4.0-5.6 USM with Tiffen UV protector	\$95.00	\$79.95
6) Canon Lens 28-90mm 4.0/5.6 USM 58 MM Tiffen UV protector	\$129.95	\$99.95
7) TAMRON-SPAF 17-35 MM F 2.8-4 LD Aspherical D: with UV protector/original box	\$499.00	\$399.95
8) Pentax Diqibino DB100 digital binoculars 7x17 1:4 37MM original box and software	\$280.00	\$225.00
9) Kenko conversion lens 1.4x teleplus Pro 300 for EOS Canon original box-instructions	\$194.00	\$156.00
10) Powershot S 50 5 megapixels, battery, charger and manual	\$487.00	\$379.95
11) HP #145 miniprinter prints 4x6 colorprints . Holds 20 cards. <u>Brand new -never opened</u>	\$179.00	\$149.95

Purchases exceeding \$1,000, take additional 5% discount.

End of sale by April 30

Raphael Peretz, 147-19 20th Road, Whitestone, NY 11357 (718) 359-0016

Reporting the Rarities

by Gene Trinks (3/05)

Thanks to all who have taken the time to review their holdings and report finding these die cut rarities. In another article this month, Alan Thomson reports that the folks responsible for the Durland Catalog have agreed to list some of these varieties in their next edition. Now we need the Scott editors to come on board and recognize these for what they are. Modern equivalents to the rare perf varieties that get so much attention, these die varieties deserve proper recognition. And while they're at it, I wish they would get away from using perf gauges and just go with peak and valley counts.

If you've been watching our website, we may have another candidate for the list. Last July, the (10¢) Atlas was reported with plate #V12111. Recently, a noted dealer inquired if mint supplies have been found. Since we know it exists used, is it a candidate for this 'Rarities' list? Another member also suggested that the round shoulder die variety of the (25¢) Diner #11111 should appear here. Please report if you have a mint or used copy of either of these numbers. Once again, send to: Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Ct., Troy, MI 48083 or gctrinks@sprynet.com.

The current count stands at:

PNC Issue	PNC ID	Scott No.	Mint*	Used	On Cover
(5¢) Avery Mountain V3333342 13L/12R die	1996-10.211	2904A	0	13	2
V3333343 round corner die	1996-10.211	2904A	0	1	0
(5¢) BEP Mountain #1111 9/10 die	1997-1.22	2904B	2 + 2	11	2
(10¢) Green Bike #333 round shoulder die	1998-4.21	3228	0	1	0
#444 square shoulder die	1998-4.22	3228	0	13	2
(10¢) Eagle & Shield STD #11111 round shoulder die	1998-15.21	3271	2	6	0
(25¢) Diner #22211 round shoulder die	1998-7.21	3208A	0	29	6

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

I have replaced the question mark in the mint column of the 1998-15.21 (E&S, above) with a number. In an earlier column, I noted the use of the question mark as a place holder because one person claimed to have 'a few' of these (sent a copy of one), but did not wish to say how many. I've now seen a second strip, and will henceforth report only numbers I can verify.

Still no reports of the round corner variety of (5¢) Mountain #V333343 or round shoulder (10¢) Green Bike #333 other than discovery copies. Let's concentrate on these for the next few months. Accumulators, please go through your holdings, and report your results. If you come up empty, I'd like to know how many of the common square corner or shoulder you looked through. It makes a difference if you have hundreds of the common and none of the rare. There must be some of these in collector hands.

How do we explain the rarity of these die varieties? Surely they were printed in large quantities. The answer is that these are all service inscribed issues, and were dispersed on mass mailings to many households, the vast majority of which did not save them. This is the opposite of the case with first class, first ounce issues. In that case, the stamps were used for bill payment, and enterprising collectors acquire and inspect thousands of covers from cooperative commercial sources. Makes all the difference.....

Let's hear your thoughts on how we can convince the mainstream US philatelic press to recognize the importance of our PNC rarities. Drop me a line and make a suggestion.

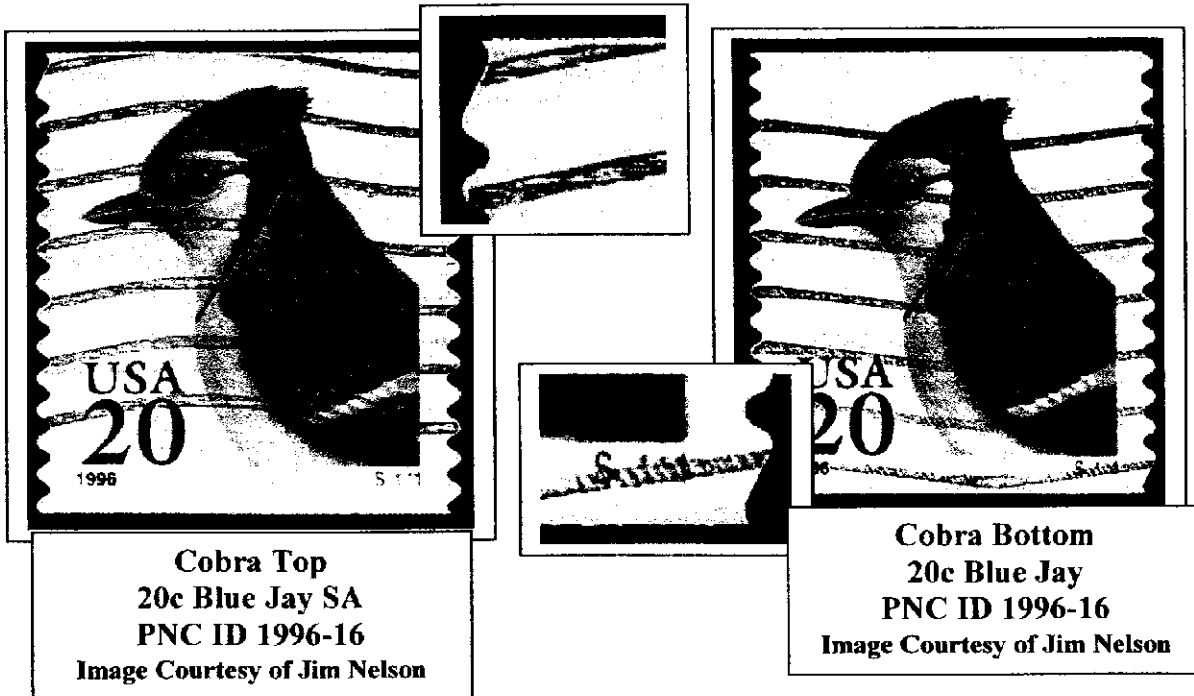
Cobras on Blue Jays

By Frank Covey

In 2004, Coil Line published an article about the Cobra die cut on the 37c Flag Waving SA (The Stick Flag) from Sennett Security Products (SSP) (PNC ID 2003-7). Dealer Jim Nelson has found this same feature on the 20c Blue Jay S1111 (PNC ID 1996-16). The Blue Jay is also from SSP.

These die cut varieties are formed when the die cutting mat shifts in relation to the printed image. Below are used examples Jim sent me to scan. Does anyone have mint examples of either of these?

The die cut gets its name from its shape which looks like a Cobra snake poised to strike.



What's This?

Jim Sauer brought this to our PNC Table at STAMPSHOW in Sacramento CA. It's owned by a friend Bradford Gibbs.

It's plate S3333 of the 37c Flag Waving SSP SA (2003-7), but the die cut on the left is an odd one.

Membership

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospective member should contact the chairperson of the Membership Committee, Janet Gillis, 6 Robb Hollow Rd., Pittsburgh PA 15243-1718 with the objection. The committee will recommend for or against membership.

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PNC³ meetings and slide shows

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

Regional Meetings are to be arranged through RMC Chairperson Tony Willson who 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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Saturday, April 23, The Plymouth Show, Plymouth, Mich., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Plymouth Central Middle School. Gene Trinks is the host.

Saturday, Aug. 6, Stampshow, Grand Rapids, MI, Annual Meeting. Time and details to be announced.

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WANTED ALL MISPERF 37c Flag, all printers and plate numbers, with or without backnumbers. All types, positions, strips of 6 or 7, some 5s. Ken Moreau, 402 Carnation, Franklin, MA 02038

Recap:

Previous membership count	881
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Resignations	7
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Dropped (can't locate)	1
New Total	831

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