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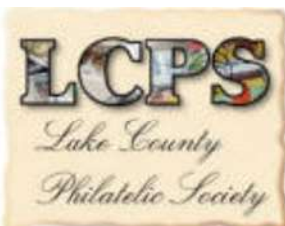
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Perforations



Last month, **Dave Schenkel** gave a presentation on the history and identification of US Grill Stamps - with a quick take-away being an ID chart:

- A Grill - overall (first experimental grill)
- B Grill - points up, "X" ridges, 22 x 18 points
- C Grill - points up, 16-17 x 18-21 points (second experimental)
- D Grill - points down, vertical ridges, 15 x 17-18 points
- E Grill - points down, vertical or "X" ridges, 14 x 15-17 points
- F Grill - points down, vertical or "X" ridges, 11-12 x 15-17 points
- G Grill - points down, vertical ridges, 12 x 11-11.5 points
- H Grill - points down, vertical ridges, 11-13 x 14-16 points
- I Grill - points down, vertical ridges, 10-11 x 10-13 points
- J Grill - points down, vertical ridges, 9-10 x 12 points
- Z Grill - points down, points with horizontal ridges, 13-14 x 17-18 points

For our September meeting **Bill Schultz** will speak on Christmas (and other) seals. His talk will include the history and possible future of the US Christmas seal program, how this relates to worldwide seals, and different areas and resources related to seal collecting. Members are invited to bring an advance collection of holiday spirit; plus any questions or samples they may have related to seals.



S T A M P	Cancelled - COVID Concerns MSDA Chicagoland West Stamp Show Glen Ellyn IL (OCT 23-24)	S H O W S
	CHICAGOPEX November 19 - 21 Westin Chicago Northwest 400 Park Blvd Itasca IL	
	Treasures' Report: Total: \$2,899.86	

Zoom Meeting (28 Sept) — Use URL:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89233039093?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89233039093?pwd=R0hvRmYxeEZQbHc0bDIwekp4T3dZUT09)
[pwd= R0hvRmYxeEZQbHc0bDIwekp4T3dZUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89233039093?pwd=R0hvRmYxeEZQbHc0bDIwekp4T3dZUT09)

just prior to 7pm on the above meeting date. This will connect device to view the presentation, and if you have speakers and microphone listen to and comment.

Plate Number Coils — A Plate Number Coil (PNC) is a United States postage stamp (First: Scott 1891 - 18c Flag over Lighthouse issued in 1981) with the number of the printing plate or plates printed on it. The plate number typically appears as one or more small digits in the margin at the bottom of the stamp. The plate number may be centered or, on some coil issues, located toward the right. Although most plate numbers are composed of just numbers, both a combination of letter and number may be used. In the case when a letter is represented in the plate number, an upper-case letter usually appears at the beginning or at the end of the sequence with the former serving as a good identifier of the stamp printer.

The example on the next page is an image of a strip of 5 of the 1996 "Flag-over-Porch" (Scott 2915A) self-adhesive stamps, we can see a plate number comprising five digits, one for each color layer. The digits are quite small, and often hard to read because they are blurred by the halftone screen. Also, in this example, the four numbers on the left, denote the year the issue was copyrighted/printed and should not be mistaken as the plate number.



Next Meeting:

7-PM on Tuesday 28 September 2021

Grayslake Library and Via ZOOM

Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org

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Dave Schenkel — President
Ron Brunner — Vice President
Dave Sadler — Secretary
Ed Pieklo — Treasurer



Scott 2519A #444444

While there are other factors such as condition and centering, the philatelic value of a PNC single or strip highly depends on its plate numbers with some plate numbers commanding higher catalog values due to their rarity and strong collector interest. For more information on this issue (Scott 2915's), see the **2020 Edition of the Scott US Specialized Catalogue**.

The plate number is on one stamp out of the number of stamps printed by a single revolution of rotary printing press used to print the stamps.

Collectors specializing in PNC collecting typically save plate number coils in the following formats (With minor exceptions, it is the Plate Number Coil is number of different stamps plus one, where the center stamp has the plate number):

PNC5 - Plate Number Coil 5 - A strip of 5 mint stamps with the plate number coil on the center stamp.

Note: For issues of more than one design, the Plate Number Coil is number of different stamps plus one, where the center stamp has the plate number. Such as the following issues:

Scott 4590a — (25c) Spectrum Eagle (6 Designs) - 2012 Date PRESORTED FIRST-CLASS Die Cut 11 (APU) :: PNC7

Scott 4963a — (10c) Stars and Stripes (3 Designs) - PRESORTED STANDARD Die Cut 11 (SSP) :: PNC7

Scott 5018a — Forever Spectrum Eagle (6 Designs) - 2015 Date PRESORTED FIRST-CLASS Die Cut 10½ (APU) :: PNC7

Scott 4007a — 39c Crops (5 Designs) - Die Cut 10.25 (SSP) :: PNC11

Scott 4175a — 41c Flower Blossoms (10 Designs) - Die Cut 9.5 (APU) :: PNC11

Scott 4262a — 27c Tropical Fruit (5 Designs) - Die Cut 8.5 (AVR) - PNC11

Scott 4282v — 42c Flags of Our Nation (10 Designs) - Die Cut 11 (SSP) :: PNC11

Scott 4292v — 42c Flags of Our Nation (10 Designs) - Die Cut 11 (SSP) :: PNC11

Scott 4302v — 44c Flags of Our Nation (10 Designs) - Die Cut 11 (SSP) :: PNC11

Scott 4312v — 44c Flags of Our Nation (10 Designs) - Die Cut 11 (SSP) :: PNC11

Scott 4322v — Forever Flags of Our Nation (10 Designs) - Die Cut 11 (SSP) :: PNC11

Scott 4332v — Forever Flags of Our Nation (10 Designs) - Die Cut 11 (SSP) :: PNC11

Scott 4517a — 29c Herbs (5 Designs) - Die Cut 8.5 (AVR) :: PNC11 Plate V11111

Scott 4617a — 45c Weather Vanes (5 Designs) - Die Cut 11.75 (SSP) :: PNC5

Scott 4852a — 49c Ferns (5 designs) - Die Cut 11 (CCL) :: PNC11 - Plate C1111

Scott 4977c — Forever Ferns (5 Designs) - 2015 Date Die Cut 11 (SSP) :: PNC11

and the current world champion ...

Scott 5444a — Forever Wild Orchids (10 designs) - (BCA) :: Coil PNC17 - Plate B1111



PNC11 and above do not fit in Albums without folding

PNC3 - Plate Number Coil 3 - (Out of favor) A strip of 3 mint stamps with the plate number coil on the center stamp. Although many collectors still collect coils in this format, a larger number of these collectors prefers the PNC5 format. As a result, a PNC3 is less desirable than a PNC5 as evidenced by many specialized stamp catalogs now assigning much higher premiums to PNC5 formats of earlier coil issues. Initially, saving PNC3s had been the practice adopted by many collectors and dealers alike and, therefore, not many early issues were saved in the longer format.

Other formats include, **PNS - Plate Number Single** and **On Cover**.

Additional information can be found:



Plate Number Coil Collectors Club



American Philatelic Society Affiliate #185

Plate Number Coil Collectors Club — <https://pnc3.org>

The American Plate Number Single Society — <http://www.apnss.org/>

Stamp Community Forum — <https://StampCommunityForum>

New Stamps For September (9):



06 Sept



24 September (Message Monsters)



30 September (Day of the Dead)